



Dubois County Museum E News

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**August is
here!**



**Come en-
joy the
museum!**

Welcome to the Strassenfest

The 2025 Edition of the Jasper Strassenfest pays tribute to the 40 years of the Jasper Sister Cities Partnership with Pfaffenweiler Germany.

A special program by the Sister Cities will be held at the museum on Thursday morning, July 31, at 10:15 a.m. to honor Mary Jo Meuser. Mary Jo was the JHS German Teacher instrumental in creating the student exchange program. Join in the cel-

ebration as special guest from Germany will be part of the many visitors participating in the program. Also a special invitation is extended to former students and parents who participated in the exchange program, as well as, members of the local German Club and city officials.

The Strassenfest had its beginning in 1979. Be sure to look over the special display case at the museum featuring all the past

Strassenfest programs books, mugs and buttons.

The Dubois County Museum is extending our hours of operation on Thursday and Friday, July 31 and August 1 for the Strassenfest. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on those days. Saturday hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The museum will be open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 3.

Genealogy Room Open

Be sure to check out the Genealogy Room at the museum. Genealogy Society Members maintain hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00

p.m. The Genealogy Room, off the museum's lobby, has many private collections donated by local people. Many have donated their searches for their past links to their ancestors. Also

the Room is stocked with many books on a wide variety of subjects. Local high school year books, church books, published history books are a few on display.

Don't Miss the 6th Annual Car Show Aug 10



Pat and Karen
showing
Karen's car.

The Dubois County Museum announces their 6th Annual Museum Car Show on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at the museum on 2704 N. Newton Street (U.S. 231 N) in the shady, grassy area behind the museum. The Show will be held rain or shine. Car registration will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon Eastern Time. Cost is \$20 per vehicle the day of the show; \$15 per pre-registered vehicles by August 3. Forms are available on line, on Facebook and at the museum. Judging will begin at noon. Concessions will be available by 10:00 a.m. with refreshments and sandwiches being sold including local brats and hamburgers. Dash Plaques and Goody bags will be given to the first 100 cars regis-

tered. Awards presented this year include: pre 2010-top 20 and Best of Show; 2010 and newer-Top 20 and Best of Show; Special Interest; People's Choice; and President's Choice. Attendance prizes and drawings will be held throughout the day among the registered cars. The public is invited to bid on Silent Auction items.

The museum will be open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. for viewing and a free pass is included in the Goody bag.

2024 Car show winners were 1957 Ford Fairlane Convertible owned by Jerry Boehman, 2021 Ford Mustang owned by Steve Henke and 2019 Corvette Sting-

ray owned by Marilyn Nottingham.

The public is invited to view the cars, vote on special awards, enjoy concessions and visit the museum.



Scene from a past
show.

Explore the Ocean During Storytime

Youngsters will enjoy a trip into stories of the oceans at Storytime on Saturday, August 9. Carrie Holdsworth will read fiction and non-fiction books on life in the oceans.

Crafts and activities will follow. Come enjoy your time in the museum with your preschoolers or young elementary aged children and enjoy the monthly theme.

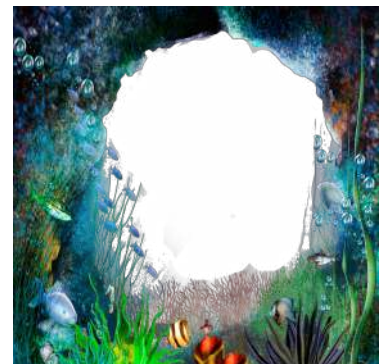


Photo Contest Taken Down, Floods and Schools Exhibits Going Up

Thank you to all the Photo Contest Participants for allowing us to display the Photo Contest till Strassenfest. So many visitors enjoyed seeing these remarkable photos and commented on them. The Photo Contest Committee

will begin taking down the display on Friday, August 8. Photos will be available for pick up at the Lobby Desk.

The Exhibit Team will be moving the display on the Mills in the lobby within the next several

days. In its place will be a display on Floods that impacted the area. The ramp area will see a new display on Schools. Come see the many pictures of both these items that the museum has in our collections.

We also remember long time lobby volunteer, Al Astrike, who passed on July 17. Our sympathy to his wife Elaine. Al was a lot of fun and was full of great stories. Rest in peace, Al.

Remembering Esther Kellams, Al Astrike



Heaven has gained a special person of our museum family. Esther

Kellams passed on Thursday, July 17, surrounded by her family. Our deepest sympathy to her husband Tom, daughter Cheryl

Sermersheim, her son Brian and her loving family. Esther and Tom were instrumental in getting the Main Street Area off the ground at the museum, spending many countless hours working on the 17 room display. When needing some eggs for display, Esther and Cheryl blew

out the eggs from the shells so that the display would look authentic. Esther also contributed material and handmade clothing for the flour mill display on using feed sacks for clothing.

Rest in peace, Esther and Al. We will miss you.



Archaeology Day Saturday, September 13

Archaeology Day will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025. It will be the same format at the previous year.

The museum welcomes Professor Mi-

chael Strezewski from the University of Southern Indiana to speak beginning at 10:30. After his presentation local collectors Derrick Haas and possibly Kenny Hochgesang will be on hand till

noon to share their knowledge of arrowheads, spear points and tools with the audience. They will help you identify any of your new finds.

More on Archaeology Day in next month's newsletter.



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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 admitted 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 is staffed entirely of volunteers. 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 Kathy at the museum at 812-634-7733.

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

Great Summer!

Thanks to all who visited our museum this summer. We have seen many new and happy faces. We have encouraged numerous walkers to come in and get out of the heat. What a hot summer this has been!

We appreciated the several young families that came in for a get together with

other young families. The young voices filled the air as they enjoyed visiting our museum.

The hot humid weather also saw several quick and hard showers. Our newly remodeled, insulated roofs were able to keep the water out and did a great job

holding down the excessive temperatures.

We look forward to seeing you continue to stop in during the week-if retired or if you have little ones and make the museum your "go to" place.