



Dubois County Museum News

The Best Museum in Indiana

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Celebrating Strassenfest 2026

Threads of History Patterns of Progress



The 48th Edition of the Jasper Strassenfest comes our way from July 30-August 2 in many locations around the City of Jasper. The Dubois County Museum is again inviting you to visit the museum and take in the many exhibits and programs we have to offer.

The theme this year is Threads of History Patterns of Progress. The 2026 Edition named the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution as their *Hofmarschall*. Our local DAR was chartered on September 16, 1922. They all can trace their ancestors as fighting in the

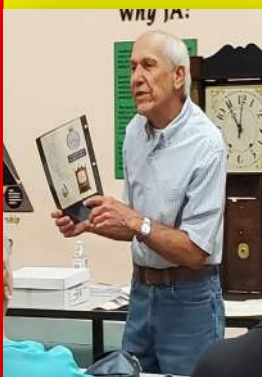
American Revolution. Be sure to check out their exhibit at the museum concerning the location and marking of graves of the seven Revolutionary War soldiers known to be buried in Dubois County. They also have a special plaque on the east walk of the Dubois County Courthouse naming these soldiers.



On Thursday, Jim Hedinger, a Jasper resident and history buff, will speak about Andrew Evans, the man who built the Jasper

Mill. Hedinger will give a history of the mill and the Enlows and Eckert families that continued to operate the mill. The talk is at noon, Thursday, August 30. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning some early Jasper history with Jim.

The exhibit team has several collections out. The complete collection of Strassenfest mugs, buttons and brochures is on display. A display of American items is sure to pique your interests and a new display on area churches and their histories is sure to interest you.



Jim Hedinger to speak on Evans Family and Jasper Mill July 30 Noon

Bring your lunch and enjoy an interesting talk by Jim Hedinger on Andrew Evans and the history of the Jasper Mill. Jim will be set up in the Log House area.

Jim will begin his presentation at noon.

Jim has been fascinated by early pioneer Andrew Evans. Andrew was a veteran of the War of 1812 and came to Dubois County to build. He built a wooden dam and small timber-frame grist mill on the Patoka River. Andrew was

more interested in building that being a millwright. He operated the mill till 1820 than sold it to the Enlows. He later constructed the first county courthouse, as well as homes and bridges.

Storytime Features Books by Leo Lionni Saturday, August 8, 10:30 am



Our Storytime Coordinator is enjoying her year of taking a stroll through the many stories of celebrated children's authors. Come join Carrie Holdsworth as she chooses from the many published works of author and illustrator, Leo Lionni. You may ask, Who is he and what did he write? Mr. Lionni has published so many stories that we may not have room to list them all. Here is a try. He wrote

Swimmy (tale of a brave little fish), *Alexander and the Wind Up Mouse* (friendship and wishes), *Inch by Inch* (a measuring little worm), *Little Blue and Little Yellow* (coloring mixing friends), *Fish is Fish* (curious fish tale) and *An Extraordinary Egg* (surprising friendship story).

We invite you to introduce your youngsters to

this author and enjoy



crafts and activities with Carrie. Storytime sponsored by Optimist Club of Jasper.

Next month author is Robert McClosky (*Blueberries for Sal*).

Our museum has very pleasant temperatures inside. Come beat the heat!

Listing of quarterly donations included with newsletter this month.

Extended Hours during Strassenfest

We are again offering extended hours during Strassenfest for a chance for visitors to visit our museum. We will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1. We will be open on Sunday, August 2, from 1:00

to 4:00 p.m. The weather likes to heat up during this week and reports are that it will be another hot Strassenfest. Our museum is very a pleasant temperature inside. Room One, Three, Main Street and Children's Area are air conditioned. Room Two

with the log house and antique farm machinery has had insulation added when we put on our new roof. We are working to install air conditioning in the room though. Don't let the heat keep you away from visiting our museum with your family.

Exhibits Changing

Our Exhibit Committee has been busy researching information for some new exhibits.

The Platters of Indiana State Parks moved in on July 8 and were taken down on July 27. The program with the platter

painters on July 11 was very lighthearted and informative. Thank you ladies for the program and the great artwork.

The Photography Contest photos were taken down and a very informative exhibit on the

church of Dubois County went up. Much research and work went into that display.

In the Lobby a display of the Townships and local historians will soon grace those walls. Soon, more military will be added.

7th Annual Car Show August 9

Organizers are busy putting the final touches on the 7th Annual Dubois County Museum 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 (by August 2). Judging is at noon. Car owners are eligible for attendance prizes and drawings. Flyers are available in the museum lobby for those wishing to register 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

the day.

Car show volunteers have been busy asking for and collecting prizes from local businesses (Thank you so much for the donations and thanks to our volunteers for going out and getting those donations for the car show participants.) We also have a few prizes that we will set up as SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. These items are open to the public to bid on. Be sure to check out our Facebook page for a listing of the Silent Auction items.

We look forward to having another great crowd. Last year we were able to raise enough money to replace some hot water heaters in our kitchenettes. (We were tired of washing dishes in cold water.) We also have purchased some popcorn makers. We are thinking about adding an ice machine to help us when we have refreshments at our programs. Or we may think of something else.



In Memory of Gerald "Jerry" Meyer

Longtime lobby volunteer, Gerald B. "Jerry" Meyer passed away on June 27 at the age of 72. He suffered from cancer.

Jerry began working at the museum on the fourth Saturday of the month. We are not sure how many years

ago. His partners were Bonnie Winger and Rosina Schuler.. He liked to tease them.

He would go out of his way to help others, especially those who needed help with their yards.

He was a faithful member of the Lions Club of Jasper and their Annual Radio Auction.

Rest in peace, Jerry.





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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, if interested in volunteering, or wishing to ask about 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.

Museum Personnel-All Working Together

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