



Dear Friends,

The Crawford County Historical Society has some exciting news to share- **We are excited to be the lead agency responsible for coordinating activities celebrating America's 250th birthday in Crawford County!**

Uncovering and protecting our past in order to enrich our future has long since been the mission of the Historical Society, and it is especially important over the next 18 months, as we celebrate the history of US - the people and events that have shaped this nation! We humbly ask for your support to make it one to remember! The America250PA - Crawford Commission is working hard to plan a full slate of celebrations, educational opportunities, and even a few legacy projects for the people of Crawford County - **from the Ohio line to the Oil Region** - and everywhere in between.

It is our goal that you, your children, your grandchildren, and your friends remember the celebration for their lifetime and share its excitement through their memories with generations to come. To make this happen, however, we need your help.

The following pages contain information on becoming an official sponsor of Crawford County's America250PA celebration, the current official events that can be sponsored, the benefits of sponsorship, and a signup form to get involved. We would love for you to review them and consider signing on as a sponsor for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Please consider partnering with us for 2026 - showing your support in guaranteeing a future for history, for culture, for the arts, and for the well-being of our community as we celebrate our nation's Semiquincentennial. I'm excited to talk more about this with you at your convenience! Feel free to call me directly at 814.573.9028, or simply fill out the form attached and we will be in touch shortly.

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Joshua Sherretts
Executive Director and Co-Chair of the America 250PA-Crawford Commission

Annual Sponsor/Member Packages - 2025/2026 - America's 250th Celebration

	Supporting Sponsor/Member	Heritage Sponsor/Member	Celebration Sponsor/Member	Semiquincentennial Sponsor/Member	Presenting Sponsor/Member
Contribution	\$250	\$500	\$1000	\$2500	\$5000 +
Event Sponsorship (1)	Text listing as Supporting Sponsor for 1 event	Text listing as Heritage Sponsor for 2 events	Logo listing as an Executive Sponsor for 1 event (2)	Logo listing as a Presenting Sponsor for 2 events (2)	Logo listing as an Industrial Sponsor for all events (2)
Event Tickets	2 Tickets for each Sponsored Event	4 Tickets for each Sponsored Event	6 Tickets for the Sponsored Event (3)	8 Tickets for each Sponsored Event (3)	8 Tickets for each Sponsored Event (3)
Membership (4)	1 Family Membership & NARM access	2 Family Memberships & NARM access	4 Family Memberships & NARM access	6 Family Memberships & NARM access	8 Family Memberships & NARM access
Annual Society Meeting	1 ticket	2 tickets	4 tickets	6 tickets	6 tickets & time for remarks to attendees
Ellie Davies Croquet Classic		1 team & 1 court sponsor	1 team & 2 court sponsors	2 teams & Mansion sponsorship	Up to 3 teams, 2 Mansion & 1 drink station
Newsletter Ad Print & Digital (5)	Half Page in One Issue	Full Page in One Issue	Quarter Page for each issue	Half page for each issue	Full page for each issue
Naming Opportunity	Sponsorship of an artifact or painting at the BRHM for one year	One year Sponsorship of a room at the Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum	Two room sponsorships at the BRHM or one at each BRHM and the Society Headquarters/Archive	Sponsor of a Garden or the Summer Tour Sponsor at the BRHM (3 Mo)	One year sponsor of the Gazebo, Ice House, Mosier Medical Office, or Gardens at the BRHM
Recognition	Presenting Sponsor Certificate	Presenting Sponsor Certificate	Presenting Sponsor Framed Certificate	Presenting Sponsor Framed Certificate	Presenting Sponsor Framed Certificate

Note 1: See list of Eligible Events to choose

Note 2: Includes mentions in all press releases and marketing-related materials

Note 3: Excludes Davies Croquet Classic and Trees of Christmas

Note 4: Family Membership is for 12 months from time of sponsorship with the currently listed pricing and perks at that level including discounts across the country through NARMA (\$50 value for a family of 4. North

American Reciprocal Museum Program-Free admission to over 1,500 museums nationwide)

Note 5: The newsletter is quarterly publication with a combined print and digital subscribership of over 2,500 recipients

Note 6: The CCHS website has an average monthly traffic volume of over 500 users.

Note 7: See list naming opportunities attached.



Semiquincentennial Sponsorship Form-2026

Company or Individual Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Representative (if company): _____

Sponsorship / Membership Level: _____

For employee/gift memberships included in the sponsorship/membership, please supply the following for each employee/recipient: Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number, and Email Address. We will mail them individual membership cards as well as the Society newsletter.

See event sponsorship lists to make selections.

Sponsored Events (List events you choose below of indicate if you're making a general sponsorship towards the Semiquincentennial celebration and season):

Event/Program 1: _____

Event/Program 2: _____

Event/Program 3: _____

Event/Program 4: _____

Event/Program 5: _____



Season, Program, Event, or Series Sponsorships

-History on the Road Program Sponsorship 2025/2026 - \$1000

*Name or logo on our website and the side banners of the Historical Society's 1921 Ford Model T Depot Hack Tour Bus as it drives around Crawford County to fairs, festivals, schools, libraries, parades and more to celebrate the nation's semiquincentennial (250th) as our History on the Road Program.

-Oral History Program Sponsorship 2025/2026 - \$1000

*Sponsorship would help cover the cost of collecting and preserving the stories of the people of Crawford County. We would include sponsorship listings on our website, brochures produced about the program, the banners taken places to advertise the program, our newsletter, email marketing, social media marketing and more. This program is a collaboration with StoryCorps, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to collecting America's stories and all stories collected are housed on our website and in the Library of Congress.

-Opening of Crawford County History Museum

James and Elizabeth Tarr Mansion - \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 or more.

Crawford County has a wealth of history and a number of sites throughout our region sharing the history of small areas and communities. September 2026, however, will be the first time there has been a comprehensive museum dedicated to the history of the entire county - right inside the Historical Society's headquarters. Sponsorships in this category will assist in creating exhibits, framing or mounting artifacts, creating display panels, and hosting a grand opening reception. Sponsorship includes signage in the exhibit, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.

-Memorial Park - \$1000, \$2500

As the major Semiquincentennial legacy project, the Society is working to create the official "Memorial Park" on Terrace Street, part of our efforts to create an Arboretum and public gardens on the seven acres owned by the Society in Meadville. Sponsorship of this project will help add military service plaques we are able to acquire from the Civil War and World War II, a sundial with connections to the Huidekoper Family and the former Waterworks Park, shade canopies, benches, and more. Our goal is a chance to merge generations - a place to recognize where we came from and allow future generations to get closer to their history!

-Outdoor Movies throughout Crawford County - \$500 each film

We're scheduling outdoor movie screenings featuring movies that are part of the American story (those that are a part of who we are and are culturally impactful to our arts and cultural fabric as a people). These will be open to the public free of charge and a \$500 sponsorship will cover the cost of movie rights to be able to screen the film for public viewing. Sponsorship



includes signage at the screening, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.

**-America's 250th Lecture Series
Throughout 2026**

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

Four to six speakers will be scheduled to speak throughout the county on topics ranging from the history of our nation to the history of our communities. The goal of this series is to present how "local meets national" in 250 plus years of our area! Sponsorship includes signage at the event, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.

**-Camp 1776: A History Adventure Summer Camp
June 8-12, 2026 - 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM each day**

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

Join us for a week long summer camp learning about the history of our state, nation, and YOUR community! Kids from age 8-12 can join us for five mornings of fun, with daily snacks and items to take home! History Adventure Summer Camp will run Monday through Friday from 9am until Noon (12pm) each day and include activities such as making butter, tours of museums, a community history walking tour, cemetery adventures, colonial trades, military drills, and more. Sponsorship includes signage at the event, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.

**-America's Semiquincennial Parade in Meadville
July 3, 2026**

Downtown Meadville

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

It's officially time for the largest celebration of our nation's birth and heritage since the US Bicentennial in 1976 and we are thrilled to work with Gabe Panchura of the Emerging Professionals in Crawford County (the organization responsible for the Meadville Halloween Parade) as our parade chairperson! We want your marching band, your American Legion, your nonprofit organization, your business, your social club, your antique cars, and more to enter a float and help us create a once in a lifetime celebration of pride in our history! Sponsorship includes signage at the event, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.



-An Old Fashioned Fourth - Official Day of Celebration and Fun in Crawford County!

July 4, 2026

Robertson Field, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

The Crawford County Historical Society is proud to be the organizers for the largest Crawford County led birthday party in our nation's history! Spend your Independence Day enjoying live music, fantastic food, family games, kids activities, a car show and a host of events for everyone in your family and your community. The day will culminate with a massive fireworks display sponsored by the City of Meadville, the Crawford County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the RDL Family Foundation. Join us for this once in a generation event! Sponsorship includes signage at the event, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.

-An Old Fashioned Fifth - A Train Full of History at the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad

July 5, 2026

Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad, Titusville, PA

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

Join the Crawford County Historical Society and the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad as well as many of our founding fathers and mothers on a train ride through the valley that changed the world! Actors will be riding on the train cars with you as they tell the personal stories of a few of the people who made history in 1776. Sponsorship includes signage at the event, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.

-Memory and Heirloom Roadshows

***August 9, 2026 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad Station, Titusville PA

***August 8, 2026 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Mount Hope: The Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum, Meadville, PA

Every family has heirlooms, stories, photographs, and more that are a part of who they are - in many cases, those items and memories are looking for an opportunity to be shared with family, friends, and a wider audience to be added to the collective memory of the next generation. Bring your family items, your stories, and what moves you to this event as well as your family and friends to discuss them with a larger audience. While items that have a larger connection to our county, state, and nation are encouraged, we are thrilled to have you bring and discuss anything and everything that makes you and your family who you are. Sponsorship includes signage at the event, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.



-The Direct Primary - A Crawford County Invention by Christopher Seeley

September 09, 2026

Crawford Co Courthouse Assembly Room

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

Presented by Crawford County Commissioner Christopher Seeley, we'll dig into the history of the direct primary system of government, how it works, and its history - starting on this day in Crawford County, Pennsylvania in 1842. Known as the "Crawford County System," our history has an effect on every election since!

-Pennsylvania Women and Their Fight for the Vote

September 11, 2026

Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad

September 12, 2026

Crawford Co Courthouse Assembly Rm w/ Signing and Reception at Tarr Mansion

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

Presented by the Justice Bell Foundation, this program includes:

- A screening of Finding Justice: The Untold Story of Women's Fight for the Vote, a 19-minute documentary
- A Q&A and discussion about Pennsylvania women's contributions to the suffrage movement
- Short program by CCHS on Alice Bentley, first female State Representative in PA (from Crawford)
- A book signing for The Justice Bell: Tracing the Journey of a Forgotten Symbol (available fall 2025)

-Quilt Bedturning Event at Mount Hope: The Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum-

September 26, 2026 - 1:00 PM

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

If you love quilts, don't miss an old-fashioned-style bedturning, led by quilt historian Jill Meszaros. Attendees will bring a quilt to share. Quilts will be stacked on tables, held up, and viewed by all attendees. Owners of the quilts will share what they know about their quilt and then our quilt historian will discuss the fabrics, patterns, styles, circa date, etc. giving the owners additional information about their quilted treasure. Limited to 25-30 participants. Sponsorship includes signage at the event, in press releases, social media, the Society's newsletter, email marketing, and more.



-From the Heart of Pennsylvania to the Soul of France: The Enduring Bond Between Meadville and Fismes - October 10, 2026 - 11:00 AM

See Sponsorship Chart for Levels

Linked not just by diplomacy, but by heroism, sacrifice, and a shared promise never to forget.

Meadville native and Crawford County Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Victoria Dickson will welcome guests to the incredible story of Meadville, Pennsylvania and its sister city, Fismes, France—a transatlantic bond forged in the fires of World War I and kept alive through generations of gratitude, generosity, and genuine friendship. A period luncheon (1910s) will be served as part of this program.