

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

Mid-August brought visitors from the BNI (Business Networking Incorporated) to the Itasca County Historical Society. Having last visited at the inception of the new location, they were most impressed with the climate-controlled storage area where more than 54,000 artifacts are housed.

However, a couple of those visitors were exposed to the 'dark side' of history when ICHS Director, Lilah Crowe, accidentally turned out the lights and shut the door before the entire assemblage had completed the tour of the lower level!

The lower level will see all inventory cataloged by the end of 2016 in an effort to document and create a storage system to fit the collection.



Thirty-two BNI members meet in the museum.

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

Dr. Seuss, died September 24, 1991 at age 87.

BOARD NEWS



A \$25 donation was given to Itasca County Historical Society in memory of our friend, Gary Schroeder, who passed away on August 15th.

The Grand Rapids High School Class of '65 thanked ICHS for the Indian exhibit at their reunion by making an \$80 donation. The Board approved the continuation of setting up displays at class reunions.

ICHS Director, Lilah Crowe has graduated from the Small Museum Pro! Collections Management on-line course.

Beginner & Intermediate Genealogy class sign-ups are available during September at Itasca Area Community Education.

A grant from MN Legacy was received by ICHS to develop a disaster plan for our current location.

Anita's Jewels will be highlighted on September 4th as ICHS hosts this month's First Friday event.

The Legend of the Loon Pie

Legend has it that one day in the Land of 10,000 Lakes a loon was flying south for the winter when he became very tired. He spotted a vast blue expanse and sat down to rest, only to discover he had landed not on a lake but the broad back of Paul Bunyan's blue ox, Babe. This startled the huge animal and Babe swished his tail mightily, flattening the poor loon and propelling him into a large spruce. Babe felt terrible when he realized what he had done and went immediately to get his master. Paul Bunyan gently picked up the poor bird and cared for him each day until he was well. The loon—that they named Loon Pie because of his unusual shape—decided to remain with Paul and Babe and they enjoyed many happy days. Since then, it is said that placing a Loon Pie in a home guarantees the household a year of joy and laughter.



The Loon Pie is available in the Museum Gift Shop