



Dubois County Museum

"Best Museum in Indiana"

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Special points of interest:

- *July 1-Photos Down and ready for pickup*
- *July 4th Closed*
- *Saturday, July 11 Storytime at 10:30 am Little Pioneers Area*
- *Saturday, July 11 10:30 Log House area Program on Indiana State Parks Platters*
- *July 30 Noon Lunch program by Jim Hedinger on his Evans family and Jasper Mill*
- *Strassenfest display*
- *Open Extra Hours July 30, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*
- *Open Extra hours July 31 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Indiana State Park Platters on Display July 8-24 at the Museum

The Dubois County Museum is pleased to announce that the Indiana State Parks Platter Project is coming to the museum for a showing from July 8-24, 2026. (Note change.) This is all part of our country celebrating 250 years of independence in 2026. The Platters have been making their way around the state of Indiana and will be coming to Dubois County for this special showing, as well as a program, on Saturday, July 11, at 10:30 am by creator of painted china and history buff, Ellen Wilson-Pruitt.

The Indiana State Parks Platter Project Facebook page gives a listing of this state tour. This exhibit began in Martinsville,

then traveled to Plainfield, Frankfort, Indianapolis, Muncie, Downtown Indianapolis before making its way to Jasper and the Dubois County Museum July 8-24.

Ellen Wilson-Pruitt, as part of the Morgan County America 250 committee, decided to give this china painting project an Indiana theme. Wilson-Pruitt and her fellow artists work constantly (according to information supplied by Wilson-Pruitt) "to educate the public and promote the art form. Each year in September, the Porcelain Art School of Indiana is held at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, welcoming teachers and students from all over the world. We study and fire porcelain on site for the week. This is only one of four remaining schools of this type in the United States."

The exhibit includes twenty-five 14 inch platters showing each of the par-

ticular features and flavor of the Indiana State Parks. Wilson-Pruitt, and six other china painters, worked on painting a special image of each state park on the twenty-five platters.

Wilson-Pruitt went on to say "the painters are donating the platters and their efforts to the state of Indiana to make this lasting tribute to the beauty of our state and the celebration of our country's independence."

Make plans to attend the program on July 11 at 10:30 a.m.





WE WERE NAMED THE BEST!



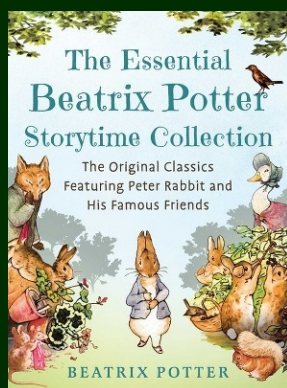
The votes are in...The Dubois County Museum was voted the **Best Museum in Indiana** by the readers of the **Indiana Connections (Rural Electric Cooperative) Magazine!**

What an honor!

Thank you to all who took the time to submit a vote through the magazine and their website.

We were able to edge out the Indianapolis Children's Museum and the Indiana Museum of History.

Britt Davis, editor of Indiana Connection Magazine, notified the museum and said a short bio will be included in the August issue with the listing of winners. They have a circulation of 300,000. It is great to have our museum recognized statewide.



Storytime July 11, 10:30 a.m.

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.

Each month she will be reading stories from famous Children's Authors. Books for July are by 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.

Check Out New Displays

Our Exhibit team is unveiling two new displays this summer.

History of churches in Dubois County in ramp area. The many pictures of early churches will be on display, as well as a bio of each, detailing their history. Check out the special

case that displays many religious items from our collections.

In the lobby will be a showing of the original six townships that began Dubois County. Later the six were divided into the twelve townships we have today. A small story with histori-

cal facts is included with each township.

Included also are photos of past historians and what they have contributed to documenting the past and historical information. Books written, and other items by these historians, will be on display and may inspire others to be historians.



George R. Wilson

Jim Hedinger to talk about Pioneer Andrew Evans and Early Jasper History at Brown Bag Lunch July 30 at Noon



Jasper resident Jim Hedinger returns to the museum on Thursday, July 30, at noon, for a Brown Bag Lunch Talk. He is excited to share his knowledge of early Jasper

history that includes one of the first pioneer families of Jasper, the Andrew Evans Family. According to historian Ron Flick, Colonel Andrew Evans came to Dubois County and constructed a wooden dam and grist mill, with waterwheel, on the Patoka River. Flick called the spot “an ancient Indian ford and buffalo crossing”. The mill was be-

lieved to date back to 1813. The mill changed hands several times before Francis Xavier Eckert and his cousin, Alois Eckert, immigrants from Pfaffenweiler, Baden, purchased the mill.

Bring your lunch and enjoy hearing about the early family that settled Jasper.

Extended Hours for Strassenfest

Volunteers at the museum will again offer extended hours for Strassenfest 2026. Hours will be Thursday, July 30 from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. and on Friday, July 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open 10:00 a.m. to

4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1 and 1-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 2.

Come out and enjoy the Americana display which celebrates our nation's 250th birthday. Be sure to venture into the Civil War room and check out

the display on the county's Revolutionary War soldiers and their final resting place in the county.

Our complete collection of Strassenfest booklets, buttons and mugs will also be displayed. Take in the new displays.



7th Annual Car Show Coming August 9

Organizers are busy planning the 7th Annual Dubois County Car Show on Sunday, August 9. Cars will be parked in the shady area east of the museum first, and then into the east parking lot. Registration is from 9:00

a.m. to noon. EDT. Cost is \$20 per vehicle, \$15 pre-registered vehicle. Judging is at noon. Car owners are eligible for attendance prizes and drawings. Flyers are available in the museum

lobby on the show for those wishing to show their vehicles. The public is invited to vote on People's Choice award. A concession stand will be selling sandwiches, drinks and snacks through-out the day.





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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 to get on calendar.

Support the museum by making a Memorial Gift in Memory of or in Honor of a loved one.

Congratulations to our 2026 Photo Contest Winners



Taken by Tasia Baker



Ordie Day



Aaliyah Bradford



Elsie Betz



Tasia Baker



Taken by John Dillon



Aaliyah Bradford



Barbara Barnes



Luis Bradford