



Wyalusing Valley Museum Association

Preserving Our Region's Past

End of Year Appeal 2025



What an exciting year it has been! The museum has finally opened our forever home at 25 Main Street in Wyalusing. Many of you have supported us through the entire ten-year process since we first started fundraising to purchase the building in 2015. We are so grateful to serve a community who cares about preserving history and your willingness to work with us step by step to bring this project to where it is today.

We will once again be launching our annual membership drive in May/June, but the final month of this year is a good time to check in with our supporters and give you the opportunity to contribute to specific projects that will be featured next year. Please consider making an end-of-year donation to the museum—whether it's supporting building maintenance, sponsoring an event, or helping expand our payroll so we can offer more hours for residents and visitors. Otherwise, you may wish to include us in your budget for 2026.

This year has seen attendance reach new heights, and we are eager to maintain this positive momentum. We have lots of ideas for exhibits and programs to encourage repeat visits and first-time visitors. As we move ahead with improvements on Main Street, including new exhibits with varying themes, we will be directing more attention to the museum's Lodge Hall Annex on Church Street. The goal is to make

the first floor of the annex a space where we will hold workshops, lectures, movies, and other programs. Plans are in the works to add a ramp to make that building fully accessible to everyone. As we continue to maintain these two historic buildings, look for additional maintenance and renovations in the coming year.

In honor of America 250, the museum will join in celebrating our two-and-a-half centuries as a nation by including exhibits and special programs to recognize the anniversary year of 2026. There is something for everyone through the coming year. We'll bring some needed warmth in February with our popular Mac & Cheese and Chili competition at the Villa Sena and round out the anniversary year with a Christmas ornament workshop in December with crafts inspired by colonial era decorations.

In between will be the annual Patchwork in the Pews Quilt Show with an Americana theme that will take you back to the past with a patriotic flourish. In June we will have a screening of some of our archival film footage of the Wyalusing's bicentennial in 1953 and the community's spirited celebration of the national bicentennial in 1976. You may recognize a few faces from those days of yore.

Please consider a gift to our building fund for ongoing improvements to the buildings, as well as a personnel fund for employee salaries, or sponsorship of the previously mentioned museum events. You may choose to donate to the general operating fund and allow our board to decide where the money is needed most. *(See accompanying annual giving form.)*

By supporting us financially or by visiting the museum and attending our events, you help us fulfill our mission of preserving and sharing our local history.

