



97 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738

Crawford County Historical Society 2014 Spring Newsletter (April and May)

MARK YOUR CALENDER: Saturday, June 21 from 5-7 PM is the 2014 CCHS Cemetery Walk honoring those who serve in the military. The walk is free but donations are appreciated and will be applied to the Military Annex Building Restoration Fund. Check details in the next newsletter, on our website and new Face book @Crawford County Historical Museum.

SEASON OPENING OF THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMPLEX IS SATURDAY & SUNDAY OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 24TH AND 25TH.

The museum complex will be open Wednesday through Saturdays from 12 noon until 4 PM and Sundays 10 A.M. to 2 PM through Labor Day, then weekends only until the Harvest Fest in October. Come check out new items in the gift shop, extensive historical research that has been completed over the winter and just have fun touring times of days gone by.

The Military Annex Building Exterior Restoration Fund is slowly growing. Thank you to those individuals who have already donated to the cause. The CCHS is working on grant applications from various sources to help raise additional funds. The building needs a new roof, siding and windows. The CCHS is a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization so your donation is tax deductible to the limits of the law. If you are a contractor or know of one who would like to bid on the project; please submit bids or inquiries to the CCHS at P.O. Box 218, Grayling, MI. 49738.



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 1974 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).

In the depot lobby research center there are notebooks with photos, service records and personal stories by many veterans. Thanks to Fay & the late Bob Bovee, Janet Rechlin and Historian Nancy Stone all known Civil War veterans buried in Crawford County are documented.

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2014 memberships, Room Sponsors and Supporting members who are making it possible to open our doors again this spring and to those who will be putting your checks in the mail after this reminder.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ THIS NEWSLETTER, PAST ISSUES AND ENJOY A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM.
WWW.GRAYLING-AREA.COM/MUSEUM

MARINES

Saving Lives in WWII

Semper Fi



Bud McDonnell

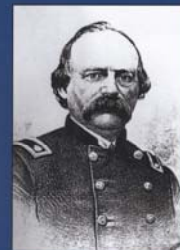
Mr. Bud McDonnell born and raised in Grayling writes of his service in the Marines as a pilot in WWII and the Korean War. Mr. McDonnell and his brother Clayton also started the Grayling Air Service after WWII. Read his story. A great Father's Day gift on sale for only \$12.00 at the museum gift shop.



DAVID SHOPPENAGON
& THE PLACE
BETWEEN THE RIVERS
W. E. TUDOR

Also good reads from the gift shop are retired Grayling law enforcement officer Tim Coe's very interesting book, along with David Shoppenagon's story and the "The First Hundred Years" of Grayling history. A portion of each sale benefits the operation of the museum complex.

A DUTY TO HONOR A DUTY TO REMEMBER



A Tribute to Michigan Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs
Who Have Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

Timothy Coe

An Introduction To The History Of The Grayling Area



HISTORY

RECREATION



FAMILY



ENTERTAINMENT



SPORTS

The First Hundred Years

Third Edition - 1999
Thirty-Two New Pages

The next meeting of the CCHS Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, May 6th at the depot building, 97 Michigan Avenue, Grayling at 7 PM. All are 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

\$75.00 Room Sponsorship

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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