QUASQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Sponsored by ICHS

April 23

125 Years of Fashion Luncheon
Begins at 11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
Grand Rapids
Tickets $20.00
Available at ICHS office

June 23

125 Years of Transportation
5—7 p.m.
Display on 2nd Street North (in front of ICHS) Register your form of transportation at www.itascahistorical.org
Prizes for the top three vote getters!

See Page 5 for complete listing of Quasquicentennial events for 2016.

Access ICHS new mobile web site design
www.itascahistorical.org

MOVIE NEWS

Jeremy Anderson, our IT guy at ICHS, can be seen in the trailer for an SXSW documentary film by going to our website at Itascahistorical.org and clicking on the videos.

SXSW (South by Southwest) is an annual set of film, interactive media and music festivals held in Austin, Texas. This past March one of the films debuted was “The Slippers”, a documentary by Morgan White, about the missing Dorothy’s Ruby Slippers. Portions of the film were shot in Grand Rapids. Besides Jeremy, you will recognize a number of local people and sites.

SXSW was begun in 1987 as a tool for creative people to gain exposure for their art and has grown steadily over the years.

At this time “The Slippers” is not airing on national television.
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.

PLAY & WIN !!

Want some fun? Then play Quasquicentennial Trivia!
Each week in the “Mines and Pines” flyer
you’ll find the daily trivia questions prepared by
ICHS.
Answer all the questions correctly and you could win
the weekly prize of $125 !!
It’s fun and easy and it will tweak your curiosity as it challenges your knowledge of everything about
Itasca County.
The contest goes on every week through 2016 which
is the 125th anniversary of Grand Rapids and Itasca
County.
Can anyone REALLY know that much about Itasca County? Ask our
member, Lenice Renner who won the contest during
week three.
See your “Mines and Pines” in the mail…

PLAY & WIN !!

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
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY

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| NEW MEMBERS       | | |
| Trish Harren      | | |
| Ella Inglebret    | | |

| SUPPORTING $65 | | |
| American Legion Post 60 | | |
| Jim & Wendy Uzelac | | |
| Virginia Russ Chalmers | | |
| Jan Mary Hill | | |

**Business Memberships**

- Darwin Dalen Eye Q Optometric
- Roessler & Co. LTD
- American Bank of the North
- Anderson Glass
- Bender’s Shoes & Sport

**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,

Happy Quasquicentennial! Now say that word 5 times really fast! I now have it down pat when speaking to visitors, members and groups. We opened the new exhibit on February 25th with a big open house celebration. The Grand Rapids North Star Women’s club really out did themselves with a huge food table. Heather Tardy, our membership volunteer was a wonderful greeter to all who came to the event.

The exhibit was put together by Leona Litchke and Jeremy Anderson. It tells all of the FIRSTS of Itasca County and Grand Rapids, the first sheriff, first county commissioners, first businesses, first pictures taken and much more. If you didn’t make it to the event, please stop in and see this new exhibit. It will only be up during 2016.

We are excited to hold 2 of the 125th celebration events; 125 years of Fashion and 125 years of Transportation. We are currently working on pulling out of our very own collection the clothes that will be modeled at the April 23rd luncheon at St. Joseph’s church. If you would like to help by being a model or just for the event, please call me.

The 125 years of Transportation will be held on June 23rd right outside our door. We are looking for 125 different kinds of transportation, hopefully we can again feature the HARPER BOAT that was made right here in Grand Rapids at the Harper Boat Factory! If you have a horse and buggy, car, tractor, truck, motorcycle, snowmobile, skis that you would like to show, please let us know. It is a contest and we are working on how your entry can win prizes! Watch for more information on this event.

ICHS is applying for 2 more legacy grants in April. We are looking to bring in two consultants to help us with the museum lighting and the main floor HVAC system. Our collection is doing very well in the new preservation room. Now we are looking at the main floor.

We are excited to report that we only have $78,000 left on our mortgage of $300,000. Thanks to many of you that have been financially supporting and also, helping us with fundraising projects to pay off the mortgage.

Lilah Crowe

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**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!**

Leona Litchke

Thank you Leona for all your many hours of working here at ICHS.

Leona is the genealogist on Mondays 12 – 4
Exhibit builder Tuesdays 8:30 to 2:30
Accessing Chair Thursdays 8:30 to 2:30

16 hours every week!

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**We have Beginner and Intermediate Genealogy kits available for starting your family tree. Only $5.95**

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

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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.
QUASQUICENTENNIAL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 23: 125 Years of Fashion Luncheon
   Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. St. Joseph’s Church—Grand Rapids
   Tickets $20.00 for Luncheon & Show $15 Show Only at the door

May 13: Community Fishing Opener BBQ
   Chamber event at Central School 5-7 p.m.
   At 5:00 p.m. 25 years Time Capsule
   Opened and Displayed

June 11: City of Grand Rapids 125th Birthday Party
   Saturday 1:00 p.m.
   Bury Time Capsule to be Opened in 100 years!

June 23: 125 Years of Transportation
   5-7 p.m. In front of Itasca County Historical Society
   2nd Street North Grand Rapids
   Food by American Legion Dessert Booth by GRWC

August 7: Tall Timber Days Parade
   1:00 p.m. Downtown Grand Rapids
   Featuring Quasquicentennial Floats

August 16-21: Itasca County Fair
   Itasca County 125th Birthday Party
   Re-enactment of first county commissioners meeting

October 28, 29, 31: “Spooky Timbers” Halloween
   at Forest History Center
   125 year old characters are brought to life by ICHS
   5-8 p.m. Treats & Food available

125 Years of Celebrating
Itasca County & Grand Rapids
Discover the history of Itasca County and Grand Rapids during our 125th Anniversary.
Itasca Historical Society presents a “Series of 5 classes” covering our history through different time periods from 1891-2016. The “Firsts” of our area, C.K. Blandin, indigenous people, World War years, the naming of our streets, buildings, and parks, forestry and mining will be discussed. Take one class or all 5 classes in the Series covering the history of Itasca County and Grand Rapids during our 125th Anniversary.

Thursdays, 11:00am-12:00pm 3/31/16-4/28/16
Active Living Center Classroom-YMCA/ElderCircle, Grand Rapids
Fee: A special discounted rate of $5 per class or $20 for the Series of 5 classes. Fees go to support Itasca County Historical Society and Community Education
Fee: A special discounted rate of $5 per class call 218-327-5730 or Register online http://bit.ly/125YearsofItascaCountyGrandRapids
AFTER THE PINES
ITASCA COUNTY’S QUASQUICENTENNIAL

This is the title of the new book celebrating the 125th anniversary of Grand Rapids & Itasca County prepared by Itasca County Historical Society staff and volunteers. The book features tales about each township and a number of locales which aren’t necessarily towns or cities. There are stories of locations that don’t exist anymore. Maps are included that show the formation of Itasca County from as far back as its existence in Minnesota Territory. There is a segment full of lists; from facts & photos of all the County Sheriffs from 1892 to present; to post offices; to churches.

The book will sell for $29.95 and will be available June 1, 2016.

But if you pre-order your copy before June first you’ll pay just $25.

AND if you are a member of ICHS it’s yours for just $20 before May 1, 2016

ORDER YOURS TODAY! !

Pre-order on line with your credit card at www.itascahistorical.org
Call in your order at 218-326-6431
Or stop by our office at 201 North Pokegama Ave, Grand Rapids