



97 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738

# Crawford County Historical Society

**MAY 2013**

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## **THE CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM COMPLEX WILL OPEN FOR THE 2013 SEASON ON SATURDAY, MAY 25TH & SUNDAY, MAY 26TH OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. NOON TO 4 P.M.**

Be sure to stop in between noon and 4 PM either day to check out new exhibits and gift shop merchandise. The museum continues to be a place for local information on Saturdays and Sundays when the Chamber of Commerce is closed, with brochures of canoe liveries, restaurants, entertainment and local and state maps. Admission to the museum is free, but donations are appreciated.

A few of the new items this year in the lobby gift shop are Children's T-shirts picturing a caboose and the return of collectable egg ornaments featuring Grayling area points of interest and made in the U.S.A. Two of the eight designs are the 1997 commemorative egg showcasing the 50th Canoe Marathon and the 2005 ornament honors the Camp Grayling Military Base. Great timing with this year being the 100th Anniversary of Camp Grayling. Also on sale will be CD's of "Fred Bear Campfire Stories". Come in browse and also look over the expanded research area filled with notebooks of photos, documents and historical information.

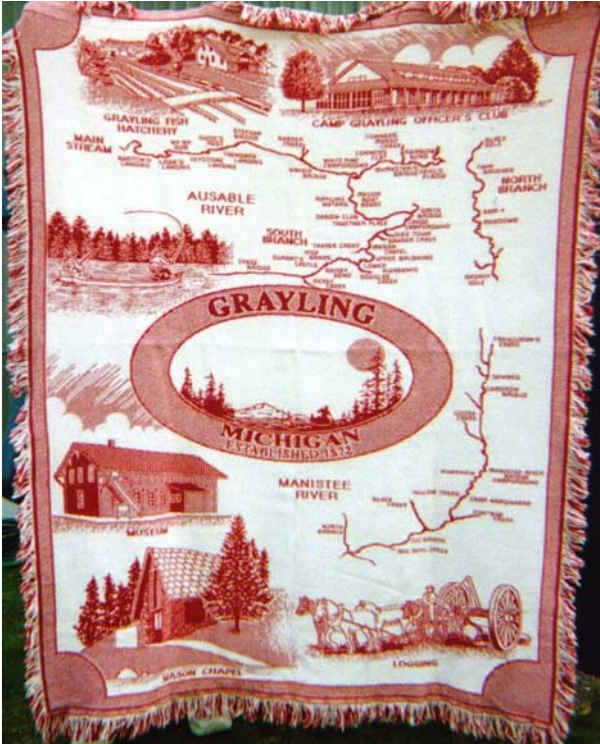
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The CCHS board is happy to announce that Historian Nancy Stone has once again joined the board. Nancy has been transcribing the Veteran's Stories for that project this winter and has added over a half dozen memoirs to the collection. Nancy is also going to be working with several other volunteers to continue upgrading the museum archives in the next months. Many of you may know Nancy from her volunteer work at the library with genealogy research. Thank you Nancy for all your hard work. CCHS Treasurer and acting Secretary Carol Britton has spent incalculable hours this winter copying and upgrading the photos in the military building. There is much more work to be done but with the help of dedicated volunteers like these two ladies we continue to chip away at preserving Crawford County history in a respectful manner. To contact Nancy about contributing your military service story please call: 989-344-1763.

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Thank you to all who have already sent in your 2013 membership dues and especially to our Room Sponsors: Spikes Keg O Nails, Mercy Hospital, Goodales Bakery, Grayling Promotional Association (GPA), Grayling Rotary, Grayling Kiwanis Club and \$50 Supporting members: Lions Club, Grayling Visitors Bureau, Fays Motel, Nancy Nunn, and the James Clyma Family. I hope by next issue I will be able to announce all the room sponsors and supporting members are current with their dues. Without community support our museum would not be able to open the doors to share our counties rich history with students, residents and tourists alike.

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



Do you recognize the afghan pictured at your left? It is from the Grayling Centennial in 1972. The Centennial Committee sold the afghans by subscription. This 41 year old rare treasure now hangs in the gift shop area of the depot for your viewing pleasure. It features Camp Grayling Officer's Club, Depot Museum, Hartwick Pines Chapel, logging, Fish Hatchery and area rivers. The Centennial initiated the start of the Crawford County Historical Society by a few industrious residents. They gathered county items of antiquity that formed the nucleus for the Historical Museum. The first home for the society was the white building on the complex grounds that now houses the Military Annex. The building was located near the Grayling City Park at the Au Sable River. The building was moved to the Museum Complex grounds after the society obtained use of the retired depot from the county in the mid 1980's.

#### THANK YOU:

Tim Murphy for hosting the Historical Society booth at the very successful Chamber of Commerce sponsored Grayling Expo on April 27th.

Charlie Fick for providing and putting in place huge logs on the restored logging sled at the museum complex.

The next board meeting of the CCHS Board will be held Tuesday, June 4th at 5:30 PM at the Nature Center, adjacent to the City Park. As always, all interested area residents are welcome to attend.

## MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

2013 DUES START MAY 1

\$ 5.00 Senior Citizen (over 62)

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$50.00 One Month Newsletter Sponsor

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

CC Historical Society

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This months newsletter is brought to you by the generosity of CCHS members Mr. and James Clyma & Family in memory of James' parents:

**Virginia (Roe) Clyma  
(1913-2003)**

**&**

**Walter Emerson Clyma  
(1908-2000)**

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**Please contact me. I would like to volunteer as a Greeter** \_\_\_\_\_

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**for the 2013 Museum season.**