

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
April 13, 2026

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, April 13, 2026** at the Town Hall.
Present: Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Forrest Johnson, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, and Vicki Price. Absent: Jeanette Daines, Craig Thibado

Some of the committee members met at the museum to discuss possible outdoor placement ideas for the jail which is currently stored in the shed and then went to the Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa

1. Notes of March 9, 2026 were reviewed.
2. April Treasurers Report – no activity.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Correspondence: None
5. Donations:
 - A. Lynnette Smith – labels for donated library items.
 - B. Tom Berger – military horse harnesses.
6. 2026 Classes/Presentations
 - A. Kathy Bauer – Weaving – June
 - B. Richard Thomas – Sour Dough Bread – July
 - C. Tim Dotseth – “What is It?” session – July (consensus that this would be a good event to repeat)
 - D. Dan Tetty – “Paranormal Investigating – Who Doesn’t Like a Good Ghost Story” on May 23 at 11am
7. Displays
 - A. Levi Anderson toy tractor collection to be displayed upstairs in cabinet.
 - B. Downsville Elementary School Focus – History of Downsville Schools will be posted on the wall along with some select pictures. Additional student pictures are being collected by Lynnette for a slide show also. Wall display pictures will be determined on work day – Saturday, May 2 at 10am at the museum.
8. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Water will be turned back on by May 1st depending on weather conditions.
 - B. Wooden ramp/stairs – The Downsville Sportsman Club and the Menomonie Lions Club together have indicated they will work together to replace the ramp and steps with a cement ramp and steps sometime this summer/fall. Coordinators of project are representatives Kevin Jack and Cliff Genzler. Suggestion made that our sandstone stored at Smith’s could be used as accent.
 - C. Jail Placement – consensus was to place the jail behind the post office with a cement slab.
 - D. Jake’s TV Repair sign – No progress (Johnson project). Suggestion made to hang this sign and Wik’s Store sign on either the outside of shed or jail.
 - E. Front entrance awning – Messa continuing to pursue.
 - F. Post Office windows – Messa still pursuing project with Sam Skillings.
 - G. Heating assessment – Smith has contacted CVTC and requested a yes or no answer.
 - H. Wik’s Store sign donated by John and Amy Stalter – no progress (Johnson project)
 - I. July Fire extinguisher maintenance.
 - J. Clean shed is new spring project – Saturday, May 2nd.
 - K. Sandblasting Museum – Contact Tim Skillings and Jerry Hotchkiss.
9. New Events
 - A. May 23, 2026 – Spring Pancake Breakfast/Opening – Thrivent card received; poster ready; Price will do advertising; DeFlorin will order 85 lb of sausage; Messa will work on signs at museum and trail. Volunteer suggestions: Weber/Wayne/Wittig boys, Ann Bates, Kris Winter, Mike & Jane Hulett, Andy Rabideau, and extras for set-up of tent and tables. Price will check with Mark & Cory Weber. Syrup donations, Smith, Price, Jenson. Whipped butter will be used this year. John/Diane Creaser will be contacted for milk.
10. Work days – Saturday, May 2, at 10am and Tuesday, May 5, at 10am at the museum.
11. Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 11th, at 5:30 at the **MUSEUM**.
12. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Vicki Price, Secretary