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Crawford County Historical Society

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It was a flurry of activity for the siding company and volunteer workers under the guidance of Board Member Bob Young to complete the new outside of the 1882 depot before the opening of the museum grounds for the season and the Art Walk on Saturday, May 26th. After the exterior of the building having been red for 27 years it has caught the attention of many. The new gray and white look is sharp and clean and will help protect our collection of artifacts, on the inside of the building, for many years to come.

Due to the fact that the county owns the building and grounds, the Society as tenants are responsible for the upkeep of the building. In our difficult economic times it was impossible to raise the necessary funds to do an historical restoration of the building, so siding became the only cost effective option in order to save the building from deteriorating any further.

Student Tours:

Approximately 125 first and second grade elementary school students along with teachers and chaperones toured the depot museum the week previous to the season opening, as part of their studies of local history. Thank you to Society Treasurer Carol Britton for designing and producing souvenir book marks for each student and helping with the tours and to Ginger Lyons for also guiding tours.



The photo above shows the building half way through its transformation as workers proceed with the new siding.



This photo was taken the day the workers finished with the exterior. Signage should be put back up as the season progresses. Come visit the museum.



Approximately 100 people visited the museum on our opening day Saturday, May 26th. Our assigned artist for the Art Walk was watercolorist Nancy Michelson. Nancy displayed her beautiful paintings and also worked on a watercolor during her stay with us. Thank you Nancy for brightening our day.

Nancy's family has a historical connection to the area as her husband is a grandson of one of the logging baron pioneers of Crawford County Nels Michelson.

Many thanks to Vice President Larry Akers and Ginger Lyons for being volunteer greeters to all the guests.

The Anglers of the AuSable have an exciting contest going on in their sponsored room in the museum. Come and guess the exact spot in the AuSable where their wall size mural photo was taken and you have a chance to win \$100 worth of fishing tackle. Remember the museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon until 4 P.M.

Thank you to:

Charlie Fick & Company for your help with the depot wood repairs, hauling debris, brick cutting and replacement and loan of the large lift to the siding company to speed up the whole project. Also Ray Folkmier, Fred Campbell and Bob Young for painting and clean up of the post siding grounds.

Elizabeth and S.S.G. Allen Dickie for cleaning up the fire engines and the fire house.

The Beyond the Garden Wall garden club for planting flowers, weeding and applying top soil to the beds, especially President Carol McCormick who worked in the rain.

Gail Thomas and Ginger Lyons for dusting, sweeping and washing away all the coal dust inside the depot building.

Millikins and Ace Hardware for donating mulch and fertilizer to feed the garden and grass. Also Millikins provided the port-a-potty for the siding companies convenience.

Great news, we just received a fresh shipment of the book "David Shoppenagon & The Place Between the Rivers" by author W. E. Tudor for those of you who have been asking for a copy. It still sells for only \$20.00 in the museum gift shop and would make a terrific Father's Day gift.

If you have already paid your dues for 2012, we are most grateful. Sadly we have less than 30 paid memberships so far for 2012, 1/3 of who are non Crawford County residents, besides our 12 room sponsors and newsletter sponsors. It's hard to believe that a county of over 14,000 residents have so few interested in supporting their local historical museum. Our memberships range from \$5 for a senior and we are hopeful that most citizens could find a way to become a member for 2012. It would be a sad day when we no longer could open our doors. The museum complex is a popular tourist attraction for our town and area, beside a great learning tool.

It is an ongoing struggle to maintain the buildings. Next on our list is repainting the caboose, repainting the military building and then giving much needed attention to archival copying and reframing of our photograph collection. We want to pay tribute to the brave pioneers of this area by preserving their history for future generations.

Please join us at the next Historical Society Board Meeting on July 3 at the Museum Depot Building at 7 P.M.

There is also a Crawford County Historical Foundation to which you can contribute larger sums of money to help maintain the society in perpetuity. When your donation reaches \$1000 you receive an honorary lifetime membership to the Society and your name is placed on a plaque in the lobby. For more information about the Foundation please pick up their brochure at the depot museum.

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.

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