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UPCOMING EVENTS



End of Season Celebration Saturday, October 20

Enjoy music, food and live demonstrations, as well as the last public boat rides of 2012!

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Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Canal

Saturday-Sunday, December
8-9

Sat 10am-4pm
Sun noon-4pm

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2012 Boat Season Ends On October 21

Events Planned For Saturday, October 20



Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy an autumn cruise down the Wabash & Erie Canal on our replica boat, the Delphi! Our highly successful season will end on Sunday, October 21, with public rides beginning at 1pm.

On Saturday, October 20, we've planned an end-of-season celebration, with live demonstrations, food and music. Boat rides begin at 11am and 1pm. Horse and harnessing demonstrations will

early American history and provides hands-on learning opportunities for people of all ages.

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This interesting scene from the Canal Boat highlights a reconstructed lime kiln in the Red Bridge Settlement. This is a special district where the commerce of the 1850s comes to life. The lime industry, was bustling in the canal era with the production of plaster, mortar and whitewash in the huge kilns. At the dock, barrels loaded with these lime products were sent on their way via canal barge.

SPONSOR AN EXHIBIT



This summer, our M-W-F volunteers completed a working pivot bridge. It is scaled down to 2/3 size, and kids love to operate it.

Share history by sponsoring one of our many hands-on interpretive exhibits.

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BIKE AND BOAT RENTAL!

be at 10am and 2pm, and there will be photo opportunities with the horses. Artisans and crafters will bring Pioneer Village to life with demonstrations and wares for sale, including sewing, crocheting, jewelry, metal lawn art, leather craft, scroll saw work and more. Tour the Reed Case House, and enjoy food from the Snack Shack, as well as the tasty offerings from Noble Bikes at the toll booth.

Come and help us usher out a great summer season as we prepare to dock and store the Delphi for winter!

Apple Dumplings On Sale!



Fall signals the traditional “making of apple dumplings” here at the Canal. Ultimately, we'll offer these warm and freshly baked during our annual Old Fashioned Christmas Festival. Of course, we also make lots more so we can sell them individually frozen in the meantime, and they are now available. Dumplings sell for \$2.75 each or \$2.50 each for two or more. They are available made with sugar or Splenda. Pick up extra to have on hand and bake fresh for guests! Available any afternoon at the Canal Center at 1030 North Washington Street, Delphi. All proceeds benefit the Wabash & Erie Canal Association.



Noble Bikes at the Canal

rents a variety of bicycles, as well as kayaks and paddeboats, out of the Bank Barn in Canal Park. They also sell delicious and refreshing concessions at the nearby ticket booth.

VOLUNTEER



From boat crew for next season to desk help year around, we're looking for volunteers.

We have other opportunities, too!

[Find out more>](#)



A few weeks ago, volunteers spent the day assembling hundreds of apple dumplings. Peeling apples takes patience, and here, our gloved volunteer crew shows us the technique for taking off that ripe red skin. For more years than we can remember, Pat Draper has orchestrated the volunteer crew that makes hundreds of these popular desserts. Thanks to Pat and all the dedicated volunteers!



Here, volunteers start a production line making each dumpling portioned to fit an individual freezer cup. Then the dough is rolled to cover the apple, and it is placed in a plastic cup. Next the most scrumptious syrup is added for flavoring...the special sauce, whether made with sugar or Splenda, is what makes a hot apple dumpling really GREAT! Finally, the treats are ready for freezing. Each individual cup has baking instructions printed on the label.

Work On Gray Bridge Continues



While the dumping production went on inside the Canal Center, our bridge crew worked outside. Here Roy heats the end of one of the lower chord members for straightening while Al waits for the “cherry red” color that indicates the piece is ready for pounding flat.

[YOU CAN HELP! Make a pledge to the Gray Bridge Project!>](#)



A marvelous donation came to us from Terra Drive Company west of Brookston. Engineer employee Keith Mears delivers specially replicated plates that were needed for our bridge. While most parts, including beams and pins of the bridge can be cleaned, repaired and reused, some of the original 100 year-old parts had to be replaced altogether. Terra Drive used a plasma cutter and new steel to replicate the original parts. The donation amounted to a value of over \$2,100. Wow, what a gift!



Two days after Keith delivered the pieces the M-W-F volunteers took those plates and began bolting them onto the original floor beams. It was the first step of reassembling the 160 foot-long Gray Bridge, which may take up to a year for completion and placement. Ultimately, the span will become a foot bridge to unite our Interpretive Center with the County Historical Museum across the canal.



A grant request was submitted to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. It will be rated for funding by DNR's Division of Outdoor Recreation. Money is being sought from this and other donors to match the North Central Health Services' funding that can complete restoration of the Gray Bridge. Part of the grant request is for prominently marking the byway route of the Wabash River Corridor through Carroll County. For the public's benefit we are hoping to link Tippecanoe on the west and Cass on the northeast through 16 miles of our county's roadways.

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