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# Crawford County Historical Society

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## WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM

Open: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from  
12 noon to 4 P.M.

Saturdays from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. through  
Harvest Festival Weekend

October 1 and 2

**NO ADMISSION FEE**

## THE 4TH ANNUAL CEMETERY WALK IS SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH\* AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY FROM 5 TO 7 P.M.

This years cemetery walk will feature Crawford County Civil War Veterans, as 2011 is the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Our brochure will list all the veterans of the War Between the States buried in the north side of the cemetery but we will have in depth information on eight specific soldiers, as you visit their burial sites in Elmwood Cemetery. The Civil War was such a horrific time in our nation's history, where not only states were pitted against each other but often family members took opposite sides. Our re-enactors will tell the stories of each of these brave men who left their homes and families to head off to unimagined peril. Next year we will feature the Civil War Veterans buried in the south cemetery at our 2012 walk.

The gates will open for the walk at 5 PM on Saturday, August 13th. Our greeters will pass out the brochures about the veterans at a designated Down River Road entrance and a map of the grounds to follow for the tour. There is no charge for the walk. This event, like the museum is operated on a donation basis. So, please mark your calendar for this date and bring your friends who are interested in history for a very special outing. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a golf cart will be available for anyone who needs assistance with the tour. There will also be signage indicating available parking areas. Any questions please call Ginger at 989-344-1097. \*denotes change of date from June 2011 newsletter

Did you know that what is now called Hanson Hills sports area was the first downhill ski run in the state of Michigan? In the 1930 thru 50's Snow Trains brought hundreds of outdoor sports enthusiasts to Grayling to toboggan, ski and skate at the winter sports park. There were parades down Michigan Avenue, snow queens were crowned and magnificent ice sculptures were carved for the theme of each year's snow carnival. If you haven't seen the museum's exhibit about the winter fun be sure to come in on a hot summer day and it will cool you right off viewing these snowy pieces of Grayling history. The carnivals and snow queens continued into the 1990's. Today Hanson Hills is an active spot for cross country skiing and snow boarding among other sports.



The map below is of the Winter Recreation Area (Hanson Hills) at Grayling, Michigan in 1947. Ski & pole rentals were \$1.00 a day and toboggan rides were only 10 cents.



We are in need of volunteers to work 4 hour shifts at the museum so we can continue our schedule of being open 5 days a week. If you have a few hours of spare time and have a yen for history please call Bill Nielson at 989-348-4441. It makes for a nice afternoon and you meet interesting folks from local people to travelers who have come from a far. We also need greeters and re-enactors for the cemetery walk. Call Ginger at 989-344-1097 if you want to be part of the action that night.

The CCHS board is proud to announce that we have become an additional information center for Crawford County businesses. When the Chamber is not open on weekends, they will be posting a notice on their door to direct patrons to the museum for information. The museum now houses a rack which holds information on businesses and public attractions, along with maps and other visitor information for Grayling and Crawford County only. The Crawford County Historical Society is happy for this opportunity to serve Crawford County.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011. WATCH CHANNEL 2 FOR THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your 2011 dues are  
good through April 2012

Types of Membership:

\$5.00 Senior Citizen

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$100.00 One Lifetime Membership

\$ 50.00 Newsletter Sponsorship

Please make checks payable to :

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\$100 Memorial Plaque (one  
or two names can be inscribed )  
and is displayed in the museum  
lobby. The memorial can be done  
in memory of a loved one, as a  
special occasion gift or with your  
own name.

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