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Crawford County Historical Society

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE HOLIDAY TRIMMINGS ARE ALL PACKED AWAY FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND MOST ARE COMMITTED TO THEIR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS TO LOSE THOSE EXTRA FEW POUNDS AND GET ORGANIZED IN 2013.

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S FIRST RESOLUTION FOR THE NEW YEAR IS FOR A "BRAIN STORMING" COMMITTEE TO MEET AND PLAN EVENTS FOR THE 2013 MUSEUM COMPLEX SEASON; THAT WILL GIVE YOU ALL MORE REASON TO VISIT US AGAIN THIS YEAR.

WE WILL BE SHARING OUR IDEAS, PLANS AND SCHEDULE IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.

MANY COUNTY RESIDENTS AND SOCIETY MEMBERS RETIRE TO WARMER CLIMATES FOR THE WINTER MONTHS BUT THOSE OF US WHO REMAIN IN THE AREA ARE REVVING UP OUR SNOW MOBILES, SNOW BLOWERS, CROSS COUNTRY SKIS, SNOW BOARDS AND ICE FISHING EQUIPMENT PREPARED FOR ALL THE PLEASURES THAT THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN THE NORTH HAS TO OFFER. MOTHER NATURE HAS COMPLIED WITH PLENTY OF SNOW TO THE DELIGHT OF COLD WEATHER ATHLETES AND AREA BUSINESSES, TO HELP BOOST THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

THE CCHS IS ALWAYS OPEN TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE CONTACT THROUGH OUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR THE U.S. MAIL. THE ADDRESSES FOR BOTH APPEAR ON PAGE TWO OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

-GO OUT AND MAKE 2013 A VERY SPECIAL YEAR-



This vintage photo is of the Grayling Winter Sports Park (now called Hanson Hills) in 1940. The giant toboggan runs were a draw for winter sports fans from all over the state. People came by train and bus.



The photo at the left was taken in 1955 at the Winter Sports Park. As you can see the "gentlemen" were dressed in costume for the skiing festivities. Perhaps you even recognize some of the participants?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ THIS NEWLETTER, PAST
ISSUES AND ENJOY A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM.
WWW.GRAYLING-AREA.COM/MUSEUM

Again, the CCHS has been blessed with the remembrance and caring by a local resident. Mrs. Sally Pappendick has contributed many items and among them is information and photos of one of Grayling area's very early seasonal home owners Mr. William F. "Bill" Powell, the stage actor who toured for over 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Powell owned one of the first cottages built on Portage Lake (now named Lake Margarethe).

Bill Powell is sometimes confused with the later Hollywood film actor William Powell, but they are two different individuals.

We now have a tribute to Bill Powell on display in our Entertainment Room, which is sponsored by The Rialto Theater and located on the second floor of the depot museum building. There are copies of photos of Bill and Mary "Mate" Powell, Bill Powell in character, playbills, personal letters and their home on Portage Lake.



William
"Bill"
Powell



Mrs. William
Powell

Mary "Mate"
Calloff Powell



Powell cottage, near Collen's Landing on the east side of Portage Lake, 1904.

The first 2013 board meeting of the CCHS Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 P.M. at the Nature Center, adjacent to the City Park. As always, all area residents are welcome to attend.

Thank you:

Save-A-Lot Grocery Store and Glen's Market for supplying cider and food related items for the CCHS Christmas Walk
Tim Murphy for his service as a CCHS Board Member in 2012 and continuing to be a valued volunteer for 2013.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2013 dues start May 1, 2013

\$ 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 lifetime honorary 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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