



# Dubois County Museum

## E-Newsletter

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### Dubois County Museum

2704 N. Newton Street, (US 231 N) 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 admitted free.

## Welcome March 2026

The calendar is turning its page to March. What will the month of March bring for all?

Here at the museum we have several items on our calendar.

Saturday, March 7 and Sunday March 8 the museum will be CLOSED. We will be working on some water updates and thought it necessary to keep visitors away from the workers and equipment. Sorry about the inconvenience it may cause.

On Saturday, March 14 we will host our Storytime. Carrie Holdsworth will be

celebrating Sr. Seuss with stories by him. Meet in the Little Pioneers area at 10:30 a.m.

Also on March 14 and 15 we welcome the Jasper German Club as they host the Indiana German Society for meetings, area tours and museum tours. The Jasper group is so excited because this group usually does not travel this far south.

On Saturday, March 28, the Dubois County Farm Bureau welcome the public to their annual pancake and sausage breakfast at the museum. Breakfast

begins serving at 8:00-until they run out. Come and join in a fun morning. Invite your family and friends. Cost is \$2.00.

Admission is free at that time at the museum.



Farm Bureau sponsors Pancake breakfast March 28 from 8-10:00na,m.

## Lobby Volunteers Needed

This past month the museum had a turnover of lobby volunteers. We are now in need of someone to work on the first Friday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m starting in May.

On Saturdays we have three openings. We are

looking for help on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., the second Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or someone for the 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. time. Can work more than one day, but normally volunteers

only work one day. On the second Sunday we need someone from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. All have an experienced volunteer to work along side of you. Call Kathy at 812-630-8696 to find out more.

## March Storytime Features Books by Dr. Seuss



Hear Carrie Holdsworth on Saturday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m. for stories by famous author, Dr. Seuss.

Come join local Pre-school teacher and owner, Carrie Holdsworth, for Storytime at the Museum each Second Saturday of the Month at 10:30 a.m. Crafts and fun.

Each month she will be reading stories from famous Children's Authors. Books by Dr. Seuss will be in March (*Cat in the Hat*), Sandra Boynton in April (Board books like *I'm Going*

*to Bed*), Margaret Wise Brown in May (*Goodnight Moon*), Eric Carle in June (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*), July is Beatrix Potter (Peter Rabbit books), August is Leo Lionni (*Frederick, Swimmy*), September is Robert McCloskey (*Blueberries for Sal, Make Way for*

*Ducklings*), October is Maurice Sendak (*Where the Wild Things Are*), November is Lois Ehlert (*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Planting a Rainbow*) and December is Jan Brett. (*The Gingerbread Man, The Three Snow Bears*).

Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Jasper.

## Museum Closed for Updates on March 7 and 8

Museum volunteers will be making necessary updates to our water lines on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8.

Due to using

equipment and wishing to create a safe place for all, the Museum Board has decided to close the museum on these two dates.

Sorry about the inconvenience this may cause, but we wish to keep everyone safe and to work quickly on the project.

## Dubois County Historical Society Meets March 17 at Museum at 6:30pm New Members Welcome

The Dubois County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, March 17, for their Spring Meeting at the museum. The Society greatly supports our museum and we would like to share this information for them.

A catered dinner will be

served, followed by a business meeting and discussion about Revolutionary Rendezvous Reenactment for 250th at Ferdinand State Forest April 10-12

Contact Tom Fierst at 812-630-8882 or email

him at [tfierst@twc.com](mailto:tfierst@twc.com). Cost of the meal is \$25. Deadline is March 4.

Speaker that evening will be Joshua Claybourn. He will speak on Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln's attachment to the Declaration of Independence and more

## Indiana German Heritage Society here March 14-15

Sharing this press release on the following:

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting and Symposium of the Indiana German Heritage Society, in cooperation with the IUI Max Kade German-American Center, Jasper Deutscher Verein, and Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Sister Cities will

present the “German-American Experience in Dubois County” at the Dubois County Museum on March 14 and

March 15. This event is open to the public. You do not need to be a member of any of the organizing groups to attend. General Registration is \$25. The food reservations closed on February 27 but we are still taking reservations for the presentations and those reservations should be in by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, March 14, registration will begin at 8:30am followed by a welcome by IGHS President Brian Griesemer at 9:00am followed by the

annual membership meeting. At 10:00am, there will be words of welcome to Jasper followed by a Mayoral Proclamation. Next on the agenda will be a presentation “Father Kundek Story/German Heritage – History Dubois Co.”.

A presentation, the “Preserving and Celebrating German Heritage 45+ Years in Action” of the

Jasper Deutscher Verein, will be followed by a catered lunch. The afternoon will begin with “Jasper-Pfaffenweiler Sister Cities Story – 40 Years of German Heritage in Action”.

The film “Banished to Paradise” will be shown at 1:45pm followed by the presentation “Story of the Ferdinand Christmas Pyramid-25 years in the Making”. The group will attend Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church followed by a tour and visit to the Kundek Statue, Baumann Cross, and Kundek Grave.

There will be a German buffet dinner at the Schnitzelbank followed by socializing on Satur-

day night.

On Sunday, March 15, the attendees will meet at the Museum at 9:00am and have a tour of the Museum followed by a Stone Carver’s demonstration. The story of the Schaeffer Barn and Alexander Schoolhouse will be told. The group will then

board a bus for a historical sightseeing tour of Jasper including the Jasper Mural and Maypole, Alexander Schoolhouse, Schaeffer Barn, Alexander Schoolhouse, Jasper Train Depot/ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Monument, Jasper Mill, Parklands-Cemetery Stone and return to the Dubois County Museum for lunch and closing comments by IGHS President Brian Griesemer.

For more information and to make a General Registration reservation, contact Giles R. Hoyt, IUI Max Kade Center, 317-253-9509, [ghoyt@iui.edu](mailto:ghoyt@iui.edu). Please make the check payable to **Indiana German Heritage Society** and

mail to: **IGHS Annual Meeting, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

To register online go to: <https://www.ighs.org/annual-meeting.html>



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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](http://www.duboiscountymuseum.org). Like us on Facebook 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 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.**



## **We are Thinking Strassenfest!**

*It may be rolling into March, but we have been thinking late July and early August as we plan for Strassenfest. Here is what we have to offer.*

The Dubois County Museum welcomes guests with special displays for the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States. First to greet guests is a display called, “250 – Celebrating our Milestones!” Numerous items gathered from the museum’s collections on America are shown. Also included in this special display are items from the 200<sup>th</sup> celebration of Indiana Statehood from 2016 with a group picture and items carried (yes, the torch is included) and worn by county citizens from the Torch Relay that wound thru Dubois County. The Torch Relay honored and recognized many residents who made our county what it is today. Those Torch Bearers were nominated by fellow county residents to participate in

this once in a lifetime event. The Torch Relay program was led by the state’s Visit Indiana/ Indiana Destination Development Corporation and in the county was coordinated by Dubois County Tourism.

The museum invites visitors to take in the information displayed in the Daughters of the American Revolution cabinet. Local county soldiers that fought in the Revolutionary War are listed and graves marking their final resting places in the county are located, along with information on them.

Guests are asked to be sure to visit 1) the German and Pfaffenweiler exhibit, 2) the information unveiled in 2025

on the Mary Jo Meuser/Sister City display detailing the partnership that formed between Pfaffenweiler, Germany and Jasper, Indiana, and 3) the display cabinets filled with the complete collection of Jasper Strassenfest brochures, pins and collectable mugs that chart the festival through the years.

**The museum will open for extra hours during the Strassenfest. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026. Museum hours for Saturday, August 1 are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday hours are from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**