

# YESTERDAY & TODAY

**“Life holds more meaning when the past ties into the Present--When this happens one gains assurance that the Present will also tie into the Future--Author Unknown**

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## *Museum Musings:*

Many new “old” items have made the Museum their new home and the Historical Society thanks every generous donor.

One of the items is a gas pump that stood in front of the museum when it was the Blue Room Café, a gas service station and restaurant. The lower foyer will be arranged to display this restored beauty, some tools and associated artifacts grouped with it. If anyone has old automobile service items needing a home, we’d enjoy adding them to this display.

The Museum will open on schedule April 1, 2011, but there will be some on-going re-arranging for a while. Please feel free to drop by and check out the progress and see the recent treasures we’ve been given.

One of the Museum’s treasures we’ve had for awhile is a wooden tool that was donated without any information regarding its use. It has puzzled several visitors and myself for a long time. I saw one recently and it was named. I’m not sure how it fulfilled its purpose, but will try to determine how a wagon jack works. Any information would be welcomed and appreciated.

The doll case is on the agenda for rehabilitation this summer. It needs lots of attention and has been in the back corner long enough. Time to show off the case and its contents of beautiful dolls.

The new Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory – Parke County has been completed and there are copies for sale at the Museum. The Museum was privileged to supply several of the photographs including the cover for this report.

Please remember it is your Museum and any suggestions, ideas and opinions are always welcome. The phone number is 765-569-2223 and the hours are 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday. If the flag is flying, the Museum is open. I will do my best to make it available at other times if needed. Call and let me know your requests.....Karin Woodson, Curator

### ***The Annual Meeting Dinner***

We hope to see you at the annual meeting and dinner on April 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at St. Joseph's Hall in Rockville. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 per person and we would appreciate it if you would make reservations by calling the Rockville Public Library 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at 765-569-5544 or the Museum during open hours.

Blaine Martin, a young man that grew up in Rockville, has written a book on old Rockville. Blaine will be giving the program after the dinner.

### ***Annual Dues Time***

It is once again time to pay annual dues of \$10.00. We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience or you can pay them at the dinner.

### ***Newsletters***

Please send your email address if you would like to receive the newsletters and other announcements through email.

If any of you has a change of address or knows someone that has a change of address, please let us know.