



Lake County Historical Society Announces Museum Departure from Historic Courthouse After 43 Years — Celebrating 150 Years of Preservation in 2025

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CROWN POINT, Ind. — After more than four decades of stewardship in the iconic Old Lake County Courthouse—a landmark affectionately known as the “Grand Old Lady”—the Lake County Historical Society received notification that the museum must vacate the premises by December 31, 2025.

“We are grateful to have operated the museum at the courthouse since 1982,” said the Society’s Executive Director, Diane Gora. “As we conclude this chapter, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to preserving Lake County’s history and celebrating our sesquicentennial milestone.”

For forty-three years, the Society has used the museum to showcase an extensive collection of artifacts, photographs, documents, and stories that illustrate Lake County’s rich history. In preparation for the museum’s departure from the courthouse, the Society continues to actively inventory, pack, and secure its collection all while examining new opportunities.

Looking ahead, the Society continues to plan 2025 anniversary programs to engage the public and celebrate 150 years of continuous service. As the Society’s Museum prepares to leave its longtime home, the Society plans to host a series of events to honor its history at the courthouse and to thank the community for its support over the years. Details of these events will be announced in the coming months.

The Society invites Lake County residents, local organizations, businesses, and donors to support this transition. Whether through identifying potential new spaces, volunteering, promoting anniversary events, or contributing financially, community involvement will be essential in ensuring the Society thrives beyond the courthouse move.

For more information and updates, or to offer support, please visit the Lake County Historical Society website at lchs1875.org, email info@lchs1875.org or by phone at 219-662-3975 or 219-308-4407.

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