

MARKESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - 2022

Hooray! A brand-new year coming up and so much to look forward to! Our little town is back to an almost normal way of life now that covid restrictions have been lifted. Had anyone asked any one of us how to deal with the symptoms, we could have directed them to our very own 1904 Pharmaceutical Remedies. How about licorice root for coughs, mullen leaves for asthma and bronchitis, or elm bark (tea) for intestinal tract problems. If any of these are distasteful, one can add a tea of sassafras bark for flavor!

As we move into April and our first meeting at city hall, we'll have the following officers at the helm: president Gayle Schultz, vice-president Jeannine Justmann, secretary Pat Prill and treasurer Dave Prill. April 13th is our first official meeting at 7 pm. One of the items up for discussion will be in regard to how many Saturdays the museum could be open per month. The decision will be left to a membership vote and will depend on how many of you are willing to be down at the museum on a weekend from May to September.

Our high school National Honor Society bunny counters have been busy counting and counting! They have been in three times already and have less than 40 boxes left to count. There are not only bunnies but owls, cats, dogs, turtles, parrots, monkeys and snowmen. They will make a wonderful display of products manufactured right here in Markesan. Thank you, Lee Krueger, for the donation!

A high five to all four of our scholarship recipients. They have done well their first semester. A difficult task, for sure.

Following is the Program Lineup for our 2022 meetings. (Fingers crossed there are no cancellations)!

April 13th: Andrew Knurovski, a 20+ year veteran of the Oshkosh PD. Andy has had 20 years of experience on patrol, was an FTO (field training officer) for 12 years, on SWAT for 11 years and is now serving undercover for a vice and narcotics unit.

May 11th: Our community's own son, Dr. Thomas Willett, is going to share his experiences growing up in Markesan with his siblings back in the 1950s. His memories may trigger some of ours so please be willing to share as well. After all – we are all “of-an-age”!

June 8th: Another familiar addition to our programs this year is Fox-of-the-River Voyageurs led by the two Princeton natives Glen Gorsuch and Jerry Disterhaft. They will take us back in time to the beginning of exploration along the Fox River, a very dramatic way of daily life.

July 13th: What could be more appropriate for July in the summer than a singer accompanied by his guitar singing patriotic songs and taking requests from the audience? Butch (Eldon) Kaping

August 10th: Cheryle Nickel and Mary Lou Neubauer of Princeton's administrative staff will be coming to share what goes into "plotting" and planning the city's annual Cemetery Walking Tour. The walk is a great deal of fun for both participants and observers and also very informative for history buffs.

September 14th: Discussion of Heritage Day – no program

October 12th: To be announced. Any ideas or suggestions would be welcome.

November 9th: Christmas/Appreciation gathering

MEETINGS – For the status of meetings please check the Regional Reporter, the website , or the sign board in front of the museum

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

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