CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A big thank you to Grand Rapids North Star Womens Club & ICHS volunteers for supplying baked goods during Crazy Days. We raised $500 toward our mortgage!!

Tall Timber Days
Fri. July 31-Sun. Aug. 2
Downtown Grand Rapids

31st Annual North Central Minnesota Farm & Antique Association Show
Sun. August 9th
in Blackberry

123rd Itasca County Fair
Itasca County Fair Grounds
Grand Rapids

Bovey Farmer’s Day
Sunday Sept. 6 & Monday Sept. 7
Downtown Bovey

TELEVISION SHOWS TO CATCH!
(...this one has local ties)

Bruce Aiton, long-time supporter of ICHS, was excited to let us know that his brother, Vern, will be featured on episodes of “RealTree Roadtrip” on the Outdoor Channel. While the first of two parts has already aired (July 30th), the second episode can be seen Thursday, August 6th at 8:00 p.m. It will feature Vern, known as the mayor of Geezer Ridge, Arkansas, leading a moose hunt in Alaska.

AND ...check this out!!

Season 6 of the TLC program Who Do you Think You Are? has begun. Airing Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. the show features various artists searching for ancestry clues and information. Take a look...you may be able to garner some research techniques! This years series will include J.K. Rowling, Alfre Woodard, and a variety of other well-known celebrities.

Watch for ICHS new mobile web site design coming the first week of August.
www.itascahistorical.org
ITASCA GENEALOGY

Genealogy meetings: 1st Thursday of the month, (except for January and July)
6:00 p.m. at the Karjala Genealogy and History Research Center. New and seasoned
genealogists are welcome to come and learn more about how and
where to research your family tree.

Need a speaker at your club or group?
We have volunteers who would be willing to speak.
Oliver Juntunen has volunteered to tell the story of the Suomi area, it’s culture,
it’s immigrants, and it’s unique Finnish history. 2015 is Suomi’s Centennial!!
Call Oliver at 246-8890

2015 SUPPORTING TOWNSHIPS
Bigfork  Blackberry  Carpenter  Wabana  Bearville  Kinghurst  Splithand
Balsam  Feeley  Arbo  Sago  Wirt  Harris

ITASCA COUNTY & CITIES
Itasca County  Grand Rapids  LaPrairie  Nashwauk  Bigfork

FIND THE HISTORICAL WORDS

Y  G  O  L  A  E  N  E  G  A  N  T  I  H  T  A  R
Y  T  U  W  D  Y  I  S  T  O  R  Y  L  R  C  E  U
R  L  E  M  I  P  U  O  D  O  I  O  E  F  H  L  R
T  V  H  I  S  T  O  R  Y  N  W  N  U  T  M  P  A
S  C  O  A  C  S  A  T  I  O  E  G  A  N  S  O  L
E  H  M  R  O  O  P  C  C  F  F  S  A  O  E  S
C  U  E  I  V  F  S  O  A  S  D  I  N  R  T  P  C
N  S  L  S  E  Y  F  L  N  N  A  N  O  G  R  I  H
A  E  E  R  G  P  E  A  O  T  D  I  I  W  E  O
T  A  N  I  I  P  W  R  I  C  V  S  T  M  L  V  O
U  R  D  R  N  S  G  H  R  Y  I  M  A  M  S  I  L
D  C  W  O  G  T  T  U  O  E  M  R  C  I  L  E  R
O  H  R  M  A  E  N  T  T  G  F  P  O  G  P  I  T
H  I  A  E  D  M  U  E  S  U  M  H  L  T  W  L  G
C  N  R  M  R  M  R  A  V  I  G  A  E  V  H  S  O  L
S  G  N  I  R  O  N  O  H  W  H  A  T  I  S  I  T
E  L  P  G  H  M  M  P  E  L  M  A  M  M  O  T  H

Great Grandfather  Genealogy  Discovering  What is it  Mammoth  Locations
Historian  Historical Society  Memories  Rural School  Searching  Honoring
Homeland  Ancestry  Immigrant  Itasca  History  Museum
Mom  Story  Relic  People  Place  Finds
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
MAY THROUGH JULY

INDIVIDUAL $25
Dale Christy
Joanne Ford
Paul Markowski
Pauline Boynton

SUPPORTING $65
Larke Huntley
Farell Gunelius

PRESERVATION $100
Bruce & Kay Aiton
Sheryl Tverberg

NEW MEMBERS
Gail Johnson
Jeff Johns
Skip Drake
Jan Latola
Rita Quesnell
Mary Drazenovich
Carrie Baucom
Doug Berglund
Erin Roth
Vianne M. Wold
Flora Conklin
William Williams

Family Memberships
Bridgeman’s Embers
Wawina Community Activities
Edwards LaPlant Construction
Nancy Shaw Family Foundation

FAMILY $40
Peter & Marianne Loscheider
Tim & Tina Murphy
Sylvia Olson
Gwenn Smith
Thomas Dimich
Frank & Noreen Anselmo
Don & Phyllis Gornowich

Family Photos
Do you take 3, 4 or 5 generation photos in your family?
Please bring in your families photos, we will digitize it and give it right back to you. We have a piece of your family history and it will be preserved for future generations!
Members and Friends,

It seems like summer is going by too fast here at ICHS! Visitors are really enjoying the Ordinary People Artists Jackie Dingman, Dodie McNew, Gene Lysaker, and Terry Maciej. The volunteers have updated the Country Schools & Trappers exhibits. They are now working on the 2016 Quasquicentennial Anniversary event which we will have in place of the Ordinary People exhibit. The replacement title will be “Itasca County and Grand Rapids FIRSTS!” They are both celebrating their 125th anniversaries.

A group of volunteers are busy gathering information for the 125th Quasquicentennial Book. They meet a couple of times per month, while I’m securing major sponsorship of the book and putting together a marketing plan.

We are actively seeking an inventory grant. We will be contracting with professionals to inventory over 54,000 objects in preparation for the new storage system which will be implemented in the storage area.

The Karjala Genealogy and History Research Center has been very active this summer. We just finished putting in new LED lights which were part of a grant received from the Minnesota Legacy. It really has made a big difference; all the volunteers said it’s now better on their eyes. Research requests come in on a daily basis and the genealogists are trying to keep up. We had to go back to only 20 hours a week for each of the SCSEP participants, so volunteer times are even more precious to us.

The Board of Directors is working really hard on paying off the mortgage. We are in the third year (can you believe we have been in this new building two and a half years?!) of our fundraising and it looks really good. We are about two-thirds of the way done. Have a great summer!

Lilah Crowe

This bronze sculpture was designed and created by 1945 Coleraine High School graduate, Tom Wivell. Titled “Bringing Out The Plews”, it is on display in the new Trappers exhibit. Stop by the museum to view it, learn what a “plew” is, and explore the life of a voyageur. Wivell passed away in 2011 in Missoula, Montana

You can help us save on postage by getting your newsletter emailed to you. Please send your email address to ichs@paulbunyan.net

Remember to tell your friends our Museum is FREE!
We just ask people to sign in on the guest book; it helps in gaining support when we go before the County Board and when applying for grants.
MUSEUM MUSINGS

ITASCA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Staff members, Jean Harkins & Jeremy Anderson (L) aided a couple from Washington State as they researched local family ties.

Mr. & Mrs. Setlow found information regarding her (Kendra) grandfather, John Larson, who owned a farm in Blackberry from 1902 to 1918. Larson moved to Grand Rapids and worked at Blandin Paper for 40 years. He passed away in 1966.

Harkins, the Museum Assistant in charge of research requests, has been assisting with folks from St. Paul, Two Harbors and locally as they explore the resources available at Itasca County Historical Society in their quests for ancestral information.

BOARD NEWS

Do you remember the old S&H Green Stamps? Well, we do!

The Accession Committee just received 17 full books... and they are STILL redeemable! BUT you have to have 26 complete books for redemption.

So, if you happen to have any loose stamps or full books of the old time S&H Green Stamps, we would love to have them.

From the Grand Rapids Herald Review dated February 15, 1902

Spank Cigarette Smokers!

It seems that girls, as well as boys, of Reykjavik, Iceland have contracted the habit of smoking cigarettes. The law allows any adult man or woman, who finds a boy or girl smoking, to give the young Offenders a sound spanking and to seize and destroy any cigarettes found in their possession.

It’s officially summer!
And I’m so excited…
I wet my plants!!
Specialized grant program

Thrivent Choice, the member-advised charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial, continues to be a welcome source for churches & non-profit organizations nationwide.

If you are an eligible Thrivent member, this is an easy, convenient way to help make a difference for organizations you care about.

Eligible benefit members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct, thereby recommending charitable grant funding for their choice among thousands of enrolled organizations, including Itasca County Historical Society. ICHS has received over $800, which goes directly to mortgage payments.

Choice Dollars designated to eligible members in 2015 MUST be directed by March 31, 2016. Please think ICHS!