



97 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738

# Crawford County Historical Society

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013



Above Santa waves from the decorated caboose to the passersby on Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling during the Walk..

At the left Addie and Allison Belcher admire the Poinsettia decorated tree in the depot .



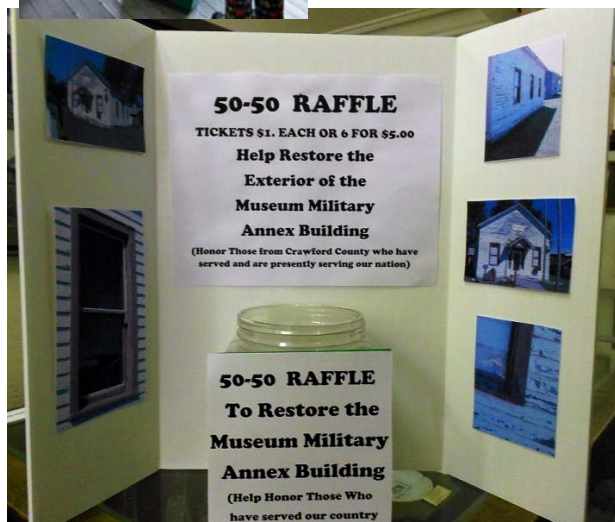
An enthusiastic crowd of over 600 guests visited the museum on Saturday, November 16th from 3-8 PM during the Christmas Walk. They toured the holiday decorated museum and then enjoyed home baked cookies and apple cider graciously provided by the CCHS board members and friends. Thank you to all those who baked and provided funds for the refreshments.

Thank you Ms. Britton, Belcher, Hunter, Homrocky, Lyons & Stone who were on hand to greet the visitors, answer their questions about Crawford County history and serve the refreshments.

The CCHS is also most appreciative of Millikin & Sons for the use of the porta potty, Blarney Stone Broadcasting for advertising the museum's participation in the walk, the 3 ladies who decorated the museum, Diann & Tim Murphy who lit up the caboose, the Grayling High School Band Brass Section and their director who stopped by to play holiday music and event chair, Carol Britton.



The CCHS kicked off a FUND DRIVE to REPAIR the outside of the 130 year old white building on the grounds that houses the Military Annex. It honors those from Crawford County who have served in the armed forces since the Civil War to the present. A 50-50 Raffle was held for the day and the winner of \$31.00 was Kathi Barlick of Crawford County. This small start is only the beginning of a bigger campaign to make the much needed repairs in 2014.



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ISSUES AND ENJOY A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM.  
WWW.GRAYLING-AREA.COM/MUSEUM

## BITS OF HISTORY

The Historical Society is working hard keeping the museum doors open to the public seasonally. From the front page you read that the CCHS Board of Directors has started a campaign to restore the 130 year old annex building at the complex. It houses the military history of those who have served in the military from Crawford County since the Civil War to the present.

This campaign will run until we have enough funding to apply appropriate siding, new windows and possibly a new roof. The exterior of the building must be maintained to assure proper protection of the valuable and informative artifacts on the inside of the building.

If you can help by making a holiday gift to the restoration fund it would be greatly appreciated. Please designate that the money is to go toward the restoration on your check when mailing it. Thank you.



These photos of Santa helpers were found in the unidentified file. These children are most likely all grown up with families of their own by now. Please help us put a date on the photos and names to the faces.

If you are in these photos or know who is please send the information to CCHS at P.O. Box 218, Grayling, 49738.

Thank you



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

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Wherever needed \_\_\_\_\_

**for the 2014 Museum season.**

## MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

2014 dues by May 1 please

\$ 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 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 :

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**Happy Holidays to all!**