

MAYVILLE AREA MUSEUM OF HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Annual Newsletter December 2022 to November 2023

Christmas Greeting and New Years Blessing Everyone!

It's hard to believe that we are wrapping up another year and 2023 is being put to rest. We didn't think things could get better but they have. We have survived and recovered from Covid and what a blessing that is. We are getting back to a somewhat normal and we are having visitors once again at the Museum.

Again after the Holidays we took a break for January and February and resumed meetings in March just in time for Cindy Coxe and her crew to start planning the Mayville Community Easter Egg Hunt. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was on April 1st this year and the weather didn't pull any April Fools jokes on us. ... it was PERFECT. Over 4,000 eggs were hidden and we had 300+ kids looking for them. Our volunteers again did a wonderful job. It's a community effort and we very much appreciate all the support.

With the help of a grant from the Tuscola Community Foundation we were able to replace the walkway in the back of the Museum. The cement walkway, although not as aesthetic to the Museum theme as the wooden walkway, will last much longer and be easier to care for. In addition, Bob and Diane Tallman were awarded a grant for the Mayville Museum from Thrivent. It was used to purchase supplies for our annual pancake breakfasts during Sunflower Festival and our Annual Car Show. We thank you all so very, very much.

In the spring of 2023 doors were added to the Veterans You Are Not Forgotten Pavilion to make it completely enclosed. Infrared heating was also added to make this an all-weather facility. A new non slip floor was completed in late spring. A Vet 2 Vet meeting is now held the second Thursday of each month. As many as 75-100 people attend monthly. The Pavilion is getting lots of use. Memorial bricks are always being added. See the order form attached.

We installed a 50 amp service so we could accommodate Grammy's Kitchen on the Museum grounds, a food truck run by Judy Legue. She offers homecooked foods & desserts. Grammy's will be taking orders for holiday pies this year ... call or text her to place your order... 989-882-5283.

A memorial bench for Marilyn Patterson was delivered by the Patterson family just in time for our Memorial Day opening. After several trial spots we located the perfect location next to the caboose where it will get lots of use and we can see it from the office door. We know she is smiling down on us with all that is going on at the Museum.

Our LED sign has gotten good use this year. Our sign guru, Judy Chesney is constantly keeping messages flowing and making Community announcements. We really are enjoying the sign and hope that Mayville finds it helpful too. You will always know the time and weather whether coming or going from Mayville .

Color Our World With Sunflowers, Mayville Sunflower Festival was in July and was BUSY, BUSY, BUSY! Friday was the 2nd Annual Veteran's Family Fun Day with many activities all day long. More people than we could count attended and all had a very good time. Saturday we served up our Pancake Breakfast and had one of our best years yet. Sunday a Community Church service was held in the Veterans Pavilion. Thank you Dennis Squires for organizing and for all who attended. It was a real community effort.

We participated in the 1st annual M-24 garage sales. Weather was not on our side but we were determined that customers would show up and they did. We moved inside to the office area and conducted a profitable sale for the Museum. Mark your calendars for 2024 because the M-24 sale and the Sunflower Festival will be on the same weekend (July 18-21). Vendor space will be available at the Museum if you want to set up and be in the action.

Our 25th Annual Car, Truck and Tractor Show was on September 16th. We had new emcee's this year, Criss and Sharon Harmon and Julie Kowalski kept things moving along, handling registrations, raffle drawing and 50/50 raffles like real pros. Good call Carol Harmon for asking them to help out. We hope we can convince them to return for 2024. Pete Moceri returned as DJ and had the tunes playing while conducting our #25 trivia game. Thanks you to all our sponsors, especially Cooks Chevrolet, Michigan Milk Producers Association and Thrivent.

We applied for and were granted a Michigan Milestone Award for 50 years of continuous operation in service to the people of Michigan and contributing to the growth and vitality of our state. In the spring we will be finding the perfect spot for our plaque on the Museum grounds.

2023 was also a sad year for us as we lost some outstanding members. Tom Andison, Arlene Robinson and Pat LaBair will be dearly missed. Tom, an amazing wealth of information on the village of Mayville and a very generous supporter left an amazing gift to the Museum and we will certainly think long and hard on how it will be used.

It will be very hard to replace our dear friend Arlene. Her enduring love for Veterans showed in all the projects she was involved in. She maintained and updated our Veterans obituary file. Her shoes will be hard to fill.

Pat LaBair left us way to fast. She was our tractor expert and helped with all the tractor runs and shows. She was always bringing things to the Museum that she thought would improve or enhance our surroundings. Our bathroom in the Veterans You Are Not Forgotten Pavilion is much more pleasant and charming because of her decorating items. God Bless Pat. Rest in Peace our friends you will always be remembered.

So as we close out 2023 we send wishes of Health, Happiness and Blessings to each and everyone in this New Year of 2024!

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Mayville Area Museum, P.O. Box 242, Mayville, MI 48744

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