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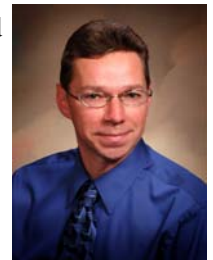
Artisan Village Concept Begins

Caution:Contains Editorial Comment

Nearly 120 enthusiastic citizens attended an organizational meeting of **Grayling's Artisan Village Concept** here on Monday March 1st. The community support for this project is unprecedented, at least for this century. They took ownership of this idea, I don't think anyone could stop them. You will see results of this effort **this summer**. Short term goals will convert at least two currently closed Michigan Avenue storefronts to mini art galleries for local artists and classrooms for Kirtland Community College art and craft programs. Further plans will develop more Michigan Avenue and perhaps other area buildings into studios, galleries and class spaces. A year round walking art center. Eventually, Kirtland Community College plans to construct a large gallery and studio facility in the area. The exact location to be determined. What has become obvious, is that Grayling's citizens are committed to move ahead with their plans for the Artisan Village concept regardless of when or where Kirtland spots a major gallery. The cooperation between the College, city officials, county and local townships, and the citizens is fantastic. They see the possibilities.

Think of a family visiting for a weekend, canoeing for an afternoon, visiting a studio the next morning to watch a gifted artisan working his trade in what is now an empty

building. Someone sees a brochure on quilting from the Icehouse, or on furniture finishing from the Brickery, or fly tying from the Old AuSable Fly Shop. They stumble across a street concert presented by students of Dharma Music. Now they decide to come back again. They learn about AuSable River Boats, made nowhere else in the world. They discover Hanson Hills, Hartwick Pines, 147,000 acres of Camp Grayling open to the public most of the time. They bring friends who see an artist etching glass in a storefront, sign up for classes. They like it here, they buy a cabin from me. Later they move here and they slowly but surely replace my kids and your kids who have moved on for employment. The community is growing instead of shrinking. Now you get it. This is a big deal. No one else is coming to save us. There are no smokestacks, no nuclear waste, no corporate bean counters to wave off on Crawford County. We have everything we need. You can't even imagine how many talented artists are already here. We have plenty of unused space to make available. We have people here who can teach these artists how to market their art on the Internet as well as in local shops. When we make it user friendly for (please see back page)



Crawford County Sales for January thru February 2009/2010

Excludes Non-MLS	Sales 2009/2010	Volume 2009/2010	Avg. Price 2009/2010	New listings 2009/2010
Residential	12/ 17	\$669,400 / \$1,206,800	\$55,783 / \$70,988	43/ 36
Vacant	3 / 5	\$168,800 / \$41,750	\$56,266 / \$8,350	10 / 12
Commercial	0 / 0	\$ 0 / \$ 0	\$0 / \$0	4 / 2

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the artists, they will bring in more commerce. Unlike a big factory providing employment, they are not likely to all pack up and move away at once. The whole concept is woven into the fabric of the community, it can't just go away.

This plan does not preclude on-going efforts to attract more businesses here, large and small. But while those plans may take months or years to play out, this could be going on now. It can only encourage a business owner's decision to locate in Grayling.

There is no reason this will not work. 116 people have already signed on and accepted responsibility for some aspect of the project. What can you do? There are several holes in the team assignments and your talents could be just the thing needed to fill these vacancies. Contact:
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Crawford County Trivia

Send the correct answer back on the form below and I'll send you an indoor/outdoor thermometer, like the one you used to have from Jansen's.

What is now the "Burning Bush Tabernacle" located at 501 Michigan Ave., was originally the Danebod Hall built in 1908 as a gift to his church by what local businessman? _____.

Answer for last issue: Peter's Coiffures.



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