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Always popular is the canal boat. In this case these third grade children are enjoying a cruise on the waterway. As they become fourth graders they will be studying Indiana History in their classrooms. Canal volunteers host hundreds of

NOVEMBER BROUGHT MORE ACTIVITY TO CANAL PARK



Early fall weather was very receptive to being outdoors--later it became cool. These kids found a "challenge" in trying to move the canal boat. Here they are finding that moving it takes seven with one to spare. Interactive exhibits and displays are always challenging our audiences to enjoy history as it comes alive.

children in spring and fall. If you would like to become one of the volunteer hosts contact our coordinator Mr. Cooper at pocooper@hotmail.com



The finished panel highlighting the Railroad Depot is in its permanent place overlooking the canal. As the story goes the railroads took over the business of transportation by the 1870s leaving the canals to fail and fall apart. Here in Canal Park that story is being told by having buildings and facilities that illustrate this transition..



Brice Crowel, one of the M-W-F crew is mortaring limestone pieces to form a solid foundation for the newest building in Canal Park. The site will become the simblance of an 1830s canal workers shanty and will be made from logs salvaged by the crew from a log barn near Bringham last summer.



Another colorful outdoor interpretive sign is being placed on the platform of the train station where visitors can read about railroads and how they affected canals. Tom Peters (left) is assisting Mac Carlisle with mounting the sign frame. Both fellows are Monday-Wednesday-Friday construction volunteers. They work three mornings per week year around in Canal Park and out on the trails. If you would like to help with this creative mission contact dan.mccain@gmail.com



Apple Dumpling makin' time comes every fall. Volunteers come together for several daily sessions to peel apples and creat the sweet and delicious dumplings that are then sold at the Canal Center. Available frozen in cups with lids that containing baking directions these individual treats are for sale every afternoon 1-4 pm for \$3 dollars each or \$35 dollars per dozen. For additional information call 765-564-2870 or check the website www.wabashanderiecanal.org



Here Mac Carlisle is firming the crushed stone floor inside the finished foundation made of those limestone chunks mortored in place. This compactor was recently donated by contractor Jack Cohee as he is retiring from his construction business.



Salvaged squared logs from the old barn near Bringhurst take the form of the outside walls as they come back together on a new footing. Note the notched corner to see how these logs are held together and form a solid wall above the stone foundation.



Finally colder weather and the falling of leaves brings a different beauty to Canal Park near the Case House. Here Peter Cooper is blowing leaves ahead of the motorized leaf mulching equipment that prepares Pioneer Village for the last



Dumpling making coordinators that bring together the volunteers are volunteers themselves. Here Tina Tyner (left) and Janie Smith are putting the tasty sugar mix into each cup and making it ready for freezing. If you would like to help next year with this process contact Janie at drsss@fontier.net



Canal Boat is being pressure washed by Dale DeYoung a newer volunteer who came to help with boat operations last summer. The boat is now resting up on its hoist on a slip connecting to the waterway inside the warehouse. If you would like to become a canal boat crew member or narrator there is a need for more summertime help. Contact the boat coordinator Steve Gray at steve1948@aol.com

of our events -- **OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN CANAL PARK** on Dec. 1st

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Gary Stanley (with hand on the post) is supervising the installation of these "tenth mile posts" along our Delphi Historic Trails. Each post has a two letter trail identifier and number (distance in tenths) that will coordinate with the 9-1-1 emergency system. If a hiker experiences an emergency and needs assistance this will determine a precise location for responders. These posts are part of a fundraising effort that was supported by a state program and private donations.



For additional information regarding all canals in Indiana, check out the Canal Society of Indiana.
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