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HAPPENINGS AT THE MUSEUM



Because of Covid-19, it has been awhile since contact has been made with Historical Society members. It is hoped that everyone is doing well, and heeding all the necessary instructions to stay safe. That being said, there are those who need prayer, and it is hoped that prayers will continue for those who are in need.



Even though the museum has not been open to the public for this season, work has been on-going.

The Workshop in the Barn has been cleaned out, painted, and new lights installed. It is a roomy area where the canning factory items will be displayed.

The upper story of the Workshop remains to be sorted through and cleaned.

A longtime wish for a model railroad has been fulfilled recently. The late Alfred Kuphal created a more than large layout in his basement. He worked on the set for many years. It is now on display by the Train Mural in the Barn. It is a welcome addition to the history of transportation. We thank those who were involved in obtaining this unique

Model railroad. A member of the Marquette Historical Society has donated a copy of "Stories

of the Upper Fox River." This book was published in 2020, together with the Marquette, Montello, and Portage Historical Societies. Thank you to these Societies for their thoughfulness.



We have heard a great deal about the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. While the history of this event serves as a warning, it also shows how swift action, perseverance, and a volunteer spirit can limit the impact of public heath crises and help to recover. This all sounds familiar. The description of Covid-19 will long be remembered.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE



"We Stand their Shoulders

A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting

The right to vote is life-changing, but it did not come without a struggle. Let us celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Everyone is encouraged to vote in the up-coming Presidential Election on November 3rd.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY Sad to say, there will be no gathering for the Christmas Party this year. The fellowship will be missed, but it is better to stay safe.

KIENAS BUILDING

The Kienas Building is almost ready for the office and the archives to be moved into the spacious area. Carpeting will soon be laid and the move then will take place.

NEW MEMBER Eleanor Williams is a new lifetime member

IN MEMORY We pause in memory of Carleton Ruenger Eugenia Whelihan & Barbara Stracka

It is hoped that the regularly scheduled meetings listed below will soon take place.

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.