Left: Old storage, mostly stuff from the Forest Lake Storage, not identified or cataloged.

Right: Taking down the old Corcoran wooden shelves to make room for the new humidity system.

Left: Electrician putting in the new LED lighting system. We received 2 grants, one for the lights and the other for the humidity system.

Right: Sentence to serve crew moving the shelves. 27 loads were brought over from storage. Now for the real work.

Pictured here is the men’s clothing, sports memorabilia and Indian artifacts, located in the north 1/3 section of the storage room.

**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 writing for grants.

Looking down the first section which has the photos, Grand Rapids Herald Review newspapers, genealogy research books and framed pictures.
An old Italian lived alone and wanted to plant her annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. Her only son, Vincent, who used to help her, was in prison. The old woman wrote a letter to her son and described her predicament.

Dearest Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won’t be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I’m just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, in the olden days.

Love
Ma

A few days later she received a letter from her son.

Dear Ma,

Don’t dig up that garden. That’s where the bodies are buried.

Love
Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old woman and left. That same day the old woman received another letter from her son.

Dearest Ma,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That’s the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you,
Vinnie

Thanks to Heart O’ Lakes genealogical Society for this story.

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Heather Tardy is the new Membership Volunteer. Thanks for all your work!
A special thanks to the volunteer fundraising committee that is diligently working to complete the task of raising money for our new building, proceeds from the new cookbook will also go toward the mortgage; Esther Hietala, Jim Uzelac, Barb Shipka, Roberta Truempler and chair John Zimmerman.

Traveling Exhibits are now at Central Square Mall. The military exhibit is across from the Old Purple Pinecone, Bill Baker is now in a 2 window display in the Old Purple Pinecone area. The Grand Rapids Library is hosting new exhibit for August on the Indian Treaties from our area. The courthouse now has Mike Peluso and Jon Casey exhibits.

Lilah is serving as the secretary for the Downtown Business Association (DBA) and is seen here with Linda Bauer, who was the winner from the Ruby Red Slippers DBA hunt during the Wizard of Oz Festival in June. It was so successful, we will do it again next year!

Traveling Exhibit News!
The Old/New Courthouse Exhibit will be up at the Swap Meet at the Fairgrounds the end of July. An exhibit will also be at the LaPrairie picnic August 5th. 2 class reunions in August will have the Grand Rapids Indian Display.

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS
Featured Item from storage:

Found in storage. Volunteers are cleaning it up for showing in the museum. It’s a National Cash Register, from circa 1913.

Grand Rapids North Star Women's Club celebrated it’s 115th Birthday at the First Friday Walk in May. They served Old Fashioned Root Beer Floats and had fun dressed in costumes. Sherriff Williams stopped in and enjoyed the good fellowship.
New Museum Store
Features local artists and authors. Stop in and see the new gifts and books!

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We offer 4 designs to the tourist or elongated penny collector!

Jeremy Anderson and Bruce Aiton set up the machine. Our board chair Leona Litchke, tried the first penny. We are having a lot of fun with this machine.

The four designs include: the picture GRACE, Old Central School, our own Woolly Mammoth and a pair of Slippers!

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