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Fall brings fun to Canal Park



Two fold fun is evident for these 4th grade students as they try on 1850s costumes in the Canal Interpretive Center's millenary shop. Kids will flock to this exhibit area just to experience the thrill of seeing themselves as pioneers. Canal volunteers host hundreds of school students in both the spring and fall coming to study and experience Indiana history as it comes alive in Canal Park.



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Cecilia Henning representing the
Canal Association is greeting



Another exciting interactive exhibit in the "Delphi in the 1850s" gallery is the Lime Kiln. Students can practice loading chunks of bedrock limestone (white nuggets) with a "ginpole" into the kiln and produce plaster, mortar and whitewash products in the Canal Era. Other exciting learning experiences come to students throughout the dozen galleries that are also offered to the public.



A new "old" log barn will be coming to Canal Park. This structure near Bringham in central Carroll County owned by Kirk Ayres was offered to the Monday-Wednesday-Friday (MWF) volunteer crew for disassembly. The metal roof and rafters had been removed earlier this summer.

visitors coming to the QUILT SHOW in Canal Park. Dozens of beautiful, colorful handmade quilts were brought for display and public judging by the visitors.



Vicki Sickler (seated) and Cecilia Henning co-hosted the Quilt Show and arranged for the display and demonstrations of quilting. Vicki is in the Little White Church on Canal Park grounds.



An outside site with quilt displays is at the entrance to the Fouts House kitchen garden. Here Beverly Seese, the Fouts House host, is showing off another handmade quilt.



And in the Loom House more quilts are on display.



Logs have weathered especially on the corners exposed. Some logs were much better preserved as they had been covered by siding. Note the yellow tags that number each log for later reassembly. The final size of the restored building will have slightly shortened logs to allow corners to be recut into more solid wood. Some lower logs will have to be replaced as they are too far decomposed but were saved to provide a pattern.



The final cleanup of the old barn site (foreground) by the MWF crew leaves a supplemental storage building for the Farm owner that will remain. Metal roofing salvaged from the log barn was retained for siding the wall left open from removal of the logs.



Two staff members from Conner Prairie, Francis Parker and Tom Hoback came to see how Canal Park interprets early Indiana transportation (canal travel) and marveled at what is presented here to the public and school children. The Conner Prairie site near Noblesville is considering adding transportation exhibits to their public offering and could link us to their very popular site.



President Dan McCain recently visited Huntington's FORKS OF THE WABASH historic site and their new suspension bridge on their grounds.



The Forks of the Wabash is about to extend the Huntington trail system into a further section of the Wabash & Erie Canal through their Park. Here on the left is the original towpath and on the right is the canal bed prism in nearly pristine viewable condition. Plans are being considered that will



MWF crew members Mac Carlisle (left) and Al Auffart position a salvaged metal panel to complete the siding and make secure the building for future farm use.



An old Ford 8N with a belly mounted sickle bar mower finds a challenge of keeping the canal bank growth controlled by reaching all the way to the waters edge while the tractor rides higher on the bank.

maintain the historical integrity of this section.



For additional information regarding all canals in Indiana, check out the Canal Society of Indiana.
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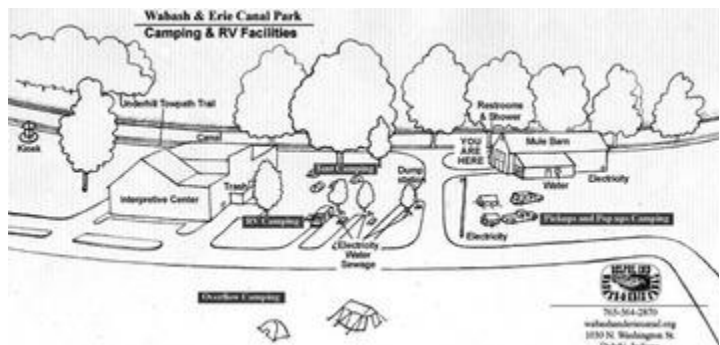
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Adding to the arsenal of the Canal's mowing equipment is another tractor. MWF volunteer Tom Peters (left) has donated this well maintained International 234 tractor with rear rotary mower. Brice Crowel another MWF crew went to Tom's home near Monticello and brought this unit to the Park recently.



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Soon we will be bidding goodbye to this summer's RV Camp Hosts as Debbie and Norm Anderson (left and center) will be going south for the winter in Texas.