

Markesan Historical Society Gazette

April/May/June 2015

Over 400 hits have been tallied on markesanhistoricalsociety.org
Recent visitors to the Museum said they found us on the website.

"The National Weather Service has the sole responsibility for issuing weather watches and warnings for the protection of lives," stated Sara Schultz, at the April meeting. Sara is a meteorologist at the Pontiac/Detroit location. She went on to say that the Service has the largest data collection in the world with 92 sites in the United States and 900 world-wide.

Weather balloons, filled with hydrogen or helium, are released every 12 hours to learn weather patterns. The study of upper air and how it aids in forecasting severe weather is thus obtained.

The **Discover Wisconsin** filming crew was at the Museum on Sunday, May 3rd. Members were dressed in period clothing for the filming. Tune in the show on Saturday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 5. Check PBS listings. The show will be shown several more times-- this year and into 2016.

THANK YOU

A number of polystyrene wig heads have been donated to the Museum by Robin II. Many thanks.

Third graders from Markesan Elementary School toured the Museum on May 29th. Tour guides explained that a hatpin did not go through one's head, and that chamber pots were not used to wash or soak one's feet or to cook hotdogs. The children were very interested in the butter-making process after viewing the butter churn.

Fifty-eight students were in attendance and were interested in all aspects of the Museum.

They are the future, and one day, will perhaps be tour guides themselves.

"Hi-ho, let's go to the Fair!"
Kim Zills, Program Specialist, from the UW-Extension in Green Lake, presented the program for the May meeting. Everyone knows that the Green Lake County Fair is the "best little Fair around." Green Lake County was organized in 1858 and the first fair was held in 1855 when this area was still in Marquette County. The first Green Lake County Fair was held on the County Courthouse lawn in Green Lake in 1939. It had approximately 100 exhibitors and fair premiums totaled \$505.

The WW II years curtailed the development of the fair and in 1942, ten percent of premiums were paid in War Savings Stamps. In 2014, the fair celebrated 75 years. Mark your calendars for the 2015 fair on August 6-9 and "Race to the Fair."

Attention Thrivent Financial Members

The Markesan Historical Society is registered with Thrivent. Thrivent members may direct their Choice Dollars to provide funding to the Historical Society. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend Choice Dollars for the Society. The Historical Society has already benefited monetarily from this program.

For more information go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. You may also call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

TUNE IN
June 20th @ 6:30 p.m.
Channel 5
Discover Wisconsin
Check PBS Listings
Museum filming

Markesan Historical Society
Sue Abendroth
430 Sunrise Lane
Markesan, WI 53946

June Meeting

Do you know where all switches and fire extinguishers are located in the Museum?

The evening was spent tracking down all pertinent items

in preparation to staff the Museum.

Instruction sheets will be available at the gift shop desk and also on the desk in the genealogy room.

Members are asked to kindly acquaint themselves with the printed information.

On June 18th, the Senior Group from St. John's Lutheran Church will tour the Museum.

A workshop on Textile Preservation will be presented at the Museum at 10 a.m. on June 30th by a representative from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Other societies will be in attendance.

Interested? Call Gayle at
920-398-3359

Meetings

The Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Barn at the Grand River Valley Museum, 214 E. John St. for the summer months at 7 p.m. The Society meets at the Markesan City Hall, 150 S. Bridge St. during the winter months.

Museum Hours

The Grand River Valley Museum is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. May through September. The museum is also open by appointment.

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