



Dubois County Museum E-Newsletter

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2025 Quite a Year! On to 2026!



Scrolling thru the newsletters and flyers made from 2025, it has been quite a year.



We started off the year with a well received Membership Dinner on Moonshine and Early Bootlegging Tales. We welcomed the Amateur Radio Club and prepared our Going to the Movies Temporary Exhibit. Collections started on remodeling their office space and have created a great work area. Our Membership numbers soared to over 500. They are recorded as single, couple, family, etc. Not as total people.



In March we enjoyed the Open House for Being For Others and welcomed them into the community. Farm Bureau of Dubois County hosted a well attended Pancake and Sausage Breakfast and will again host one for the public on March 28, 2026.

Heritage Day was held in April and we had a full house with

Fourth Graders coming from the county to enjoy the program coordinated again by Sandy Miller. Photos were displayed for the Photo Contest. You can submit your pictures starting April 15, 2026. Share this date and program with others.

In April Exceptional Friends of the Optimist Club of Jasper enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt in the museum. Chess Day was held in April and will be held again in 2026 on April 11.

The Jasper Area Coin Club again hosted their Coin Show in May. In 2026 they will host a Coin Show on the Third Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Our popular Tea with Teddy and Me was held in June. No date has been set for 2026.

The end of July brought a Tribute to Sister Cities, Mary Jo Meuser and Strassenfest. The 40th Anniversary of the Sister Cities was such a great gather-

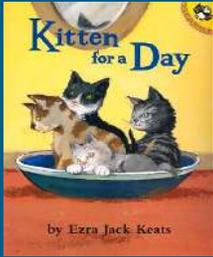
ing of Pfaffenweiler and Jasper people.

The 6th Annual Museum Car Show was on August 10. In 2026 it will be August 9. Would anyone like to help? Contact Kathy.

Fall found us busy with Exhibits on Schools and Floods. Fall Harvest Day was a hit and will return October 11, 2026. Spooky Streets, Storytime, special speakers Jim, Don and Craig filled our museum with visitors. Voces Vivas shared stories and thanks to the local DAR for the Veterans Program in November as we look forward to celebrating 250 years of America this summer.

Trees, children, cookies, violins and a Santa visit were a hit in December as we opened for public voting on our 52 decorated Christmas trees decorated by our museum volunteers, non profit organizations, professionals and community volunteers. **It has been a great year!**

Winning trees: Ferdinand Flowers, Ireland and Celestine.



Thanks to Optimist Club of Jasper for providing a grant for our youth programming.

Call the museum at 812-634-7733 to talk to Collections on Tuesdays.



Storytime on Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Carrie Holdsworth announces in 2026 she will be reading each month books by some great children's authors. In January she will feature stories by Ezra Jack Keats. She will share *A Snowy Day*, *Kitten for a Day* and *Louie*. Enjoy listening to how Peter spends his snow day outside in *A Snowy*

Day. What it is like for a puppy to spend a day with kittens in *Kitten For a Day*, and hear about a boy who likes puppets in *Louie*.

How well do you know your books? Mo Williams in February, Dr. Seuss in March, Sandra Boynton in April, Margaret Wise Brown in

May, Eric Carle in June, July is Beatrix Potter, August is Leo Lionni, September is Robert McCloskey, October is Maurice Sendak, November is Lois Ehlert and December is Jan Brett.

Can't wait to see what crafts Carrie will feature!

Collections Update

Jeff Schmitt of our Collection team announces that the museum currently has a total of 68,128 items in the museum's collections. Within the past month, they have added 56 items to the total. Numbers reported

show 22,026 as objects, 33,181 photos, 7,372 in Archives, and 5,549 in Library. On Exhibit the Collections team has tracked 9,182 on exhibit. That number grew from 9,147. That represents 13.5% of items

in collections.

If you have an item or two for Collections to look at - please call on Tuesdays to talk with them. It would be best to set up an appointment or send a text with a picture of the item.

Exhibits Update

From Cheryl Sermersheim: The new lobby donor wall and dedication plaque has now been installed. The backdrop picture of the log home looks awesome. When the Fundraiser is

finished the donor plaques will be added. We so appreciate the donation from Bill and W. Jean Hoffman to allow this to happen. Our new look lobby is top notch and gives our museum a

professional look.

Work was begun by Gene Welp on some drawers in the Little Pioneers area. We will soon be able to fill those new drawers.

Membership Dinner January 22

DCM Board Member Vicki Wiederkehr is again coordinating the Annual Membership Dinner. It is planned for Thursday, January 22, at the museum. Doors open at 5:00pm. Discussions on Mining in the Duff-Huntingburg area with Randy Wellmeyer, silver mining bust in the late 1880's with Tom Fierst,

and additional mining insights with Jim Corn will begin at 5:15 p.m. Following the discussion, a meal will be prepared by Dink Inc. Catering at about 6:15 p.m. The meal will feature brisket, smoked chicken, German fried potatoes, baked beans, green beans and dinner rolls. Dessert will be Dirt Pudding, cupcakes

and cookies. Cost is \$25 a person. RSVP by January 14. Return the enclosed slip from the mailed letter to the museum by mail or visit www.duboiscountymuseum.org/monetary-donation or stop by the lobby desk.

There will be a Cash Bar.

Hosted Northeast Dubois Elementary

We had such a well behaved group of students from Northeast Dubois Elementary School at the museum on December 19.

The 140 students and about 20 teachers and aides with the Pre-school thru 2nd grade youths

left their school in the morning, sang at the area nursing homes and then came to the museum at about 10:30 to enjoy their lunches. Their PTO proved students with the Happy Meal from McDonalds. Got to love

our area McDonalds for stepping up and doing the meals! Then after lunch they visited the local Cinema for a Christmas movie treat before returning to school. Thank you Northeast Dubois Elementary for coordinating this day.

Congratulations to Our 2025 Tree Winners

Voting for the Festival of Trees Decorating Contest wrapped up on December 18 and winners were announced that evening. Coordinators of the Festival of Trees Clara Fromme and Kathy Bachman announced that the

winners were 1st Place (tie)- Ferdinand Flowers with their large tree with pink and white flowers and Ireland with their cameras and slides. 3rd place was Celestine's Salute to Firemen, and this year prizes were

extended to include 4th place going to ALASI (butterflies) and the red, white and blue lit Military tree. Clara Fromme announced that she counted over 400 ballots submitted for the 2025 contest.

Thank you to all who participated. Top three winners are pictured on page 1.



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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 a loved one.

Thank You to those who Responded to Fundraising Appeal

The Board of Directors recently sent out a letter to inform you of a critical need for Air Conditioning our facilities in order to climate control our collection.

Many have responded to this appeal. Thank you so much.

A Donor Wall is being created in our Welcome Area. Results of the recent giving will apply to this total for the Donor Wall.

By the February Newsletter we hope to have all the calculations made and information

available. In the meantime,

Thank you so much for your contribution and interest in the Dubois County Museum.