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Ready Set Go!!!



The annual Diamond Dash 5K and 10K race began and ended near our newly restored 1889 German Lutheran Church across the canal from Pioneer Village. The Delphi Preservation Society sponsors the run and cooperated with the Canal Association to put on this event. The use of the Canal's extensive trail system makes this venture a positive. This year's turnout of runners exceeded 75.

The future is being built!



In July the Monday-Wednesday-Friday (M-W-F) construction volunteers began tearing down the inadequately sized Blacksmith Shop and adjacent Carpenter Shop. Previously built to serve the craft space needed in that day calls now for multiple forges and options for indoor space to demonstrate in inclement weather.



So the beginning of August saw the foundation being readied for a three times bigger "footprint" of the two combined shops (Blacksmith and Carpenter). A stone foundation supporting the new walls has been created by the M-W-F crew.



Inside, the old walls of the smaller original Blacksmith Shop are being incorporated into the expansion. Here Tom Johnson (left) and Al Auffart prepare the supports for the new expanded roof to be placed over the whole interior space.



The 'winningest family', the Rinehart's from Flora rejoiced after the Diamond Dash. Bret at right is proud of his two daughters who were finishers in the 5K and 10K races. Bret and his wife were involved with the layout and organization of the race as were Karyl and Dick Traeger, Anita Werling and many other individuals representing local organizations.

Working Together



Another committee with an afternoon meeting session like this one caught Landscape and Flower Bed coordinator Linda Cooper counseling with several interested board members. Here Linda, Janet Ayres (Canal Board Chair) and Cecilia Henning are planning things to do to continue improvement of the grounds.



Tom Johnson (left) Brice Crowel and Mac Carlisle (right) work on one of their regular Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings. Crews of volunteers have carried on this three morning/year around tradition for nearly twenty years in Canal Park and it shows in our many buildings and features we provided to the public.

Medicinal and Herbs Garden



A product of the good work of “gardeners” is shown here in the Medicinal and Herbs Garden in the midst of Pioneer Village near the Fouts Log House. Each plant is identified and tagged and the plot is well maintained, attractive and useful.

Did you know...?



A committee headed by Annadell Lamb, V.P. of Administration brought together the M-W-F crew and those involved with Construction and Maintenance to discuss how to manage the challenges of their tasks. If structures are built they must be maintained. These able guys know lots about Canal Park's infrastructure



Canal Park Events Coordinator Cecilia Henning entertains a youngster with an intriguing craft project of stitching a small purse with leather strands. Throughout the festivals and events that follow the summer there are many things for children to do. Kids love to come here. Vicki Sickler, V.P. of Operations oversees these events and coordinates the hundreds of school kids that come Spring and Fall in their quest to learn Indiana history.



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In keeping with the ambitious goals of the Canal Association, building and maintaining Canal Park's 1850s buildings and grounds has required many hours of effort from our varied volunteer crews and committees. They are all kept very active in making all this happen.

Mr. Reed Case



Tori Nacke, Canal Boat ticket merchant on this day, visits with Mark Smith at the Toll Booth counter. Mark plays the 1850s character "Mr. Reed Case" as he presents his spiel to the public regularly on warm season weekends in the Case House.

Around the County

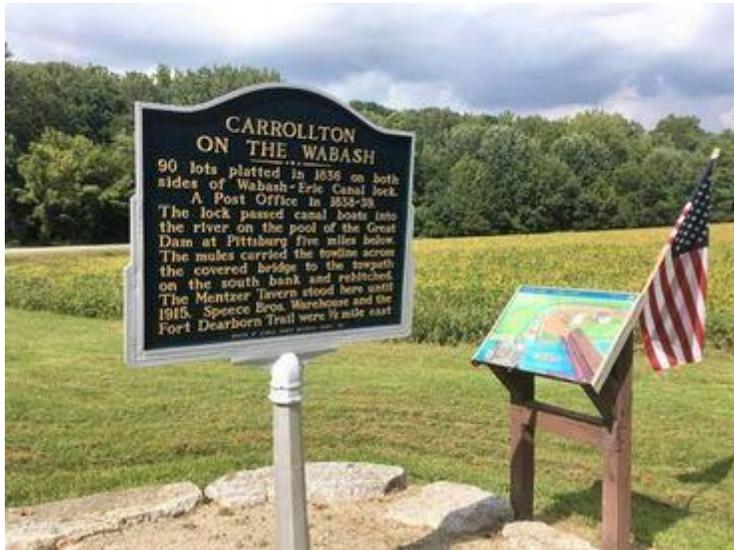
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In an effort to assist another non-profit organization with challenging projects this is indoors at Cutler's historic Adams Mill. The objective is to re-power the mill with an electric motor, jackshafts, pulleys and belts. The Mill lost its water power when the dam was breached by a flood in 2003. The complexity of remaking the dam is considerable and at least the electrification may bridge to the future time when water power might be restored to the Mill.



An ambitious project for Indiana's Bicentennial was the restoration of the many historical signs in Carroll County. Here the sign at Carrollton Crossing five miles north of Delphi has a fresh coat of paint and the letters were highlighted with gold to add readability. The Canal owns the site at Carrollton, it's the only place where the main line of the Wabash & Erie Canal ever crossed the Wabash River itself. This brightening of the signs

was done by several Bicentennial Committee volunteers in Delphi. Thanks go to them for their efforts.



Another related organization, Heartland Heritage Inc., has undertaken the acquisition, painting and mounting of this bison statue at Freedom Bridge east of Delphi. Coordinator and Board member David McCain (left) is working with Roy Patrick in the mounting of this life-size painted fiberglass bison. David has worked diligently on planning and securing funding for several artistic features that are beginning to adorn this area. The Canal Association's mile long section of the Monon High Bridge Trail extends beyond both ends of the Freedom Bridge over the new four lane highway. Roy, one of the M-W-F volunteers at Canal Park, always has tools and fasteners at his disposal. Painting of the bison was done earlier this summer by Sunny Miller, an artist from Lafayette.

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