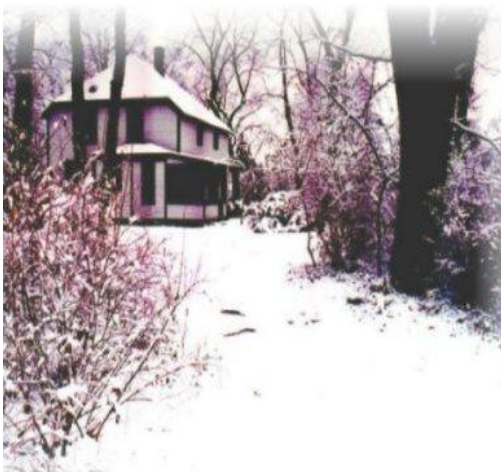


# Celebrate a Century!

WINTER 2010

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**1910 Kaske House**

*Fresh Snow on the Ridge*

**WELCOME**  
TO THE  
CELEBRATE A CENTURY!  
NEWSLETTER.

## SEASONAL REFLECTIONS....

*Winter is a wonderful time to spend inside a warm and cozy old house curled up in a favorite chair with a classic novel and a hot cup of cocoa. It's also a perfect time to browse the garden catalogs for spring planting ideas. Inviting friends over to share a hot toddy, dinner, or dessert is a great way to heat up any home with interesting conversation.*

*Sheltered by an old edifice, fired up by new ideas, warmed by friendship...winter is a perfect season to be a member of the Munster Historical Society!*



**“Movie Night” at the Kaske House**  
Featuring Restoration of Indiana’s Grand Hotels  
Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010  
Movie at 7:00 – 7:50 p.m.  
**West Baden Springs - Save of the Century**  
Movie at 8:00–9:00 p.m.  
**Restoring the Legend – French Lick Springs Hotel**  
Documentary Program Presented with Permission of WTIU  
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## *Thanks for the Memories:*

- 2009 Holiday Candlelight Open House held on the first Saturday of December in 2009 was once again a huge success. Thank you to our many volunteers and cookie bakers who came through for us again this year!
- Our 2010 Annual Dinner held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Park Ballroom kicked off the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the Kaske House. Thank you to this year’s dinner committee for a grand evening. Thank you to our dessert bakers for a delicious dessert buffet!
- Thank you to Tom DeGiulio for taking the time from his very busy schedule to personally arrange for our new storage facility. Thank you to Gail Hastings, who made sure we have keys to a safe, secure and temperature-controlled storage area. In the spring, we will need shelves and volunteers to label/reorganize everything.

## **NEW TOWN HALL DISPLAY CABINET**

Stop by the Munster Town Hall lobby to view the Munster Historical Society’s new display cabinet designed by Kelly Benoit. Containing an interesting array of Munster artifacts, samples, and sales information on The Brass Tavern Cookbook and Images of America, Munster, Indiana history book, the case will be changed periodically. We hope it will create interest in visiting the Munster History Museum at the century-old Kaske House.

Thanks to Kelly Benoit, Shirley Schmueser, Jim and Susan Schmidt, and Dave and JoAnne Shafer for making this project possible. Special thank you to the Town of Munster and McShane’s for loan of the display cabinet.

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## Inside the Kaske House....

Highland and Munster Tiger Scouts toured the Kaske House in November 2009 and January and February 2010. Thank you to School/Scout Director Beth Palmer for providing an engaging history lesson for these youngsters who were also treated to a treasure hunt at the museum.

## A New Face in a Century-Old Place....

Dr. Louise Chickie-Wolfe earned a doctorate degree from Vanderbilt University in Special Education and Human Development. She has been an educator for 35 years, having taught at the preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and college levels in the areas of general, special, and gifted education. Dr. Chickie-Wolfe is in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, is a Professionally Recognized Special Educator by the Council of Exceptional Children, received The 2008 Woman of Merit Award, a Master Teaching Endowment, and was twice named Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

In 2008, Dr. Louise Chickie-Wolfe retired from public school teaching and received a grant to create the Munster Junior Historical Society for students in grades 5-8. Known for their community service projects such as the Munster Centennial Time Capsule, this organization's goals are to preserve history, provide service, and build character.

Dr. Louise Chickie-Wolfe played the organ at this year's Holiday Candlelight Open House where her young historians provided treats and served as docents. She is currently a member of the Brass Stagecoach Inn Committee that is exploring a project to build a replica at Heritage Park of the historic 1845 Brass Tavern.



Beth Palmer gives a history lesson to Tiger Scouts.



Annual Dinner Blue Ribbon Dessert Buffet featured Kaske House 100<sup>th</sup> birthday cake and a delicious assortment of desserts homemade by MHS members.

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## Locketts & Lace

*Locketts hold cherished photos that can be priceless heirlooms, even if they are not made of gold. Lace, whether machine or handmade, may be a precious reminder of a special occasion. Such artifacts from the Munster History Museum will be the objects of this Locketts & Lace column where we hope to draw attention to the conservation needs of these priceless and precious pieces of our local history.*

### **Munster Family Loveseat & Chair**

*Donated by Joann Munster Jelenik, this furniture was owned by the Jacob Munster family. The loveseat and chair, pictured top left, may have been used in the family photo (bottom left).*

*In need of conservation, we are asking for donations to help pay for a professional evaluation and museum-quality upholstery repairs.*

**Adopt an Antique...call 219 836-6530 or email [info@munsterhistory.org](mailto:info@munsterhistory.org)**

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\*\*\*Join the Celebrate a Century! Committee\*\*\*

Volunteer for the Kaske House 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at Heritage Park on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

Individuals, organizations, and businesses wishing to participate in or sponsor this old-fashioned event, email [info@munsterhistory.org](mailto:info@munsterhistory.org) or call 219-836-6530.

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**April 22 Program: Huette Kaplan, Chicago Architect Foundation Docent**

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**Munster History Museum**

at the historic 1910 Kaske House

Corner of Ridge Road & Columbia Avenue  
Munster, Indiana

Open on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### 2010 Program Calendar

March 8	Board Mtg. 5:00 p.m. @Kaske House
March 25	Restoring Indiana's Grand Hotels
April 17	Shovel & Spade Garden Day
April 22	Chicago Architecture
May 2	Vintage Tea & Trunk Show*
May 27	Program Pending – TBA*
June 26	Kaske House 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
July 3-4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Float – Prep & Parade
Aug. 26	Program Pending – TBA*
Sept. 19	Heritage Park Volunteer Picnic
Sept. 23	Program Pending – TBA*
Oct. 28	Program Pending – TBA*
Oct. 29	Haunted History w/Terry Lynch
Nov. 1-6	Clean & Decorate Museum
Nov.-Dec.	Children's Tea Parties
Dec. 4	Holiday Candlelight Open House

\*Tentative program pending details to be announced

Programs & events are subject to change.

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