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March 2013 | News from the Wabash & Erie Canal | Delphi, Indiana

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendar for our 2013 events! *More info will follow closer to each event.*

March 7, 6pm

Volunteer Call-out

Join us for a ham & bean supper and find out about exciting projects and ways that you can become involved.

[More info>>](#)

May 18

Heritage Transportation Festival (& Opening Weekend, 2013 Boat Season)

July 6-7

Canal Days Festival

New Projects Take Shape Around Canal Park



Monday-Wednesday-Friday volunteers Brice Crowel and Roy Patrick loosen the old turnbuckles as part of the Gray Bridge restoration. Twenty of those turnbuckles have not likely been turned in one hundred years. They are used to adjust or "tune" the span after it is first placed on it abutments. Originally this 160 foot long bridge was placed over Big Walnut Creek in Putnam County. When all the metal restoration and painting is completed the bridge will span our waterway in Canal Park as a hiking bridge.

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Volunteer Appreciation For Ladies

While other things are slow



outdoors in mid winter we held a Ladies High Tea indoors for 40 women volunteers. Many of these women help regularly in the Canal Center as "docents." They assist with events, provide information, guide children and visitor groups, and maintain the quality of the Canal Center interior.

Another Project?



Five of the M-W-F

volunteer crew went to the little town of Leiters Ford in Fulton County to look at the

October 19
**Harvest (Season End)
Festival**

December 14-15
**Old Fashioned
Christmas**

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Sometimes heat and sometimes penetrating oil but removal of these turnbuckles always takes lots of "elbow grease" and the volunteer's energy to wind them off the threaded shaft.



Renovation of the primitive restrooms to flush toilets is the plan for this older building in the center of Pioneer Village. Here Brice Crowel is installing a new steel clad door. Later the structure will be re-roofed and painted. In the interior, new water flushing fixtures will be installed.



And in the Mule Barn the M-W-F crew is building the beginning of what will look like a miniature Adams Mill. It will eventually become an outdoor interactive trail-side exhibit in the Red Bridge Settlement park.

possibility of relocating and rehabilitating this interesting railroad structure and placing it at the far end of Canal Park.



Vern Cripe looks at the back side of the traditional railroad structure reminiscent of a much earlier era. Interesting railroad architecture is carried out with the sliding doors, corbels under the eaves and the clapboard siding.



This 1880 Leiters Ford Railroad Station once looked pretty spiffy when it was in use. But extended time with lack of maintenance allowed this building to degrade. Today it is available at no cost to some group wishing to make some good use of it.



Roy Patrick scribes two circles on sheet metal. These two circles will be cut out with an acetylene torch and become part of the central feature of the Mill exhibit. These disks will form the center of the water wheel which hasn't been started yet.

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