Volunteers came in last week to help with painting and letter removal on the outdoor signs. The volunteers helped us save over $4,000 dollars! The signs are being re-used. The next phase where volunteers will be needed is moving the research center later this month. We struggled finding people to help during the deer hunting season, hopefully we can get more done after they get their deer!

Directors Report
Finance and fund-raising committees have been meeting up to 2 times a month! They waited very patiently for the United Way Campaign to be completed before starting our own Capital Improvement campaign. We are applying for some grant from the larger companies, but are relying heavily on support from Individuals. Give to Max Day on November 15th will be a big day for us all. The board has put up a match of $8000.00 and the Blandin Foundation gave us $200.00. If you can’t get computer access, we do take checks at the museum store.

As you can see with the pictures, we are progressing very well with our new location. Carpet will be going down this week. We are about one week ahead of schedule. Volunteers will be going in on Wednesday the 7th to finish painting the new stairway and the back office. We are now packing up the Research Center and the Ordinary People in the Rotunda. C.H. Marr is now up at the courthouse, so if you missed seeing at the school, stop in the West entrance and see the exhibit. Our grand Opening in the new building will be on February 28th. Member from 4:00 to 5:00 and then open to the public 5 to 7:00pm. We are featuring 3 Itasca Hockey Ordinary People; Bill Baker, Mike Antonovich and Mike Peluso. Hopefully all three will be in attendance. JoAnn Frick and I met with Bev and Bill Baker this last weekend, we enjoyed listening to some really neat stories of Bill before and after the Olympic games. We are offering a sneak peak of the new location on November 28th for local Chamber members, 11:30 to 12:30. stop in! Lilah J. Crowe Executive Director
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

**November Meeting**
John Zimmerman was the guest speaker at the November Genealogy meeting. He presented to the group a way in which to search for family items or documents on EBay. John showed about 20 items in which he has found on EBay. John serves on the ICHs board of directors and currently chairs the fund-raising committee.

For the December Genealogy meeting we are encouraging everyone to bring a sample book of their own family history. Everyone was interested on how they put together their books on family history. No one really has a system, but has put together something that made sense to them. The newest members are looking for ideas and would like to see some of the others books.

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**We held 2 beginning Genealogy Classes in October through District 318. Both classes filled up.**

We are going to offer a beginners and intermediate class in March. Look for the continuing education book in February.

Each person had an opportunity to use Ancestry.com. It was a good session, everyone found at least one relative!

One person found the ship her great-grand mother had come over on! We also found a picture of the ship on line. She was so excited.

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**Do you Facebook?**
Search for Itasca County Historical Society, then click on like.

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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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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
Buy Your Raffle Ticket at the Museum Store!

Itasca County Historical Society Capital Improvement Raffle

Tickets Only $1.00

1st Prize
Handmade Quilt
by Doris MacDonald

2nd Prize
Brier Clothing Woolrich Blanket

3rd Prize
Car Detailing at Clusiau’s

4th Prize: Foot & Hand Pampering Package by Katie

All proceeds go toward the Capital Improvement project for the Itasca County Historical Society. They plan on moving to the new location in December. Thank you for helping us meet our goals.

Drawing to be held on February 28
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
June through October

INDIVIDUAL $25.00
Terry Vangen
Iona Helleckson
Karen Vickberg
Farrell Gunelius
Connie Daigle
Nancy Schlader
Jaqueline Dowell
Mark Hager
Patricia Sawert
Casey Renslow
Carol Rasmussen
Caroline King
Norma Bilyeu
Melinda Moede
Robin Tellor
Mary Shideler
Deborah Best
Don & Darlene Heltemes
Donna Kelly

SUPPORTING $65.00
American Legion Post 60
William Marshall
Don & Leona Litchke
Charles E. Sherman DDS

PRESERVATION $100.00
Clair & Ginny Wilcox
Hal & Winnie Rime

SPONSOR/PATRON $250.00 to $1000.00
Floyd Hennagir
David Bishop

Business Membership
COLE HARDWARE
PAUL BUNYAN TELEPHONE
GRAND RAPIDS STATE BANK
AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH
BLANDIN PAPER COMPANY
ROESSLER AND CO. LTD.
VILLAGE BOOKSTORE
L&M FLEET SUPPLY CO
HAWK CONSTRUCTION
BOWEN LODGE
DEERWOOD BANK
DAIRY QUEEN SOUTH
BROBERG, FERRARO, CPAS

FAMILY $40.00
William & Anne Langford
John & Alida Zimmerman
Merton Rima
Jerome Ingstad
Jim Uzelac
Ronald Elcombe
Sharon Christensen
Gay Reese
Sally & Fred Lawless
Vernon & Carole Erickson
Cathy Rudolph
Thomas Dimich
Bill & Diane Rutherford
Rodney & Meredith Bleifuss
Jim Marshall
Esther & Harvey Hietala
Barbara Shipka
Peter & Charolette McDermitt

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS
Featured Item this Quarter:

Lone Wolf

This item was donated to us with an interesting story attached!
We are still investigating the dates and location of the item. We think it could have been in the Pokegama Saloon. The man's name that came with it did work for a short time at the bar. It is made of plaster and is still in pretty good shape, no dents, but its loosing paint.
Museum Store on second floor of Old Central School has a collection of books written by local authors.

The Good Old Days $7.95

Odds & Ends ICHS $14.95

Hide and Seek with Zeke by John E. Schroeder $10.00

Logging Town $6.95

Volumes 1-9

Ask for prices

Voyages of Pokegama $11.95

Our Story $6.95

History of Arbo Township $12.00

Save in shipping and handling by stopping in at the Museum Store

Sub - Total __________ $______

Shipping & Handling $8.00

Tax 6.875 % $______

Total $______

Name: _________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

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Phone # ________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________

Call 218-326-6431 and reserve your BOOKS!
“Give to the Max Day!”
Thursday November 15th

Sign in on [givemn.org](http://givemn.org), Thursday November 15th your donation will be matched up to $8,200.00. All the money will go for capital improvements on our new building. We have met the city requirements and have installed 2 restrooms, a drinking fountain and a new stairway. We are planning on moving in by December 31st. If you cannot get on the computer November 15th, pre-registration is available, your donation will be posted between 12:00-1:00 am on the 15th. If you want to pay by check for this match, just send or stop in at the Old Central School.