

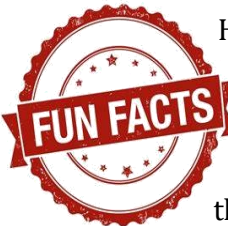
Sweet Success!



Tim Macsay and his crew once again produced an imaginative, fun-filled “Great Chocolate Caper” Car Rally on a sunny October 9th. Twenty-six cars participated in the rally. The route took them on roads that no one knew existed. There were pit stops along the route for participants to purchase their favorite candy bar! The turn around point was Donaldson’s Chocolates in Lebanon. Approximately 20 people stayed and enjoyed lunch at the Mayberry Café to share their stories.

Thank you, Tim and family! Can’t wait for next year!

—Emily Hansen



Hendricks County's first fairgrounds was first located west of Danville, US 36 (area of Clear Creek) on the south side of the road.

The Danville Police Station was once located on the corner of US 36 (Main Street) and Washington Street in 1963.

During the 1800s, Danville was home to the Danville Browns, a semiprofessional baseball team. Sam Thompson of Danville became a professional player and is honored in the Cooperstown Hall of Fame.

Liberty Township had the majority of school houses numbering twenty-nine.

The Rockwood Tuberculosis Sanitarium was located in Avon. It was a treatment

center from 1908-1913.

Former communities were Needmore, Bradshaw, Gale, Georgetown, Messanda, and Reno.

Discover more of these Fun Facts at the Hendricks County Museum!

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Hendricks County Historical Museum News

November 2021

The mission of the Hendricks County Historical Museum is to collect, preserve and interpret items relating to the people, places and events of Hendricks County and to stimulate public interest in the heritage of the county through education, exhibits and special programs.

President's Message

Dear Friends of the Hendricks County Museum

As I write the leaves are just starting to turn, and the color is my favorite part of Fall. We had treats to pass out at the Museum for Scare on the Square on October 29. Our charming scarecrow is up on the north side of the Courthouse Lawn with a nod to James Whitcomb Riley (“When the Frost is on the Pumpkin”). The Car Rally was the 9th, we had a tour of school superintendents, and of course plans are underway for Christmas decorations and another Candlelight Tour of the Museum on December 11, 5-7 pm.

We can’t do any of this without our dedicated volunteers and I am so thankful for so many of you being willing to make our Museum a truly interesting and beautiful place to visit.

Happy Fall Y’all and Happy Holidays.

Pat Baldwin



History Finds:

Calling Cards – ‘Social Media’ in the early 1900s!!

In the late 1800s, it was common to have a calling card printed, with just your name and possibly a greeting, such as these, saying “Happy New Year”. It was an indispensable accessory to the fashionable, upper class life in the 1800s and early 1900s.



When a visitor came for a social call, they might leave this card in a small dish by the front door as a way to express appreciation for a dinner party, to offer condolences for an illness, or to simply say “Hello” if you called on a person who was not home at the time. A tray full of calling cards was a sort of social media, a way to advertise who was in one’s social circle, sometimes by placing the card of a wealthy or influential person to impress future visitors.

This display is seen at the Hendricks County Museum just inside the main entrance.

The museum’s website: hendrickscountymuseum.org/rooms, lists a collection of cards from early 1900s of Hendricks County resident Virginia Keeney Coats. —Deanna Hindsley

Loss & Sympathy

In August, we lost board member, Steve Smith. As a Danville Librarian, Steve has long been a friend to the museum, even before he began to serve on the board in March of this year.

In October, former board member, Rick Myers, publisher of the Hendricks County ICON, passed away after a lengthy illness.

We will miss both of these gentlemen, and our hearts and prayers go out to their families.



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“Your favorite place may be closed right now, but let’s take a look back at a nostalgic place!”

Claire Rutledge has been doing a dynamite job promoting the Museum on Instagram! Thank you Claire! Follow the Museum on Instagram and find out what “swimming hole” this was!!



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It’s (or will be) beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Christmas is fast approaching and the museum will once again be decked out for the holiday. Our decorations will be up from November 12 to December 11, which will be our last date open for the season.

On December 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM the museum will host our third annual Candlelight Tour. The tour will be free but donations are gladly accepted.

The museum will be participating in the "Oh Christmas Tree" event on the square sponsored by the Danville Downtown Partnership. Be sure to check out our unique tree.

“Mr. Floyd A. Moore, Pittsboro, Indiana.

Dear Floyd, I am feeling better this morning. I have 1 exam tonight, 1 tomorrow afternoon and 2 Fri. morning. I have so many lessons to get. I didn't get to bed until after 10:00 last night. Let's hope it doesn't get so bad weather you can't come down Thurs. night. I hope you won't be sleepy! Over look parts of that last letter I wrote you. I was just down in the dumps. I am going to stay here in Danville tonight. I dread it but dady [sic] want to make the extra drive. I got moma [sic] a sweater yesterday with that \$5 I had. Out of room. XOX Love - Mam”

This was written on the back of this postcard of Central Normal College. There are hundred’s of pictures located in the Hendricks County Museum Collection of the Indiana Memory Digital Library. To see the collection, go to <https://hendrickscountymuseum.org/digital-collections/>



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New Addition Coming Soon!!

Just donated: this 1906 Thomas Edison Gem Cylindrical Phonograph Player. The phonograph cylinders are the earliest commercial medium for recording & reproducing sound. Recently donated by Francis Cave, Brownsburg, IN, along with 21 music cylinders. The phonograph will soon be available for viewing.

Thank you, Francis!

—Photo by Tim Macsay

If you are interested in receiving your newsletter via email instead of snail mail, please contact the Museum, museum@co.hendricks.in.us, or call 317-718-6158.

We currently pay almost \$900 a year sending out the newsletter.



On October 7th the Museum was visited by 30 members of the Northern Indiana Superintendent's Club. Thanks for stopping by!!

Friends of the Hendricks County Historical Museum Membership Levels and Benefits

\$25 Homesteader

Your donation will be used to further promote our programs to Inform, Educate, and Preserve the Museum!

\$100 Settler

Entitles you to 2 discounted DWHCS tickets (\$10 off each)

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Includes all benefits of Settler level plus a listing on our website

\$500 Trailblazer

Includes all benefits of Pioneer level plus a museum polo shirt

\$1000 Founder

Includes all benefits of Pioneer and Trailblazer levels, plus a special sponsor listing in event programs

Members at all levels will receive the quarterly newsletter.

DWHCS was a success!

Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars 2021 was a surprising success. We didn't know what to expect, considering all the issues of the past year, but even with almost 100 fewer guests, we made more money than 2019.

Winners were: Best Dancer – Melanie Nichols; Runner-up – Suzanne Shafer.

People's Choice - John Unison; Runner-up - Melanie Nichols.

We were delighted to see many dressed in the theme of "Roaring Twenties". With a wide variety of silent auction items, our silent auction was also a great success, many people bidding before the event, as it opened the previous Wednesday.

Thanks goes out to all who

helped in so many ways.

We have already had a meeting to begin to plan DWHCS 2022. Look for more information in the next newsletter or on our website.

—Deanna Hindsley



We would love hearing from you! Do you have any interesting Hendricks History news, or memories you would like to share? What do you like most about the Hendricks County Museum? What would you like to hear more about? Contact the Museum, museum@co.hendricks.in.us, or call 317-718-6158.

Faces on Facebook!

Tim Macsay has started a series highlighting the volunteers of the Museum. Here are just a few of them — many more will follow!! Go to Facebook to read about these wonderful volunteers!

