OUR NEW LOCATION

The ICHS board of Directors voted to sign the purchase agreement for this building. The project will start in September, with the goal of moving in by December 31, 2012.

During the past 3 years county support has been cut each year while the rent increases at Central School got to a point of forcing ICHS to cut its space on second floor. ICHS also rents off-site 2,000 square feet for storage of documents and artifacts.

With rent at $52,500 for 4,200 square feet at Old Central School and $7,677 offsite storage, the board made a decision that we could no longer afford to rent the amount of space needed. The continued operations of ICHS are now dependent on having a building with the required amount of space. We gave up 1/4 the space on 2nd floor for 2012, in order to give the board time to make decisions. Our total budget with purchase and remodel to meet city building code will be $300,000.

Itasca County was the first to step forward and gave to ICHS a $45,000 matching grant. Grants have been written to the Blandin Foundation and IRRRB. Our job is to raise $115,000 from our community.

Number 13 of the set!

Judy Garland House
This is a beautiful addition to the ICHS Commemorative Building set. It is very different than the rest of the set because we included the grass in the yard. It also has been the most expensive to make. Esther Hietala is the artist and she now has a supply here. You can call in your order, or just stop in on second floor at the new Museum Store. Chuck will take your order on this building or any other one that you need to complete your set!
**ITASCA GENEALOGY**

Genealogy meetings: 1st Thursday of the month, except for January and July 6:00 p.m. in the Karjala Genealogy and History Research Center at Old Central School. 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

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**Pecans in the Cemetery**

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old, pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence.

One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the. 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,' said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Along came another boy riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,...' He just knew what it was.

He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. 'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and The Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!' The man said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.'

When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.' The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been telling me the truth." Let's see if we can see the Lord....?

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all of them. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done...?"

They say the old man had the lead.....for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him.

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

- Bemidji, 3033 Birchmont Drive NW 56601/ 218-751-9129
- Brainerd: 101 Buffalo Hills Lane W, 56401/218-828-4701
- Duluth: 521 Upham Road, 55811/218-726-1361
- Virginia: 13th Street & 6th Avenue W, 55792/218-749-2490

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Watch “Who Do You Think You Are?” this fall on NBC Friday nights at 7:00 pm

This is sponsored by Ancestry.com and is a great program. It shows historical societies and research centers all over the world.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
February through May

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COLLECTIONS
COMMITTEE PRESENTS
Featured Item this Quarter:

Ken Hickman’s Typewriter!
Just imagine, this was used for over 50 years to type his column. All our stories…..
Remember: don’t throw away, it might have a story for us to tell!!

Best looking booth at the senior fair in the mall! Luverne and Diane visited with seniors about volunteering for ICHS
Directors Report

We held a very successful open house for the Mel Beier Exhibit. Another was held last Month and all of his children were able to see the exhibit. JoAnn and Leona are in the middle of the barn exhibit. They are both taking the summer off enabling me to do more barns!!!

Barb Shipka just finished the Mike Peluso Exhibit. This is one of the first sports exhibits. It is wonderful, she was able to get a lot of artifacts. She is now gathering information and artifacts on Mike Antonovich. Both will be in Museum Room One. The museum is now interchangeable and we will be putting up new exhibits year around. If you missed the open houses you are welcome to come and take your time to see each one.

We just held our first blogging class with the volunteers at the Research Center. Go to our web site and read some of the blogs. Each one is writing and will be posting this month. Next class is on Google location. Hopefully that will be in July. Linda is back with us and started a huge project on the Blandin Company pictures and records. We are bringing in retired Blandin workers to let us know which machine is in the pictures and hopefully can get them better documented. She has gone home with headaches after looking at all those machines!

Gayetta is just now finishing the military books. These books have all the military men that served from and in our area. Once she is done, we will have a better searchable system. Luverne is in 1973 with the Herald Review Negatives. It has been a huge project and we have only 17 years to go....

I have been working on the dormant memberships. When 2008 hit, a lot of people dropped their memberships and we were able to pick most of them back up. I received training last week on the Past Perfect program for memberships, hopefully I can do a better job.....

Stop in anytime, we love to share our history.

Lilah J. Crowe
Executive Director

GET CONNECTED

RRS feed
We have a new web site and one of the unique items will help us connect people to the history of Itasca County.
Go to itascahistorical.org then read across the top until you see blog. Punch on the word. On the right side of the page is a RRS feed. Click on that and follow the instructions.
You will then get a automatic notice when we put something new up on the blog.
Great stories, information and personal notes will be posted.

Do you Facebook?
Become a fan of the Itasca County Historical Society!

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 on 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) 326-6
Museum Store on second floor of Old Central School has a collection of books written by local authors.

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Call 218-326-6431 and reserve your BOOKS!
MUSEUM ROOM TWO’s NEW EXHIBIT!

Pengilly’s Superstar

Mike Peluso

We are excited to present our newest exhibit on the famous hockey player Mike Peluso. Mike grew up in Pengilly, graduated from Greenway and played for the New Jersey Devils. And was one of the “Crash Team” to win the Stanley Cup in 1994. ICHS board member Barb Shipka has again put together a great display from the Eastern Itasca County Area.