



The Smithsonian came to Jasper County Museum on Main Street was a one-of-a-kind cultural project that serves small town museums and residents of rural America. The Friends of the Jasper County Museum and the Embarras River Tourism Council with the cooperation of the Masonic Lodge hosted the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition. Newton was one six locations in Illinois where the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition was on display. The exhibit highlighted local entertainers with attention given to Burl Ives and a special section for Ms. D (Ms. Domineck) in honor of her years with the band, musical instruments and how music was brought to the region. Along with the featured music were entertainment programs and workshops featuring German, French, Native American, the Blues, Folk and Spiritual music as well as Country.