



Dubois County Museum E News



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November

Nov. 1 - Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) display -view in log house area

Nov. 12 - 10:30 a.m. Storytime - Sponsored by Optimist Club of Jasper. Around the World

Theme. Meet in Little Pioneer area

Nov. 12 - 10:00 Veterans Day Program and Opening of a new addition to our Military Display. Hear Captain Thomas (Duncan) McKay, Commanding Officer at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane speak at 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 16- 10-2pm Play Day Mothers and Preschoolers, Food and Fun

Nov. 17 - 5:30-8:00pm Festival of Trees Opening to herald in the Christmas season. Food and refreshment, prizes, music, vote for favorite decorated Christmas tree.

Nov. 17 - Opening of new temporary exhibit called "Remembering Christmas"

Nov. 19 10-11:30 Tour and special morning with our friends in the Optimist Special Kids program. Tour, crafts, games, snack.

Nov. 23-4-H SPARK program. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Museum is venue for this program. Learn about farming past, present and future. Contact Purdue Extension.

Here Comes the Holidays!

Our calendar pages turn to November and the Thanksgiving season, But wait! On the heels of November sneaks in the Christmas season. At your Dubois County Museum we are putting away our fall and Halloween decorations so that we can quickly put up Christmas and the joys of the holidays. We feel like we can't catch our breath from one exhibit to the next. It is truly a busy time. This year in November we are so excited to welcome

Captain Duncan McKay, the commanding officer from Crane Naval Base for a special Veterans Day program at 10:30 a.m.

The program will be on November 12. Our doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers, under the direction of Clara Fromme, will go through our many boxes of different Christmas ornaments and start trimming the many trees with many different themes. They will be decorating on

Monday, November 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to come join them, please do. The more the merrier!

A temporary exhibit called, "Remembering Christmas" will be going up in Room One. Do you have a favorite holiday memory you wish to share? Write it up and drop it off at the lobby desk to be included in the display. Do it today!

Read this newsletter for more about our busy month!

"Remembering Christmas"

A new temporary exhibit will be going up at the Dubois County Museum for Christmas 2022. It will showcase many Christmas related items from our vast collection. To be included in this exhibit, the museum would like to invite you to submit a story of a Christmas memory. Do you remember getting a tree from the woods? Baking cookies with grandmother? A special St. Nick

gift? The exhibit team will be displaying this written memory on a specially created Christmas Memories Wall. Send your written memory to Cheryl Sermersheim at cherylsermersheim@gmail.com or bring to museum. Include your name and possibly the year of your memory.

The display will go up on November 17, 2022 and

run through February 2023. Memories may be added at any time during this exhibit showing.

The museum invites you to share history by documenting oral stories from the past.





Captain Duncan McKay

Veterans Day Program Nov. 12 With Captain Duncan McKay

It is with great pleasure that the Dubois County Museum welcomes Captain Duncan McKay, commanding officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) to the museum for a Veterans Day program on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The museum will open at 10:00 a.m. Captain McKay will speak at 10:30 a.m. about NSWC Crane, his career, and the history of Veterans Day.

Captain Duncan McKay assumed command of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) in July of 2020. He is a native of Tampa, Florida. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Florida State University in

1996, and was commissioned an Ensign in September 1992 after completion of Officer Candidate School. He was assigned to the fast attack submarine USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) stationed in Groton, Connecticut in February 1998. His tour included deployments to the North Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and Persian Gulf. In 2016, he was assigned as the military deputy for the USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) Selected Restricted Availability in Yokosuka, Japan.

The museum is also adding to their military exhibit and will feature new items for the exhibit on soldiers' uniforms, nurse's uniform and equipment from World

War I, WW II and the Vietnam War. Also, recently donated to the museum and being displayed is the United States Military Academy cadet full dress uniform (three uniforms actually) belonging to Jeff Balka, a 2005 graduate from Northeast Dubois High School and West Point. Balka received nominations from Indiana Senator Richard Lugar and State Representative Baron Hill and was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point in the Class of 2009. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His duty assignments include Fort Drum, NY; Fort Leonard Wood, MO; and Camp Casey, Republic of Korea. Balka also completed combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Storytime November 12 Around the World Theme

Our museum building will be utilized to its best on Saturday, November 12. In the Log House area will be the Veterans Day Program and in the Children's Little Pioneer Area

will be Storytime with Carrie Holdsworth. Carrie's theme is Around the World. Join her at 10:30 a.m.



Festival of Trees Opening Night November 17

The public is invited to the Dubois County Museum's special opening of the Festival of Trees on Thursday, November 17. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for visitors to enjoy this special time of year at the museum. The museum will again be granting free admission this evening and will be open till 8:00p.m. Our communities will again adorn their community tree with trimmings that speak about their town. These special

trees will be set up in front of their town mural in Room Two. The museum volunteers will be getting the museum in the festive mood by also decorating over 25 trees. Some trees will be decorated by individuals or area churches. The Santa Collection of Kay Smock will be again be displayed. New this year is a "Remember Christmas" Temporary Exhibit with special pieces from our collection and written memories from the

public. Lauren Popp and her piano students will be entertaining visitors with piano music from our grand piano.



Every year we wonder which tree is the prettiest. A vote will be taken this year and the winners announced on December 23 on Facebook. Come view the trees and place your vote.

Food and refreshments will be served this night and drawings for prizes.

We hope to see you there!

Reservations needed in mail for Breakfast with Santa by November 18



Return form to Cheryl Sermersheim c/o DCM 2704 N. Newton Street, Jasper for Breakfast with Santa.

Adult Name(s) _____

Children names _____

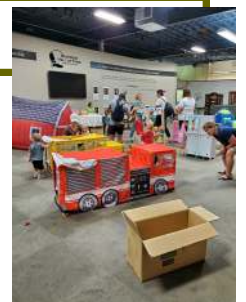
Adults \$10 per person, Children \$7 per child (if 8 or under) Total included _____

Enjoy a catered breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, fruit, drinks

Enjoy crafts, games, and a visit with Santa!

PLAY DAY Wednesday, November 16

Mothers of Preschoolers are invited to our monthly Play Day on Wednesday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our play sets will again be out for the children to enjoy some creative play, while mothers get a chance to interact with other mothers. This has become quite a successful program with close to 500 mothers and children attending this program since February (excluding the month of March). Thank you to all who have participated and thanks to those who have donated treats, new toys and items. We will again have things set up and yummy treats to enjoy on the 16th.





Dubois County Museum

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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 with current membership.

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. Like us on Facebook and Twitter 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 Peg at the museum at 812-634-7733.



Great Turnout for October Programs

Thank you everyone for coming out to the museum for our October programs. We had a good turnout for Vocus Vivas on the 15th (100 people), over 300 for Fall Family Harvest Days, many stopping in over Fall Break, Play Day (55) and Spooky Streets (150). We inched closer to our goal for 2022 of 10,000 visitors with close to 980 visitors in October. Wow, that is great.! Many people also came in and purchased a

yearly membership!

We hope to see you in November for Storytime, the Veterans Day program, Coin Club, Model Train Club meeting, Play Day, 4-H Spark program, tours, Festival of Trees and a wellness walk through the museum. The Dubois County Museum is a great place to visit and entertain your family.



Special photo op of Grandmother and granddaughter in Children's Area.