The Gift Shop is now full! Here is 2 examples of locally made items. The magnet is part of a handrail from the original Catholic Church. The Woolly Mammoth puzzle is very unique and really quite easy to put together. As a member you have a 15% discount on gift items.

**Directors Report**

I think it’s finally going to be Spring/Summer! All of us are adjusting to the new building and air conditioning. If you haven’t stopped in yet, we are open from 9:00 to 5:00 weekdays and 10-4 on Saturdays.

Leona Litchke put together an exhibit of the old and new courthouse for the courthouse annual openhouse. It was very successful and we hope to have the exhibit up in the courthouse July through September. The volunteers are also working on the CCC camp exhibit which is in place for a tour bus visit this week.

We had a visit from the engineer about our humidity and heat controls in the lower level. I will now be applying for a grant through the Minnesota Historical Society legacy to get the needed equipment. We just received the Valspar Grant to re-paint the outside of the building. We pick up the paint on June 15th. GRACE House and ICHS are working together to pick up the paint in Duluth. GRACE House is painting on June 21st and we will be painting later on in June or July. We can’t wait!

We are about 1/2 way with our fund-raising for the new building. This is a 3 year project. Plans for the future involve genealogy and preservation classes this coming fall. The spring classes filled up fast and we’re hoping the preservation classes will be a hit too.

We will be welcoming the Visit Your Own Backyard on June 11th. This group of front line people will be learning about our area attractions and events. **Lilah J. Crowe Executive Director**
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.
Genealogists available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 12:00 to 4:00

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COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Featured Item this Quarter:

Match Covers donated by LeAnna Sutherland
Clockwise top left: The First National Bank, Lumbermen's Supply
Company, Ace Store No. 142, First Federal Savings & Loan, Kootasca
Youth Enterprises, Forest Lake Lodge and Cabin Court, and in the middle
Drumbeaters Supper Club

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

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

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.
Call Oliver at 246-8890
Ordinary People
Exhibit: featuring 4 Local Hockey NHL Players

Mike Antonovich
Olympian Bill Baker
Jon Casey
Mike Peluso

Minnesota Power Aids Itasca County Historical Society Fundraising

Receiving a $10,000 check from Josh Skelton, a senior manager with Minnesota Power, is Leona Litchke, board president of ICHS. Minnesota Power awarded the grant to ICHS to assist them in preservation purposes. Shown in the photo are Richard Lacher, ICHS board secretary & finance committee chair, Litchke, Skelton, Jim Uzelac, ICHS board member & building committee chair & a Minnesota Power employee, and John Zimmerman, ICHS board member & fundraising committee chair. After a tour of the ICHS Museum at 201 N. Pokegama Avenue by Executive Director Lilah Crowe, Skelton was impressed by the facility and its displays.

Last fall, ICHS began a three-year fundraising effort designed to prepare the building as a public museum, a genealogy center, an archival-quality artifact & record storage space, as well as a workspace for ICHS staff. More than half of the goal of $300,000 has been reached so far. The grant from Minnesota Power will fit nicely into this effort which is dedicated to preservation.

In the new Pokegama Avenue location, ICHS is very visible to visitors arriving in Itasca County and increasingly serves as one of the gateway visitor centers supporting our area’s hospitality and tourism industry. In commenting on the grant, Lilah Crowe said, “Minnesota Power, in awarding this grant, is recognizing our role to preserve local history and enrich the lives of our community and the many visitors interested in our story. We appreciate their support and thank them for understanding the important role our mission plays in the local economy.”
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
November through January

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$25.00
Sylvia Eckstrom
LeAnna Sutherland
David Claypool
Melinda Moede
Diane Gross
Mavis Gould
Tom & Nancy Saxhaug
Kenneth Olson
David Broberg
Ed Daken
James Robertson
Sharon Erickson
Patricia Hill
Grace Tolmie

FAMILY
$40.00
Bruce & Sandy Swenson
Raymond Embertson
James R & Shirley Marshall
Sylvia Olson
Denny & Joan Dvergsten
Barbara Adams

SUPPORTING
$65.00
Roger & Nancy Ralston
Emilie Zasada
Leona Barten
Betty Denzel
Emil Johnson
Keith & Jan Matson
Ann Saxhaug & David Beghy

PRESERVATION
$100.00
Keith Austin
Romona Plumley
Zona & Gordy Kinn
Patricia Walls
Bruce & Karen Ogle
Ramona Plumley

SPONSOR/
PATRON
$250.00 to $1000.00
Floyd Hennagir
David Bishop
Michael & Mary Ives
Richard Lacher

Business Membership
COLE HARDWARE
PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS
GRAND RAPIDS STATE BANK
AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH
ROESSLER AND CO. LTD.
VILLAGE BOOKSTORE
L&M FLEET SUPPLY CO
HAWK CONSTRUCTION
BOWEN LODGE
DAIRY QUEEN SOUTH
BROBERG, FERRARO, CPAS
ROWE FUNERAL HOME
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RAFFERTY’S PIZZA
T&T DESIGNS

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Memorials
North Star Grand Rapids Women's Club: Agnes Landers
Ethel Brady
Jody & JoLynn Crowe: Eleanor Watson
Jean Knowles: John R. Howes
Rowe Funeral Home planted a tree in memory of: Edith Buttenhoff
Deborah Best, Richard Moore, Jim Marshall: Katherine “Kitty” Berkeland
Susan Kujala: Edith Mary Schagh
Lilah Crowe: Mitchell Harthan
Museum Store has a collection of books written by local authors.

- The Good Old Days—My Life From 1918 On Up
  - $7.95

- Odds & Ends ICHS
  - $14.95

- Hide and Seek with Zeke
  - $10.00

- Our Story
  - $6.95

- Logging Town
  - $6.95

- Minnesota Cemeteries
  - $10.00

- Keewatin Centennial 2006

- Volumes 1-8
  - Ask for prices

- History of Arbo Township
  - $12.00

- Odds & Ends ICHS
  - $14.95

- Voices of Pokegama
  - $14.95

- History of the People of Doskaze Township 1877 - 2007

- Odds & Ends ICHS
  - $14.95

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  - $12.00

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Call 218-326-6431 and reserve your BOOKS!

We just got in the Tom Chapin Books:

**Poachers Caught!**
1. Adventures of a Northwoods Game Warden.
2. Further Adventures of a Northwoods Game Warden
Mark your calendars for
June 7th
First Friday Event
Itasca County Historical Society
4:00—8:00 pm
We are showcasing
“Old Sew and Sew” the Twisted Sisters Craft Shop from Balsam!
Come and check out the beautiful old and new Quilts plus many more handmade household items!