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# Crawford County Historical Society

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

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## THE GRAYLING CHRISTMAS WALK WAS A MERRY TIME AT THE CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Over 500 enthusiastic guests visited the museum depot building this year for the Grayling Christmas Walk on Saturday, November 17th from 3-8 PM, enjoying the mild early winter weather, the decorations, cookies and cider. A big thank you goes to Chairperson Gail Thomas and her crew for the outstanding job with decorations, comingling Gail's own personal vintage decorations with the museum owned ones. The effect was charming and added to the historical atmosphere.

A special surprise was having the newly repainted red caboose decked out in holiday lights and a huge handmade wreath of fresh cut greens made by board member and caboose caretaker Tim Murphy and his wife Diann.

Thank you also to all those who baked and donated cookies so the visitors would have treats to munch on, those who helped Gail decorate, her advisor Rose Mary Nelson and the greeters for the evening's event.



The Crawford County Historical Society Board of Directors hopes this was a happy start to the holiday season for all and that the New Year brings health and prosperity to our town, country and each individual.

## THANK YOU:

Tim Murphy for winterizing the museum water system, installing a safety rail in the lumbering room and putting away outdoor furniture and seasonal equipment.

Carl Yost for supplying needed items for winterization and repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Garcia for the donation of Dr. Hazen Miller's desk chair. Dr. Miller was to have penned his book "The Old Au Sable" from this chair at his cabin (Aswewood) on the North Branch of the Au Sable. Dr. Miller's chair will be on display in the "Anglers of the Au Sable" room on the second floor of the depot. The Anglers have purchased the rights to reprint Dr. Miller's book, which has been out of print for some time.

All volunteers who helped in any way to make 2012 a productive year for the museum complex. Those who physically worked by giving their time and energy and those who were of financial assistance. You are all appreciated.



The museum recently received the above photos of the 121st Ambulance Company at Camp Grayling during World War II. The photos will be part of records available for the public to view at the museum and to honor the Grayling National Guard Camp Centennial in 2013.

**The C.C.H.S. is continuing the accumulation of veteran's remembrances of their service in the military over the winter months. If you or someone you know is interested in recording his or her experiences please have them call the museum and leave a message and someone will get back to them to set up an appointment to record their story. World War II and Korean War Veterans. Mr. Bud McDonnell is underwriting this campaign. All records will be kept at the museum for future generations to be reminded of the history and sacrifices our armed forces make for our freedom. Museum phone number (989-348-4461).**

## 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 :

CC Historical Society

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Mr. Taggart is a retired teacher and seasonal resident with many interests who has a love of and curiosity for the history of northern Michigan.

Thank you Mr. Taggart.

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