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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, Sept 3 through
Monday, Sept 5**

Come visit us **Labor Day Weekend**, including Monday, September 5 for Labor Day. Enjoy bike, kayak and paddleboat rentals from [Noble Bikes](#) AND canal boat tours all three days! On the weekend, be sure to visit Pioneer Village to see artisans and crafters at work.

[More details>](#)

Saturday, October 15

End of Season Celebration

Help us close out this tour boat season with music, a full array of artisans and crafters...and more. Mark your calendar! More details to come...

Sunday, October 16

Last boat tours of the 2011 season!

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Just a few weeks ago, former Indiana First Lady Judy O'Bannon, brought Gary Harrison and the WFYI film crew to Canal Park. Several sites in Carroll County will be featured on an upcoming (air date tba) "rural historic preservation" segment of her long-running "Communities Building Community" series. The series airs on PBS stations throughout Indiana, including WFYI, and Kentucky. Mrs. O'Bannon is the Honorary Chairwoman of the [Adams Mill](#) fundraising campaign.

Visit Pioneer Village This Summer!



Our Canal blacksmith, James Coree, and his mentor, Tom Johnson, have been in Pioneer Village every weekend this summer, pounding iron over fire. There's still time to see artisans at work this summer, so stop by any weekend soon.

BIKE AND BOAT RENTAL!

[Noble Bikes at the Canal](#) carries many types of bikes, as well as kayaks and paddleboats. Enjoy our extensive trail system or a leisurely excursion in the canal!



HELP US CREATE THE TOTAL CANAL EXPERIENCE!



MWF volunteer, Ed Gruber, arranged for his son to take the WFYI photographer up to view the canal from the air.

Log Replacement Work On Fouts Log Home



Volunteer Rollin Graybill peels off a slab from one of the old Gronauer Lock timbers given to us by the New Haven Area Heritage Association. The top thinner slab will become bench material for inside the Fouts Way Station while the thicker piece will be used in log replacement during the log home restoration.



Bring history alive by sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.

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BECOME A MEMBER

Your financial partnership restores and preserves a rare, important piece of early American history and provides hands-on learning opportunities for people of all ages.

There's still time to pay 2011 membership!

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VOLUNTEER



Do you enjoy sharing history with others? We need docents to take groups on guided tours throughout the year. **To find out more, contact us at 765.564.2870.**

We have many volunteer opportunities to suit your skills and time!

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Volunteers place a new sill log at the end of the Fouts Way Station during restoration. All four sill logs needed to be removed, and these old lock timbers worked very well as replacements.



Clay Sledd chips away at the sawed side of an old timber to make it look more like an ax had been used to cut it. This side will be seen from the inside of the log house.



One by one, replacement timbers are replaced from the bottom up as the corners are jacked apart to relieve the resting tension. One at a time, the bad logs are replaced all around the four sides.



Last week, the Bill Fouts family came to inspect our ongoing restoration work. Bill spearheaded the challenge to get the structure moved from France Park to Canal Park. Originally the Noah Fouts house had been in Deer Creek Township, Cass County. Now it sets in Deer Creek Township, Carroll County.

Read more about the Noah Fouts Family history in the "Discussions" section of [OUR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)>
(We also post wall updates on the log home restoration progress.)

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