

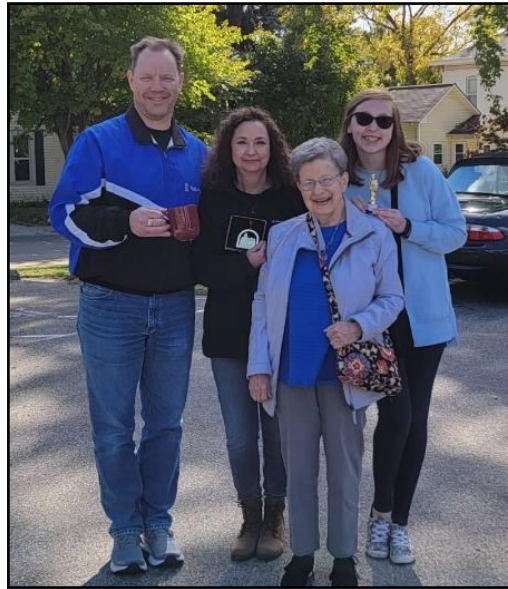
## 8th annual Road Rally was a hit!

On October 8<sup>TH</sup> 20 cars headed out to Southwest Hendricks County to take a Small Towns, No Gravel and No Roundabouts Tour. Captain Jack Sadler sent them off with good wishes and some safety tips.

Each car got directions and a brief history of the area. The tour went by or through Cartersburg, Belleville, Hazelwood, Stilesville, Coatesville, Amo, Clayton and Hadley. The weather and leaves were beautiful! When everyone returned trivia questions were answered.

Our first place winners scored 100% and won the tiebreaker about Amo's population in 2010 (401 for those who wonder). They were thrilled to win a golden skeleton trophy, a Museum Christmas ornament and a Fall mug.

Road Rally winners: J, Sandy and Amanda Fulcher, and Theckla Koskey.



What a "bootiful" evening for the annual downtown Danville Halloween festivities on Friday, October 28th! The Museum was open and hosted approximately 400-500 kid and 200 adult visitors! A huge shout out and thank you to our volunteers who managed the crowds: Pat Baldwin, Mike and Helen Corbitt, and Cindy Rutledge. Thank you to Diane Coiro and her husband who set up and took down our Scarecrow on the Square display.



## Hendricks County Historical Museum News

November 2022

*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

Hendricks County is certainly beautiful in the Fall, although I was surprised by the snow that October morning! This is the time when we change out exhibits at the Museum and start to decorate for Christmas (if you want to help just let us know). We have several school groups coming to learn about our history. We also enjoyed a tour by Indiana Landmarks volunteers, their Morris Butler House is very similar in appearance to ours, although the interiors are quite different, theirs was "elegant" and ours is quite the family home and office. Brought up many questions which we hope to look into in the coming months. There is always something new to learn!

It is also time to renew your membership with us. It helps us with programs and literally keeps the lights on at our storage house!

—Pat Baldwin

### Volunteer Opportunities Coming Up:

Christmas decorating of the Museum the week of Nov. 7

Christmas Tree lighting on the Square  
Nov. 25

Candlelight tour Dec. 10, 5-7 p.m.

Preparing new displays in January and February

Help with inventory of collections.





# New exhibit to focus on Hoosier Homestead farms

Did you know that Hendricks County will be 200 years old in 2024? It is amazing how much change there has been since we celebrated fifty years ago!

It will soon be time for new exhibits in the museum, and in 2023, as we lead into the bicentennial year, we plan to focus on the county's agricultural heritage. That will include recognition of Hendricks County's Centennial and Hoosier Homestead farms.

If you are part of one of the county's long time farm families, if you have ideas about ways to celebrate the upcoming birthday, or if you would like to help in any way, we would love to hear from you. You can call the museum at 317-718-6158, email at [hcmuseum@co.hendricks.in.us](mailto:hcmuseum@co.hendricks.in.us), or if you have information about Centennial or Homestead farms, you can call Marty at 317-403-8776 or 317-892-3762. We hope to hear from you!



## A Big Load 1940

*Clifford Hadley on farm in Hadley, IN.  
Hendricks County Museum Collections*

# GIVING TUESDAY is November 29

"Where we came from is as important as where we're going."

Hendricks County organized in 1824, making Danville its county seat. From that year our history begins. Our historical museum is located in the home/jail built in 1866. It is our county's only surviving example of Second Empire style architecture. We are proud of the listing on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Our responsibility for stewardship of this treasure and its contents is important to us. The mission of the Hendricks County Historical Museum is to collect, preserve and interpret items related 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.

This year's GIVING TUESDAY is on November 29. We ask that you please consider a donation towards the mission of the Hendricks County Historical Museum. Visit [www.hendrickscountymuseum.org](http://www.hendrickscountymuseum.org) to make your donation.

With appreciation, The Museum Board

**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

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**dancing stars**  
with the hendricks county

**May 20, 2023!**

Plans are underway for our upcoming annual fundraiser! If you would like to be part of the DWHCS committee, in any capacity, contact Robin Pickett, 317-362-7978 or Deanna Hindsley, 317-695-5602.



*The Museum will be closing for the winter after the Candlelight Tour Dec. 10th. It will reopen in March, 2023. Happy Holidays and thank you for your support!*

**Don't forget.... Donating this way is easy!**





# Indiana Landmarks group toured Museum

A group of volunteers from Indiana Landmarks toured the Museum in October. They were interested in our house because their Morris-Butler House in Indianapolis is also in the Second-Empire Style, built in 1864. They commented that the Morris-Butler house was built to be elegant inside as the original owner was a businessman, and the next a lawyer.

The home is in the Near Northside neighborhood which suffered a major decline when the interstate went through. Indiana Landmarks restored it, and for a while it was a house museum and is now an event center. We are fortunate that Hendricks County has kept ownership of our Sheriff's Residence and Jail and we can maintain it as a Museum open to all.

Interesting comments from the group: the jail was their favorite spot, and the younger people on the tour did not know who James Whitcomb Riley was, or that the hospital is named for him. Then one of the ladies on the tour started to recite "Lil Orphan Annie". They were a fun group to spend time with.



*Morris-Butler House, Indianapolis*



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# Where did the grandfather clock come from?

You may have seen the grandfather clock which stands in the front hall of the museum between the parlor and the early kitchen. It was given to the museum a few years ago by Janet Helton Hasegawa and Jackie Frazier McCoy, daughters of Rosemary Hodson Frazier Helton. No one knows for sure how old the clock is. Its first known owner was their great-great-grandfather, William Tighlman Hadley (1814-1889) who, around 1824, came from North Carolina with his parents, Simon and Elizabeth Hadley. The clock may have come with them.

William Hadley passed it to his grandson, Horace M. E. Hodson. According to an old family story, Horace actually got the clock from an old Quaker lady who told him, "Horace, I think thee should have thy grandfather's clock", which he then found in her attic. Was the old lady his grandmother?

When Horace Hodson died the clock went to the home of Cecil Hodson, then, in 1979, to the home of Cecil's daughter, Rosemary Hodson Helton.

The clock is entirely hand made. The internal works are made of wood. The pendulum is hand cast, and the face is hand painted. Richard Helton once repaired the clock, carving new wooden gears to replace the worn ones. The clock began running again, but stopped in 1998 when Rosemary Helton died. It has not run since.

—Marty Carter



**We invite you to submit your memories of the Hendricks County Museum!**



December 31, 1962 was a cold snowy and cloudy day. My family, Merle Funk, my father, Ruth Funk, my mother, yours truly Michael Funk, oldest child of Merle and Ruth, and my sisters Mary Kay and Jean Ann were embarking on a new experience. My dad, the newly elected

Sheriff and family were moving into the residence attached to the Hendricks County Jail. What a ride the next eight years were!

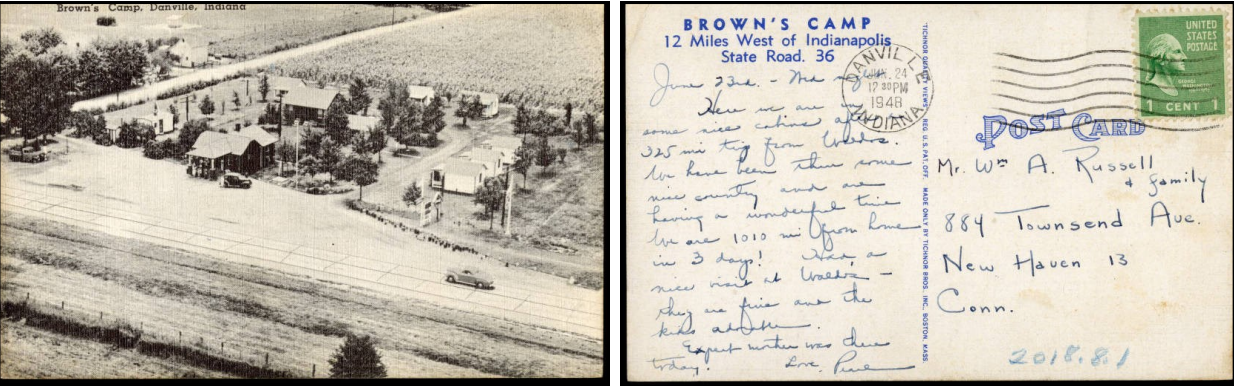
I distinctly remember that first night at the jail's residence, the steam heat yielded a unique and an annoying sound which was a clank, clank, clank. My sisters were somewhat scared by the noise and had concerns about the prisoners that were in the jail. My youngest sister had concerns about a prisoner breaking out of jail and entering the living quarters. Well there were a few prisoners that did in fact escape, but nobody came into the living quarters.

The phone rang 24/7 and always had lots of activity. There were lots of police coming and going, prisoners, lawyers, and visitors of prisoners, and we had visitors as well! Living there was a truly unique experience!

—Mike Funk



Does anyone know this camp's history?



Brown's Camp, circa 1948, Danville, Center Township, Hendricks County, Indiana. Postcard postmark Jun 24, 12:30 PM, 1948. Addressed to: Mr. Wm. A. Russell & family, 884 Townsend Ave., New Haven 13, Conn. Message: "Here we are in some nice cabins after 325 mi trip from Waldo's. We have been thru some nice country and are having a wonderful time. We are 1010 mi from home in 3 days! Had a nice visit at Waldo's - they are fine and the kids adorable. Expect mother was there today. Love, Pearl."

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Know Your Towns...

Cartersburg, Indiana, (Liberty Township) was platted by John Carter on December 13-14, 1849. Once the town was established, typical businesses opened, including David Carter's hotel, Simon Hornaday's store, and David Stutesman's blacksmith shop.

Located just northwest of Cartersburg along the West Fork of the White Lick Creek was the Cartersburg Magnetic Springs resort (grand opening May 5, 1895). The once-thriving and popular mineral springs spa came to an abrupt end by way of a disastrous arson fire the night of October 15, 1906. The resort never recovered from the event and never reopened. The water, however was still in demand. The Cartersburg Mineral Spring Water Company sold bottled water to Indianapolis and surrounding cities until they ceased operation in 1973. What buildings remain of the original springs operation are located along the east side of intersection of Cartersburg Road and CR 350 S.

For many decades in the early and mid-twentieth century, Hendricks County residents Mark and Ruth Short kept a summer home and resort called Camp Short on their land between Clayton and Cartersburg. Though open for longer stays, the camp also offered a beautiful picnic site. Camp Short also boasted a swimming pool and riding horses. The camp hosted families, high school reunions, various clubs, Bible schools, and trap shoots. In the late 1920s the tradition of holding dog meets and field trials began. And by the way, if you've seen the 1986 movie "Hoosiers", you've seen part of Camp Short. The remains of a two-story cabin from the camp were used in the film as Shooter's (Dennis Hopper's) house. Camp Short was located west of the West Fork of White Lick Creek near CR 101 E. It is on private property.

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A black and white photograph of a man in a white shirt and dark shorts playing tennis on a grassy field. Other people are visible in the background.

Man playing tennis at Camp Short. Hendricks County Museum Collections