

# HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## Board of Directors

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*Rosemary Nelson*

*Bill Nielson*

*Travis Roberts*

*Nancy Stone*

*Charlie Van Buren*

*Bob Young*

## Honorary Board Members

*Bill Greene*

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## Grayling Christmas Walk

Saturday November 15, 2008 is the annual Christmas walk in downtown Grayling from 5-8pm. Children's movie starts at 3pm at the Rialto Theatre. Bring a non-perishable item for admittance (sponsored by Grayling Kiwanis Club). Parade begins at 5pm starting at Citizen's Bank and ending at the courthouse where Santa & Mrs. Claus will light the county Christmas tree. Farm market and vendors will be on the streets, along with music, and treats for everyone throughout downtown Grayling. Downtown merchants will also be offering many specials during the event. Santa will be in the old Northern Concepts building to visit with children and take pictures.

Reindeer will be at North Country Corners. The Festival of Trees will be held at the Mini Mall (sponsored by GPA). The trolley will be available to take passengers to and from the activities, or enjoy a more old fashioned ride on a horse drawn wagon throughout downtown. This is also the final day the museum will be opened until spring. Stop by and visit us!

## New Board Appointments

Congratulations to the following members who were elected to the executive board at the last CCHS board meeting,

Steve Doyle - President

Larry Akers - Vice President

Barb Greene - Secretary

Kim Van Nuck - Treasurer

We would like to also welcome Rosemary Nelson, who was appointed to the board at the October board meeting. Looking forward to working with these people and the new ideas they will bring in the following year.

# AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Grayling Christmas  
Walk

Coming  
November 15,  
2008.  
5pm to 8pm

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm. Doyle, Young, Akers, Cosgray, Greene, Van Buren, Stone, Coy, Neilsen present. Guests: Charlie Fick & Jim Bill. Roberts & Dixon absent. Agenda approved. New Business - presentation by Jim Bill in regard to copying the Museum's photographs for preservation purposes. Motion by Cosgray, supported by Young to accept Jim Bill's offer to

work with Nancy Stone on photographing the museum photos that we will cover the expenses of ink and disks. 9 yes, 2 absent, 1 vacancy. Motion carried. Discussion on changing bi-laws. Motion by Cosgray, supported by Young that we amend our bi-laws to increase the board to 15 members and vote on the change at the Sept 1, 2008 meeting. 9 yes, 2 absent, 1 vacancy. Motion carried.

Old Business - discussed cemetery walk, 4th of July fundraiser, and roof replacement. Treasurer's Report - Motion by Cosgray, supported by Nielsen to approve treasurer's reports as presented. 9 yes, 2 absent, 1 vacancy. Motion carried. Discussion on maintaining treasurer's books on laptop. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

## Grayling Area Fun Facts

### BOARD MEETING DATES

Aug 12, 2008  
Sept. 2, 2008  
Oct. 7, 2008  
Nov. 11, 2008

Meetings held at  
Grayling City Hall at  
7pm.

*How large was Crawford  
County in 1818?*

Crawford County covered both Upper Michigan and Upper Wisconsin until 1834 when Wisconsin became a territory.

*How many names has Crawford  
County had in its history?*

Four: Crawford 1818 to 1837, Michilmackinac 1837 to unknown, Brown unknown to 1840, Shawono 1840 to 1845, Crawford 1845 to current. Yes, Crawford was used twice.

*Where was the first official  
County Seat at?*

The Village of Cheney in Center Plains Township in

1879.

*How many names has the  
current City of Grayling had?*

Two: Crawford Station 1872 to 1874 and Grayling 1874 to current.

*In what year did Grayling  
install its first water system for  
the town?*

In 1888 the water system and electric lights were both installed and paid for by the Salling, Hanson & Company for the sum of \$10,000.

*In what year did the Michigan  
National Guard accept  
Hanson's land deal for a  
permanent camp?*

Hanson started the process

in 1911 to get the current Camp Grayling established in the Grayling area and closed the deal in 1913.

*How many hospitals have been  
in Grayling?*

Three: Dr. Stanley Insley ran a two bed "hospital" and another local doctor ran a one bed "hospital". In 1910 Sisters of Mercy established Mercy Hospital first located on old 27 (near the present day Hospitality House), and in 1958 relocated to its current location on Michigan Ave.

*What year did the first senior  
class graduate from Grayling?*

1888

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# OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called to order at 7:01pm. Cosgray, Young, Coy, Van Buren, Roberts, Greene, Nielson, Stone, Van Nuck, Ayers, Nelson and Akers present. Doyle and Dixon absent. Agenda approved. Approval of August & September Minutes. Board member appointment - Rosemary Nelson appointed. Election of Officers - (see page 1 of newsletter). New committee assignments approved.

New Business - debit/credit card discussion. Motion by Stone, supported by Roberts to attain debit card with \$300 limit and that the treasurer facilitate the process. 9 yes, 2 no. Motion passed. Discussion on starting a foundation for CCHS. Roof payment- motion by Roberts, supported by Akers to pay final payment of \$2,900 from roof account to Lacey Stephan. 11 yes, 0 no.


Old business- discussed cemetery walk, train swap, Chief Shoppenagon book, Christmas Walk, home tour, painting of Depot, Shop Grayling, shelving for gift shop. Treasures Report- Approved 11 yes 0 no. New treasurer to purchase Quicken program for laptop. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting on Nov. 11, 2008 at 7pm held at Grayling City Hall.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT SEASON

Would you like to spend a leisurely morning or afternoon chatting with interesting people? Would you like to take a stroll through or sit in a garden, soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the pleasant surroundings? Do you enjoy caring for flowers? Is painting your hobby? Is organizing your forte? Then volunteering at the

museum is just what the doctor ordered!!  
The museum is also a great place to pursue the history of Crawford County, learning about the kind of life people lived and what they accomplished.  
You have the choice of day (Wednesday through Saturday) and the choice of shift (10:00 to 1:00 or 1:00

to 4:00). Please call (989) 348-4461 and leave your contact information. Your help is greatly appreciated.  
We can work around your schedule as needed.



*Support your local  
museum by  
volunteering.*

## Crawford County Historical Society

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Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: (989) 348-4461

We're on the web!  
[Grayling-area.com/museum](http://Grayling-area.com/museum)

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Volunteers needed for  
next season!!!

Help your museum continue to grow. We need your help today and any donation will be accepted. Memberships are good for one year. We look forward to adding new members!

### DUES:

\$5.00 Senior Citizen  
\$10.00 Single  
\$25.00 Family  
\$50.00 Supporting Member  
\$100.00 Memorial Plaque (one or two names inscribed)

Please make checks payable to:

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**Your questions, comments and ideas are welcome.**

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