

**MUNSTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
September 2011

Members and Friends,

This week we remember that fateful day 9-11-2001. We grieve for those lost That day and for all the men and women of our Armed Forces who too have lost their lives in the past ten years resulting from that day. Our own Shaun Blue being one of those lost on April 16, 2007.

***WE WILL NEVER FORGET***

It has been a busy summer for the society so we apologize for the delay in getting you a newsletter. Our President Kelly Benoit participated in period costume at the Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial Park.

We had a float in the Munster 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The trailer being provided by Kish Funeral Home and pulled by Jim and Susan Schmidt. The Benoit Family dressed as our Civil War soldiers, Chauncey & Harvey Wilson and Jacob Munster.

Richard Lytle presented his program on the Circus Train Accident of 1918 which included circus decorations and themed foods provided by September & Tom Alexander.

We donated a raffle basket to the Munster Education Foundation's "Taste Of Tuscany" event.

Volunteers including our wonderful Girl Scout Troop have been very busy working the concessions at the concerts in Heritage Park. And many have manned the Munster History Museum during the weddings in the Park.

We have graciously received artifacts for our files and museum including miscellaneous items from Dave Cole, decorative commemorative plates from Fern Olson Ridder and a land deed and photos from Gert Passalacqua on the McKee family and the historic lost HalfWay House. Gert is the niece of Albert McKee the second owner of the Half Way House.

## *Upcoming Events*

Our Junior Historical Society kids are asking for pledges. They are participating in the Walk to Cure Diabetes, Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Wicker Park in the name of the Welsh Family. This is for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. [www.walk.jdrf.org](http://www.walk.jdrf.org)  
keywords: northwest Indiana and Wolfe Pack

Our next meeting and program will be THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011, 6:30 P.M. AT THE MUNSTER HISTORY MUSEUM. The Griffith Historical Society on how trains helped shape "The Region" will give the program. Also Officer James Ghrist of the Munster PD will give a short talk on personal safety in these times.

The Munster History Museum will not be open on Saturdays the next couple of months, as we will be decorating for upcoming events. Our HAUNTED HISTORY & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE. Please refer to the attached flyers on these events. Also attached is a flyer on a very exciting event coming up, "A MOMENT IN HISTORY" DINNER DANCE, COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC. KEEP THE DATE OPEN...FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup> 2012.

And as always please take a little time to volunteer for our events. Every little bit helps. We will once again need people to bake cookies for the Holiday Open House. Please don't let the children down. They look forward to yummy home baked Christmas cookies.

We are continuing to try to go paperless as it saves time and money, so if you change email addresses please contact us with your new one. We don't want to leave anyone out.

Be sure to visit our website for history and links and upcoming events:

[WWW.MUNSTERHISTORY.ORG](http://WWW.MUNSTERHISTORY.ORG)

As always, your newsletter team,  
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