



97 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738

# Crawford County Historical Museum

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*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR FROM THE CRAWFORD-  
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

## The Depot Building will get a new look in 2012

As you may have read in the Crawford County Avalanche, at the October Board Meeting, the board voted, by majority vote to apply metal siding to the exterior of the depot in order to preserve the decaying building. With the limited funds available a complete restoration and painting was not an option. If all goes as planned the board will sign a contract in the spring of 2012, the wood adornments will be removed and the siding will be applied. The mission of the Society is to preserve the artifacts, photos and documents of our county which are housed in the depot. It was felt that this was the only cost efficient and permanent way to accomplish that goal. So Spring of 2012 should bring a new look to the depot.

**The November 19, 2011 Christmas Walk** in downtown Grayling was a festive start to the Holiday Season. The museum was aglow with lights as over 400 guests toured the depot, sampled the yummy cookies baked by friends of the museum and drank apple cider. Rosemary and Wayne Nelson were hosts again this year for this exciting colorful event. Thank you to all the volunteers who baked cookies for the evening and to Rosemary and Wayne for another excellent job. Thanks to the generous donations and memorials received at the Christmas Walk we are able to add almost \$400 to our 2012 museum operating fund.



Museum Hosts Rosemary and Wayne Nelson with Santa



Ken Wright our fabulous Webmaster, local photo artist & co-owner of the Main Branch Gallery on Michigan Ave. tasting treats at the merchant's preview.



Chef/ caterer Ray Priebe created a tasty assortment of snacks for the Friday night "Merchants Preview" of the Christmas Walk that was held at the museum depot building.



Ernie Dawson of Josie's Flowers/ Thanks A Latte fame being served by the chef's mother Clairene Jorella.

**GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY CLUB**  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

WE INVITE CORRESPONDENCE—GRAYLING BOARD OF TRADE

**WHY YOU WILL LIKE CRAWFORD COUNTY**

LOCATED IN GEOGRAPHICAL CENTER OF NORTH HALF OF LOWER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN. HARDWOOD LAND, SAND LOAM, CLAY SUB-SOIL, AND SOME CLAY AND GRAVEL SUB-SOIL. MOISTURE ALWAYS FOUND WITHIN AN INCH OF SURFACE.

RAINFALL AVERAGES 34 INCHES. NO LACK OF MOISTURE. UNFAILING SUPPLY OF FINEST SPRING WATER. CHEAP FUEL SUPPLY. OUR COUNTY SECURES ANNUALLY FIRST PRIZES ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AT STATE FAIRS. UNLIMITED MARKET FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS. GOOD FARM LANDS AT LOW PRICES. NUMEROUS LAKES AND STREAMS FOR RECREATION PURPOSES. FINEST TROUT, BASS AND PIKE FISHING IN AMERICA. THE FAMOUS AUGER AND TRIBUTARIES TRAVERSE ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. ABUNDANCE OF GAME—GOOD HUNTING ASSURED. TWO FREE CAMPING SITES. HIGH, DRY HEALTHFUL CLIMATE. AN IDEAL PLACE FOR SUMMER HOMES. EASY ACCESS BY TRUNK LINE HIGHWAYS AND RAILROADS.

**FISHING—HUNTING—BATHING—BOATING—MOTORING**

**GRAYLING CHURCHES**

**COME TO GRAYLING FOR RECREATION**

This was Grayling in 1929 as presented by the business owners of that time. Do you recognize some of the buildings that are still here now?

**GRAYLING OFFERS OPPORTUNITY—WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS?**

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

GRAYLING, POPULATION 3000. GRAYLING IS CENTRALLY LOCATED. SERVED BY MICHIGAN CENTRAL AND MANISTEE & NORTHEASTERN R. R.'S. IS THE NATURAL GATEWAY TO THE WEST, NORTHWEST, EAST AND SOUTH. DIRECT CONNECTIONS WITH PENNSYLVANIA, GRAND TRUNK AND PERE MARQUETTE R. R. SYSTEMS. CITY IS SERVED BY FIVE STATE TRUNK HIGHWAYS.

HAVE CHEAP ELECTRIC POWER. LOW WATER RATE AND VERY LOW TAX RATE. GOOD CHURCHES AND HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADE SCHOOLS. FIRST CLASS HOSPITAL. FINEST CLIMATE AND PURE WATER, BEING 1300 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. MODERN BANK AND HOTEL. GOOD STORES AND NEWS-PAPER AND MODERN HOMES. TWO CIVIC CLUBS AND 38-PIECE MUSICAL ORGANIZATION.

WE REALIZE THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN SELECT A PLACE OF ABODE WHICH ASSURES HEALTHY GROWTH AND HAPPINESS. DECENT LIVING CONDITIONS AND ENVIRONMENT FAVORABLE TO RAISING FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN STANDARD.

WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND, GRAYLING IS WELL WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your 2012 dues are due  
May 1, 2012

Types of Membership:

\$5.00 Senior Membership

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$50.00 One Month Newsletter Sponsor

\$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.

Please make checks payable to:

CC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The next 2 newsletters will be combined January/February 2012 and March/April 2012 so you won't forget about us over the cold winter.

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