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*"THE PURPOSE OF THE MARCUS HISTORICAL
SOCIETY SHALL BE TO PRESERVE FOR PUBLIC
BENEFIT AND EDUCATION THE HERITAGE OF OUR
COMMUNITY"*

Cherokee County Museums Tour

We are announcing an exciting upcoming event! On the weekend of December 6 and 7 the five museums in Cherokee County are presenting "A Heritage Holiday: Christmas in Cherokee County". All museums will be open from 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday the 6th and 12:00 noon until 4:00 on Sunday the 7th .

On Saturday a bus tour is offered leaving the Sanford Museum (Cherokee) at 10:00 a.m. and the following stops in order are Aurelia Heritage Museum, Grand Meadow Heritage Center, Marcus Historical Society Museum, and the Northwest Iowa Railroad Museum at Cherokee. The tour is expected to last six hours and 15 min. Bus riders will be returned to the Sanford Museum. The cost of the bus tour is to be \$25 and will include lunch at Grand Meadow and an ornament with emblems representing the five museums. Bus travelers must reserve in advance by visiting the Grand Meadow website: grandmeadowheritage.org

Museum visitors may tour in their own vehicles and earn the ornament by having a passport stamped by all five museums. They may also reserve a lunch at Grand Meadow for \$10. Those traveling on their own who wish to partake in the lunch should reserve on the website of the Grand Meadow Heritage Center.

That address is grandmeadowheritage.org

There will not be a bus on Sunday, shortened hours would not allow visits to all locations.

Some of the museums will have light refreshments available that day.

MUSEUM VISITORS

Two classes of 3rd graders visited the Historical Society on May 22nd with their teachers Mrs. Dawn Roberts and Mrs. Jen Nieuwenhuis. They were fascinated by all of our exhibits of bygone days. Contact a museum member if you have a group who would enjoy a tour.



The domain name for the Society's website has been purchased by a speculator. The website address was marcushistoricalsociety.org and we have had to change it to marcushistoricalsociety.com . If you have us saved as a bookmark, please update it.

There are four Marcus Historical Society Board positions open for election this year Write-in candidates are also accepted. The Board consists of seven members and Board terms are for two years. Terms are staggered and four members' terms expire one year and three members' terms expire the next year.

Please vote for three:

_____ Clark Rainboth

_____ Dan Ohlendorf

_____ Phyllis Rapannani

_____ Larry Rapanani

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Please return ballots to the Marcus Historical Society at Box 321 by Nov. 24.

NEW EXHIBIT

Those of us of a certain age remember Fred's Place located on Main Street where Ten Corp has its office today. Fred and Grace Knox were the owners. It was a wonderful coffee shop, soda fountain, and ice cream parlor. Fred Knox, advertised his business "where good friends meet and the sun always shines." At 10 O'clock sharp secretaries and business men and women would meet for coffee, donut, and socialization. At 3 O'clock the same coffee break occurred. Fred and Grace had one daughter, Mary Jean Marinello who saved many items from the store after Fred sold the business and her daughter, Marsha Heaston, contacted the Historical Society with an offer to donate several items. It was accepted and she shipped several pieces from California to Marcus. Come and see the new display even if you never had the privilege of having a cup of coffee or a cherry coke at Fred's Place. The Museum thanks Marsha Heaston for her generous donation. See the picture of our new display.



To join the Marcus Historical Society or renew your membership, please mail a check or money order with your name/address/email/phone information and mail to:

PO BOX 321, Marcus IA 51035.

Individual: At least \$10/year (due yearly at fair time - first week of Aug.)

Family: At least \$15/year (due yearly at fair time - first week of Aug)

If you wish to give more for your membership, both your donation and membership dues will be greatly appreciated.