



# Robyn's Table Chat

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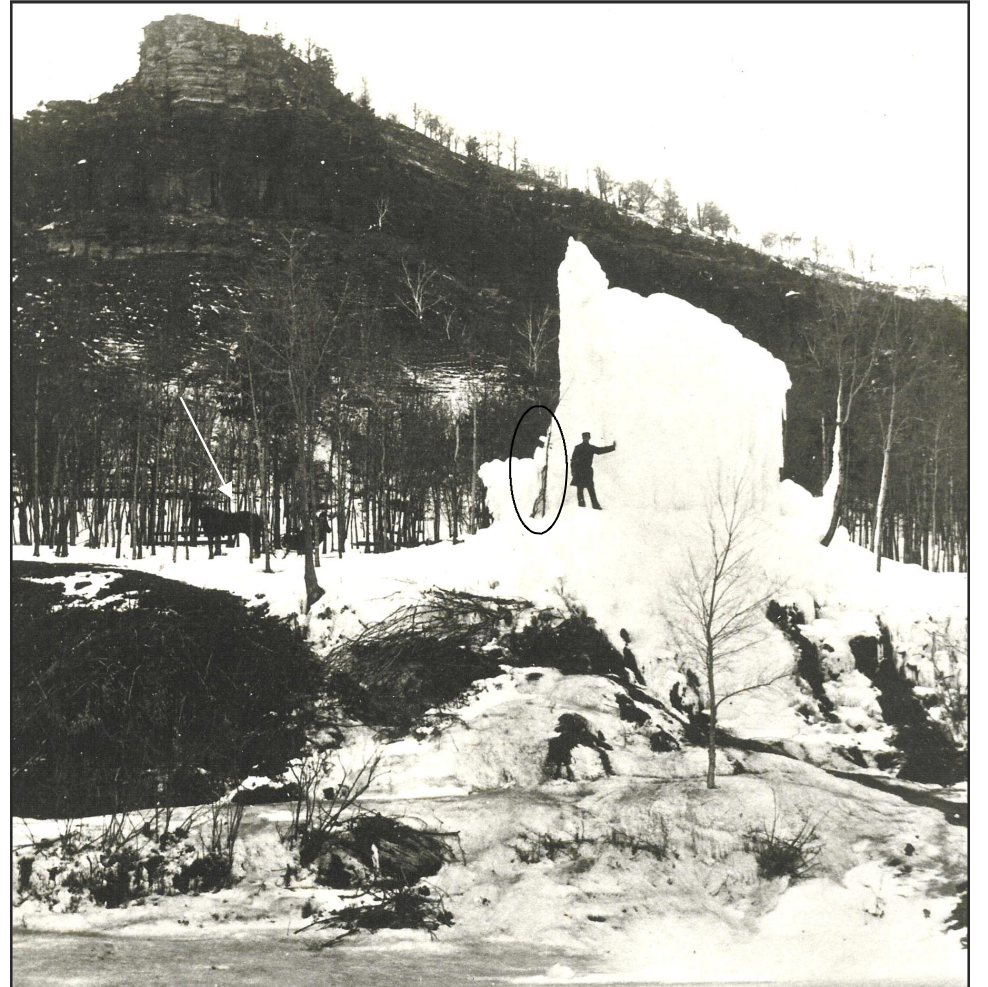
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## Trempealeau Catfish Parade Special

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"You need a picture of some catfish," Lynita said. So we went digging through some old pictures and came up with this one. The catfish were from the Mississippi. And they brought them home so we could get a picture. If you look closely, in the background you can see the ball diamond on the flat in Galesville, and Barenthin's station and the Presbyterian Church. At that time, there weren't any trees on the bank looking out over the hill in Buttermilk Alley. The picture was taken in the mid 1950's. The fisherman, left to right: LeRoy "Bud" Brown, Bob Docken, and Ken Husie.



"How do you like this one?" Virginia said when she handed me this photo from her collection. I looked at it and still wasn't sure what I was looking at. "That's First Peak in the background," she said. The photo is of a Fountain of Ice, taken by Hoard & Tenney out of Winona, probably in the late 1800's. Not sure what is leaning on the ice (behind the man). Notice the horse and sleigh patiently waiting. Does anyone know - was this caused by a spring? Or what exactly caused the 'fountain of ice'?

### NOTICE OF HEARING TOWN OF TREMPÉALEAU COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

July 16, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Town Office, W24854 St. Rd 54/93,  
Centerville

A copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan may be inspected or obtained prior to the hearing at the Town Office, W24854 St. Rd 54/93, Centerville, WI, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., on the Town's website: [www.tn.trempealeau.wi.gov](http://www.tn.trempealeau.wi.gov) or call 608-539-2902 for additional information.

**It's the 151st Annual  
Trempealeau County Fair  
July 16th - 19th  
A fun time for  
All Ages!**

### Did you know ...

In 1867, under the laws of the Incorporation of the Village of Trempealeau

- Voting polls would be open from 1pm to 4pm
- The President of the Council was also elected as the Police Justice.
- Bystanders or citizens could be commanded to join in the efforts of establishing a peace when needed. If they did not assist, they were fined \$10.
- The President and Trustees could require owners of buildings to provide and keep ladders and fire buckets
- They could appoint fence-viewers. (Does anyone know what the job of a 'fence-viewer' was?)
- And this I found most interesting : To compel the owner or occupant of any grocery, cellar, tallow-chandler's shop, soap factory, tannery, stable, barn, privy, sewer or other ...to cleanse, remove, or abate from time to time. (I am wondering if the inclusion of these types of businesses, means that they were in existence here at the time)



Delivery and Mail Service Available  
Your Full Service Pharmacy

16812 South Main Street  
Galesville, WI

608-582-2446

Monday-Friday: 8:30am - 5:30pm  
Saturday: 8:30am - Noon

**Trempealeau's 2nd Annual  
Farmer's Market  
Every Thursday  
At Central Park  
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Dial-A-Prayer 582-4206**

**Shop Locally!  
It benefits all of us!**

**Farmers' Market  
On the Square  
Galesville  
Saturday's  
8 a.m. - 12 noon**

*Remembering Dates  
In History  
The #1 Songs  
60 years ago  
1949*

*Buttons And Bows  
Mule Train  
A Little Bird Told Me  
Cruising Down The River  
Ghost Riders In The Sky  
Some Enchanted Evening  
That Lucky Old Sun  
You're Breaking My Heart*

### TOWN OF TREMPÉALEAU REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

A regular Board Meeting for the Town of Trempealeau will be held on **Thursday, July 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Town Office, W24854 ST RD 54/93. The agenda for the meeting will be posted near the door 24 hours prior to said meeting.

Doris A. Dahl, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Trempealeau

**Support The Local Food Pantry**



**Mill Road  
Banquet Center  
All Times 1pm - 5pm**

**July 18th  
"Orange Blossom Special"**

**July 25th  
"Rhythm Playboys"**

**On The Flat - Galesville  
582-4073 or 539-5912**

**Wisconsin 4-H  
Showcase Singers  
Appearing at the  
Trempealeau County Fair  
Sunday, July 19th, 2009  
Arena Building \* 1:00 pm**

**Reminder .... July 31st  
2nd Installment-  
Real Estate Taxes Due**



I think most around this area are familiar with the very rare stand of American Chestnut Trees located on the Phil and Darlene Lunde place. However in doing some reading, I found out that at the time the above photo was taken with Mr. & Mrs. Einar Lunde, the tree in the photo was the largest American Chestnut in the world with a circumference of 7 FT 10 Inches.

The American Chestnut plantation is precious, rare, and extremely well taken care of by the Lundes. The farm was purchased in the early 1950's from Oscar Beardsley. The Beardsleys were a pioneer family from the 1850's. Oscar, with great foresight, planted the trees in 1876. These were not the only trees on the farm, there were also Walnut and I believe, Butternut. (Information courtesy of Phil Lunde)



It is summer, and this photo taken in Trempealeau is certainly appropriate. I don't know the two ladies on the right on the wheelbarrow, but the young lady on the bike is Ruth Hutchens Carlson, mother of Jane Carhart and San Sacia.

Notes on The Fair: New this year is the  
**Pedal Tractor Pull** - Sat - July 18th - 2pm  
**The Demolition Derby** - New Starting time - 7:30pm on Friday & Saturday Nites  
**Appreciation Day Dinner** - New date, new time. 12:30pm on Sunday, July 26th

### Beach Days July 24, 25, 26

Live Music -Fri. Night  
 Saturday-All Day Events  
 Chicken Q

Antique Tractor Club Display  
 Great Fun For The Family  
 Sunday -Pancake Breakfast  
 One Room Schoolhouse Reunion  
 Sunday at Breakfast

First Presbyterian Church  
 Galesville  
 has published a Cook Book  
 In honor of their 150th Anniversary  
 Cook Books can be purchased by calling  
 the church office at 582-2991 or call  
 Robyn. Cost is \$8

Ecumenical Gospel Choir \*Join Us  
 Practice Every Wednesday  
 7pm-First Presbyterian Church

Sign up for the 5th Annual  
 Andy Komperud Golf Tournament  
 Sat., July 25th-Ettrick Golf Course

### Milwaukee Brewers Bus Trip

Sunday, July 26th, 2009  
 Milwaukee Brewers  
 vs Atlanta Braves

Hosted by:  
 Arctic Springs—Critzman Auto Body  
 Softball Team  
 \$75 per person

Includes: Bus Ride, Ticket to the Game,  
 Refreshments on the Bus, and  
 Tailgate Food Before the Game.  
 Bus Departs at 7:30am.

Game Time 1:05pm  
 Kiemment's Bratwurst Racing Sausage  
 Bobble Give-Away!  
 Sign up at the Bar.  
 \*\*Must Pay When You Sign Up\*\*

### Mike's Madness Meal Deal

3-Topping 12" Pizza \* 6 - Bread Sticks  
 1/2 Gallon - 1919 Root Beer  
 (or 6 Pak of soda)

All for just \$18  
 Mike's Bar & Grill \* Galesville  
 608-582-2517  
 Best Pizza In Town

### Cook Books for Sale

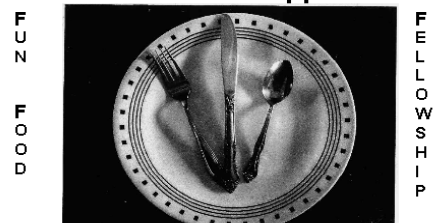
by the Glasgow Hardies Creek  
 Busy Bees 4-H Club

Available from any 4-H Member  
 or call 582-2075 or 582-2572.  
 \$8.00 per book

Proceeds to go toward the purchase of picnic  
 tables or benches at the Trempealeau County  
 Fairgrounds.

Also available for purchase at the Bank of  
 Galesville, Co-op Credit Union, Common  
 Market, Treasure Chest, and Craft Barn

### Come For Supper



3rd Sunday of the month at Living Hope Parish Center  
 Serving 5 PM to 6:30 PM  
 Everyone Welcome  
 No Charge!

Donations Accepted, NOT Required. Checks payable to: Living Hope C.F.S.

When I was reading an old 1948 booklet put together by the rural schools, I ran across some interesting information on early school in the village of Trempealeau.

The first school in Trempealeau 'village' was taught by George Batchelder, who had classes in his store in the very early 1850's. Then, in 1854 a log schoolhouse was built. It was near the Burlington RR Station. At a rate of \$1 per pupil per term, Mary Brandenburg, age 14, was hired. There were eight pupils (translating to \$8 per term). Sam Noyes, Hettie Noyes and Marie Brandenburg were three of those students.

In 1858, a block south of there, a plank school building was erected. Sarah Harris was the teacher. This building was later used as a carpenter shop.

In 1859 Trempealeau built its first "real school building". Interestingly, this was a part of the brick building that was taken down in the early 1930's.

In 1876 the school saw its first graduating class from the Tenth grade. The class was made up of Alexander Flemington, Edward F. Goodhue and Lynn B. Squier. W.J. Showers was the principal. Emma Martin taught the middle grades and Ada White had charge of the lower grades. The board of education: J. M. Barrett, E.J. Hankey and H. Hoberton.



Anna Lien, daughter of Jeff and Amy McKeeth Lien, had never seen a catfish, but she drew this picture for Grandpa McKeeth with her impression of a Catfish.



"Just look how clear the bay was, how large it was" Virginia said as we were looking at this photo at Trempealeau Bay. "I'd sure like that for the Catfish Parade Special." (So here it is) Can I assume that was what they used to call a "House Boat?". And the canoe is there by the shore. And I like the looks of the bench. I wonder if that was brought by the folks in the 'house boat' or if that was a permanent fixture...