



# Dubois County Museum eNewsletter

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**The Museum will be closed for Good Friday on April 15 and Easter Sunday on April 17.**

## Grand Opening of Wava's Wonderlab April 16

The Dubois County Museum is excited to open a special play station within the Little Pioneers Area in memory of Wava Boeglin. The Grand Opening of Wava's Wonderlab will be held on Saturday, April 16, at about 10:30 a.m. Through a special donation presented to the museum by Wava's family, many special toys and games have been added to the area. And, even some photo opportunities. The exhibit's coordinator, Cheryl Sermersheim, has orga-

nized the items in a colorful and handy bin system and all will be ready for April 16.



Wava was a long time and faithful volunteer for the museum. She would be seen many times helping in the lobby to greet guests or she would be behind the

scenes helping with sewing pioneer dresses for the dress up area or even driving the golf cart with Santa Claus. She would lead tours. She would lend a hand with Harvest and Heritage Days (dressed in her pioneer dress) or give a demonstration of a long ago craft or skill. Her death in May of 2021 has left a void at the museum.

We thank the Boeglin family for remembering their mother in this way and we welcome families and children to enjoy this special learning lab.

## Thank You Jasper Optimists

The Jasper Optimists Club recently awarded the Dubois County Museum a \$2,000 gift. The money will be used for our youth programs planned for this year. Thank you local Optimist.

Presenting the check to our museum volunteers were: left and far right Optimists Patrick Linderman, President Melissa Eckert and President elect Neil Broeker. Museum volunteers were Cheryl Sermersheim, Carrie Holdsworth and Kathy Bachman.



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## Children's Storytime April 9



These two enjoyed the craft recently.

Our Storytime is held every month on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Young children are invited to attend and participate in the stories and activities planned for the morning. Ms. Carrie Holdsworth is the coordinator and is look-

ing forward to another Storytime on Saturday, April 9. She plans to do some planting with the participants and a project about kids' favorite wish flower, aka the dandelion.

All should meet in the Little Pioneers area for stories and

then possibly moving outside to do some planting in the park.

May will be Art in the Park on May14.

**Thank you to the Optimists Club of Jasper for sponsoring our Storytime program.**

## New Program- Let's Talk...

Come and learn all about Genealogy and navigating the paths to learning your ancestry in the first session of *Let's Talk*.

In a recent meeting of people doing great work with historical sites, Facebooking networks and reviewing information that is out there, but not well known yet, a new program series was born. We are calling it "Let's Talk". For our first session we are pulling a group of people together that have spearheaded the Genealogical Society in Dubois County and have opened a special resource room of their personal items for Genealogy at the Dubois County Mu-

seum. Tom Kellams, Mike Humbert and Judy Welp will sit on a panel on Saturday, April 23, beginning at 1:30pm, at the museum. They invite you to learn more about how they got involved in finding their roots, the steps in using research, how this special resource room was created and what are some of the items they have in this room.. This knowledgeable group will answer your questions and share their research.

Cost of attending the

program is admission to the museum at \$5 per adult. Come early to tour the Genealogical Room and museum..

Plans are being made for a May program.. The June program is set for June 11 and is your chance to meet Dot Lewis. She has several Facebook sites on history in the area such as *You know you're from Jasper, IN when*. And *Jasper and Dubois County, IN: History, Family, Faith, Food & Fun*. Mike Humbert will join her.

## Mayor's Youth Group Planning Mural

The Dubois County Museum Board of Directors met in February with a young group called the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council. They presented a plan for a mural to be painted on the outside wall of the museum. The plan was accepted and things are rolling along. They have contacted Elizabeth Wertman of Blondebrush Designs

and the design and dates were agreed upon. The public is invited to add their painting touches to the mural on May 14 and 15. The group is finalizing their plans and more will be coming out soon.

We are also adding to the south of the mural a painting of a logo we have been using since 2019. The silhouettes are items that can be found

in our museum-buffalo, bear, barn, wagon, log house, schoolhouse, explorers boat and model trains. The design was created by Courtney (Knies) Foster, formerly of Celestine. It was a modification of the Celestine 175th logo from a 2015 design she created. Her aunt, Kathy Bachman, asked if Foster could modify it for the museum. The logo is pictured here on the right.



*Make plans to help paint the mural on May 14 and 15. Fun activities are being planned by the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council. More information coming soon.*

## On line Auction a Success

Thanks to all that bid on or purchased items in our recent On line auction. The museum netted some revenue from the auction, but most importantly created space in our second floor storage space.

A BIG thanks goes to Vicki Wiederkehr and her team from Cardinal Selling Services for coordinating the auction. And thanks to our Board members that put in some hours moving items, arranging items

and helping with the sale. Thanks to Kurt Vonderheide, Cheryl and Mike Sermersheim, Julia Flynn and Bruce Heeke who pitched in where ever they could.

## Tourism Grant Awarded for Marketing Plans

The DCM Marketing Team was recently notified that their grant application for use on Marketing was awarded \$6,000 from Dubois County Tourism.. This grant will help pay a sizable amount that is spent on marketing our

museum. Quarterly member newsletters, ads purchased for local brochures, radio ads, membership fees to belong to local groups such as Explore Southern Indiana and PLAY are all paid for through Marketing. This

grant amount represents about half of what is budgeted for marketing. Members of the Marketing team are Kathy Bachman, Marcia Werne, Brenda Eckert, Joe Schoenbachler, Mike Vogler and Kent Reyling. If you have an interest in marketing and in joining our team, contact Kathy at 812-630-8696. They meet first Thursday of month at noon.



**Dubois County Museum**

2704 N. Newton Street, (US 231 N) Jasper, IN 47546  
Call 812-634-7733

Hours are 10 a.m.-2p.m.  
Tuesday-Friday, 10a.m.-4p.m.  
Saturday, 1  
-4p.m. on Sunday.  
Closed Monday.

Admission is \$5 per adult, \$3 high school age, \$2 middle and elem. school, and 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 staffed entirely of volunteers. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site [www.duboiscountymuseum.org](http://www.duboiscountymuseum.org). Like us on Facebook and Twitter at Dubois County Museum. Funded in part by the Dubois County Visitors Center-[www.visitduboiscounty.com](http://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 Peg at the museum at 812-634-7733.**

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



**Membership Application-Be a Member Today!**

Membership levels: Please circle Individual-\$25, Couple-\$40, Family-\$50, Bronze-\$100, Copper-\$250, Silver-\$500, Gold-\$1,000, Platinum-\$3,000, Benefactor-\$5,000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ May pay by Check, Cash or Credit Card .

Credit Card Type (circle) Visa MasterCard Discover Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact me: I am interested in volunteering in Exhibits, as Tour Guide, Lobby, with Trains, Cleaning, Membership, Exhibits, Marketing, Children's Programs, Special Events, Gift Shop, Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle those interested in). Memberships run one year from date of purchase.

Send form to Dubois County Museum 2704 Newton Street Suite A Jasper, IN 47546-1332 ATTN Peg or drop off at museum

