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AUGTOBERFEST COMES TO THERESA!

Pioneer Beer Returns!



As America celebrates 250th years and Theresa celebrates it's 180th anniversary of its founding, the Theresa Historical Society is pleased to announce the return of an annual old fashion community heritage festival to the area.

Saturday, August 15th will feature our downtown Biergarten block party with dazzling entertainment. Sunday August 16th will be social activities, tours and open house on Theresa Historical Society Campus across the street from the festival grounds.

On Saturday, August 15th, we are celebrating our musical heritage with the best Wisconsin entertainment this side of Germany. Enjoy a full day of old-time waltzes & polkas and more, featuring Wisconsin favorites: The fabulous **Dorf Kapelle** and world-famous **Die Freistadt Alte Kameraden** Bands! Come dance with us or enjoy the concerts under the big tent in our biergarten atmosphere.

Enjoy an old fashion German Brat fry and the reintroduction of Theresa's own old-time beverage favorite "PIONEER BEER". Pioneer Beer was last brewed in Theresa in 1961 by G. Weber Brewing. We will have the ceremonial tapping of the keg, an old German tradition. Then, all can enjoy the original Pioneer Beer, the toast of the town for over 110 years. It will be a great day of fun, music and food. EIN PROSIT!



In Memory Of

Evangeline E. Koll

July 2, 1931 -January 23, 2026

Evangeline Koll was a long time member of Theresa Historical Society. She began volunteering with the historical society in the 1970s and served as our secretary for over 30 years. She was born in the Town of Wayne and lived most her life in Theresa, where she and her late husband Paul Koll farmed. Evangeline's dedication to preserving local history and serving her community will be sorely missed.

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Old Fashioned is Back in Style!

We live in a world of uncertainty and change. Technology is replacing human interaction. Storefronts are empty while Amazon drops packages on our front porch. Many people feel lonely and isolated. Today, many people long for the past. Thankfully, we at Theresa Historical Society are here to help!

Local history provides great memories to those who are old enough to remember the "good old days" and also inspires young people who can learn from the "can do" attitude of their predecessors.

Theresa, Wisconsin is an old fashioned community and should be proud of it. Theresa Historical Society is working hard to retain the goodness of the "good old days" by preserving historic places, artifacts, and stories for future generations. Along with our open houses on the last Sunday afternoon of each month from June to September, we will be hosting two special events in 2026. Yellowstone Trail Day returns on June 6, and our inaugural **Augtoberfest** community homecoming and music festival premieres August 15-16! In addition, we are continually planning and improving our facilities and enhancing visitor experiences to become the best we can be in this community which we all love.

You do not need to feel lonely and isolated. The world around us may be changing at a rapid pace and becoming more impersonal, but not here. If you are a member of Theresa Historical Society, why not become more active. Your help and fellowship are welcome and always appreciated. If you are not yet a member, join us now and become part of the family! Visit us and make Theresa Historical Society your happy place!

Sincerely,

Jim Rodell

President, Theresa Historical Society

Come and Visit in 2026

We will be expanding our museum with many new exhibits as we open the old library/village hall meeting room on our

THS HISTORICAL PARK

2026 Open House Dates

Saturday, June 6

Sunday June 28

Sunday July 26

Sunday August 30

Sunday, September 27



Happy New Year!

It's been a great year! And 6 bi-monthly issues later **The Bridge** is embark on its 2nd year of bringing local history and lore to our readers. The legends and stories of those we came before us. As editor my hope was this would bring Theresa area history to the forefront and it has. When we published our first issue in January of 2025, our circulation was less than 100. Within a year THS community outreach programs and social media has brought more readers to us. Our Christmas issue has gone to nearly 300. Wow! And we are receiving requests for The Bridge almost daily now.

Now for the bad news is: Its winter and because there is no heat in most of museum buildings we can't do much in 4 of our 5 historic structures in winter. The good news is we just got heat installed in the 5th building and we are able to continue the restoration of the meeting room/library of the old village hall which will include a new restroom facility.

Our community outreach program is has proven to be very successful in bringing the stories of our local history the public. THS has cooperated with several other organizations and historical societies in presenting **Rock River Settlement Stories**, a local and area program I have been privileged to produce and present on behalf of THS. Don't miss a special edition, The Founding farmers of Theresa and Herman at Trinity Community Center, 6409 Co Rd P, Mayville, WI. on Feb 11 6PM.

I want to thank my fellow THS Historians, all of whom have provided me with information of this project and also my historical newspaper column as that appears in the Dodge County Pionier.

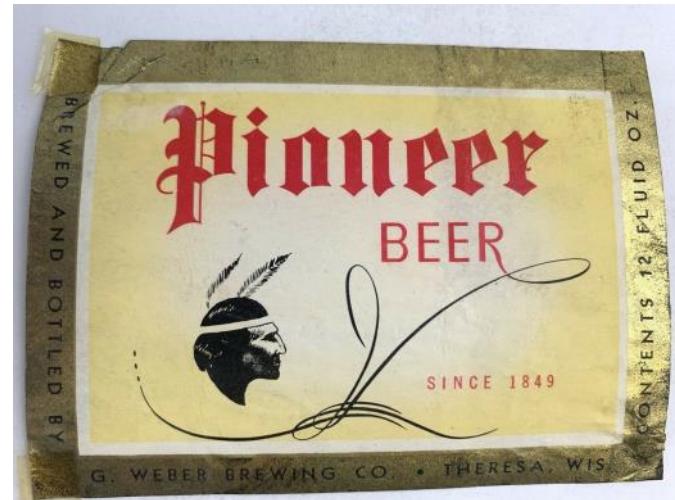
THS also recently received the donation of a major furniture artifact, a handcraft wooden dresser that was sold by Solomon Juneau out of his Milwaukee trading post in the 1840s'. This has quite story and has been documented in the Milwaukee Journal as well as other historical publications.

We will bring you that story in the future. That artifact will be on exhibit in Solomon Juneau's own home on our THS campus this spring.

We are also very excited about organizing and the reintroduction of a community festival to Theresa as headlined on the front page of this issue, **Augtoberfest**. The Theresa Historical Society board of directors has long considered bringing back a community celebration to our area. And now we are working to make it become a reality. It's taking a lot of planning and we need all of volunteers and financial support we can muster to bring to this Homecoming-Community music festival & celebration happen. Anything you can do the help us, whether it be volunteering, time, or talent or treasure or attending this free community event will go a long way to make our township and village a better place to live. We want Augtoberfest to become an annual homecoming event for the community.

Our celebration will focus on past traditions along with creating that old fashion **Gemütlichkeit** atmosphere, a major part of Theresa's History. Through a special arrangement, THS is bringing back the original **Pioneer Beer** brewed by G. Weber Brewing Company of Theresa, 1849-1961. Pioneer Beer was last brewed in Theresa 65 years ago. So come enjoy the fun!

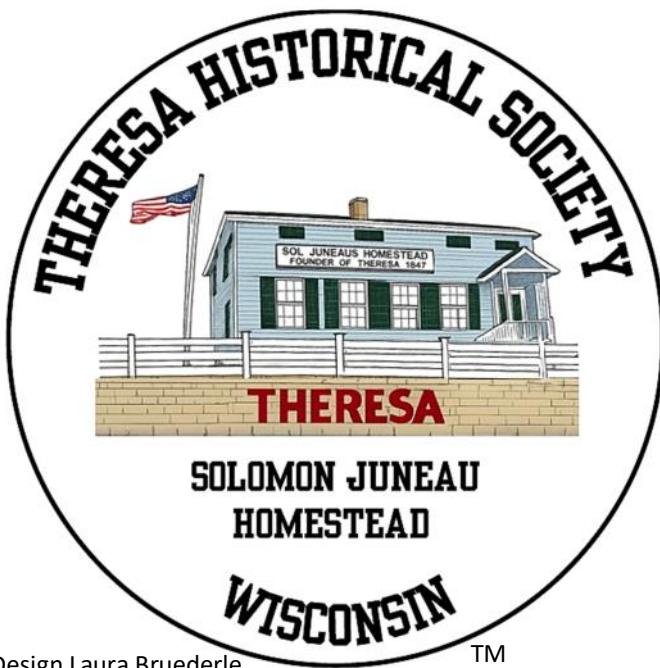
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**The Return of Pioneer Beer At THS Augtoberfest
Downtown Theresa Aug 15-16 2026**



NEW LOGO!



Design Laura Bruederle

We are proud to introduce and display our new Theresa Historical Society Logo. The THS logo is the result of receiving input from many THS members and was lovingly created by our Social Media Director, Laura Bruederle.

THS NEWS

Theresa Historical Society did not have a general meeting in December, rather the THS board me working on short term goals and long range plans.

On January 13th over 30 members gather for our Holiday social get together hosted by THS Curator Jim Polster and presented by THS President Jim Rodell. Rodell recognized the efforts of many of the many Volunteers with a special gift of Solomon's Juneau, Biography written by Juneau's daughter, Isabelle Juneau Fox. The Augtoberfest Committee also premiered plans for our community celebration in August. A big thank to all who generously donated time, talent and treasure to make this event possible.

Our regular January meeting was held at the Theresa Public Library on January 19th and was well attended. Discussions on present and future project were presented and discussed. Our next regular meeting will be Monday Feb. 16th at Theresa Public Library at 4PM. All are welcomed.



Reaching Out to the Community: Theresa Historical Society's special program, Rock River Settlement Stories, drew a packed room at the Theresa Public Library on Thursday, Jan 8. Theresa Historical Society vice-president Rob Bowe shared stories, tales and family lore of the early pioneers in the Rock River Valley of Dodge County. Bowe will be presenting a special edition of Rock River Settlement Stories-*The Founding Farmers of Thersa and Herman Townships* at Trinity Community Center, Wed. Feb. 11, at 6PM. 6409 Co Rd P, Mayville. All are welcome to this free event. Laura Bruederle photo



Left & above: Theresa Hockey Team late 1940s.

Below Left: Gebhardt Weber Farm, later Andy Schnitzler Sr. Farm

Looking east on Mc Arthur Road

Below: Russ & Fred Bandlow broke through the ice on Rock River-Riverside park area. Jim Widmer writes "I wonder what their dad Fred Sr. said."





History Detective: "Mystery Love Story"

By Laura Bruederle

The wedding dress was displayed, folded and hanging over a bentwood chair, with its silk tulle veil crumpled, crying for attention when I first saw it displayed at the Theresa Historical Society.

There was no name with the dress, only a photo of the smiling bride and groom. The bride in photo was wearing this wedding dress! The date on the back of the photo said Sept 11, 1943. The photo and dress intrigued me and would one of many clues that would help find who the couple was and the name of the pretty lady wearing the dress



Do You know this Unknown 1943 WWII bride and soldier? Date on photo Sept. 11, 1943.

Being a Theresa Historical Society member and a "History Detective", I rescued it and carefully took the dress along with the veil and head-piece home as I had worked on a similar dress before. I knew I had the knowledge of how to properly wash and preserve it before putting it back on display. I researched the dress material by taking a small sample and did a wash and burn test. These tests told me a lot. It burned fast with little smoke, and the ash was smooth to the touch. It smelled like wood. Now the dress intrigued me even more, for it wasn't silk. Silk when burned has gritty ash and smells like burning hair. When I wet the material a bit, it was tough and heavy, having a crunchy feel. Now these clues and others pointed to what material might be.

I reasoned a wedding dress requires a lot of material and with a date of 1943, that was in the middle of World War II when a lot of fabric material was being rationed. Besides, fancy wedding dress were a luxury unless you were frugal. A frugal person might make her own wedding dress.

So, I put my detective skills back to work and researched. I discovered the Army Air Corp used a lot of parachutes. I learned that pilots and bomber crews utilized parachutes made of silk, valued for their strength and lightness. However, our mystery wedding dress was decidedly not silk, as silk was subject to rationing at the time. I then discovered that military cargo parachutes were made of Viscose, which is made from wood pulp. BINGO there is it was! The burn test smelled like wood. Next discovered the military rationed all sorts of metals and the dress had no zippers or metal clips, rather buttons closed the dress on the side.

Then to my amazement I turned up the fact that the Army Air Corp also sent patterns out to frugal brides who were lucky enough to have their soldier send a used cargo parachute home to them. This homemade dress was one of them.

Now all I had to find out who this couple was. I searched online at Dodge County Record, entering 1943, September 11, Mayville/Theresa and surrounding area. Nothing. I checked several weeks on either side of Sept. 11, 1943, date written on the photo, looking for marriage certificates and wedding announcements and turned up nothing. I asked a military historian if he could identify the soldier's rank from the photo and found out our soldier was an E2-Private and a Army Air Corp Marksman in 4 weapons. So, with information convinced me he could have sent his fiancé that cargo parachute. I checked military records. Dead-end.



**Cargo Parachute wedding dress on display the
Schiefer House on THS Campus
Photo Laura Bruederle**



Next my search led me to Theresa Public Library and the Jim Widmer photo collection. Looking for pictures of war brides Widmer's collection started in 1949, 6 years after the date on the wedding picture. I checked a wide variety of other sources and turned up nothing. My search continued, all over northeast Dodge County, and more. Nothing.

I tried social media and thought I had a promising lead—a contact suggesting she might be the bride's granddaughter, but when she saw the photo, she couldn't verify them as the couple in the photo.

So that's where I am now. Still looking and hoping. Perhaps someone reading this know this bride and groom, married on Sept. 11, 1943.

Les Becks It Happened In Theresa:

In 1848 Indian Mounds were unearthed east end of Bonduel Street by Dr. H.W. Kuhn and E.G. Bruder of the Wisconsin Archeology Society

Parachute Bridal Dress. Photo Laura Bruederle

Welcome & Thank You

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**Memorial Donation—Theresa Pioneer Settler
Ludwig Huettner (1826-1899)**

Huettner Family



Movers, Shakers, and Shapers of The Township

This is the biography of an important person in the history of Theresa. It makes for interesting reading to say the least noting the flowery language of the times it was written. Here are the words of noted Wisconsin Historian Homer Bishop Hubbell as written in 1913.

Gustav Ruecker is conducting a retail meat market in Theresa and has been the proprietor of this enterprise since 1898, during which time he has become well known in business circles of the village as a man of honorable commercial standards and of enterprising spirit. Aside from his meat market he is connected with various important local concerns, including the State Bank of Theresa, of which he is the president and a director.

He has been in America since 1892, but was born in Bohemia (S.E. Germany/Czech Republic) on the 8th of March, 1865. His father, Wenzel Ruecker, was a harness-maker by trade and followed this line of occupation in the old country until his death, which occurred in 1887. The mother of our subject, who was in her maidenhood Miss Francesca Rudlof, was also a native of Bohemia, and died in that country in 1891.

Gustav Ruecker received an excellent education in schools and after laying aside his books learned the butcher's trade. When he was fifteen years of age he began working at this occupation and continued in it until December 2, 1892, when he came to America and settled in Chicago. There he remained for a year and a half before locating in Medford, Wisconsin, whence he went to Phillips and then to Kohlsville, in Washington County, working at the butcher's trade in all of these cities. In Kohlsville he established himself as an independent merchant and there met with gratifying success for over a year, building up a prosperous and flourishing enterprise during that time. On January 20, 1898, he settled in Theresa and purchased his present store, which he has conducted since that time. His business has expanded yearly under his able management and has grown to be one of the important concerns of its kind in the village.

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Industry and well directed activity have been factors in his success and have placed him in the ranks of the representative and successful men of Theresa. He does a retail business largely but for the last six- or seven years has added to his income by shipping stock to the Chicago markets. He is the president of the Theresa State Bank and a shareholder in that institution, as well as actively interested in various other local enterprises.

On the 15th of October, 1892, Mr. Ruecker was united in marriage in his native land to Miss Mary Zienezker, a native of Bohemia, and they have four children, Richard, Anna, Ludmilla and Gabriela. The family belong to the Roman Catholic church. As the proprietor of a well conducted business and the president of an important bank Mr. Ruecker has become prominent and well known in Theresa and his sterling qualities have gained for him the esteem of those who know him." *Dodge County, Wisconsin, past and present. Homer Bishop Hubble. Published 1913 Vol2 Wisconsin Historical Society< Madison, Wi.*

Ruecker's Meat Market would be a part of Theresa's downtown business community for many decades. Gus operated the market until he retired from the retail meat business in 1932. His son, Richard then took over and ran the business for 3 decades until his son, Jim Ruecker came home from military service in the late 1950's. Jim learned the trade and took over the business in the 1960s, eventually closing the meat market, moving and transforming the business into a general merchandise store renamed Jim's Super Store. Today, that location is home to Confections For Any Occasions. Today, Jim still calls Theresa home and is member of the Theresa Historical Society.

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Paul & Evangeline Koll in their Dairy Barn.
The Kolls stopped milking in 1988



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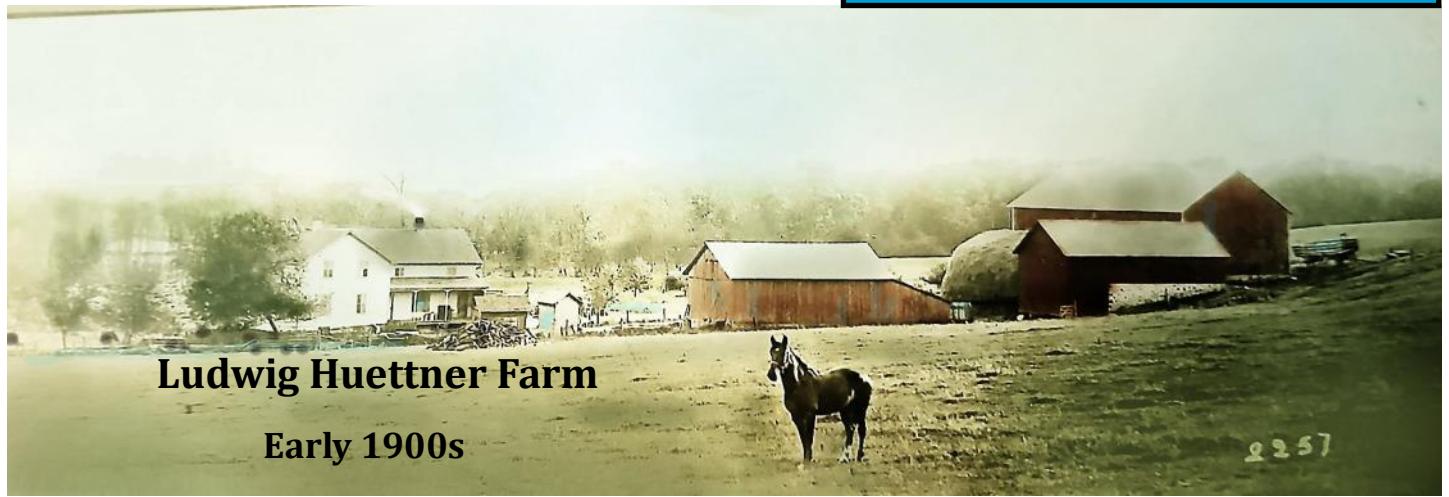
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Ludwig Huettner Farm

Early 1900s

N7561 Hwy 175, Theresa, Wi. Huettner came to America in 1867. After living near Woodland for few years established this farm in 1874. The farm has been family for 6 generations. THS thanks the Huettner family for their generous memorial donation honoring Ludwig Huettner (1826-1899) "to keep local history alive."

Huettner Family Photo

1929-34 As seen through Les Beck's Eyes

Wall Street Crashes

The Milk Strike! The Great Theresa Bank Robbery!

By Rob Bowe

The stock market crash of 1929 and the unintended consequences of prohibition had basically put America in the toilet economically by 1932. The next year 1933, a new president took office. His name was Franklin Delano Roosevelt, AKA FDR. He promised a new deal. That year the Congress repealed Prohibition effectively paving the way for Roosevelt's "New Deal."

Anheuser Busch Brewing Company sent a case of Budweiser to the White House on their fancy beer wagon, pulled by a team of Clydesdales after prohibition ended. that year. Times were tough in America. People had scrimped and scraped as the New Deal began and they eagerly awaited the results.

Across the pond in Europe, the rise of Hitler and Stalin was happening while here in America, a drought across the southern Great Plain, created a dust bowl destroying millions of acres of farm land in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. Farming, all over of America, especially Dodge County, was tough.

People were out of work, People put lard on bread instead of butter as they had no money to buy butter. "Happy day's are here again" was a popular song on the new family entertainment medium, the radio, but for many in the land between the marshes, it was not a happy time.

We again have to thank the late Les Beck for leaving his notes and articles on Theresa history to tell us a bit of those days. I've taken the liberty to edit and narrate Beck's notes a bit for this article:

Beck writes, "With Prohibition ending, G. Weber Brewing Company brewed beer legally for the first time since 1919."

You could get medicinal spirits through pharmacists and doctor's as a medicine by a doctor's prescription. One could get a prescription for a pint of whiskey every 10 days. Doctors all over the country had written millions upon millions of prescriptions prescribing whiskey for medicinal purposes and of course they could fill their own prescriptions.

Milk is 4 cents a quart at the cheese factory. Milk strikes were occurring across Wisconsin and Iowa to raise the price of milk. Beck writes, "On November 4, 1933, a milk strike closes Widmer's cheese factory. On Nov. 14, area farmers show up with guns and Widmer's resumes making cheese."

That same year, "Theresa gets a new Dodge fire truck, cost is \$3,000." Lovingly restored, the Theresa Fire Department still has it and rolls it out for parades and special occasions.

The newspaper headlines were constantly being lit up by the likes of Bonnie and Clyde, Baby-faced Nelson, John Dillinger and others who were robbing banks across the central USA, all the way from Texas into Wisconsin and Minnesota. Beck's notes tell of John Dillinger, being seen stopping on several occasions at Beck's Gas station in Theresa that year and in 1934, as he and his entourage traveled between Chicago and his north woods-Wisconsin and Twin Cities hideouts.

Newspaper stories of the day tended to sensationalize these bank robbers as "Robin Hoods", robbing the rich to give to the poor. These stories made for good copy but the general public realized this was never the case. The sensationalism sold newspapers. Certainly in Theresa no one ever expected anyone to would rob the only bank in town...Except perhaps the bank.

Beck writes in his notes, "During the noon hour of Thursday, March 8, 1934...two gunmen entered the Theresa State Bank (Now Theresa Village Law Enforcement Center on South Main Street) announcing, 'This is a holdup'...Clarence Bodden, assistant cashier, refused their demands."

According to Beck, the then gunmen fired 5 shots at Bodden, who went unscathed, protected by a sheet of bullet proof glass that had been installed around the cashier's cage. Bodden tripped the burglar alarm and grabbed a loaded pistol hidden in the cashier's cage and began firing back through the window's voice porthole. The would-be robbers escaped out the front door while Bodden ran to the west (back) door and fired 5 more shots as the robber's escaped in a waiting automobile and made their get away, empty handed.

Clarence Bodden re-enacts the shooting scene of the Theresa State Bank robbery of 1934. This gun is currently on display at THS Museum.

Wisconsin Press Photo



As it were, Joe Gottwald, the village marshal, was across the street at the firehouse when the shooting broke out. Gottwald observed the melee, but was powerless to do anything. His gun was in his car, parked down the street a ways. School boy, Cyril Zastrow, was walking to school. He ducked behind cover as bullets whizzed by.



Assistant cashier Clarence Bodden, left, Cashier Fred A. Bandlow, right



Courtesy Theresa Public Library

Apparently cashier Bodden was a good shot and wounded one the bandits. The bandits blood-stained car was later found at Holy Hill, where they changed their stolen car for another and made their getaway. Hospitals and doctors were notified in the area and the robbers were eventually caught. While Beck did not name the robbers in his notes, I was able to locate a partial story about incident from the Associated Press and the Milwaukee Journal which reported that one of the gunman had suffered a gunshot head wound. The robbers were identified later when captured as Frank Kelenich and Thomas Miller of Milwaukee. Kelenich and Miller were partners with 2 others in several gas station bank hold ups, in Allenton, Sauk City and other parts of Wisconsin. They were convicted and served time.

Beck details in his notes, "The bank had installed the burglar proof protection in 1931, including the bullet proof cage. The alarms were installed at Ruecker Meat Market and Beck Furniture Store. As a window of the Beck Furniture Store (now a part of the Pioneer Keg Complex) faced the bank, my father always kept a 12 gauge and a box of buckshot shells in his bedroom closet, much to the dislike of my mother. On the day of the attempted robbery, the alarm in our furniture store went off but we never heard it, as we were eating dinner and listening to the radio program "Heinie and His Grenadiers" a German band that was popular at the time. (Heinie and His Grenadiers was the house band on WTMJ radio, Milwaukee in the 1930's through the early 1950's). The alarm also went off in the meat market but was not heard."

According to Beck, a Milwaukee newspaper, The Wisconsin News, printed an extra edition and dispatched it to Theresa, via train to Theresa Station, later that day. The story of this hold-up is remembered today in a display in the lobby of the Theresa State Bank in downtown Theresa, where artifacts and the safe that protected the depositor's cash are on display.

As Les Beck might say, "It happened in Theresa," back in 1933-34.

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About Our Town

by Laura Bruederle

Founded in 1846 by Milwaukee founder Solomon Juneau and his wife, Josette Vieau Juneau, the village of Theresa, WI, in Dodge County was named after Solomon's mother, Marie-Thérèse Galarneau Juneau.

Situated along the Rock River, it grew from a 1833 trading post into a, milling, and farming community with strong German heritage, officially forming Theresa township in 1848.

The village flourished with breweries, mills, hotels, and general stores. It became a hub along the Indian trail between Green Bay and Milwaukee, which later became known as the Yellowstone Trail, (later US 41, today WI 175). Theresa Historical Society's Museum featuring Solomon Juneau original Theresa homestead opens for the season with "Yellowstone Trail Day" on June 6, 2026. Yellowstone Trail Days celebrates this interesting cross country throughfare which ran from Cape Cod, MA To Puget Sound, WA beginning 1912 and it ran down Milwaukee Street, Theresa. We, along with other local historical societies', plan family friendly activities the whole day with stops at different cities along the Yellowstone Trail.

The Solomon Juneau home was saved from destruction in 1932 through the generosity of retired town marshal Joseph Gottwald and today is on the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places. Beside the Juneau House -Theresa Historical Society maintains 4 other historic building buildings on our park campus, each one celebrating a specific era. They are filled with artifacts from Theresa and the surrounding area. They are open for self-guided tours, during our open houses the last Sunday of the month June through Sept.. Plus a special Sunday open this on Aug.16, 2026 in conjunction with THS Community Homecoming Festival Augtoberfest and Theresa founder Solomon Juneau's 233rd birthday.

Did you know?

*The first town election was held on April 4, 1848, at the home of Narcisus Juneau, Solomon's son.

* Dr. Armand J. Quick, born in Theresa in 1894, became a renowned medical researcher who developed the prothrombin time blood test (Quick test) for blood-thinning drugs.

*The village also had a number of breweries, distilling and canning factory, along with the world renown and award winning "Widmer's Cheese Factory", along with a old fashioned candy store "Confections for all Occasions", which the latter are still in business.

* Theresa is pronounced either with a lisp, "THUR- ressa" or "Tressa", but not like the girl's name, "Theresa".

*You can sign up for a FREE Theresa Historical Society newsletter at famousrobbo@gmail.com. Chocked full of history, settlement stories, and useful information on how to become a THS Member.

We hope to see you soon at our many events we plan this summer, please follow and like us on Facebook "THS - Theresa Historical Society" Just scan the QR code and it will take right to THS Facebook Site.





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2 Big Bands In The Downtown Biergarten

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Sunday August 16th, 2026
Picnic in Solomon Juneau Park
Old Fashion Fun, Music, Games, Story Tellers, Juneau House & Museum Tours

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Celebrating America's, 250th Theresa's 180th and Solomon Juneau's 233rd Birthdays

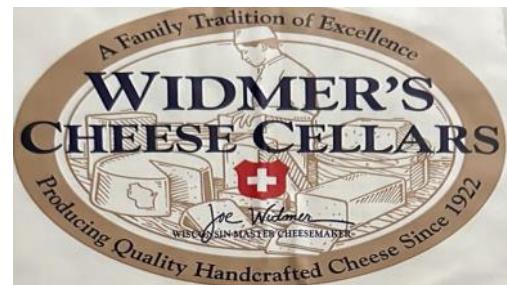
Augtoberfest Homecoming 2026



HAAK CHIROPRACTIC
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Village board meeting in Old Village Hall January 1952. Seated at table Dr. A Boegel In Back L-R John O. Widmer, Ralph Ruecker, Lester Zimmel, Bob Guelig. Front l-R Al Trauba, Fred H. Bandlow, Les Beck, Armond Zimmel, Wm Rahjes
 Jim Widmer Photo.

Nate Haessly and Albert Bachuber in their autos. About 1914. Note Theresa Village band on the steps left background. This appears to be North Milwaukee Street looking s. east, just across the Rock River. Buildings L-R Haessly & Jung Garage, Quick House, Bachhuber Machine Shop.



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Featuring Theresa Historical Society Member Rob Bowe. Rob will share unusual stories about the pioneer days in this special edition of The Founding Farmers; Theresa and Herman Township, Dodge County. Rob has been telling his tales in The Mayville News and The Dodge County Pionier for many years. Join us for an entertaining evening.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026 6 PM

Trinity Community Center, 6409 Co Rd P, Mayville, WI.

YOU CAN HELP US PRESERVE OUR RICH HISTORY

Community support makes it possible for the Theresa Historical Society to achieve its mission.

We are so thankful to our volunteers and to those friends of Theresa area history who have recently contributed to the support of THS whether it be time, talent or treasure.

As we are in the process of renovating the 1901 Old Village Hall/Library, and getting bids on renovating & up-grading the Koll Wagon Pavilion, and a variety of other projects we continue to seek community financial support to preserve our historical buildings. Currently we are updating our restroom facility as part of the Village Hall renovation.

THS is a qualified IRC Section 501(c) 3 non-profit educational organization and as such all financial donations are tax deductible.

We would like to take this opportunity to bring you some information about what some of those financial donations options are. The most common donation is cash. We are certainly grateful to those who have contributed with donations when visiting the THS Museum campus and those who have sent THS private donations this year. Thank You. You might consider a memorial donation in memory of a family member or a Theresa area pioneer in your family.

See page 16 for general donation information.

Donate NOW!

There are other options that might provide valuable tax benefits such as a donation of property, securities or marketable securities to our cause. We suggest you contact your tax advisor or financial advisor for details and clarifications specific to your tax situation when considering that sort of major gift giving. If you are interested in making one of these types of donations please contact us and we will put you in touch with our THS Treasurer Kathy Benter (kjbenter83@gmail.com).

Have Theresa Area Items?

We are always interested in historical items and stories from Theresa and the surrounding area. Everything from artifacts, postcards, advertising items, documents, old letters, family history, signs, old photos, school items etc. will be considered.

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