

Dubois County Museum eNewsletter

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The museum will be closed on the 4th of July.

This newsletter is prepared by Kathy Bachman, Marketing Volunteer

Storytime on Tuesday Creating Excitement

The Dubois County Museum's new program –Storytime on Tuesday- launched on June 6, is proving to be a big hit with young Museum visitors. Museum volunteers Amy Weyer, Kathy Bachman, Bonnie Wining-er, Sandy Miller, and Bev Schmutzler are reading stories and coordinating crafts with the youngsters who visit. The children, mostly in the age group of age 2-7, cre-



The crowd on June 27 enjoys listening to Amy read.

ate excitement in the museum on those mornings, and are having a great time listening to stories, doing weekly activities, and spending

time visiting the many exhibits in the museum. The crowds have averaged around 28 people each week. These program organizers are scheduling themes till August 29. They will then survey the visitors on continuing into the Fall and Winter.

Upcoming themes are:
July 11-Camp Out
July 18-Down on the Farm/County Fair
July 25-Beach Day

Program by Susan Baggett on Preserving Artifacts Held June 21

Visitors to the museum on June 21 were treated to an exceptional program presented by Susan Baggett on preserving treasured artifacts. Susan gave suggestions on helping to minimize

damage to artifacts caused by water, light, and humidity-the three largest culprits to our keepsakes.

Here Susan offers ideas to visitor about preserving a family portrait of her mother.



Work Being Done



Luke Wehr prepares to weld the railing.

The members of the Property Committee are working on several property projects. The committee began working on the front handrail in June. Recently Luke Wehr of Wehr Welding repaired the rusted rails and made them stronger. Now

the committee will work to sand and repaint the railing. Be sure and check their progress as you visit the museum or drive by on Newton Street.

The Committee is also busy installing fans in Room II's ceilings to help circu-

late the air and hopefully cool the room. The fans had been in storage at the museum and were prepared for use at no cost to the museum.

Mark October 21, 2017 on your calendars for the Train Show.

Contact Fred Williams at 909-855-6052 about booth rent.

Train Club Adding to Exhibit

The Train Club at the museum has been meeting monthly and is brainstorming ideas and drawing up plans for adding to the Train Exhibit. Recently Club members removed a part

of the train display and have begun working to replace the area with fixtures that resemble the Jasper and Huntington train yards and buildings seen along the tracks.

They are excited about their plans and can be seen working on their plans. Be sure and stop in to check out their progress.

A piece of the Berlin Wall.



Items Added on Cold War

The Exhibit Committee has added several items on the Cold War (the time during 1945 until 1991) to the

museum's military display. This new addition is a permanent display. Be sure to come in and read about how the people of the county and the world had prepared

for the fears of looming nuclear threats and instability among world powers. You will find it has some interesting reading.

Visit Our Civil War Area



The Company K flag is on display.

K flag that was carried into battle and used as the regimental flag at the bloody battle at Antietam. This flag has been restored by a noted textile expert and is on display in a special cabinet created for the flag by

Melvin Meyer and Meyer Custom Woodworking of Haysville. The cost of the restoration of the flag was paid for by the Dubois County Historical Society.

Years later, the last living veterans of Company K were gathered for a photo. The photo is on display.

Do you know what the museum has on display in the Civil War area? The largest item in the exhibit is the Company



Capt. Johann Jacob Alles

Some of the Civil War items on display.



Medical kit used in Civil War.

Endangered Heritage Exhibit here till July 14

Susan Baggett, in her presentation on preserving artifacts, referred to the “Endangered Heritage” exhibit behind her. This exhibit, on loan from the Indiana Historical Society, docu-

ments threats to our historical artifacts and gives examples of solutions. The exhibit will be at the museum till July 14. Check it out before it is gone.





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Admission charges are:

Adults-\$5, High School-\$3

Middle & elementary-\$2

Under four-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 staff consists entirely of volunteers. Please allow two hours to view exhibits. Visit the museum web site often for updates at www.duboiscountymuseum.org. Like us on Facebook at Dubois County Museum.

Book a tour of the museum by calling 812-634-7733.

Contact Kathy Bachman if interested in volunteering.

Hours are: 10-2pmEST Tuesdays-Fridays, 10-4pm Saturdays, 1-4pm Sundays, Closed on Monday

More Scenes from Storytime



Storytime organizers and volunteers Amy Weyer and Bonnie Winger read to the young visitors.

The Build It program on June 10, was also a big hit (pun intended) with the younger crowd. Thanks to Cheryl Sermersheim for coordinating that program.