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February 2013 | News from the Wabash & Erie Canal | Delphi, Indiana

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendar for our 2013 events! *More info will follow closer to each event.*

March 7, 6pm

Volunteer Call-out

Join us for a ham & bean supper and find out about exciting projects and ways that you can become involved.

[More info>>](#)

May 18

Heritage Transportation Festival (& Opening Weekend, 2013 Boat Season)

July 6-7

Canal Days Festival

Fundraising Complete For Gray Bridge Project

We are delighted to announce that we've hit the fundraising goal for our [Gray Bridge project](#)! Thanks to the generosity of donors, we have met the grant challenge from the NCHS and now have \$175,000 to begin the reconstruction phase after winter. Our M-W-F volunteer crew worked last fall to clean and repair about 40% of the bridge pieces. We are now ready to roll, and we hope to complete the project by the end of this summer.

Winter Work, Outside And Inside



Groundhog Day brought a dozen people to the Red Bridge area for the offer of "free firewood." As always, there are dead and downed trees along the rural trails, and this frosty day's work focused on the Belt Railroad Trail cleanup. The goal was to make the trail

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Organization Considers Purchase Of Bridge



A mild window in winter provided time for these Wildcat Guardians from Kokomo to paddle Deer Creek under the former Monon High Bridge. It is Indiana's second highest railroad bridge. Ten years ago the Canal Association developed a trail which approaches (but does not go onto) the 750 foot High Bridge span. The views from beneath are spectacular. Now, a newly formed non-profit organization, Heartland Heritage Inc., may acquire this 1884 structure, as it is in need of repair to keep it stabilized.

October 19
**Harvest (Season End)
Festival**

December 14-15
**Old Fashioned
Christmas**

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wider for a dump truck to spread crushed stone next spring. Thanks to all who came out!



Another task we have this winter is to plan for the September 2013 arrival of the [Indiana History Train](#). We plan for the ramp to access the three train cars full of historical displays by using an ADA trail built diagonally across the slope. The Stone Company owns the right-of-way and has offered crushed stone for the path. Here, a technician from Indiana Historical Society evaluates the change in elevation that will be accessed by perhaps 2,500-3,000 people expected to visit.



When the winter weather turns frigid, the M-W-F crew finds plenty of work indoors. Here, one of our crew preps drywall upstairs in the Canal Center's Archive Room. We decided to put some surplus space to good use as a "bride's dressing room" for the many weddings and receptions held here. An added benefit will be the extra security we're putting in place for the many canal artifacts.



Vern Cripe finishes the improved Archive Room

A New Way To Share Canal Info



If you have a smart phone with a QR code scanning app, give it a pass over this and see where it takes you. The Canal Association is planning to include this QR code on our new kiosk panels as a means to connect visitors who have smart phones. We'll also begin including the code on some of our brochures.

job with a locking door to protect our treasured items. The walls are now painted and carpet had been re-laid. This divided space is great asset to the Canal Center, thanks to our volunteer crew.

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