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# **BEWARE!**

Markesan Chief of Police, Will Pflum, presented the program for the month of April. Will warned that one can never be too careful in this day and age when scammers seem to be around every corner.

#### The Medicare/Health Care Insurance Fraud is a scam that focuses on people

over the age of 65.

Scammers pose as Medicare representatives calling to gather information. Never give info to anyone calling.

The IRS Scam usually is prevalent around tax time. When the scammers call, they threaten jail and fines. They even alter the caller ID display to make it appear that the IRS is calling. They may tell the victim that they have a large refund waiting for them and need to verify personal informatrion. Never give personal info to anyone calling, and furthermore, the IRS NEVER calls you! Telemarketing scams are another way scammers

try to weasel people out of their hard-earned money. Fake charity scams are popular when a national disaster strikes. Only give to charities that you are familiar with, such as Red Cross, your church charity, or tell the person on the phone you will check them out and call them back.

Internet Fraud is a means of tricking one into providing personal information. Scammers attempt to imitate a legitimate company such as a bank, IRS, etc. They will send out an email stating you must update your info as there was a "breach" of security within your account.

Sweepstakes or Lottery Scams tell you you must send money in order to collect your prize. Sound fishy? It is! The Grandparent Scam is used to prey on grandparents wishing to help their grandchiuld. Do not send money! Check with family members first.

\* Keep account numbers, codes and passwords private.

\*Cross-shred bills, receipts, etc. when discarding. \*Report concerns to police at: (920) 398-2121.



Karl L. Stewart, Markesan Historical Society member and author, gave tips on writing your own family story during the May meeting. He continues to write about his own family

in his new book, *Up Harvey's Creek*. Karl urged members not to lose touch with things in the past, Using photos and diaries, stories become more meaningful.

Arranging time is the author's prerogative. One can start anywhere. If at the middle, one can flash back to the beginning, and so on. You can play with time, making it move quicker and smoother. Your family members will appreciate your efforts.



Karl's new book is a tale of a time gone by and of a child's attempt to make sense of the inexplicable.

As a child, did you ever try to make things right in your own family?

# June Meeting

The June meeting was held in the Barn on the museum complex grounds. Damian Lonne of Pillar & Vine of Brandon told what has materialized from a dream three friends had who believed foster care could be done differently. They work closely with biological parents, foster parents, social workers, schools and community to facilitate successful family reunification or an alternative permanent plan such as adoption in the timeliest way possible. Their work encompasses Fond du Lac county and fourteen other surrounding counties.

#### **Cemetery Walk**

Wood Cemetery on Liner Road south of Fairwater was the scene of the Memorial Day Cemetery Walk. This place of rest was established in 1848. Thank you to the Fairwater Historical Society for their help in providing pertinent information for this event.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS Gayle Schultz -- President 920-398-3359 James Fenske -- Vice-President Pat Dallman -- Secretary 920-398-2719 David Prill -- Treasurer Lorraine Justmann Sue Abendroth Orville Swanson Roger Cotterill Museum--920-398-3945 markesanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com www.markesanhistoricalsociety.org PO Box 242, Markesan, WI 53946 Markesan Third Graders toured the museum on Friday, June 1st. Historical society members guided the sttudents and answered their many questions.



Heritage Day Sunday, September 16, 2018 Museum will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Demonstrations and artisans. All members are encouraged to take part in this event.

# THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped ready the museum for the season. Many hours were spent cleaning and arranging displays. Work is always on-going, such as filing, noting obituaries and taking care of queries that come in. We could not do this work without you!

# NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

New members are needed to keep the work going at the museum. Current members are asked to bring friends and neighbors, relatives, too, to the next meeting. Keep Markesan's history alive!



#### 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 & May 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.