

Scott County Heritage Center & Museum

February, 2026



Preservation Alliance, Inc.



Special points of interest:

- * PAI Board Meetings, open to public.
- * Web site being updated.
- * Brown Bags 3rd Wednesday.
- * Facebook page
- * School Teacher Tours
- * Fees for touring museum, **donation only!**

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Delay in Opening due to Weather Issues!

Scott County is suffering under a lot of cold, cold ice and snow like most of the USA is. We have had to postpone opening the Museum due to the weather issues of frozen drains and pipes. We plan now to open on Tuesday, February 10th at 10 a.m. Once we are open, our hours are: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 to 4. If this time doesn't work for your schedule, then give Jeannie a call, 812.752.1050 and we

will set up an appointment.

Several of you had met Kristina Owens that was working here in 2025 but we are sorry to say we had to lose her as she had to have full time employment, for college. As of February we announce, a long time volunteer, has stepped into the Administrative Assistant Position for our Museum. Jeannie Noe Carlisle and If you have local history questions, call Jeannie and if she can't help you she will probably know the person to contact.

Museum Barn! Items Galore to sell! Stop by!

Mrs. Connie Cutshall will be continuing as Barn Manager and Lena Lundgren will be assisting with helpers for each Saturday. The Barn will open the same time as the Farmer's Market ,

Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m. to NOON. This schedule will be thru Saturday, September 26.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Barn, please contact

the Museum and your information will be given to Lena to schedule.

Do you have donations for the Barn? Bring to museum.



Museum Brown Bag—FREE. Bring your lunch. Desserts & Drinks served.

Wednesday, February 18, NOON—1 p.m.

Debra Whitlow, Master Gardener will present the program..

Wednesday, March 18, NOON—1 p.m.

Janet Payne & Phyllis Amick will present the program on Women's History. NOON—1 p.m.

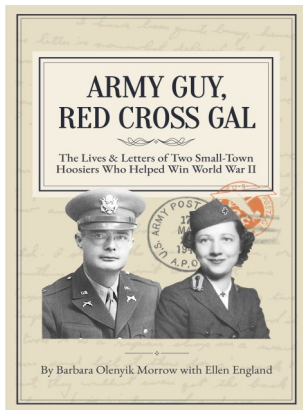
Wednesday, April 15, NOON—1 p.m.

Jeannie Noe Carlisle will present a program on Local History.

Wednesday, May 20th, NOON—1 p.m. Program to be announced.

This is the last one until September 16, 2026!

Donations accepted for helping to continue this program.



Army Guy and Red Cross Gal: World War II Through the Eyes of Two Small-Town Hoosiers

By Barbara Olenyik Morrow

During World War II, Auburn attorney Bill Husselman served as a military police lieutenant with U.S. General George S. Patton's Third Army as it

1st Historical Dinner Program—Friday, April 17, 2026, 6 p.m.

marched across northwest Europe. Auburn music teacher Mary Brandon served as an American Red Cross club worker in Italy as Allied troops slogged up the peninsula. Never did Bill's and Mary's paths cross overseas, never did their duties – wildly different – overlap.

But their similar backgrounds (they were friends before the war) and their distinct voices and perspectives (as gleaned from wartime letters) form the heart of Barbara Olenyik Morrow's latest book, *Army Guy, Red Cross Gal: The Lives & Letters of Two Small-Town Hoosiers Who Helped Win World War II*, written in collaboration with Ellen England.

Morrow's program will track Bill and Mary's overseas paths – as Allied forces fought at Anzio and Monte Cassino, liberated Rome, crossed the English Channel, swept across France, prevailed at the Battle of the Bulge, and drove deep into Germany's heartland, where American soldiers witnessed horrors at Buchenwald and other concentration camps.

Archival and other war-era photos will complement Morrow's lecture. She also will highlight why these stories from 80 years ago still deserve our attention – and why war-era letters need to be preserved.

A former journalist who has been a Pulitzer Prize finalist, Morrow is the author of sev-

en books, most focusing on Indiana history. Her books have featured college basketball coaching legend John Wooden, nature writer Gene Stratton-Porter, and famed Underground Railroad leader Levi Coffin. A longtime Auburn resident, she lectures extensively around the state.

Autographed copies of *Army Guy, Red Cross Gal* (hardback, \$27, paperback, \$22) will be available for purchase before and after her presentation. Her website is www.barbaraolenyikmorrow.com.

A catered meal by The Bistro will be included in the price of the program. \$45.00 per ticket and all reservations must be made before Friday, April 10th.

SMITH ROOM RENTAL for parties, weddings, reunions, etc.

The Museum has the Smith Room available for rent at the following fees. Paid Membership and Non Profit organizations fee is \$50.00 per 4 hours. Including setting up and tearing down.

\$100.00 for Non Members.

Anyone staying past the 4 hours will be charged \$25 per additional hour.

The Room contains tables and chairs for your use . There is a small kitchen with refrigerator .

Payment must be made seven (7) days in advance.

A NEW contract must be signed and payment must be made at the time of the reservation being made.

If you cancel 24 hrs. before

your event, \$25 will be non refundable.



New fees effective January 13,

HELP IS NEEDED AT YOUR MUSEUM.

In 2007, we began the completion of the museum by getting a mortgage from the USDA. We borrowed \$350,000 dollars and now still owe a little more than \$250,000.

The money was used to:

Put in the required elevator, completed the 2nd floor, and paved the parking lots and put lights up for safety.

If you feel you can help by donating money to the loan payment each March, we would be glad to give you a tax receipt and a FREE annual membership.

We also invite you to come to visit the museum. We do not charge for your touring of the museum but a donation is always appreciated.

PLEASE HELP YOUR MUSEUM BY BECOMING A PAID MEMBER.

Annual membership is from 1/1/26 thru 12/31/26. Annual fees are:

Single—\$20.00

Family—\$25.00

Business—\$50.00

Mail to: Scott County Museum
1050 S Main St., PO Box 122
Scottsburg, IN 47170-0122.

For more information give us a call 812.752.1050.

2026 Dues are due now. Your membership card will be mailed to you, if you don't have time to drop by.

Thanks so much.

Preservation Alliance Board Meetings 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m.

These meetings are open to the public.

In 2026 we are trying to arrange several classes per our clients requesting and we need volunteers that could assist in someway. If interested come join us or call in and leave your information.

A new Board Member is Tim Pollack that is a Professional Actor and he has agreed to be on the Board to help with theater type events. One event coming up in October is at the Lexington Cemetery . Would you like to participate?

Give us a call! 812.752.1050

The Board is looking for any oral history about Pigeon Roost that anyone may have been told that isn't already recorded. We are planning a September event during the reunion and trying to find more info before it is lost completely. Give us a call with the info 812.752.1050.



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Tuesday, Friday, Satur-
day 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

We are on the web:
www.schcam.org

In April the museum will have an IN Historical Society exhibit in our English Room . This will be about Prohibition Days and it will be very large and will take up most of the room. Watch for more information about the display and plan to come.

A volunteer, Krista Estep is working on preparing a Scott County book with pictures of the area. Older pictures will be the best and the book will only contain 128 pages, so please send in your pictures ASAP to the Museum so this book is prepared quickly. The completed book will be available at the Museum plus CVS and other outlets. Bring by with info about the pictures or email to contact@schcam.org and thank you so much.

DUE TO WEATHER ISSUES, THIS LETTER IS SHORTER THAN NORMAL!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Can you receive text _____

Email: _____

Single \$20.00 _____ Couple at same address \$25.00 _____ Business \$50.00 _____ Today's Date _____