



Dubois County Museum E Newsletter

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New Education Exhibit On Display

A new exhibit highlighting the rich past of the education system in Dubois County is now on display at the museum. Come in and browse the entrance area for a look back at our former schools in Dubois County. Have you heard of the Jasper Academy or College? This school was originally built to attract St. Meinrad Abbey to Jasper after the Abbey burned down in 1887. By 1889 Jasper College opened and young men were registering as students. St. Meinrad Abbey went on to move to Illinois during the rebuilding

years, and then back to St. Meinrad.

Jasper Academy graduated many community leaders before it closed in 1933. Pictures, early diplomas and class photos are on display. Jasper Academy's building was later sold to the Fathers of Divine Providence and used as the Providence Home. The structure was torn down in 1974.

Diplomas from early educational institutions at Cuzco, Birdseye, Dubois, Jasper, Ireland, Otwell, and Jefferson Township, to name a few, are displayed.

Class pictures, Reading Club pictures, and a salute to early teachers can also be found in the display.

The museum collections is missing pieces from Huntingburg and Holland. Please call the museum at 812-634-7733 if you have any pictures to add.

Also, check out the display case highlighting many early educational tools used through the years at the local schools.

This is a temporary display and will be on display till November. Be sure to come in and check it out.

*Never stop
learning, because
life never stops
teaching.*

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September Happenings

September has several events and activities planned. As you read through this newsletter the events will be highlighted. Don't miss what is going on at the museum this month.

Sept. 13-Archaeology Day
10:30-noon in Log House area. Dr. Michael Strezewski and Derrick Haas speak.

Sept. 13-Storytime 10:30 a.m.

in Little Pioneers area

Sept. 26 -11:00 Jim
Hedinger talks on Clocks

Sept. 27- 11-1:00 Connie
Mundy has book signing.

Archaeology Day Sept. 13



Dr. Strezewski and
Derrick Haas

The Dubois County Museum welcomes Professor Michael Strezewski, a professor of Anthropology at the University of Southern Indiana, to speak on Archaeology Day on September 13, 2025, beginning at 10:30. The program will be in the Log House area in Room 2. Professor Strezewski will share his knowledge of "The Dry Goods Store: A Bit of Civilization on Indiana's Frontier"

After his presentation local collector Derrick Haas will be on hand till noon to share his knowledge of arrowheads, spear points and tools with the audience. Haas will help you identify any of your finds.

Be sure to visit the museum's display on Archaeology and the collections of local people Tom Fromme and Artie McBride.

September is Indiana Archaeology Month.

The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) coordinates the events to encourage learning about Indiana archaeology, universities, museums, organizations and individuals throughout the state host a variety of programs. These can include archaeological laboratory open houses, artifact identifications, archaeological excavations, lectures on archaeological topics, and more.

Storytime Sept. 13

Our young visitors can look forward to a great morning of stories, crafts and activities with local pre-school owner and teacher Carrie

Holdsworth. Holdsworth will read stories about Archaeology and about finding things, create theme related crafts and participate in a special

archaeology dig. Storytime will be held in the Little Pioneers Area at the museum.

It begins at 10:30 a.m.



Jim Hedinger to Speak on Clocks Sept 26

Local Jasper resident, Jim Hedinger, will share his love of clocks in a program on Friday morning, September 26. His program begins at 11:00 a.m. Your admission to the museum covers the

cost of the program.

He has been interested in clocks and their parts all his life.

His love of clocks and his quest to learn more recently took him to New

Hampshire to gather more information about a clock pioneer and his work with mass producing intricate clock parts and the making of mechanical clocks.

You don't want to miss this!

Connie Mundy to Host Book Signing



Local Jasper resident and writer, Connie Mundy, will be at the

museum on Saturday, September 27, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the lobby area to host a book signing and book sales table.

Connie began writing books in 2014. She says "All my books are spiritual in nature and are designed to inspire the reader

to draw closer to God". She has now published six books.

She self published her books through Amazon using Kindle Direct Publishing and will gladly share that experience with others.

Train Program November 8

Two train enthusiasts return to the museum on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. to talk more about trains and "The Railroads in Dubois County". Eric Russ and Craig Berndt are excited to "talk more about the histories of the trains that ran from French Lick through Cuzco, Dubois, Jasper, Huntingburg; Johnsburg to Cannelton,

Rockport and Evansville and from New Albany through Birdseye, Mentor, Kyana, St. Marks, Bretzville, Huntingburg and Duff to E. St. Louis, and Ferdinand to Huntingburg", writes Berndt in a recent email. Editor: It seems our county has quite a train history.

Berndt had published a book in 2022 on the Ferdinand Railroad.

Be sure to check out all the new additions made by Russ to the museum's train room

Top: Eric Russ

Bottom: Craig Berndt





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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.

October Happenings

October at the museum is an exciting time. This year the **Fall Harvest Day** returns on October 12 with many opportunities for you to learn about pioneer life, or by-gone crafts. Come relish in this season on the farm. From 1-4p.m. visitors can partake in observing weaving, quilting, corn shelling and grinding, taste molasses cookies and purchase some local molasses. Local honey will also be for sale. Pet an alpaca.

Youngsters can go on a pony ride. Make butter. Enjoy popcorn, homemade ice

cream and apple cider. Face painting available. Hear the music of the Patoka River Dulcimers group. Cost of the program is included in the price of the admission.

Join our Hispanic friends for a program called **Voces Vivas (Living Voices)** on October 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. Come and hear their stories.

On Thursday night, October 23, the museum will host **Spooky Streets** for our young visitors or

those who enjoy Halloween time. Visitors can begin arriving at 5:30 p.m. for a spooky walk through our Main Street alley. Crafts await in the log house area. Each youngster will receive a treat bag. Free admission. Donations accepted for the cost of the candy. Come enjoy the fun.

