

MORGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER & MUSEUM



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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024

The **Martinsville Cookie Stroll** is **December 14, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Passports are already sold out, but you don't need a passport to enjoy lots of fun live performances, Holiday Market from the Morgan County Farmers Market and so much more.

The Morgan County History Center & Museum will be open to all during the cookie stroll.



Bobby Helms & the Candy Kitchen, are the featured exhibit at the museum in December. Robert Lee Helms, born 1933, in Bloomington, IN to Hildreth Esther (Abram) and Fred Robert Helms began performing with his brother Freddie before going to Nashville, TN to sign with DECCA records. "Fraulein" and "My Special Angel" were early successes for him, but when Christmas rolls around each year the nostalgic remember best "Jingle Bell Rock". Over 2,000,000 copies of the gold disc record have sold. Bobby Helms Jingle Bell Rock Christmas Music Spectacular will take place December 8, with live music, fun holiday characters, carriage rides and more beginning

at 5 pm, with the tree lighting up on the courthouse lawn at approximately 7 pm.

The Candy Kitchen, a 100+ year Martinsville establishment located at 46 N. Main St., will be making candy canes every Saturday at approximately 10 a.m., noon, & 3 p.m. for the enjoyment of all. Experience a memory of a lifetime and buy some Christmas goodies. Family owned and operated, the Candy Kitchen made 45,000 candy canes in 2023.

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Open Hours:

Monday 10:00AM-2:00PM

Thursday 4:00PM-7:00PM

Saturday 10:00AM-3:00PM



It's a MORGAN COUNTY CHRISTMAS

WCBK's Lighted Christmas Parade begins at Washington and Jefferson Streets at 5:30 p.m., November 30th and proceeds to Jimmy Nash City Park for the Winter Wonderland Festival of Lights which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Monrovia Hometown Christmas Parade November 30 at 2:00 p.m. Staging begins at the High School parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Many other events begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Santa train will be stopping in Morgantown, December 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m. behind the Morgantown Fire Department. Come and take pictures with Santa.

Join Mooresville December 7th as they celebrate their downtown 35th Annual Victorian Christmas from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Find a newspaper boy and grab your free souvenir copy as a guide. It's a grand finale to Mooresville's 200th year celebration, and it's all free.

The Bethlehem Walk will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Martinsville, December 7, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Walk the streets of Bethlehem, encounter Roman guards, hear prophets, see live animals, shop the merchants' tent, and experience the live nativity scene.



Annual Museum Membership Meeting

December 2nd, 6:00 p.m. Speaker: Michael O'Neal, local author
Morgan County History Center & Museum

Annual Museum Fundraising Banquet

April 10, 2025 River Valley Church 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Silent Auction

Tickets now available: \$30/person

For sponsorship information contact Vickie Kivett at the museum

Arletta Huff Hollis' Wash Stand



Arletta Huff (1870-1963) ran a boarding house at 209 S. Wayne St., Martinsville, according to her family. She met her husband, Luther Hollis, when he was working for the Fairland & Martinsville Railroad and boarded with her. They married about 1925 according to the 1930 US Census.

Nelly Huff Haney, Arletta Huff, and Frank Stark are shown in the picture with Hannah Huff, the girls' mother on the lovely cherry wash stand. A pitcher and wash basin donated to the museum by the Sue Tutewiler take us back to the early 20th century.

The Huff family donated an oak hall tree which is on display in our meeting room where numerous clothing items and hats may be seen. Also, a Civil War era mourning dress is on display along with a late 1800's cradle used by Ennis babies from the Stansbury family.

Does your little one have a letter for Santa? Santa's mailbox will be in the museum receiving letters until December 21st. Santa will reply. Drop your letters off during the cookie stroll or just drop by during our open hours.

The museum has Morgan County Scrapbooks I & II for sale as well as old postcards, books by local authors, and notecards. Give a membership, \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family, to help support our museum.



What is it?

The What is It in the Summer issue was a bustle worn by ladies in the late 1800's.

Can you identify this issue's what is it?



Lucile Daily Adams (1909-2004) earned many awards for sewing. The dress in this picture is one of several she sewed. She won a Singer treadle sewing machine for her efforts in 1928. Her granddaughter, Kay Hamm Cragen, kindly donated Lucile's dress, home economics workbook, and pictures to the museum along with her State Fair first place ribbon. Lucile married Randolph Adams in 1929, turning down a scholarship to begin married life. She worked with the Extension and served as a 4-H leader who guided many Morgan County youth.



Martinsville Third Graders learn about Morgan County

Barbara Boys, Marcia Hodges, and Crystal Chandler, retired school teachers, spent October visiting the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville third grade classes. 340 students received information about Grassyfork Fisheries, Martinsville Candy Kitchen, and Old Hickory furniture. Five Indiana State Standards for social studies were covered during their presentations.

The children were treated to goldfish that appear almost real when placed in water and candy pillows from the Candy Kitchen. Next Spring the children will board buses to tour downtown Martinsville and the Morgan County History Center and Museum.

