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The Historical Society Board wishes to thank Nancy Stone for her hard work for the society as Board Member, officer and Historian. We appreciate her help and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Thank you also to those board members who helped us get the museum open this spring, with cleaning inside and out and putting up new displays, especially to Rita Collis Ginger Lyons and Bob Dixon.

We are ever so grateful, also, to Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club for their time and effort donating and planting flowers on the museum grounds and tending the beds. Community support like yours aids our historical society's pursuit to keep history alive for future generations.

Volunteers are our lifeblood. If you would like to become a volunteer call the museum at 989-348-4461.

The museum opened on Wednesday, May 25th with President Bill Nielson and Historian Nancy Stone giving guided tours to 5 classes of children from the elementary school, along with their teachers and chaperones. The museum is open for tours by appointment throughout the season. We are delighted that the young people are being taught about the history of Crawford County and the museum can be one of the tools in their learning process.

Our antique logging sled was installed and christened on Saturday, May 28th. The man responsible for spearheading the restoration of the sled, Joe Duran was there along with some of his helpers, which included a few of the original crew that retrieved the sled from Lake Margarethe 23 years ago. The festive crowd toasted Joe and the others with sparkling French pineapple juice while the press took photos. This project took three years of dedicated work by Joe and others, so don't miss coming down to the museum and inspecting this piece of beautiful craftsmanship.



Joe Duran christening the antique log sled while Larry Larson looks on.



Installation crew for the logging sled from left to right; Joe Duran, Jim Boyle, John Kuszak, Todd Golnick, Kyle Golnick and Michael Duran. Thanks guys.



We have already received many enthusiastic comments about this year's new exhibits, including the tribute to the unique Grayling "Chief" Shoppenagon on the 100th Anniversary of his death. The display is located on the second floor of the museum as you enter the upper hallway. Different aspects of his long life are depicted.

Thank you to those members who donated saleable goods for our Sidewalk Sale during the 200 mile garage sale. Special thanks to Rita Collis and Carol Britton who worked at the sale on Friday and Saturday, June 3 & 4 in the extreme heat. Although the funds raised were a modest amount, every little bit helps us toward our goal to get our museum restored and painted on the outside.

Due to the fact, the paint is lead base, special and expensive processes are required by the government for removal of the paint.

Volunteer
Rita Collis,
on the right,
helping a
bargain
hunter at the
museum
Sidewalk sale



Mark your calendars for these special events coming up:

Saturday, August 6th the Crawford County Historical Society will be sponsoring our **4th Annual Cemetery Walk** at the Elmwood Cemetery. Our theme this year is honoring several of the many Veterans who served in the Civil War from Crawford County. This year is the 150 Anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter and in the media.

Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd we are planning a **TRAIN SWAP/SALE** at 100 Michigan Avenue across from the museum, during the Grayling Harvest Festival. If you are a train buff or know some please let them know and have them call Ginger at 989-344-1097 to participate in the swap/sale. The sight this year is right in the heart of all the Harvest Fest activities, which will include a tractor show and parade, farmer's market, food vendors and children's activities. You won't want to miss it.

The CCHS board is proud to announce that we have become an additional information center for Crawford County businesses. When the Chamber is not open on weekends, they will be posting a notice on their door to direct patrons to the museum for information. The museum now houses a rack which will hold information on businesses and public attractions, along with maps and other visitor information for Grayling and Crawford County only. The Crawford County Historical Society is happy for this opportunity to serve Crawford County.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011 AT THE GRAYLING CITY OFFICES AT 7 P.M. WE ARE IN NEED OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS. ALL WELCOME.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your 2011 dues are good through April 2012

Membership:

\$5.00 Senior Citizen

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

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\$100 Memorial Plaque (one or two names can be inscribed) and is displayed in the museum lobby. The memorial can be done in memory of a loved one or as a special occasion gift or with your own name.

Please make checks payable to :

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-(989) 348-4461

Bring friends, family and out of town guests on rainy days for a fun free activity or on sunny days to get a rest from the heat. The 1882 museum/depot is great entertainment for every age group with a caboose, antique fire trucks, giant doll house and even more.

Yes, I would like to Support the Crawford County Historical Museum. Here is my Membership and /or Donation:

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