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# **MARCUS HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER**

## **FALL 2017**

*"The purpose of the Marcus Historical Society shall be to preserve for public benefit and education the heritage of our community."*

Everyone is welcome to visit the Historical Society. Call any board member to schedule a tour for yourself or a group! Our building is full of city, school, and family history!

### **3rd Annual Museum Day**

This past May 7th was our best Museum Day so far. Five venues for self-guided tours were offered. Our "new" addition to the event, Milt Wurth's memorabilia located in a restored barn and another outbuilding, was the most commented upon and may have had the most visitors. Milt is located 2 miles south of town. His son Andy is very involved with this collection.

"Blacktop Memories", classic cars, presented by Stan and Janice Scheitler, enjoyed enthusiastic attendees as did



"The Barns" (Clarence) Jr. Pearson's wonderful collection of buggies, wagons and other horse drawn implements. These buildings (or barns) are located west of the fairgrounds near the horse arena and are about a block from the Historical Society Center. Blacktop Memories is housed next to the grocery store. Galles Vintage Machinery has a following with Allis Chalmers and Minneapolis Moline fans and is located toward the south

end of Main Street. Jerry has really spruced up his building! The Historical Society Center provided tours and also a rest area. That day, we were pleased to accept the gift of a set of early postal boxes from Wade Berger. These are believed to have resided in an early general store before an official post office arrived in Marcus.

#### Milt Wurth's memorabilia



#### Galles Vintage Machinery



#### Jr. Pearson's "The Barns"



Old mailboxes donated by Wade Berger

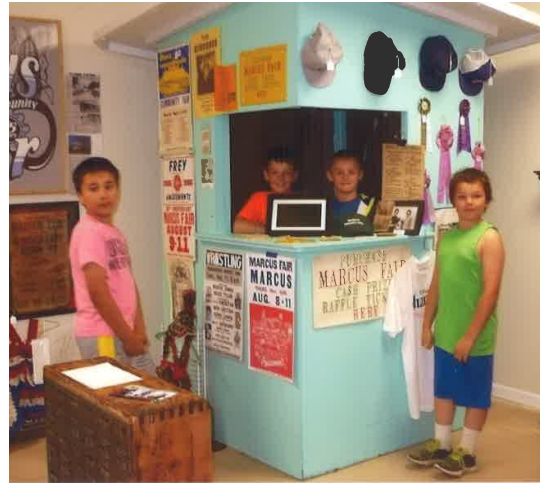
Historical Society welcomes the DAR group





## Marcus Fair 2017

The Center was open for the fair during peak hours from Thursday evening until Sunday evening. Each year there are local people who make their first visit to this source of local history during the fair. There were also visitors who were attracted to Marcus by the Our Iowa magazine article about Jr. Pearson's display at the Barns. Several of them found their way to our building.



Marcus Elementary students touring our building

## Sands of Iowa (Sand Seed Service) sign

John Sand, son of Frank Sand, became active in the seed business in the 1930s. The business grew to include much more than seed. John was succeeded by son Merle and then grandson Chuck. The business was recently purchased in part by First Farmer's Coop. and the remaining seed division by Ag Reliant Genetics. This sign was located at Meriden, IA and has been placed on the west side of the Center near the Sand's sponsored replica of their first storefront.



### Coming in October

For the last several years, the Society has sponsored an October walk. For quite a few years the walk took place in part, in the cemetery. Last year, "If these Walls could talk", a figurative walk-through of the Knudson/McGivern Building was presented. This year's "walk" will cover a bit more of that building with journeys about other parts of the business district. Darlene "Chris" Ballard has uncovered interesting tidbits about our downtown. The program will take place Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Historical Society Center. Refreshments are part of the program!

Monday, October 2 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., the society will host the Chamber Coffee at the Historical Society Center. You do not need to be a Chamber member to attend, the entire community is invited.

Marcus Historical Society

2017 official Ballot

Please vote for up to 4 people to serve on the Historical Society Board. The board is composed of 7 members.

Board members serve a 2 year term.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pat Ducommun

\_\_\_\_\_ Phyllis Rapagnani

\_\_\_\_\_ Faith Specht

\_\_\_\_\_ Julie Sand

\_\_\_\_\_ write-in candidate

For your vote to count this ballot must be returned by October 23, 2017. Please send the ballot to:

Marcus Historical Society

Attn: Ballot enclosed

Box 321

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To join the Marcus Historical Society, 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.

