

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
May 11, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa

1. Notes of April 13, 2026 were reviewed.
2. May Treasurers Report **was reviewed.**
3. Public Comment: None
4. Correspondence: None
5. Donations:
 - A. Mark Weber – sickle sharpener and display case stand.
 - B. Downsville Sportsman Club - \$1,250 toward ramp/steps replacement.
 - C. Pfeilsticker's have sandstone from 2 foundations and would like to donate. Discussion was to acquire some block.
6. 2026 Classes/Presentations – class time either 11am or 1pm
 - A. Dan Petty – “Paranormal Investigating – Who Doesn’t Like a Good Ghost Story” on May 23 at 11am
 - B. Marie Young – What Birds Can Teach Us – June 6th
 - C. Kathy Bauer – Weaving – June 20th
 - D. Richard Thomas – Sour Dough Bread – July 18th
 - E. Tim Dotseth – “What’s It?” session – July 11th
 - F. Steve Hogseth – Prairie Restoration – August 15
 - G. Cindy Brown – Chippewa Valley Bean History – August 23 at 11am
7. Displays
 - A. Daines suggested a feature on Native Americans.
 - B. Smith working on thumb drive.
 - C. Messa indicated that Greg Ahrens originally from Hay Creek area is interested in scanning platbooks.
8. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Wooden ramp/stairs – The Downsville Sportsman Club contributed \$1,250 and the Menomonie Lions Club will cover the remaining cost of the project estimated at \$3,000. Work will begin after Downsville Day. Discussion held regarding using sandstone as accent.
 - B. Jail Placement – determined; Matt Messa working on cement slab. A roof will sit on top of the jail.
 - C. Jake’s TV Repair sign – No progress (Johnson project).
 - D. Front entrance awning – Messa continuing to pursue.
 - E. Post Office windows – Messa still pursuing project with Sam Skillings.
 - F. Heating assessment – Smith has contacted CVTC and no response yet.
 - G. Wik’s Store sign donated by John and Amy Stalter – no progress (Johnson project)
 - H. Sandblasting Museum – Price will contact Tim Skillings and Jerry Hotchkiss
 - I. July Fire extinguisher maintenance.
 - J. Plaster stairway wall – Smith has enlisted Travis Smith to do a skim coat patch and paint.
9. Saturday Museum Coverage 11am-3pm: May 30 – Messa; June 6 – DeFlorin; June 13 – Smith; June 20 - Price
10. New Events
 - A. May 23, 2026 – Spring Pancake Breakfast/Opening – Advertising complete; 85# sausage ordered; Melissa Kraft will volunteer; Weber boys are not available; Price will contact Wayne and Wittig boys; Scatterbrain will donate coffee; syrup donations complete. Price will try to get arrival time of tent on Friday for set-up.
11. Work days – Tuesday, May 19, at noon and Friday, May 22 at 3pm at the museum.
12. Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 8th, at 5:30 at the **MUSEUM.**
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Vicki Price, Secretary