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Rosedale Development Association

Working in partnership with residents, businesses, and institutions to build a strong community and improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Rosedale.

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Business Feature

Rosedale Floor Covering at 1122 Merriam Lane is a nice addition to the Rosedale community. Owner Rod Hartle thought it was time to open his own store, after working in the flooring business for nineteen years.

He built the business on property he owns. He reports that soon another business owner will be building storefronts next door. Hartle feels Rosedale is an up and coming area and



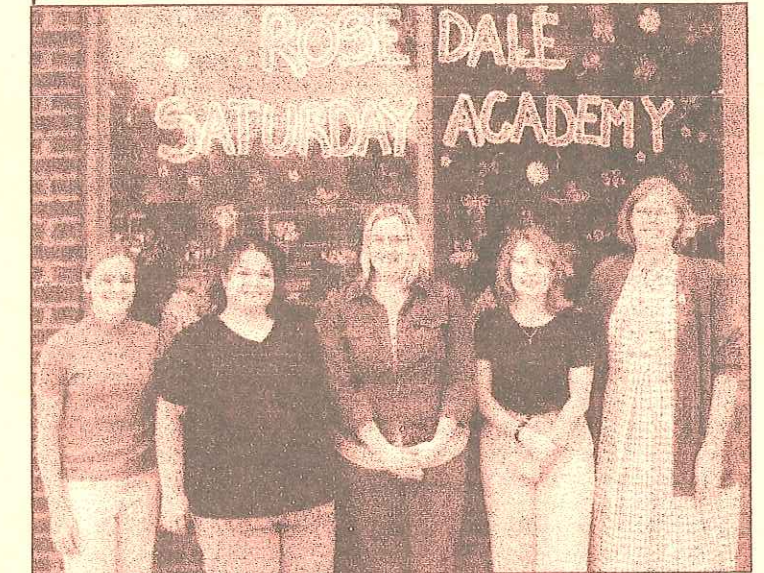
Rod Hartle, owner of Rosedale Floor Covering, displays his professional new building and truck.

likes having the Kansas University Medical Center in the area. It is a good central location for his business, which is important as Hartle does business all over Kansas City. Rosedale Floor Covering provides sales and services in carpet, vinyl, wood, laminate and ceramic tile. Basically Hartle and his four employees can cover your floor with whatever you want. They do mostly residential work and have done work for the Sharing Community Church. Hartle hopes to do work on the new development in the Rosedale area. The company's business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. You can call Rosedale Floor Covering at (913) 236-RUGS. The Rosedale Floor Covering truck made an appearance in the Rosedale parade on Sept. 27.

Welcome New Rosedale Community Project Team

The Rosedale Community Project has many new faces. The Project brings KU students who are working towards their Masters in Social Work into the

Rosedale community. The students work with programs such as The Saturday Academy and Community TREE and also interact with Rosedale residents. Students gain practical experience for their profession.



From left to right, Annie Olson, Andrea Bustamante, Melanie Davis, Kinga Hamerski, and Donna Devine stand in front of the Saturday Academy building.

Welcome Donna Devine

Donna Devine is the new program manager for the Rosedale Community Project. In this position she will be supervising KU students who will be working as community social workers in the Rosedale community. Donna admits that a challenge in her new position is becoming familiar with the community. She is, however, enthusiastic about working in Rosedale. "We feel honored to be allowed to be part of the community," she says. Donna was drawn to social work, because she enjoys working with people. She also wants to support new social workers, such as her KU students. Donna received her Masters in Social Work from Kansas University in 1995. She is from the Kansas City area and is returning after three years away.

Welcome Melanie Davis

Melanie Davis is from the Kansas City area and also received her undergraduate degree from KU. Her

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professional interests are in rural development and faith based organizations. In addition to her schoolwork and her work in Rosedale, Melanie also works part-time with runaway youth at TLC for Children and Families. She feels that social work is a way to put her Christian values into action. Melanie is a fan of funny movies, but her favorite movie is *Glory*. She is interested in traveling to Scotland and New Zealand. After completing her degree she plans to move to Pennsylvania to be near her grandparents.

Welcome Annie Olson

Annie Olson is originally from Salina, KS. Annie enjoys working with people and volunteered in high school, which led her into social work. In addition to school and her work in Rosedale, Annie works at a group home in Olathe. In that position, she works with twelve to seventeen year-old-boys at developing basic living skills. She loves working with children and plans to use her degree to do clinical work with families and children. In the little free time that Annie has, she enjoys running.

Welcome Kinga Hamerski

Kinga Hamerski received her undergraduate degree from KU. Kinga is originally from Poland, but has lived in the United States for the past twenty-five years. Her family originally moved to Buffalo, N.Y. and has lived in Long Island and Southern California, before moving to Olathe Kansas. Kinga is interested in administration and program development for anti-poverty and community development organizations. She developed her career direction when interning for the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception and volunteering at Heart of America Family Services. Kinga feels that community involvement can help people break free from poverty. In her free time Kinga's main objective is to get some sleep.

Welcome Andrea Bustamante

Andrea Bustamante graduated from KU with an undergraduate degree in American Studies. She then worked for some non-profit agencies. She worked with a children's theater for a few years and now works as a kindergarten teacher at the YMCA. Her non-profit work led her to return to school for her Masters in Social Work. Andrea is from Wyandotte County and is interested in community development. She is particularly looking forward to working with Saturday Academy. In her free time Andrea enjoys planning parties for her family and friends.

Wilhelmina Masters Passes

Sadly, on September 10, Wilhelmina Masters passed away. She owned Bernie Electric Wholesale. She

leaves eight children, twenty-four grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. Our condolences go out to her family. Donations can be made to Rosedale Congregational Church in Wilhelmina's memory.

Drug Bust

On August 27 police conducted a drug bust at 2210 Ball Lane. Drugs were found in the house and an arrest was made in connection. The person arrested was said to have links to a local motorcycle gang called the Galloping Gooses. He was convicted felon, who was found to be in possession of a gun.

Apple Mart Shooting

The shooter who held up the Westwood Apple Market on August 15 is still at large. An employee at Apple Market was tragically killed in the incident. The reward for information leading to an arrest has risen to \$15,000. The suspect is a light complexioned male, approximately 5'5", small to medium build. If you have any information please call:

Johnson County Sheriff's Office (913) 761-5560
Westwood Police Department (913) 362-3737
Tips Hotline (816) 474-TIPS (8477)



A composite of the suspect.

School Safety Tips

Another school year has begun. Following some easy tips can help keep children safe.

- Children should know their home phone number and address, that of another trusted adult, and 911. They should have enough change to use a pay phone.
- Children should have a well-known direct route to school with the fewest street crossings. They should stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there are few people.

- Children should know and follow traffic rules and should be extra careful in the rain, fog, and snow.
- Children should walk to school with others. If car-pooling they should be dropped off close to school and the driver should stay to see that they enter the building safely.
- Children need to be taught never to talk to strangers or accept gifts from them.

It is always best to be over cautious with a child's safety. It may be that your child will never have to call 911 or be approached by a stranger. However, if they are, remembering a parent's or guardian's warnings and advice can save their life. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable school year.

Licensing Your Pet

Dogs and cats can be great companions. However, owners need to remember that they are required by law to have a license for each pet. In order to get a license for your dog or cat you need proof of rabies vaccination. Not only is this needed for licensing, but is also important for the health of yourself and those in your neighborhood. Fees for licensing are \$7 a year for spayed or neutered pets, and \$30 for pets that are not fixed. You can go to the Animal Control Division at 3301 Park Drive, Kansas City, KS 66102 to get a license. You can also mail a request to a license by sending a current rabies certificate and a check or money order made out to the City Treasurer. Call (913) 321-1445 for more information. Once you have your license attach it to the collar of you pet. Doing so assures that if your animal is picked up by the Animal Control Division, they can be returned to you. If you have a complaint about an animal or would like to adopt a pet contact Animal Control at (913) 321-1445.

Lost and Found

Several months ago some property was found in the Whitmore Playground. If you believe it might be yours contact Jeff at (913) 236-8820 to identify and claim it.

Rosedale History

Today Rosedale is a community with schools, churches, parks, and many businesses that serve its residents. This however was not always the case. Like any town Rosedale had to begin somewhere, and its beginning was the coming of the railroad. The Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad went thru what is now Rosedale in 1865. Railroads had the ability to move merchandise fast to otherwise remote areas. As a result, farmers found new markets and new towns

grew along with the railroad. The Rosedale Post Office was established in 1872. The railroad carried mail six times a week. More growth came to Rosedale with the establishment of the Kansas Rolling Mill in 1875. The Rolling Mill produced iron rails for the railroad. A hundred families came to Rosedale along with the Rolling Mill. This created a boom for Rosedale and by 1877 there were 600 residents, which meant Rosedale could become a city of the Third-Class. The first election was held on August 28, 1877. The Rosedale Coal and Mining Company hoped to sell coal to the Rolling Mill. However, the Coal and Mining Company was located on one side of the railroad tracks and the Rolling Mill was on the other. The railroad company was not eager to allow the coal to cross their property as trains brought twelve cars of coal a day to the Rolling Mill. The Coal and Mining Company tried to convey the coal across the railroad though overhead chutes. The railroad company quickly put a stop to this and the Coal and Mining Company was forced to close. The Kansas Rolling Mill helped create the money and man power for other organizations. Unfortunately the Rolling Mill, which helped bring so much development to Rosedale closed in 1883, when railroads changed from iron rails to steel rails. The first Mass in Rosedale was held in 1876, in a log house. Church buildings soon followed. Holy Name Catholic Church, The Rosedale Methodist Church, and The Pleasant Valley Baptist Church were some of the first buildings in Rosedale. The first public school in Rosedale, commonly referred to by residents as "The Public School", had an average of 250 students. When a new building was built, the school was renamed Whitmore School. It stood on the site that is now the playground across from the RDA office. (Information from *"The Winding Valley and the Craggy Hillside": A History of Rosedale, Kansas* by Margaret Landis).

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Words of Wisdom

Every path has some puddles.

Anonymous