



97 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738

Crawford County Historical Society & Museum

JUNE 2014 Newsletter

Don't miss the Cemetery Walk Saturday June 21, 5-7 PM

Where: Elmwood Cemetery—Old 27 & North Down River Road

Theme: “Honoring those who fought for freedom from the American Civil War to Viet Nam”.

What is a Cemetery Walk ?: Interpreters' telling the story of these brave service people and their contributions to both the safety of our nation and the quality of life in Crawford County.

The Veterans being featured: Orlando Derry (Civil War), George Carl Larson (Spanish American War), Harry Hemmingson (World War I), Kirtland Kitchen (WWI Polar Bear), Russell Emerson Bates, (WWII), Frank May, Jr. (WWII), Col. William Covey Tufts, (WW II & Korean Conflict), David Hawkins, (Viet Nam).

Interpreters: Tad Randolph, Al Johnston, Joe Carpenter, Tim Murphy, Carl Yost, Marshall C. Roe, Jr. Jack Campbell and Adam Wojdan (Grayling H.S 2014 Grad & Class Best Male Actor).



The Military Annex Building has a rich history. It was one of the first Grayling school houses, built in early 1880s. It was located where the Grayling Middle School stands now. It's next incarnation was as the Grayling Township Hall. In the mid 1960's it was moved to the Grayling City Park area and in 1972 became the first home of the Crawford County Historical Society & Museum. The

building was again moved in 1984 to the Museum Complex grounds, after the society was installed in the retired train depot building. The Military Annex building was originally slated to be a canoe marathon display but was eventually sited to honor all those who have served in the military from Crawford County since the Civil War to the present time.

If you have not visited the Military Annex, it houses uniforms from all branches of the service and many wars. There is a typical WWII barracks set up along with antiquities and memorabilia from many wars and conflicts. There are photos of those who have served along with documents, medals and practical equipment. You can honor the name of a loved one who has served on the Memorial Plaque (see information on the back page).

The CCHS is working on obtaining estimates for the work to be done to keep the outside of the building from deteriorating more and applying for grants for some financial assistance. Donations are still needed from the public to achieve our goal of saving this historical building and it's contents.

PARADE FLOAT

The float committee is hard at work on the finishing touches for the up coming parades during the summer. Their goal is the 4th of July Parade, but if they miss that deadline watch for the float in the Canoe Marathon Parade.

It has been many years since the Society has had a float and this one hopes to make it to all Crawford County parades this year and for years to come in Grayling, Frederic and Lovells Township.

Al Kangas donated a flat bed trailer which is being refurbished by students and other volunteers.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ THIS NEWLETTER, PAST ISSUES AND ENJOY A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM.
WWW.GRAYLING-AREA.COM/MUSEUM OR ON FACEBOOK @ CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Welcome new Room Sponsors:
The Brickery (Women in Business Room) , **Lovells' Township Historical Society** (School Room) and **Pete Kocefas** (Bear Archery Room). Thank you for your support of the Historical Museum. All room sponsors and supporting members are very important to keeping the museum operating.

The Historical Museum again played host to tours for the Grayling Elementary School students. Seven classes of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students were guided through Crawford County history by CCHS Historian Nancy Stone and Ginger Lyons on May 27th and 28th as part of their school curriculum.

Thank you:

Carl Yost & Heidi Niederer for hosting & working the CCHS booth at the Grayling Chamber Expo.

Those who helped clean the depot, museum grounds and out buildings in order to open on May 24th: Carol Britton, Nancy Stone, Ray Folkmeir, Ginger Lyons, Bernadette Homrocky, Carl Yost, Charlie Fick and his helper, three gentlemen from the Sheriff's department, and the lovely GPA ladies Bonnie, Gail, Kathy and Karyn who cleaned and refreshed the Seamstress' Room that the Grayling Promotional Association sponsors.

The members of the fire department for sprucing up the interior of the firehouse on the museum grounds.

The CCHS needs your help naming these soldiers. The photos are not identified and we would like to honor these men who served their country by putting their photos and names in our resource center albums of military personnel. Please call the museum, email or write to the CCHS if you have any information that will help us acknowledge them and their service. Thank you.



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The next meeting of the CCHS Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, July 1st at the CCHS Depot Museum at 7 p.m. All members and visitors welcome.

Yes, I would like to Support the Crawford County Historical Museum.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Donation: _____

Membership: _____

Other: _____

Please contact me. I would like to

- volunteer as a** Greeter _____
- Clerical/filing _____
- Yard work _____
- Cleaning _____
- Wherever needed _____

for the 2014 Museum season.

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

2014 memberships due by May 1st

\$ 5.00 Senior Citizen (over 62)

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$50.00 Newsletter Sponsor

CCHS Foundation brochures and information are available upon request. A \$1000 donation to the Foundation includes a life-time membership to the society.

\$100 MEMORIAL PLAQUE

(One or two names can be inscribed) and is displayed in the Museum Lobby or Military Building. The memorial can be done in memory of a loved one, as a special occasion gift or with your own name.

Please specify if the plaque is for military personnel, with rank to be in the military building or civilians in the lobby.

Please make checks payable to :
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Thank you to seasonal resident James E. Clyma for sponsoring this newsletter in honor of his Parents:

**Virginia (Roe) & Walter E. Clyma
Grandparents:
Mabel (Collen) & Walter C. Roe
and Great Grandparents:
Crawford County Pioneers
Mary Amanda (Bradley)
& James J. Collen**