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UPCOMING EVENTS



Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Canal

Saturday-Sunday, December

8-9

Sat 10am-4pm

Sun noon-4pm

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APPLE DUMPLINGS FOR SALE

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Celebrating The End Of Canal Boat Season

Fall Festival Closes Out A Great Summer



On Saturday, October 20, we closed out boat tour season with a small festival. Here, the *Delphi* readies to leave the dock for one of the last cruises of the season. This summer, we saw many passengers from throughout the United States, and even from nearly a dozen other countries of the world. Popularity for this venue has helped Delphi with its recent declaration by the Lt. Governor as a Stellar Community, and now more good things will come to downtown through this "Stellar" planning and funding program, like



Don't miss out on our delicious apple dumplings! They are available made with sugar or Splenda, while supplies last. Dumplings sell for \$2.75 each or \$2.50 each for two or more. 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.

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.

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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

the 1864 Opera House restoration. If you are interested in becoming a crew member next summer contact our Coordinator Steve Gray at (765) 427-2912. We need volunteers, and you'll have fun!



Interesting items come together at the Blacksmith Shop for our season-end celebration. All summer on weekends, there were various "Smittys" working under the master smith Tom Johnson. These craftsmen and apprentices like to demonstrate to the public and market their metal wares.



"Ain't we got fun!" These girls and many other people enjoyed our weekend festivities. Many strolled through the Interpretive Center and Pioneer Village, enjoying food, music, interactive exhibits and live artisan demonstrations.

products were sent on their way via canal barge.

SIGNAGE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



New directional signs approaching the Court House help visitors find Canal Park this summer. Just last week, Indiana Governor Daniels opened the new 4-lane section of the Hoosier Heartland Highway from Lafayette to Delphi. There are bigger signs just like this at the I-65 / Ind. 25 exits to help attract more visitors.



It seems that there can never be enough signs to help direct visitors to our 10 miles of trails and the three miles of canal lands we have in Delphi. These signs help.



The addition of more interpretive signs for special sites along the towpath are cropping up. This one will



These llamas were a real “wooly” attraction at our festival. The owner’s booth was next to this pen and there were demonstrations of making attractive garments from the animal’s shearable coat.



Karen Cadle and her big beautiful work animal provided a popular live demonstration on harnessing during the festival. Behind the Canal Center is a stable and tack room in the Duke Mule Barn. We'd love to add a display there to show visitors a three-minute video we already have on how to harness a mule. It would operate at the push of a button. That display needs a sponsor, so [contact us](#) through the website at the Canal Center if you're interested.

Gray Bridge Gets More TLC

identify details about the historic paper mills that operated along the canal. These panels were funded by Tippecanoe Arts Federation, but we still need sponsors for other outdoor exhibits. [Take a look at some of our funding opportunities, and consider SPONSORSHIP>>](#)

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.

[Find out more>>](#)

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>](#)



Professional Blacksmith Ross Brown from southern Carroll County has been contracted to perform the repairs beyond what the M-W-F volunteers can do on our Gray Bridge project. Ross brings his mobile shop that has specialized tools and welding/cutting equipment. This project also still need donations to complete our match with North Central Health Services so they can release their grant to us. [SEND YOUR GIFT TODAY>>](#)



After repairs are completed, our volunteers go through a thorough cleaning process. Here Jim Ebrite uses ultra high pressure water spray to remove scale and make ready for painting. When completed this 160-foot long bridge will span the canal as a pedestrian bridge, connecting the new County Museum and our Interpretive Center in Canal Park.

BIKE AND BOAT RENTAL!



[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.



M-W-F volunteers begin bolting the end plates onto the floor beams. These upright darker gray plates were cut from new steel by a plasma cutter at Terra Drive Systems, an agricultural specialty firm west of Brookston. We thank them for their generous donation!

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