It all began back in 1884 when Crary School was nothing more than an old store building on the north side of Crary. That building was destroyed by fire in 1907 and replaced with a four-room building. When that building was also destroyed by fire, the present building was constructed with a gym added in the early fifties.

Education in the Crary community has always been the number one priority. Sports was priority number two, as the Crary Cardinals brought home many trophies which are displayed along with other school memorabilia in the Crary Community Center.

Two all-school reunions have been held. The first, in 1990, was very successful. The second, in July 1995, left money which was invested, and the earnings were divided among students who would have graduated from Crary School had it remained open. With no more students meeting these criteria, the reunion committee voted to put the remaining dollars to good use by opening an endowment for Crary area students, the Crary All-School reunion Endowment. •