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# Markesan Historical Society Gazette

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A Model T Car Group toured the museum on July 1st. All the cars were in pristine condition. The drivers and passengers were an interesting group, with one of the men playing the pump organ in the church room. On August 8th, the Legacy Group toured the museum in the evening, and on August 17th, twelve children from the daycare visited the museum.

When it is your turn to staff the museum, do you know how to unlock the doors, where to turn on the lights, and where the flags are to hang out in the front of the museum?

The meeting in July gave members the opportunity to make certain everyone knew where the fire extinguishers are, the first aid kits are located and other important tips in staffing the museum.

The most important tip of all is to remember to call a board member to unlock the doors and disarm the security system for you.

All of the staffers are most appreciated. The museum could not be open without you!

Russ and Heidi Hirschy of Markesan joined members for the August meeting, sharing their insights on their recent trip-Contrasts of Switzerland-A Swiss Trip by Trains.

Switzerland is about 1/3 the size of Wisconsin with a population of approximately 8 million. As Russ showed the slides, Heidi explained that churches dot the countryside, the growing of white asparagus is a specialty, and cowbells serve a most useful purpose. Cows learn the sound of the bells, as each sound distinguishes to which herd a cow belongs.

Traveling through Zurich, St. Moritz, Geneva, Lucerne and Zermatt, sights of blooming eidelweiss and canola growing were especially delightful. How many of us use canola oil in our cooking? Russ explained that the Glacier Express is the slowest train in the world. To travel 185 miles, it takes 8 hours. Other sites of interest were the Matterhorn, which is breathtaking, and Interlaken, a resort.





Cindy Boelter greets Carol Dibble on Heritage Day, Sunday, Sept. 17th at the museum.

Don & Gloria Mildebrandt enjoy time in the Veterans' Corridor.



Don Dallman & Marlene Scott served up pie and ice cream on Heritage Day.



Lorenz Prochnow, Orv Swanson & Larry Holl made sure everyone took a tour in the Barn.

Todd Michel,
of Cornerstone Funeral
& Cremation, will present the
October 11th program of the
historical society.
The 7 p.m. meeting will be at the
Markesan City Hall, 150 S. Bridge St.

The original sign on the front of the museum had weathered the varying temperatures of Wisconsin for many years.

The time had come for a replacement.

A new sign has been placed on the front of the main building and should last for the next twenty-five years.

Take a look as you drive by.

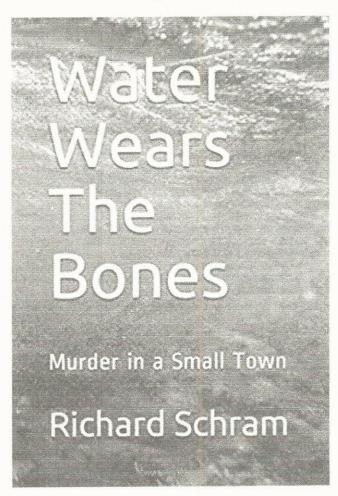


Do you remember when the WW I Doughboy statue stood in Hein Park? It now stands in the Grand River Valley Veterans' Memorial on Highway 44 on the Markesan Resident Home grounds. Take time to linger there to view the pavers of area veterans.

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markesanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com www.markesanhistoricalsociety.org Richard Schram, a graduate of the Markesan High School class of 1961, has written a book. He is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Simon Schram, who lived in the rural area of Markesan. He is now living on the east coast. Check your local libraries for the book or go to Amazon.com.



## Meetings

The Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month during the summer at the museum at 7 p.m. During the winter, meetings are at City Hall, 150 S. Bridge St.

MEMBERSHIP \$5/yr. individual \$100/ lifetime individual or husband & wife

### 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.