



Markesan Historical Society Gazette

July/August/September 2016



September 18--Mark your calendars for the 25th Annual Heritage Day at the Grand River Valley Museum from 1 to 5 p.m. Vendors, crafters, a blacksmith, a turn-of-the-century farm display, and more will be seen, as well as Jerry Apps, Wisconsin author and Karl Stewart, area author.

Members of the historical society traveled to Princeton for the July meeting. Bill Zamzow was host for the evening, giving everyone the opportunity to view his own museum, in which he lives. Not only does he live in the mansion with all his collections, he also has the adjoining house full of displays from years gone by. A bountiful lunch was served to everyone in attendance. Thank you, Bill, for a wonderful evening. It was enjoyed by all.

Heidi and Russ Hirschy presented the program during the August meeting, telling of their adventures in Iceland.

Did you know that astronauts trained to go to the moon in Iceland? Why? Because of the similarity in landscape.

There is just one road that goes around the country. Being an island with many fjords, 13 tunnels provide easier travel for the population. Going around each and every fjord would be too time consuming, and bad weather travel is much easier because of the tunnels.

Iceland has hundreds of earthquakes per month, prompting the installation of fences on mountains to restrain falling rocks.

On June 1st the cows are let out of the barns during the day, but must come in again at night because of the 45 degree temperatures. There are 800,000 sheep in the country, thereby producing the famous Icelandic wool.

Iceland has more hot springs and sulfur steam areas than any other country. Homes are heated with 80 per cent thermal power. The word geyser comes from the name of Iceland's most famous spring, *Geysir*, which spouts water about 195 feet into the air.

Volcanoes and glaciers are also evident in Iceland, making it a land of contrasts.

Thank you, Heidi and Russ.

PIES

A variety of pies will be needed for Heritage Day. What kind would you like to make? Call Pat at 398-2719 to let her know.

Thanks to all for exercising your baking expertise.

The June Appraisal Fair went well with 201 tickets being counted. It was a very warm day, but the fans in the Barn kept everyone comfortable. Thank you, Lorraine Justmann, Marlene Scott, and all those who contributed to the lunch. The donation jar was full!

Adopt - A - Room

Members are being asked to consider adopting a room at the museum. Of course, cleaning is one of the duties for the adoptive person, as well as changing the room's display. Don't worry, you will be shown where things are if you would like to change anything.

Two people have already adopted rooms.

Our Wisconsin magazine

Did you see the article about the museum in the August/September issue? It is on page 55. The magazine is doing a tour of Green Lake County, and the museum was the first in a series of the county articles.

Two gentlemen who toured the museum on Saturday, August 20th, said they saw the article. They were from Waterloo and were camping at the Grand Valley Campground. They were impressed and said they were definitely planning a return visit.

New Book

Karl Stewart will have his new book ready for Heritage Day.

25th Annual Heritage Day

Jerry Apps will speak at 2 p.m. in the Barn on Sunday, September 18th. Jerry was born and raised on a Wisconsin farm, and at one time served as County Extension Agent for Green Lake and Brown Counties. He has won numerous awards for his writing. Since 1994 he has served as Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Many of us have enjoyed his PBS specials on farm life and have read his books.

A fun-filled afternoon is planned with vendors, crafters and displays.

Ellen Roemer will return with her Ukrainian eggs. Mike Starshak will sell his hickory syrup. (He usually has samples to taste).

Cindy Shesky is planning to bring honey and info about beekeeping.

Shirley Parker will be in the kitchen making butter. (Yes, you may taste some).

Jennifer and Monica will have birdhouses and benches for sale.

Karl Stewart will have his new book available and, no doubt, will tell some tales about his family.

Blacksmith Andrew Eggert will be by the Depot, and Bill Rettunmund, Jr. of Verona, WI will have a turn-of-the-century farm display set up.

Cindy Boelter will again have a scavenger hunt, Judy Ireland will be doing some handwork and Judy Lyon will be spinning.

David Prill will be popping corn by the Barn and Donnie and Pat Dallman and Marlene Scott will be serving pie and ice cream and lemonade in the main building.

Talented society members have often offered their skills shortly before Heritage Day.

Everyone is appreciated for all the work that they do to make this event a success.

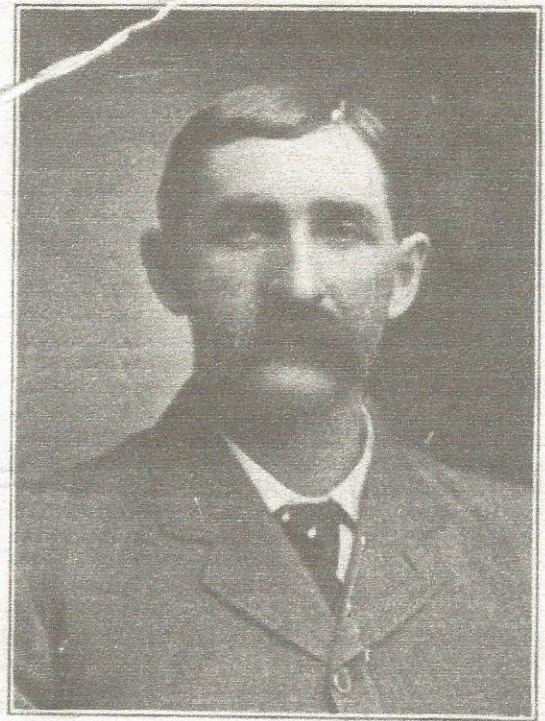
Meetings

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.

MEMBERSHIP

\$5/yr. individual

\$100/ lifetime individual or husband & wife



CHARLES H. SMITH
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

This man was the father of Lucy Smith, who married Hugh Miller. Hugh was associated with the Grand River Canning Company in Markesan. Does anyone know what office Charles was seeking?

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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