



# Dubois County Museum E News

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## Announcing our July Activities

*Come in and visit your Dubois County Museum . Over 50,000 sq feet of exhibit space, many distinct areas to explore, and a great collection of artifacts of the area.*

*Admission is \$5 per adult, \$3 per high school student, \$2 for middle and elementary students, and children under 4-free (Unless it is a special program).*

*Members are admitted free.*

*Memberships sold at the lobby desk.*

The calendar has turned a page and it is time to enjoy the month of July and all what it brings. The Museum has these activities planned:

**Saturday, July 9**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Carrie Holdsworth will be leading Storytime. The Theme is "Grandma/Grandpa/ Tea". We thank our partners, the Optimist Club of Jasper, in sponsoring this Storytime program.

**Saturday, July 16**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. "Teddy Bear Tea with Grandma and Me" returns. It is always a

wonderful event and enjoyed by grandmother/or special guests and grandchildren. This program is also sponsored by the Optimist Club of Jasper. They are assisting us with our Children's Programming this year.

**Wednesday, July 20**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the items will be set out for another Play Day time for those with young children. Come in out of the weather for a nice time with your children. The Little Pioneers area is also open for all ages to come enjoy the museum.

On **Saturday, July 23**, beginning at 1:30 p.m. local historian, Junie Himself, will be speaking as part of our "Let's Talk-Summertime Lecture Series". He will speak on the subject- 'Cemeteries are Museums' and share his interest in Pioneer cemeteries. Tour bus here at 3:30 before train dinner.

**Tours** also have been scheduled and are coming in on July 6 and July 23.

Come check us out this July.

## Fireworks at Patoka Lake July 2

Patoka Lake Area Year Round (PLAY) tourism group, of which the Dubois County Museum belongs, is sponsoring **Thunder over Patoka** on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at the park. The fireworks begin at dark

or about 9:45/10:00pm. The museum has belonged to this tourism group for a number of years and has lent a hand to help promote and finance this program through purchasing an ad for the event

through our Marketing budget.

We hope you seek out this event, support the businesses in the Patoka Lake area and enjoy the fireworks.





## Teddy Bear Tea with Grandma and Me

Back by popular demand, the museum is sponsoring a Teddy Bear Tea with Grandma and Me on Saturday, July 16, at the museum from 10:30am -12:00pm.

Children ages 3 to 10, and their grandmas (or special others), are invited to bring your favorite teddy bear or spe-

cial doll and enjoy a morning of crafts, games, a tea party, snacks and a scavenger hunt to find special items located around the museum. You are invited to come dressed in your best for some sweet treats and tea!

Cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.

Members are admitted free. Please email your RSVP by July 11 to [cherylsermersheim@gmail.com](mailto:cherylsermersheim@gmail.com).

And thanks to our generous sponsor this summer, The Optimist Club of Jasper, for sponsoring this event and our other children activities.

## Storytime w/Miss Cassie July 9

Storytime will be held on Saturday, July 9, beginning at 10:30 am, in the Children's Little Pioneer area. The theme for this month is "Grandma/Grandpa/Tea to

go along with our Teddy Bear Tea with Grandma and Me happening on July 16. Miss Carrie Holdsworth will have several enjoyable stories and crafts planned for the

9th. Come in and check out Storytime and the museum.

Thanks to Optimist Club of Jasper for sponsoring Storytime and our Children's Activities this year.

## Summer Lecture Series with Junie Himsel July 23

Local historian Delbert "Junie" Himsel will be leading our Summer Lecture Series "Let's Talk" on Saturday, July 23. The program begins at 1:30pm in the Log House area. Junie

will be speaking on "Cemeteries are Museums". Since about 1985 Mr. Himsel has been visiting local pioneer cemeteries in the tristate area and recording information he has gath-

ered about our early settlers. In some places the tombstones and markers have been in a state of decay. He has worked and restored markers and graves for many fallen pioneers. Don't miss this chance to hear Junie speak.

# See You at the Dubois County Fair July 18-22

The Dubois County Museum Marketing Team had such a great time at the Dubois County Fair last year, they are planning to attend again this year. Look for our table in the Commercial Building.

We will again be playing a game, offering fee items, giving away free admission tickets and

giving away each night a chance to win a \$25 Museum Membership or applying \$25 off to a couple or family membership.

Last year fair goers enjoyed challenging themselves to be “Smarter than a Fourth Grader” with answering trivia questions. This year we are inviting you to step

up and correctly price items that were featured in past ads from local grocery stores in The Herald as taken from The Herald archives.



## Play Day Wednesday, July 20 10am to 2pm

Play Day in July will be on Wednesday, July 20, during our open hours of 10am to 2pm. Mothers of Preschoolers are invited to come in and enjoy a fun (and out of the weather) play day with their children. The museum will again set up play sets and have them avail-

able for playing. One mother said we should call this “Fun and Food” because the museum volunteers also offer some snacks, cookies and treats to participants.

Thanks to past food contributors Tammy Sermersheim at Spud’s Country Market for cookies, Ann Knies at Choc-

olate Bliss for Jelly Belly’s and Kathy Bachman for the cookies, and Ann Brosmer at EJ and Dots for the blow up Farm.

Thanks, also, to Abby Lueken for securing the specials.

We set up the area on Tuesdays, at noon, if you would be available to help. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

## Bison Finds a New Home at Museum

Early this spring, Mary Ann Champion from Vincennes University Jasper Center, approached the board about accepting a gift from them. They were willing to give the museum their Bison sculpture that was part of the Bison-tennial Public Art Project. It had been on display in front of the VUJC Student Center. The Bison

was painted by Josh Dodd and has images of the Dubois Courthouse on one side and the Jasper Mill on the other side. Approval was given by the museum board and a new home is in the works to display this great piece of history from Indiana’s 2016 Bicentennial. Our Property Manager, Kurt Vonderheide, secured approval from the

Jasper fire chief and mayor to place the bison in the easement with the museum’s new outdoor mural. Kurt plans to place creek rock and mulch around the bison and add other landscaping touches in that area. He also hopes to remove a rock path along the building and sow it in grass. We invite you to keep watching this outdoor space for improvements and additions.



## Dubois County Museum

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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.

Members 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.



## June Happenings at the Museum



Visitors in June heard Dot Lewis talk on using Facebook, heard stories on frogs, saw and touched reptiles with Blake Buechlein/Jasper Reptile Rescue, played with the Play Day items, tied fly fishing flies and were given tours of the museum. Arnie Mehringer and Leann Burke had also talked about clover and mowing hay for the Ferdinand News in their *Pieces from the Past* monthly sessions. A busy month, indeed!

