

NEWSCAST IDEAS: 2nd Floor

1. Furniture City Exhibition Mural. It's big, well-lit and information is posted on the wall.
2. Johannes Meerman, what are the risks immigrants take?
3. Witchproof Churn: What is it?
4. Log End
5. Side Chair
6. Wood Planes

Odd or Not Display

7. Button coat – good lighting. Look in the glass case at the top of the first staircase.
8. Phrenology Skull
9. Columbian Peace Plow
10. Egghead Children

Numismatics Display

11. Is paper money really paper?
12. Trading: In early America, how many pounds of tobacco did a man need to buy a wife?
13. What were greenbacks? Why did people call them horse blankets?
14. Why was a dollar bill called a buck?

P is for Pewter: The Poor Man's Silver

15. Why don't we use pewter today?
16. What is the tin, brass, or pewter scratch test?
17. Why did we put marks on Pewter?

Civil War (Jot down answers to these for future prizes or recognition.) Some might be good ideas for NEWSCASTS; however, the lighting in the Civil War exhibit might not be the best for our cameras.

18. Tell the story of Lincoln.
19. What is the Maul shown under his portrait?
20. Why were confederate soldiers called Butternuts?
21. Describe the doctor's kit.
22. How did the Civil War change Grand Rapids?
23. Is there an artifact to tell that story?
24. How did the Civil War change the nation?
25. Civil War soldiers in Grand Rapids Cemeteries.
26. Who was Dr. Arend Van der Veen?