

# HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## Grayling Harvest Fest. w/ Trains

The Crawford County Historical Society will be sponsoring the model train swap at NORTHERN CONCEPTS (located next to Steven's Restaurant) on October 4, 2008 from 10am to 4 pm.

The Traverse City Model Railroader's will be setting up their traveling model railroad display for all to see. We will also have food concessions, vendors, raffles, artists and hayrides by Wellington Farm Park.

Parking for this event is free and admission for the train show and swap will be \$2 per person, \$1 for senior citizens, \$5 family pass, (up to 6 people) and children 12 and under free (with an

adult. While in town please stop by the museum for other railroad history. Other events taking place during the day include a farm market, antique bike show, military exhibit, tractor show, live entertainment, Kiwanis Hartwick Pines 10k Race, GPA arts & Craft Show and Watershed Fall Art Walk.

Bring your family and friends and come explore Grayling and the events for the day!!!

## MUSEUM ROOF IMPROVEMENTS !!!!!

Recently, the museum has received donations from Charlie Fick for materials and many other gracious donations from numerous people in the community. Contracted to install a new roof to the train depot that houses the Crawford County Historical Museum was awarded to Lacey Stephan Construction. The project is underway and should be completed the first part

of October. The old roof will be completely removed and boards will be replaced as needed before the new roof goes on. Many thanks to all that have helped with this project and made this all possible!! This is an important project that was needed to maintain the integrity of the depot and the artifacts that it houses.

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grayling Harvest  
Festival With Trains  
Show & Swap  
coming October 4,  
2008.

October 7, 2008, the election of officer's for our board will take place. The following positions are up for election: president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. All members are encouraged to attend and vote for the new officers. Results of the election will be posted in the following news letter. The meeting

will be held at the Grayling City Hall at 7 pm.

## LOG SLED UPDATE

### **BOARD MEETING**

#### **DATES**

*Aug 12, 2008*

*Sept. 2, 2008*

*Oct. 7, 2008*

*Nov. 4, 2008*

*Meetings held at  
Grayling City Hall at  
7pm.*

The log sled restoration project is going well!! The logs are starting to take shape and the project is moving forward. If everything goes well, the sled should be back for

public viewing for the opening of the museum next spring. Again, the board owes many thanks to Joe Duran, Steve Eddy and the Grayling Firefighters Association for their efforts

in restoring this local piece of history.

## FIRE DESTROYS MCRR ROUNDHOUSE !!!

On the evening of July 14, 1938 at 6:55pm, fire swept through the Roundhouse owned by the Michigan Central Railroad in downtown Grayling. The Roundhouse was a total loss, as well as all the contents which included two steam engines owned by MCRR. According to Fire Chief LaMotte, this fire also started a large grass fire

that endangered several other buildings including the Depot. Around 19 firefighters from the Grayling Fire Department remained on scene for six hours to extinguish the flames. Several injuries were reported, including 2 firefighters that were burned, 2 with severe cuts and one firefighter that fell into the turntable pit

sustaining a leg injury. All firefighters were taken to the hospital for treatment. Chief LaMotte also reported that some hoses from Truck #1 were destroyed by the fire. The fire appeared to have started in the south end of the building. The cause was never determined. (actual fire report from Grayling Fire Dept).

# SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called to order at 7:05pm. Cosgray, Young, Doyle, Coy, Van Buren, Roberts, Greene, Nielson and Akers present. Stone and Dixon absent. Agenda approved. Approval of August Minutes tabled to October meeting. New Business - Photo Reproduction Update - Jim Bill and Stone working on project. By-Law Change - Board vote 9 yes 0 no on increasing board to 15 members. New Board	Members - Karen Ayers and Kim Van Nuck appointed to board, 9 yes 0 no. Chief Shoppenagon Book - Stone to see if book's author will be available to sign book during train festival. William Powell - discussion of creating walk of fame. Old Business - Board awarded Lacey Stephan Construction roof contract. 11 yes 0 no. Train weekend discussion. Hanson House Tea on hold. Newsletter	Sponsors discussion. Treasures Report - Approved 11 yes 0 no. Board approves buying Quicken software for laptop. 11 yes 0 no. Board Member Reports - Discussions on saw mill, log sled update and scouts doing project at cemetery. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Next meeting on Oct 7 , 2008 at 7pm held at Grayling City Hall.
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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT SEASON

Would you like to spend a leisurely morning or afternoon chatting with interesting people? Would you like to take a stroll through or sit in a garden, soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the pleasant surroundings? Do you enjoy caring for flowers? Is painting your hobby? Is organizing your forte? Then volunteering at the	museum is just what the doctor ordered!!  The museum is also a great place to pursue the history of Crawford County, learning about the kind of life people lived and what they accomplished.  You have the choice of day (Wednesday through Saturday) and the choice of shift (10:00 to 1:00 or 1:00	to 4:00). Please call (989) 348-4461 and leave your contact information. Your help is greatly appreciated.  We can work around your schedule as needed.
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*Support your local  
museum by  
volunteering.*

## Crawford County Historical Society

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We're on the web!  
[Grayling-area.com/museum](http://Grayling-area.com/museum)

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Volunteers needed for  
next season!!!

Help your museum continue to grow. We need your help today and any donation will be accepted. Memberships are good for one year. We look forward to adding new members!

### DUES:

\$5.00 Senior Citizen  
\$10.00 Single  
\$25.00 Family  
\$50.00 Supporting Member  
\$100.00 Memorial Plaque (one or two names inscribed)

Please make checks payable to:

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Call us at (989)348-4461

Visit our website!  
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**Your questions, comments and ideas are welcome.**

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