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Crawford County Historical Society

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Grayling area was blessed with sunny warm weather for the Memorial Day Weekend, which translated into lots of foot traffic downtown and many visitors to the museum complex. All the guests were impressed with the vast collection of historical items and photos. Last month there was mention in the newsletter of the egg ornaments. Another is the commemorative one for the attack on our country on 9/11/2001— inscribed God Bless America with a picture of the twin towers and the American flag. There is also one that reads “God Bless America” with the Statue of Liberty and Betsy Ross’ House, just in time for 4th of July. There is a limited amount available so don’t miss out. These are real hollowed out egg shells with beautiful transparencies on them and nicely finished for hanging, all professionally made in the U.S.A.

PRESERVING HISTORY & OLD BUILDINGS IS VERY COSTLY

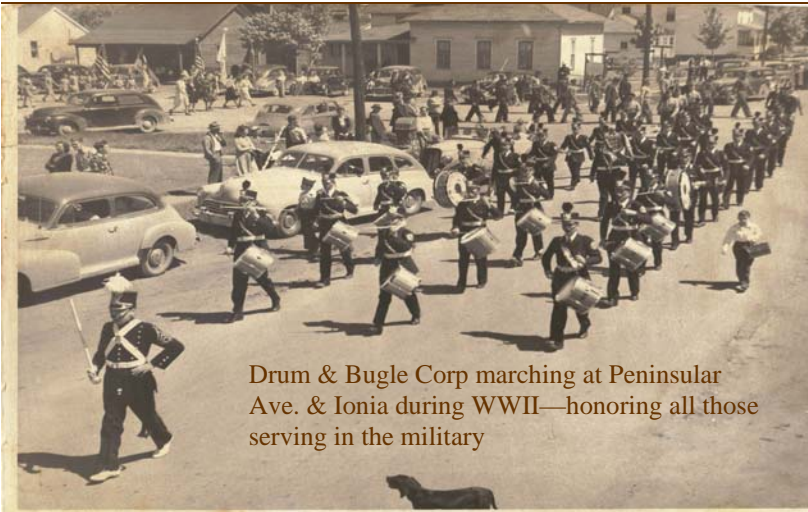
The 1882 depot has been steel sided, the stair platform replaced and the trim painting is being completed. Thanks to the GPA and other local groups who generously helped with these costs last year and especially Charlie Fick who donated equipment and man power, along with the hands of many others. Our 1929 caboose was repaired and painted by the selfless donation of time and talent by Tim Murphy in 2012. Now we face new challenges with the replacement of the main water line from the building to the city hook-up, need for a new shake shingle roof on the Trapper’s Cabin, windows, siding and roof for the 140 year old Military Annex building . These are tough tasks in a very difficult economy with an empty pocketbook. It would be heartbreaking to have to close off parts of the complex due to no funds for repairs.

The people of Crawford County recently approved an increase in their property taxes by passing a millage for the schools for miscellaneous items. This shows that the county residents are interested in our community having education available to all, young and old. It would be wonderful if that concern extended to the knowledge of the history of our county with its rich heritage of the lumber industry, nature, wildlife and the pioneers of the area. **PLEASE CONSIDER A MEMBERSHIP TO THE MUSEUM AND ENCLOSE EXTRA IN YOUR CHECK FOR BUILDING PRESERVATION.**

Remember our museum is operated entirely by volunteers. We have no paid staff and we receive no funding from any government entity, either local, state or national. Admission is free to the museum complex, but donations are appreciated, so no one is denied admittance.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ THIS NEWLETTER, PAST
ISSUES AND ENJOY A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM.
WWW.GRAYLING-AREA.COM/MUSEUM

125 second grade students from Grayling Elementary School, their teachers and chaperones received educational private tours of the museum complex on Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29th. Tour directors Nancy Stone, Ginger Lyons and Tim Murphy related historical facts and information to the children to round out their knowledge of the plentiful history of the county they live in. Thank you to the students and chaperones for their kind attention and to the volunteer tour guides for donating their time and services. Private group tours are available by calling the museum to make arrangements.



Drum & Bugle Corp marching at Peninsular Ave. & Ionia during WWII—honoring all those serving in the military

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with preparing the museum buildings and grounds for our opening. Great job!

Thank you to three Silent Angels who donated \$100 for UV protective light covers for the fluorescent lights, Crimson Red geraniums for all the museum outside containers, and the third angel for the UV protective film for the windows to cut down light damage to the historical photos and artifacts.

Get well wishes go out to our board member and good friend Charlie Fick who is recovering from recent illness. Heal fast.

The next board meeting of the CCHS Board will be held Tuesday, July 2nd at 5:30 PM at the Nature Center, adjacent to the City Park. As always, all interested area residents are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

2013 DUES START MAY 1

\$ 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 life-time honorary membership to the society.

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\$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.

This month's newsletter is brought to you by the benevolence of Grayling resident, WWII veteran and long time supporter of the Historical Museum

Bernard Feldhauser

Yes, I would like to Support the Crawford County Historical Museum.

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Please contact me. I would like to volunteer as a Greeter _____

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Wherever needed _____

for the 2013 Museum season.