

?Renovated second floor of Museum opens October 23

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? Members of Preservation Alliance Inc. (PAI) and volunteers and staff of the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum will celebrate the re-opening of the facility's second floor with two events this month.

The first will be held on Thursday, October 23, for PAI members only. This event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and will be an informal reception which will offer guests a chance to tour the second floor and learn about the future use for each room.

On Saturday, October 25 from 3 to 5 p.m., the "County Home Grand Reopening" will take place.

Volunteers will be on hand to share stories of past county home residents and caretakers and to discuss how the museum was created. Everyone is invited to this free event.

"We've been really excited about getting our second floor open. Once we have all of our displays in place, we're going to have a much more complete county museum," stated Jeremy Risen, the Museum's Executive Director. "We're going to be able to do some new things for which we didn't have the room before."

PAI is the parent organization of the museum. PAI Board President matt Wirth stated, "This is the culmination of a lot of hard work by the staff, board members and volunteers throughout Scott County. We are truly excited about having a complete Scott County museum."

Construction to complete the rehabilitation of the structure's second floor began early this year. Kovert-Hawkins Architects of Jeffersonville served as the project's architectural firm, and Temple Construction of Salem was the general contractor.

A loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program was obtained to pay for the project.

Located in the former Scott County Home or Poor Farm, the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum was created to preserve Scott County history. The brick 1892 building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and it is owned and operated by PAI.

All people who love history are invited to the Museum on October 25 to enjoy the Grand Reopening.

The structure is located at 1050 South Main Street, Scottsburg.