

Welcome to The Museum of Scott County

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Three years ago, an idea was born. An idea that some thought was unrealistic. Teachers of Scott High School decided it was time to bring the history of Scott County to life for its citizens, through what is now known as The Museum of Scott County.

We have all heard those tall tales and far-fetched stories our oldest residents of Scott County have told a thousand times. This museum just brought these stories into visual perspective.

There are so many exhibits in the museum that one would not believe so much history could exist in such a small town. When entering the museum, if you look straight ahead you will see a display portraying a fierce hunting encounter with an Indian and bear. Look to your right and you will notice the area of the museum dealing with the history of coal mining in Scott County. Behind the bear and Indian hunting display you will see photographs and information on the Vietnam War as well as the Nazi war crimes. The photographs portray our very own Scott County soldiers who fought in the recent wars. World War II information and photos are displayed on the far back wall of the museum. Just to the left the war displays is what a 1940s era kitchen would look like.

To the very far back right corner of the museum is the history of logging in Scott County. If you look to the wall adjacent to the logging display you will see a moonshine exhibit with an actual moonshine still.

There is a large display, just to the left of the front door as you enter, of an Indian rock shelter and various artifacts such as arrowheads, pottery, and beads, etc.

Last but not least, our frontier exhibit contains an old cabin built in a way in which it would have looked during the 1800s with a “still life” portrayal, along with the display of muzzle loaders used during those times. There are also temporary exhibits that change on an annual basis.

Many of us at Scott High have learned that even in a small town there is history waiting to be discovered and as unbelievable as it may seem, if you dig deep enough, you will find that things



Figure 1 The Museum of Scott County is a student-built and student-operated museum located on the Scott High School Campus in Huntsville.

are not as unbelievable as you think. What is unbelievable is the fact that the whole museum was built by students of Scott High. Trade and Industry Class built the 3,000 square foot structure as well as many of the exhibits inside. Anthropology Class contributed many of the artifacts displayed. Art Class painted the large painting on the far back wall of a massive American flag. The Computer Class helped by contributing the short educational videos throughout the museum. English and History classes researched and proofread all the narratives in the museum. Even the Cosmetology Class helped by doing makeup and hair styles from eras gone by. This amazing museum is a treat for everyone to enjoy, whether native to Scott County or just passing through. Maybe someday this museum will be in the history books itself. The museum has no admission charge.





