



Marshall Area Historical Society

Newsletter

"To gather, preserve and share the history of the Marshall community."

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*From the
Vice-President*

Greetings
Members & Friends,

It's April so it must be spring! We're looking ahead to warm weather, green grass, gardens waiting to be planted and our museum ready to open for another season. Hope you'll stop in to see what's new!

Check out the melodeon we acquired last fall, it's quite a treasure. There are other musical things too – pianos, an old parlor pump organ, a lovely antique phonograph, and even an old radio or two, in case that's all you know how to play. We're open on Saturday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00, and we can always use help in staffing.



Even though we were closed all winter, our windows were new each month, thanks to Judy Brinkman and her helpers. Had a note from the Waterloo Historical Society president mentioning how eye catching those windows are, and worth checking out. Nice to know that people notice!

The interior has a new look in preparation for our April 16 opening. I'm amazed and delighted to see how the history of our village can be showcased in so many ways, and all in a space that once housed two fire trucks, the police

department, and the jail. Ask about the jail when you stop in. I think it will make you smile.

You all have been very generous in providing things of historical interest for the museum and have been supportive in other ways as well by renewing your membership. Now we need more help! In order to adequately display all the treasures you have shared with us, we need more space. Consider a special gift to our new **Capitol Fund Drive**, and help make that new space a reality. Read Bonnie Lee's article for more details.

Plans are being made to include a visit to our museum as part of their Marshall Alumni Banquet celebrations in May. Class of '71 will have a special tour as part of their trip down memory lane.

	MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL "Aurora 1971" Graduate
	JUDY BRINKMAN "Brink"
	"A little work, a little play -- oh heck, let's just play"
	Prom Queen 3; Student Council Historian 4; FHA Pres. 4; Pep Club 4; GAA 4.

There's lots of memorabilia from school days and old buildings. Did you know that your MAHS provides class pictures for anniversary years at the MHS Alumni Banquet? We are preserving those pictures and yearbooks, as well as other treasures in our museum. We even have part of the old teeter-totter from the grade school playground. Guess where that's displayed!

After meeting on Saturday mornings during the winter months, we are back to our *second Monday of the month. 7:00 at the museum.* Plans for the citywide garage sale in May are on hold until our April 11th meeting. We'd love to have you join us as we get ready for our 21st season.

Naomi

Down Memory Lane

with Margaret Cast Asbury
MHS Class of 1935

Letter postmarked 1994

Dear Bill,

Well, I must congratulate you on a wonderful job. I was really fascinated with all the research you must have done to come up with all the information. It was very interesting about the name of Marshall. I knew it had to do with a man connected to the Marshall and Ilsley Bank of Milwaukee, but did not know any details. I always thought Bird's Ruins would have been an interesting name.

The background of all the churches was great. I remember some of the heads of those churches. When Rev. Steen [Methodist] came to Marshall, he and Rev. Nellen [Catholic] used to talk over their backyards. Some of the "good" ladies of the church were quite upset to see them associate.



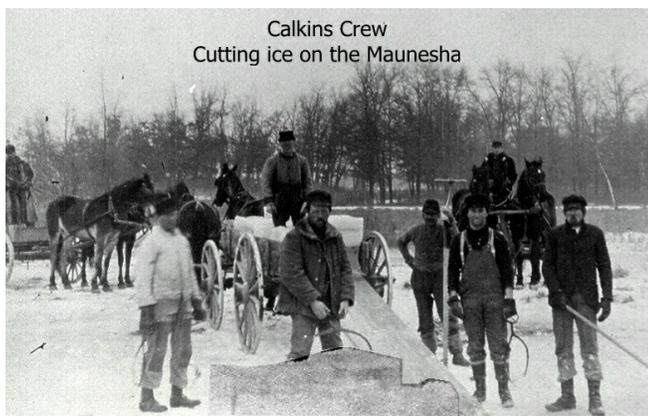
I remember the old high school well and we had to go outside. It was cold in winter, especially if there was a long line. My mother used to tell about the principal living on the 3rd floor and so I had to see it for myself. I worked in the office for Mr. Beadle when I was a senior, so had permission to go up there a few times. We had graduation in the "town hall," remember it? I remember going to the movies in the hall by the hotel. 10 cents for a show. What fun! Ernie Deppe ran them and he was there to greet people.

Ella Taylor had a store (I think later it was a shoe repair place), and we would get ice cream and the like there. We always came home for lunch while in school – but I remember several times when there was a bad snow storm, my mother would call Ella and ask her to see if she could stop us and we had lunch there and mother later paid her. That was fun!



Deppe

Over the years my Dad had a lot of jobs. He did windmill work for Bill Borchert...had a milk route for several years...also worked at Ernie Deppe's garage. He worked at Bowman Dairy as a fireman and got paid 2 qts of milk a day and \$27 per week. They made powdered milk and bagged it and put it in barrels. One day he was loading a barrel and one above fell on his hand. I was home then and got the car and took him to Waterloo to the doctor. What a mess that was and the finger was always stiff after that.



Calkins Crew
Cutting ice on the Maunesha

I remember when the milk strike was going on and the farmers couldn't get through the line. Silas Pyburn told the strikers that if they didn't move, he'd run them down. He started up his truck, came toward them at a high speed and they moved, then the other farmers followed. They really appreciated him for that.

Your item about the ice house brought back memories. By the time I was in high school, I would get the ice for our house. Open the door, climb in, uncover the ice, take out a piece, be sure to recover, drop the piece outside, put it on the wheelbarrow after closing the door, take it home, wash it off and put it in the [ice] box. Sometimes when it was real hot, we were allowed to go sit in the ice house with the door closed.

Well, Bill, your book brought back so many memories, I had to put these on paper. Marshall has changed so much that I found myself a little mixed up the last time we were there. Perhaps we expect places to stay the same. Thank you for a great trip down memory lane.

Love,
Margaret

NOTE: Margaret's father was Albert Cast. She had a sister Christabel.
The entire letter is available at the MAHS Museum. (DJP)

Capital Campaign Fund

The Board of Directors of the Marshall Area Historical Society has begun raising funds for eventual expansion of the Museum. An account will be opened at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, dedicated to holding funds which donors designate for future expansion. Our investment of current savings account monies will serve as the opening balance in this Capital Campaign.

The need for future expansion is critical. The museum will have to turn down donations of large items of significant historical value. Those who have been to the museum know that every spare inch of space is being utilized. Items are hung from the ceilings and on the walls. Display items such as dressers, cabinets, and containers are also used as storage spaces and are full. Things are even stored in the restroom. The kitchen table display is the Board's meeting space, with folding chairs placed in and around other artifacts. Many other museums include a meeting room, a workroom where displays can be assembled, research areas with computers and copy machines, and large labeled storage areas enabling quick location of specific artifacts.

The Board has yet to determine exactly what 'expansion' of the museum might entail. Expansion could be at the current location with an addition towards the back of the property or a second story. Another historically significant building in the village might become available for purchase. A donation of land could result in a new facility being built. If land and/or a building were



donated, there would be costs to set up and move, plus building permits and architectural fees.

At this time, the Board of Directors is asking all people residing in the Marshall Area to consider making this Capital Campaign a part of their current and future designated donations. Remember the MAHS Museum for workplace matching fund gifts. Remember the Museum at special times and holidays. Remember the Museum at tax refund time. Remember the Museum in wills. Every dollar donated will be greatly appreciated!

Bonnie Lee

Appeal for gifts . . . Become/Remain a member!

Your support of MAHS in the past is greatly appreciated, and hopefully will continue long into the future. Please clip and mail this form with your check made payable to:

**Marshall Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 33
Marshall, WI 53559**



--- New Member --- Membership Renewal

I want to support our local history as a member of the Marshall Area Historical Society. Please enroll me in the following membership category. --- An additional gift is enclosed.

___ \$12.00 - Individual ___ \$20.00 - Business
___ \$20.00 - Family ___ \$150.00 - Life (per person)

A special donation of \$ _____ is included. (tax deductible)
Please use it for _____

Name _____ E-mail _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____



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SPRING OPENING 2016 SEASON



Marshall Historical Museum

Re-opens Saturdays

Starting APRIL 16

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Welcome Inside!

Membership

The Historical Society is open to anyone who wishes to join by sending name, address and phone number, along with membership dues to the address below. Annual membership dues are \$20 for family or business, \$12 for individual, \$150 for an individual lifetime membership.

Send check made payable to:

*Marshall Area Historical Society
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 Marshall, WI 53559*

Further information can be obtained by contacting any of the following officers and directors:

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DIRECTOR MEETINGS

Monthly: Second Monday at 7:00 PM

Place: MAHS Museum, 128 E. Main, Marshall

2016: Meetings April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11

*All members and visitors
 WELCOME!*