



Dubois County Museum E-Newsletter

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We will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, April 3 and 5.



We will be open on Saturday, April 4, from 10 am to 4pm.

Improvements to Our Facade

Work began in the middle of March to replace our old nine pane windows that dated back to the days when our building was used as a factory. The middle panes of the window would lift open to allow the air to come in to cool the factory workers. Over the years they were painted over and were losing their effectiveness. Our museum financial volunteer, Julia Flynn, applied for a grant from Visit Dubois County to replace the windows on

the upper west side.

Keusch Windows came in and gave our west side a fresh look. The new windows are tinted and energy efficient. We hope you have noticed the improvements.

The top picture was taken inside showing the coverings over the years. Middle picture shows the look of the windows from the outside. The bottom picture shows the newly installed windows. The new windows were then caulked and sealed.



New Exhibit on "Wonders of Wood"

Check out our new temporary exhibit, *The Wonders of Wood*. Just an interesting exhibit of display of wood shapes found in the woods that were formed over time. Also take in the created wood furniture dis-

plays and the carving mastery of Joe Schoenbachler and his collection of Santa carvings.

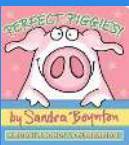


April 11 Chess Day 10 a.m.-4 p.m. AND Storytime With Carrie 10:30 a.m.

The museum welcomes two groups to the museum on Saturday, April 11. Chess Day will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will run 4:00 p. It is open for all ages who wish to play chess. It is Open House style and players can come throughout the day.

If you are looking for someone to guide you through the rules or want some competition, check out this day. We are hoping for all levels of play. No cost for the program, just pay admission at the door. Storytime with Carrie is for our Pre-school and young visitors. This

month Carrie will be reading books by Sandra Boynton. Crafts and activities will follow. In May the featured author is Margaret Wise Brown. She wrote Goodnight Moon. Thank you to the Optimist Club of Jasper for sponsoring.



Dubois County Museum's Day of Chess

Saturday, April 11 2026
10 am to 4pm
For all ages

Come and join us at the museum to play Chess. If you always wanted to learn how to play we will be glad to teach you. If you want to learn some new moves we will help you and if you just want to play for the enjoyment of the game we can help you there as well. It is open to all ages and the cost is the price of admission.

Dubois County Museum 3rd Annual Photo Contest

Calling All Amateur Photographers

Contest Theme: "Your Favorite Photo"
(Flowers, Animals, Landscapes, Macro, etc)
Color photos or Black and White

Entry Categories	Youth - Ages 5 to 17 Adults - Ages 18 and Over
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Submit a framed 8x10 photograph to the Dubois County Museum either by bringing it to the Museum, or mailing it to Dubois County Museum, 2704 N Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546.
Any questions, contact Kathy Bachman at 812-630-8696

Photo must be taken by you. You may submit up to three photos.
Minor editing allowed: Cropping, sharpness, color, etc.
\$5.00 entry fee per photo. No previous entries allowed.
Submit your entries from April 15 to April 30, 2026

Photos will be on display for viewing and public voting from May 1 through June 1, 2026.
One voting ballot per person per day with paid admission or Museum pass.
Cash prizes in each category will be awarded, plus a special judging award will be presented. Winners will be announced June 2, 2026.

<p style="text-align: center;">Entry Form</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Phone _____ Title of Photo _____ Category entering: Youth _____ (Check One) Adult _____</p>	<p>After winners are announced, the photos will be on display til July 1.</p> <p>All entered photos may be picked up at the Museum after that date.</p>
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Enter the 2026 Photo Contest

Photos can be entered starting April 15 and running to April 30 for our 3rd Annual Photo contest. Entry forms

are available at the front desk and on Facebook. Cash prizes awarded to two categories-

Youth and Adults. Public voting will begin in May. Winners will be announced June 2.

Museum Hosts 4th Grade Students in April

The Museum is alive with students on April 7, 8 and 9 as the 4th grade students come in to explore Indiana history. Coordinator Sandy Miller has asked Science teacher, Vic Hurm, to explain geology by sharing his collection of rocks. The Patoka Valley Quilters will share how quilts were made and

how important they were to the early settlers. Museum mural painter Kim Schum Schroeder will share how the murals were created for the museum. Volunteers will then share the content of the town murals. Abraham Lincoln will make an appearance and share his life growing up in south-

ern Indiana. Many thanks to the many volunteers and the many others that help these



Tai Chi Returns April 7 with Kristine

We received this information from Kristine Harris, our new Tai Chi instructor. She is a student of the former instructor, Joe.

Kristine will be offering classes on Tuesday nights. Cost is \$7 a class. Call her for more information.



May 2 Tea with Teddy

We are happy to announce that Tea with Teddy returns on Saturday, May 2, from 10:30-noon at the museum.

A lot of fun things planned. Register by emailing stacyhelming@gmail.com

Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal or dolly. Admission is \$7 per adult and \$4 per child.

Come dressed in your best. Bring along your parents and grandparents.





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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.

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.

More Strassenfest Offerings

We have added a speaker to our Strassenfest offerings on Thursday, July 30.

ADDED Jim Hedinger will speak on Thursday, July 30, on his ancestry, The Evans and Enlow Mill. Bring your lunch. Noon presentation..

The Dubois County Museum welcomes guests with special displays for the 250th 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 200th 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 mark-

ing 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.