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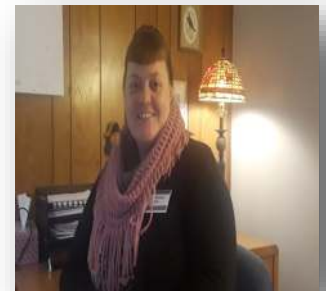
NEW DIRECTOR HIRED WELCOME SHIRLEY J. RAY

The Dubois County Museum has stepped into this new decade with a big announcement! We have hired a director and she is excited about being here. Since January 2, 2020 Shirley J. Ray has been on the job as our new director and she is finding out something she already knew-our museum is pretty special.

Shirley J. Ray is a native of Knox County, Indiana. She earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in Humanities at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota and her Masters of Arts degree in Museum Studies at the University of Nebraska. In the past twenty years, she has served as Executive Director at museums in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Indiana, often

serving as the first professional staff at these institutions. For the past 10 years, she has also served as an adjunct professor in the Social Sciences department at Vincennes University. Ray was the first Executive Director of the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy in Vincennes after she secured a 1.3 million dollar funding grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. These funds were the final step in a long range plan for the development of a museum honoring the legacy of Red Skelton. The museum opened on July 18, 2013.

Shirley reported to the Dubois County



Museum Board on January 9, 2020 that she spent her first month on the job meeting with individuals and committees including exhibits, collections, marketing, building maintenance and special events (membership dinner). She has been reading through the institutional files including the master plan, blueprints and board minutes from the inception of the museum. She continues to be inspired by the tremendous effort and altruism that created this organization. In short, she is thrilled to be here.



**Check out
the
Valentine
cards on
display at
the
museum
during
February.**



Storytime at the Museum sponsored by the Optimist Club of Jasper

Saturday, February 8, 2020

beginning at 10:30am

Stories, Crafts and activities
Theme: Hearts/Valentines

Reader: Carrie Holdsworth
Crafts and Activities: Amy Weyer



Come Play Chess on Feb. 8

The Dubois County Museum will host the First Annual Dubois County Chess Tournament at the museum on Saturday, February 8, 2020. The museum invites all ages to come to learn the game or to

develop skill. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. volunteers will be on hand to help those wishing to learn the game and for those wishing to sharpen their skills. Beginning at 11:00 a.m. a tournament will

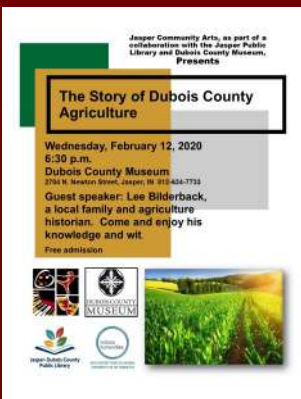
begin. Sign up is from 10-11:00 a.m. The tournament will be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. depending on the number of players. Scores will be tallied from 3-4:00 p.m., with prizes awarded at approximately 4:00 p.m.

The Story of Dubois County Agriculture

Jasper Community Arts, as part of a collaboration with the Jasper Public Library and Dubois County Museum, has been awarded \$1,500 by Indiana Humanities to host a local program exploring

themes from a traveling Smithsonian-curated exhibit, called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." The next program in the collaboration will be "The Story of Dubois County Agriculture".

The program will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, beginning at 6:30pm at the Dubois County Museum. Guest speaker will be Lee Bilderback, a local family and agriculture historian. Come and enjoy his knowledge and wit.



The Twenties are Roaring at the Ferdinand Library

Pieces of The Dubois County Museum collection are on the road again! Last year several items were displayed in the display windows at Hoosier Business Machines during Strassenfest. This year a collection of "Roaring Twenties" items set to welcome visitors into the Ferdinand Branch Library.

Items on display include

doll dresses, a black and white parasol, pin with large purple stone, 1926 wedding shoes and wedding photograph of Victor and Lorena (Goetz) Sermersheim, Bardenheier's 4/5 pint wine bottle found in Eckert log house in Celestine, a trumpet, a women's straw Cloche belonging to Ernestine Fierst, art nouveau style woven black and tan purse, a blond doll in

green dress and hair ribbon belonging to Lila Seger, a 1920 Electric Singer Sewing Machine donated by Ivan Clark, hatpins -white and black headed, pink metallic change purse, Alcoholmeter, prescription form for use of alcohol, Boater hat, Dolly Dingle Boy & Girl Porcelain dolls, "Gibson Girl" style poster advertising Bamberger Store in Huntingburg, a Indy 500 photo, and an Uhl bottle and jug. Visit the library to see and read all about the items from the "Roaring Twenties" that are on display.

The display will remain till March. 28.

In Loving Memory of Marilyn J. Nathan

Our long time volunteer and expert in translating German Script has passed away. Marilyn Jean Nathan died on January 16, 2020. Marilyn loved to share her knowledge of history and her passion of al-

ways learning and growing. She was a fixture on Strassenfest weekends. She loved to sit and share the written German documents with the people, giving them a bit of history that they never knew about their

ancestors. Many a time she also brought food items to share that she prepared or raised in her garden.

You will be missed, Marilyn.



Membership Renewal Time

If you have not done so thus far, please renew your membership to the Dubois County Museum. The continued support of the museum through your yearly membership is one of the main sources of income for the museum.

And, Thank you, to those who have renewed for 2020!

Dubois County Museum

**2704 N. Newton Street,
Jasper, IN 47546
Call 812-634-7733**

**Hours are 10-2pm Tues-
days-Fridays,
10-4pm Saturdays,
and 1-4pm on Sundays.
Closed Mondays.**

**Admission is \$5 per adult,
\$3 high school age, \$2
middle and elem. school,
under 4-free.**



The Dubois County Museum is a local non profit organization committed to the collection, preservation and interpretation of historical artifacts and information important to the citizens of the county. Museum operations are funded by annual memberships, admissions, donations and gifts from visitors, area residents and businesses. The DCM staff consists entirely of volunteers. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Like us on Facebook at Dubois County Museum. Funded in part by the Dubois County Visitors Center-www.visitduboiscounty.com .800-968-4578.

Book a tour by calling Kathy at 812-630-8696.

Contact Kathy at 812-630-8696 if interested in volunteering.

For Room Rentals, contact the museum at 812-634-7733 and ask for Peg or Joe.

Support the museum by making a Memorial Gift in memory of or in Honor of someone.



Congratulations Art Nordhoff Sagamore of the Wabash

Attorney Art Nordhoff received this special award on January 23 for his years of service to the county.

**Presented by Shane Lindauer, Indiana Representative, Elmer Brames and County Officials.
Photo credit: Chad Blessinger**

On Tuesday, February 18 Kathy Bachman, Shirley Ray and Joe Shelton will set up information at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show to promote Southern Indiana and the Dubois County Museum, They will be manning the Explore Southern Indiana booth and handing out brochures to inform people about our museum and area. The museum is a member of the Explore Southern Indiana group and we purchase ads in their brochure. We truly appreciate the Explore group letting us take a day to promote Southern Indiana and our great Dubois County Museum.