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Crawford County Historical Society

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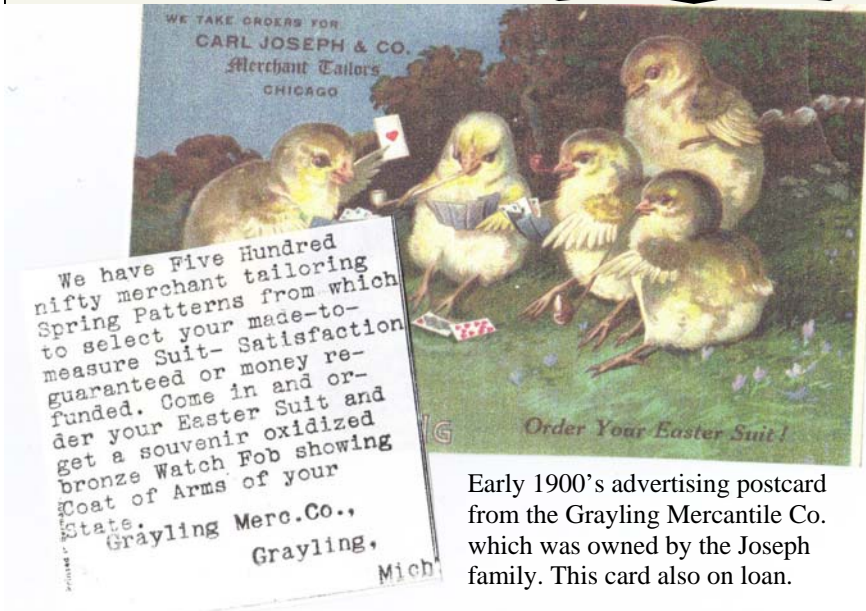
We are sad to report that the Crawford County Historical Society President Bill Nielson is seriously ill. We hope you will join us in sending him your positive thoughts and prayers for a complete and swift recovery.

We look forward to Bill being well enough by the May opening to again be our Wednesday afternoon docent at the museum.

You may send any greetings to him c/o the museum post office box.

Become a member of the Historical Society and help keep the museum in operation. It takes over \$7000 a year to have the museum open each season. The Historical Society raises this money through donations from the public. There is no admission charge, nor do we get any funding from any government agency; we depend on the generosity of our members, room sponsors, small fund raisers and those who visit our museum from May to October. Our dream would be that every family or individual in Crawford County would join the Historical Society so we could afford to do the maintenance on the buildings that is needed. Memberships start as low as \$5.00 for Seniors. Crawford County is fortunate to have so many artifacts, documents and photos of the past on display. Help us preserve history so your children and grandchildren will be able to see first hand how Crawford County started. Children are amazed when they try out a vintage typewriter or an antique adding machine at the museum. Most children of the computer age have never seen either. They can also talk on a crank wall phone that has been completely restored. Show your young people about the rich logging history of Crawford County, the early farms, business owners and pioneers of our county. Check out the restored fire engines in the fire house, imagine yourself in the seat of a 100 year old sled, climb aboard the red caboose and sense the presence of those hard working railroad men who brought transportation and goods in and out of the county in the late 1800's. You don't need to travel downstate to Greenfield Village, just walk down Michigan Avenue in Grayling to review history in Northern Michigan. Fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and mail in your membership or donation, please.

The museum opens Wednesday, May 23rd at noon. Hours this year will be Wednesday - Sunday from noon to 4 P.M. through Labor Day; then Saturday and Sunday only through Harvest Fest on October 6th and 7th. Grand opening for the season will be Saturday, May 26th. We will share all our plans in the May newsletter for that eventful day and the upcoming season's activities. As usual there will be no admission charge for the museum and grounds. Make a visit to the museum part of your holiday celebration.



Early 1900's advertising postcard from the Grayling Mercantile Co. which was owned by the Joseph family. This card also on loan.



This Vintage Easter Greeting was received by a Grayling resident in 1910 and loaned to CCHS by family members for this publication.

Happy Spring !

Please join us at the next Historical Society Board Meeting on April 3rd at the Nature Center (former library) at 7 P.M. All are welcome. We are in great need of volunteer greeters and others interested in helping retain Crawford County's history and museum buildings. Please consider spending a few hours a month mingling with history.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2012 dues start May 1, 2012

Types of Membership:

\$ 5.00 Senior Citizen

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$50.00 One Month Newsletter Sponsor

\$75.00 Season Room 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 lobby.

Thank you.

Please make checks payable to :

CC Historical Society

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**Rosemary & Wayne
Nelson**

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