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Christmas at the Canal December 7 10 AM - 4 PM





Kids enjoy making crafts.

## Recap

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• What is the cooler Season bringing us now?



Christmas time at the Canal is just around the corner. WOW how time flies. Seems like it was just summer and the Canal Boat was running and providing cruises for the public. Put December 7th on your calendar and gather your family and friends and come to our 31st Annual "indoor/outdoor" Christmas event. There will be music, vendors and hot apple dumplings inside the Center and craftsmen, docents and 1850s times being enjoyed outdoors. A hike to the Red Bridge Settlement will begin from the canal center at 2 pm for those wishing to learn about the time/plaster/mortar production of the 1850s.



A super big energetic event happened in mid-October. Carroll-White REMC crews with trucks, equipment and manpower landed in Canal Park to offer a day's worth of community service. REMC does this for a different non-profit organization every year. This was our lucky year!! One of the many jobs was to redeck the Gray Bridge with new planks



Canal volunteers worked along with the REMC employees. Here Don Watters is unloading decking boards. Don is from Logansport and recently retired and needed something interesting to do with his spare time. If you are interested in joining our crew contact <a href="mailto:admin@canalcenter.org">admin@canalcenter.org</a>



Separate REMC crews supervised by the Canal & Gardening volunteers were removing limbs/overgrowth on trees within Canal Park. Ongoing with the decking work were several more REMC office employes that set out to trim limbs and remove weeds from over a mile of hiking trails.



The Fouts Cabin and its matron Beverly Seese make a perfect setting for visiting and enjoying the warmth of the heat from the cooking hearth.



Kids in the Canal Center enjoy making trinkets. Meanwhile in the conference room many vendors are selling handmade crafts, hot apple cider and apple dumplings. Cookie sales and food items are also a favorite of shoppers.



Highway signage shows travelers where to turn to access our 10 miles Delphi Historic Trails system. TAF/NCHS funding was used for these new signs. A large LED lighted Monon High Bridge Trail entry point east of downtown is very noticeable to travelers on the Hoosier Heartland Highway.



This sign near Pizza Hut in west Delphi guides trail users to the lower trail entrance..



There was a recent small wedding here and the bride chose to have it in the Little White Church across the canal from Pioneer Village. A nice place to have a wedding in the spring, summer or fall - and it's heated/air

conditioned. Interested? Contact: reservations@canalcenter.org



Some pretty fancy wedding receptions happen in the bigger Canal Center. If you are looking for quality space for a wide variety of uses, check with Jeanine Scowden at 765-564-



Much of our historic attractions revolves around Pioneer Village and its Log Houses and Cabins. Finding your way to the events and crafts is like "following the yellow brick road" -- enjoy the warmth inside with wood burning fireplaces and potbelly stoves. Craftsmen pound and shape goods that you might want to present to your loved ones at Christmas.



Speaking of log structures, the latest building is nearing completion. It is located behind the Duke Mule Barn in the back of the Canal Park. Here the Monday-Wednesday-Friday volunteers are guiding another log being lifted and ready to be set in place with a bucket truck. Logs placement with notches at every corner leads to a stiff strong wall of wood. Then the spaces between the logs are gobbed with mortar like material to seal out the weather and moisture.

2870. The Canal Center is open every day from 1-4 pm. Trails and the Canal Park are open daylight to dusk.

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Mac Carlisle leads the crew 0f 5-7 volunteers year round as they work various places in Canal Park on building structures and maintenance. Their work M-W-F work starts at 8 am and they call it quits at noon. This work ethic has heralded their schedule for over 20 years. Dozens of buildings are the credit to this crew's construction talents.



Three log structures have been placed in this area in just the last 15 months. The latest (to the left) is ready to have a shake shingle cedar roof installed. All three units will be individually available for overnight rental by visitors wanting to experience life in an earlier era. This area is adjacent to the Canal's Recreational Vehicle Park that will provide restrooms and showers.

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