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# Crawford County Historical Society

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**THE 2012 CEMETERY WALK WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 PM. AT THE OAKWOOD CEMETERY, JUST SOUTH OF FREDERIC ON OLD 27. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT FEATURING LOCAL RE-ENACTORS PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE BATTERSONS, WALLACES, SHORTS AND MUSGRAVES, PROMISING AN ENTERTAINING EVENING. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE EVENT BUT DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED**

This year's Cemetery Walk/Tour is very special because as the Crawford County Historical Society we are featuring the Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic, Michigan. We are continuing the tribute to those who served in the Civil War and are buried in Crawford County, again this year. Thank you to Fay Bovee and Nancy Stone who started the research on the Civil War vets burial places years ago and especially to our current researcher and co-chair of this event Janet Rechlin. Janet expanded the research from one volume to four volumes, with extensive detail on the veterans of the War Between the States. Janet spent hundreds of hours to donate all this information to the museum. The volumes she has produced can be viewed at the museum during our open hours Wednesday—Sunday from 12 noon to 4 pm. Mark your calendar for the Walk on September 15th.

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The Society is grateful for the financial help from our Room Sponsors: Goodale's Bakery/Kitchen Area, Lions Club, Rialto Theater/Entertainment Room, Knights of Columbus/Trapper's Wife Cabin, G.P.A./Ladies Fashion Room, Mercy Hospital/Medical Room, Anglers of the Au Sable, Grayling Rotary/ Crew Room, Fraternal Order of Police Au Sable Lodge/ Law Enforcement area and Spikes/Saloon Room.

Also to the supporting members: Grayling High School Alumni Association, Grayling Kiwanis, Grayling Eagles #3456, Grayling Visitor's Bureau, Fay's Motel, Terri Lockwood, Bud McDonnell, Nancy Nunn, Robert Herbison, Lowell and Judy Thomas, Nancy K. Elliott and the Crawford County Avalanche.

Thank you to all of the above and to each individual and family membership that has allowed the museum to be available to the residents of Crawford County and visitors to the area to learn about the county's rich history and its pioneers.

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### Attention all Crawford County Military Veterans

Mr. Bud McDonnell graduated from Grayling High School in 1942, served in World War II and the Korean War as a Marine Pilot, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1955, is underwriting a project where Crawford County Veterans, who served in any branch of the military, can leave a written expression of their service at the county historical society for future generations to learn from. He is asking veterans to please contact the museum so it can be arranged for their stories to be transcribed, or at least their photo, rank and time of service be preserved. These will remain at the museum, available to the heirs and other interested parties to learn about the service and sacrifices these brave people and their families at home gave for their country. If you have served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, any conflict since or peace time and are willing to share please call 989-348-4461 and leave your name, phone number and reason for calling and someone will contact you.



A new item at the gift shop that just arrived is Pull and Go Locomotive for the young train enthusiast. It sells for only \$4.00 in the depot gift shop. Stop in and see all the reasonably priced items that are available for your pleasure.

### A new exhibit at the museum is Collen's Landing at Portage Lake.

Pictured at the right is entrepreneur James (J.J.) and his wife Mary A. Collen and family in 1901. Below that is a copy of their business card/advertiser.

The photo below that is of the Pavilion that housed the restaurant and ballroom.

Portage Lake was the original name of Lake Margarethe. Come into the depot and view more photos and the history of the Collen family & resort.



The photo at the left shows campers enjoying summer weather at Collen's Resort at Portage Lake in early 1900.



Again, it is time for more thank yous to the people of Crawford County that cherish the richness of our history:

Thank you to Grayling High School Alumni Association for their generous donation of \$1809 to the building fund.

To Jerry Hayes for volunteer Wed. greeting with the F.O.P.

To Tim Murphy for his continued hard work, in this heat, painting the caboose and his wife Diann who is also painting.

To Bernadette and Gail for helping keep the museum building clean during this very hot summer.

To all the volunteers for watering the flowers & plantings.

To Tim Coe and Joe Duran for re-staining the logging sled that the police officers rescued from Lake Margarethe in the 1980's and to the many who helped Joe rebuild and restore.

The Crawford County Historical Society will hold its **Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7 PM** at the Nature Center (old library site). All are welcome. The society is looking for residents interested in preserving the county's history, to join the board or to become volunteers. If you have a little time and would like to be involved please join us on September 4th. Welcome to terrific volunteer Tim Murphy for joining the board at the August meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2012 dues start May 1, 2012

\$ 5.00 Senior Citizen

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\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$50.00 One Month Newsletter Sponsor

\$75.00 Season Room Sponsor

C. C. H. S. Foundation Membership pamphlet available at the depot museum building

### \$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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