Directors Report
Volunteers have been hard at work to get us open by February 28th. JoAnn and Leona are working on the Bill Baker exhibit, Barb Shipka is putting together Mike Peluso and Mike Antonovich, Leona is gathering all the information on Jon Casey, Linda is studying up on C.K. Blandin and will put up his story next to his desk from the Blandin Paper Company. Diane is reconstructing the Minnesota Power Exhibit and Betty is putting the final touches on the Harper Boat Story.
Along with all of this, we have held our accessing and genealogy meetings. Research requests are coming in, the curious are watching the museum come back to life, while the volunteers are getting back into routine. It’s been a very busy place.
Storage will be moved in the spring. We will again be asking volunteers to help with the move. We obtained a grant through Minnesota Historical Society on the first step of preservation in the basement. A consultant will be arriving next week to put a plan into place about the humidity and heat for the lower level. We will then take those recommendations and apply for further monies to get the new equipment.
Carolyn Petersen has been developing a library on the shelves in the lower level for all the genealogy and Minnesota books. She has done a wonderful job.
Farrell, Rick and John have been helping with the construction parts.
We were awarded a legacy grant from the Minnesota Historical Society for $5,900. This grant will pay for the engineer to come into the storage area and design a humidity and heat control system. Once the recommendation is made, we will go after grants for the equipment.

FOREST LAKE SCHOOL
Jeremy Anderson, Cheryl Thueson and Lilah Crowe were the guest speakers at the Forest Lake School on February 1st! We started at 9:30 and had a class every 20 minutes. The class sizes ranged from 75 to 100 kids. Each grade class was given variations of the Woolly Mammoth Tusk, a dial phone, old shoes, a 78 lp record, how to make butter, a typewriter, an old iron and Brownie camera. Cheryl had the kindergartners repeat the “Dick and Jane” series, while the 4th graders did the first 2 generations of their own genealogy. We had a great time and hope to do it again next year.
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.
Genealogists available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 12:00 to 4:00

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.

Family History Center locations in Minnesota (LDS Centers) closest to Itasca County:

- Bemidji, 3033 Birchmont Drive NW, 56601/218-751-9129
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Leave a Legacy

In recent years, donors have informed us of their intention to include a gift to the Itasca County Historical Society in their wills. This is an easy way to Leave a Legacy. A bequest through your will would provide an estate tax deduction and have a tremendous impact of our ability to preserve the history of Itasca County for future generations. Your legacy gift is a commitment to the future.

If you would like information on how to include the Itasca County Historical Society in your will, please contact us at (218) 326-6431.

Bob Loscheider donated this 1953 calendar to ICHS. It is in perfect shape; it will help us tell the lumber Company story here in Grand Rapids. City Lumber was west of the Kremer building.
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All proceeds go toward the Capital Improvement project for the Itasca County Historical Society. Thank you for helping us meet our goals.

Drawing to be held on February 28 at the end of the grand opening of Ordinary People.
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November through January

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Thursday February 28th
4:00-5:00pm ICHS Members
5:00-7:00pm General Public