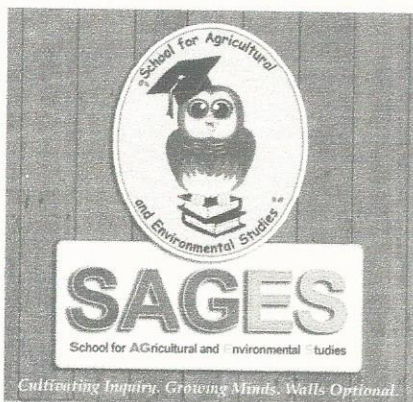


Sheri Hicken, the 54th Alice in Dairyland, (2001-2002) was the speaker for the January meeting.

Originally from Sauk County, she and her husband, Jeff, and two sons, Cole and Drew, now call Dodge County home. Continuing to tell agriculture's story, Sheri works as the Agricultural Educator and completes Community Outreach for the School for Agricultural and Environmental Studies, (SAGES) a project-based public charter school in Fox Lake.



The vision of SAGES is the creation of a culture that actively and thoughtfully conserves and sustains the land, flora, and fauna that comprise our environment and food sources.

Our mission is to produce responsible, productive citizens who have a local and global perspective and are committed to preserving and sustaining national and world environments, food sources, and other natural resources.

Genealogy is a popular hobby, sometimes turning into a valuable historical project. Edward J. Kuehn, author of *Stepping Into Rural Wisconsin*, *Grandpa Charly's Life Vignettes*, *From Prussia To The Midwest* presented the February program. Ed went on to explain that genealogies are important because they preserve family history and reveal scientific reasons, such as family genetics, namely inherited traits--good and bad.

Ed shared the information on genealogy structures that he found to be helpful in researching his family tree.

### Genealogy Data Structures

\*Family Tree Diagram (Family Forest)

\*Chart Diagram

\*Outline Structure

Coding/numbering systems--NOT alpha-numeric. Limits 26 letters.

What generation to start with?

What number to start with?

Who is in each generation and assigning a number to each.

\*DNA--Scientific Genealogy

Is it really genealogy? It fits the definition.

### Where to Begin

\*Sort items by categories: Diaries, Family Albums, Obituaries, Other Genealogies, Other Pictures.

\*Decide on structure and format--manually or computer generated.

\*Decide on the scope.

\*Obtain the necessary "tools." Genealogy charts or computer applications.

\*Research--Ancestry websites, Cemeteries, Historical Societies, Libraries, Newspaper Articles, Obituaries, Other Genealogies, Scrapbooks.

Some people stop at a certain point in researching; others keep an open investigation.



Gayle Schultz showed pictures of the 2017 Heritage Day during the March meeting. It was good to see visitors enjoying the activities at the museum.

**The members voted to eliminate the January, February and March meetings for the next year.** The Wisconsin weather is not to be trusted during this time frame. However, the Board of Directors will meet during those months.

Chief of Police, Will Pflum, will be the speaker at the April 11th meeting at City Hall, the topic being scams that are prevalent in the locality.

Karl Stewart will speak at the May 9th meeting. He has a new book--"Up Harvey's Creek."



#### OPENING DAY AT THE MUSEUM

is Saturday, May 5th from 1 to 4 p.m.

The museum is open every Saturday afternoon, May through September.

#### SAGES Tour the Museum

The fourth, fifth and sixth graders from the SAGES Charter School in Fox Lake toured the Barn and viewed the Potato Display in the Depot during the month of February. They were highly interested in everything, and desire to return for another visit.

Historical Society member, Shirley Parker, visits the school each year to show the students how to make butter.



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George & Julia Weber

on their wedding day--Feb. 10, 1914

The historical society members will be arranging a wedding display at the museum for the coming season. Wedding dresses, invitations, dance invitations, photographs, cake toppers, bridal bouquets, etc. will be included in the display.



#### MEETINGS

The Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month during the summer at the museum at 7 p.m. October, November, December & April meetings are at the City Hall.

#### 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.