QUASQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

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 the first
               county commissioners’ meeting

Sponsored by ICHS
“SPOOKY TIMBERS” Halloween
At the Forest History Center
October 28, 29 & 31
From 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. nightly
Treats & food available
Come in your costume!

AWARDS

Blandin Foundation Legacy and Leadership Awards were handed out recently. These awards, in honor of founder Charles Blandin, were created to recognize and celebrate acts of community leadership.

Seventy recipients were honored for the ambitious work they have done in collaborating across the community to create lasting change.

Our IT guy, Jeremy Anderson, was given an award for “the persistent pursuit of bringing Itasca’s history to life.”

Lilah Crowe, our Executive Director received an award for “her unending commitment to the preservation and illumination of Itasca County’s stories.”

Each award recipient was nominated by members of their community. All of them call Itasca County home.

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www.itaschahistorical.org

In any relationship, it is not as important to FIND the right person,
as to BE the right person!
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.

125 YEARS of TRANSPORTATION

Event held at the end of June was a success. Thirty different modes of transportation were registered. The city of Grand Rapids closed down 2nd Street for one block on either side of Pokegama Avenue and the vehicles were displayed. The public was asked to vote for their favorite vehicle and more than 380 votes were cast.

Left is FIRST PLACE winner, Larry Johnson. Note the skis on tires. This vehicle is a U.S. Postal truck with tracks on the wheels. It was equipped to take on skis for travel over snow-covered roads during the winter months.

Above is SECOND PLACE winner, Jake Barsness. Left is Jason Stangel, THIRD PLACE winner. First place received a Namath Rapid Cooker, second won the IPad Mini, and Third Place received car detailing package from Lake Woods Chrysler.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
MARCH THROUGH MAY

INDIVIDUAL
$25
Karen Lucachick
Carol Kelk
Helen Zeumer
Leona Thompson
Jean Koewler
Nancy Salmi
Sharon Erickson
Kenneth Olson
CeCelia McKeig
LeAnna Sutherland
Gayle Chesness
Ann Clark
Terese Damyanovich
Diane Gross
Martin & Gayle Coyer
John Monty
Lynne Schleicher
Shirley Zachman
Karen Giuliano
Barbara Nalan
Patricia Hill
Mae Anderson
Ray & Linda Emberton
Denise Davies
Marian Longrie
David Broberg
Kenneth Krugel
Carol Steele
Mark Anderson

Paul Markowski
Heath Burthwick
Mary Drazenovich
Dale Christy

SUPPORTING $65
Keith & Jan Matson
Ryan Davis
Terry Edel
Roger & Nancy Ralston
Saundra Helgeson
John Kelsch
Cheryl Kallberg
Rita Quesnell
Emilie Zasada

FAMILY
$40
Barbara & Philip Pashek
Kenn Fideldy
Tracy Kampa
Patricia & James Frey
Will Backes
James R & Shirley Marshall
Bruce & Sandy Swenson
Jan Latola
Heather Tardy
Tom & Barbara Adams
Howard & Charity Kuusisto
Doug & Irene Salisbury
Jean & Ellen Harkins

Sylvia Olson
Sylvia Eckstrom

PRESERVATION
$100
Bruce & Kay Aiton
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Members and Friends,

Greetings, after what seems to be a long illness! My saying these days goes something like this: “I have won some battles and I’m working really hard to win the war!” Really, after surgery and some setbacks, I’m finally coming back to work part time.

So much has happened since we last visited. We held three 125 Quasquicentennial events. The book is in its final editing, and we have put together another exhibit in the museum. The 125 Years of Fashion was so much fun, it was enjoyed by everyone. We really want to thank the Grand Rapids North Star Women’s Club for stepping in and helping, not only with a great meal, but with setting up the whole event.

The next event was opening the 25-year time capsule. I think the biggest hit was the 1991 Sears Catalog! We now have an exhibit in the middle of the museum with the items that were in the time capsule. ICHS is now the keeper of the items and we will be archivally storing them for the next capsule in 25 years.

Finally, 125 Years of Transportation, the third event, happened on June 23rd. Because of my illness, the advertising of this event didn’t go as well as planned and Delta withdrew its airline tickets which were to be the first place prize. Wayne Cole stepped in and donated a Joe Namath outdoor cooker! Thanks to Cole Hardware for helping us out at the last minute. The second place prize was an I-Pad that we were able to get using our own VISA points. The third place prize was car detailing from Lake Woods Chrysler. Even though I missed the event, I was in contact with people at the event and they sent me pictures.

Coming up this summer, we take the 4th of July off and also do not have a genealogy meeting. So we hope you will all enjoy your summer. Remember us to your visitors!

Lilah Crowe

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

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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 CELEBRATION CONTINUES

The first of four time capsules buried at Central School in 1991 was recently opened and the contents revealed. Those contents are now on display at the Itasca County Historical Society.

We recommend that you start with a browse through the binder that has been compiled from the various pieces of historical papers that were discovered in the Time Capsule. You’ll get a kick out of the predictions of the future (2016) found in the writings of school children. You can see the Arts Events Schedule from the Reif Center. A school lunch menu is in there. Lots of fun items.

Then take a look at all the items displayed in cases. The Yellow Pages phone directory; the Centennial t-shirts; commemorative coins from 1991; brochures from Pokegama Golf Course, Northern Lakes Girl Scouts, and Hopperton’s Moccasins & Gifts.

Blandin Paper Company employees constructed the Time Capsules and Cohasset Concrete Products supplied the vault. Casper Construction used their heavy equipment to excavate the site, then insert the vault, place the cover and backfill the hole.

This time capsule is being refilled and is slated to be opened in the year 2116.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to unforeseen delays in printing, the Quasquicentennial book titled “After the Pines” will be available later than expected.

Notification of the books availability will be made to anyone who pre-ordered.

Please watch the Monthly Musings newsletter for further information or go to the ICHS web site for further updates.

We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience and understanding.
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I've learned so much from my mistakes... I'm thinking of making a few more.