

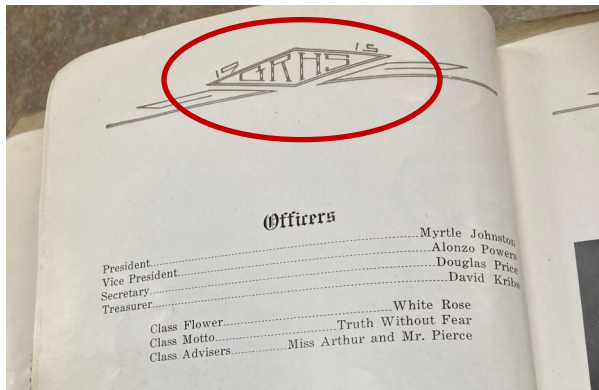


Mystery Work

Annie accepted a donation today of pictures and papers. Right in the middle of the pile was a yearbook. Looking at it we all assumed that it said 1905 on the front. She checked out records and we did not have a 1905 book.

We were so excited, I even called Leona Litchke with the wonderful news. I read off some name for her and talked about the book.

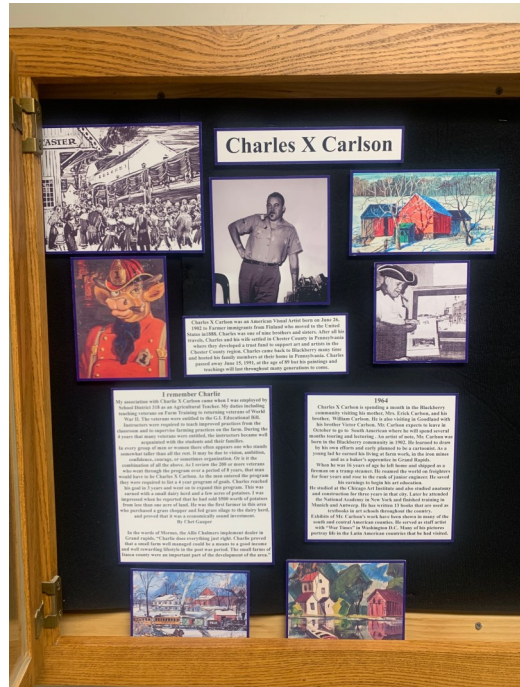
Well, after looking at the other yearbooks, I asked Annie to look closely at the book, it had way too many graduates for 1905. The Grand Rapids High School was built in 1903 and the 1906 book had only graduates. I noticed at the top of one of the pages that I had it was printed like a logo and read 19 GRHS15. I showed it to Annie and sure enough it was a 1915 yearbook. Still a wonderful gift for us to appreciate and share with members as they search in it for their grandparents. Our motto: "We make your Grandparents relevant!" Stop in some time and we can search for your family and maybe tell your story a little bit better.



Blackberry Township Hall

We are working hard at a new exhibit for Blackberry Township Hall. Lilah went in and visited with the board about a famous person born in Blackberry; artist Charles X Carlson.

The board then asked if ICHS could help



with their picture history board in the hallway and add the story of Charles X. Lilah and Jeremy measured and put in a new background. The pictures were scanned and a new exhibit will be up for the March 12, annual

meeting of townships.

Board News

The ICHS Board of Directors 2024 started out a little slowly, all of us are still recovering from such a busy 2023 celebrating our 75th Anniversary. We are still selling our 2nd addition of the playing cards, as well as the special picture GRACE. This year is a preparation year for the new gallery exhibit "Itasca Resorts"!

The "Itasca Schools" will remain up until next February. Lilah is working on the September Purse Bingo, while the Deer River Hospital foundation is doing a Spring Purse Bingo. We are helping them sell tickets, and they will help us in the fall.

Tickets are the same price for both, and we are selling the tickets in our gift shop. Spring cleaning is happening at the Historical Society. A new cabinet is being installed for the recyclables and garbage in front of the staff entrance. It will make it look more professional at that entrance.

