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Crawford County Historical Society

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND AT THE MUSEUM OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND

2011-2012

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The Anglers of the Au Sable have completed installing their fabulous photo/mural in the room they sponsor on the second floor of the museum. Come experience this vision, imagining the smell of the woods and feel of the river that this 850 member environmentally conscious group is so desperately working to preserve for future generations to enjoy and for the natural

Saturday October 1st the Crawford County Historical Society is honored to announce that noted Michigan author and performer **Raymond Goodwin** will be giving two 1/2 hour performances of his original monologue **"Wreck of the Gimpy Gin"**, at the Historical Museum. Mr. Goodwin has entertained audiences at the museum in the past. You won't want to miss this terrific story teller at his 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. performances on Saturday, October 1st, only. There is limited seating so please arrive a few minutes early. There is no charge for the event but donations to the museum are welcome.

Both Saturday and Sunday of the weekend the society will be selling **Grandma's Homemade Breads** at the museum. They will include everyone's favorites, **Banana Bread, Nut Bread, Pumpkin Bread and Zucchini Bread** made in just the right size loaves and reasonably priced. Come by and stock up before they are all gone. We open at 10 am Sat. & noon on Sunday.

The gift shop will also have several fall sales items, besides our regular merchandise: our logo sweatshirts in sizes large and extra-large will be on a clearance, and a special shipment of **small wooden train whistles** perfect for all the little train lovers at **only \$1.00 each, including tax**.

While you are at the museum stay and tour the two floors of exceptional exhibits and our five out buildings, including the red caboose. There is no entry charge to the museum or grounds but donations are gratefully accepted.

Our hours through the month of September remain: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the museum at 989-348-4461 for private or group tour information.

Crawford County Historical Society Annual Meeting Highlights:

The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7PM at the Grayling City Hall. It was attended by board members, interested society members and guests. Plans were discussed about how to proceed with restoring the depot exterior, including applying steel siding. Board resignations were accepted from Rita Collis and Scott McClain. Susan Horsfall was elected Secretary and Frank Horsfall joined the board. The other board members and officers will continue for another year. President Bill Nielson asked for a financial update picture for the last 3 months: Membership dues, memorials and sales & donations have produced \$3198. of income with utilities, maintenance and operating expenses costing the society \$3367. The generosity of area businesses has allowed us to publish this newsletter with no expense to the society. We have one more month of open operation and hope to finish the season with a balanced sheet with the help of the public. The next meeting is October 4th at the City Hall at 7 P.M. All are welcome and encouraged to get involved.

We received nothing but rave notices from all those who attended our Civil War Cemetery Walk at Elmwood Cemetery on Saturday, August 13th. The event was so well received we are hoping to do more on the Civil War Vets in 2012. So many people made this evening possible. Thank you goes out to all our re-enactors (pictured below) Grayling Country Club for the use of 2 golf carts, Lockwood Sorenson Funeral Home for underwriting our program and advertising printing, Larry Akers and Donald Rechlin for greeting at the gate, Gail and David Roe for driving the golf carts, Marshall Roe for transporting them, Carol Britton for photography, Doug Baum and Zac Weaver from the City of Grayling and especially to our researcher Janet Rechlin, who also was co-chair of the event. Even though the weather was rainy all day we didn't have a drop of rain over the cemetery from 4:30 - 7 pm to disturb our evening. You won't want to miss next year's walk.



John Binkley as Daniel Whipple tells a group of guests the tale of his service in the War Between the States



Fred Fisher in his military look prepares to talk about veteran Henry Mansir



Civil War veteran William Woodburn was portrayed by Grayling's Dr. Mark Davey



Maple Grove Township Supervisor Mark Kniss had everyone's attention telling about Charles Eickhoff



Marshall Roe had lots to share about the service of Maurice Birdsall



James Giessel even had visitors video taping his performance as Civil War Native American Sharpshooter Thomas KeChittigo



Grayling City Mayor Karl Schreiner told of Delivan Smith's capture and time in Andersonville Prison

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Your 2011 dues are good through April 2012

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P.O. BOX 218
GRAYLING, MI 49738-0218

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(989) 348-4461

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\$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 main lobby. Thank you.


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