

Markesan Historical Society Gazette

October/November/December 2015

The 24th Annual Heritage Day on Sunday, September 20th was very successful, with over one hundred fifty people visiting the museum complex. Please begin thinking about ideas for next year, as it will be Heritage Day's 25th anniversary.

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Nancy Lieske was with us for the October meeting, telling about the mission trip she was involved with in the vast country of India. When thinking about sharing the Gospel in our own country, it still is quite safe to do so. However, that is not the case when going into other cultures. At times, the threat of death looms, as was the case with Nancy and her team.

Thanks be to God who protected the team through this terrifying ordeal. Nancy has gone on other mission trips since then, and the many pictures and items that she had on display proves that God's work goes on.

## CALENDARS

The 2016 Markesan Historical Society Calendars for 2016 are now available. They are entitled "Houses of Worship," and have been designed by Gayle Schultz. Calendars are \$5 each and make excellent Christmas presents for those on your gift list.

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"Oh, say can you see..." are the the most familiar words most Americans can promptly identify. Thus the November meeting began with Dick Severson of the Abendroth Connolly Post #282 telling about our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," written by Francis Scott Key. During the War of 1812, the British took prisoners aboard a ship. Key received permission from President Madison to intercede for the release of the prisoners. From the ship's vantage point, Key witnessed the British fleet's bombardment of Fort McHenry. He would keep the prisoners, held below deck, informed of what was happening. They kept asking, "Is the flag still there? Tell us where the flag is." The men were praying that God would keep the flag flying. All through the night the shelling continued, but the flag still flew because the men who were at the Fort kept holding it up. When they were killed, others took their places to keep the flag flying. This flag is your flag, it is my flag. May it ever fly over the U. S. A.

Thanks to all veterans for your service!

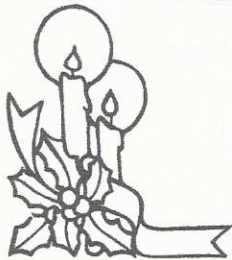
CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9, 2015
5:30 p.m. Gathering
6:00 p.m. Catered Dinner
Markesan City Hall
150 S. Bridge Street

All members who have paid their dues will be treated to a free meal. **Twelve dollars** will be required for each guest accompanying members. For reservations, please call **Kathy--920-295-3042 by December 1st.** Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry. **Merry Christmas to all!**

MENU

Punch & Snacks
Ham & Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
California Blend Veggies
Coleslaw
Jello Whip
Dessert
Coffee, Milk, Punch
After dinner entertainment
Games, prizes



Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Markesan City Hall
Details Inside



Markesan Historical Society
Sue Abendroth
430 Sunrise Lane
Markesan, WI 53946

Attention Thrivent Financial Members
The Markesan Historical Society is registered with Thrivent. Thrivent members may direct their Choice Dollars to provide funding to the Historical Society. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend Choice Dollars for the Society. The Historical Society has already benefited from this program.

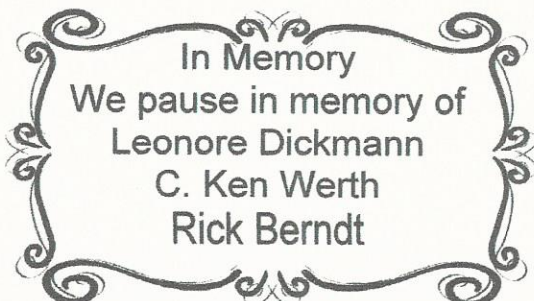
For more information go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions.

You may also call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who has given of their time and talent which has greatly benefited the Historical Society and the Grand River Valley Museum this past year.

You are appreciated!



Meetings

The Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Barn at the Grand River Valley Museum, 214 E. John St. for the summer months at 7 p.m. The Society meets at the Markesan City Hall, 150 S. Bridge St. during the winter months.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

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

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