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Linda Cooper (left) with her granddaughter and dog have a

CANAL DAYS on July 6-7 offers fun, food and experiences from the 1850s



Grand entrance to Canal Park on festival day with the replica 1850s boat called "*the Delphi*"

message for all event participants: "bring your family and join with us in seeing what it was like in the 1850s"

M-W-F CREW



Another talent comes to us from volunteers that make up the Monday-Wednesday-Friday crew. Here Al Auffart is chinking the broad gaps between the logs of this cabin being finished as a craft shop.



At the back of this 1860s log building is MWF volunteer Larry Batta working. He is putting "gob" (mortar) into the cracks between the logs. The building was moved from the Bringham area on an Ayres Farm utilizing monetary assistance from a grant approved last year by two Lafayette organizations known as Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAF) and funding from North Central Health Services (NCHS).



To exclude vehicle use of the canal side trail Peter Cooper and Steve Busch are



The character Daniel Boone will be performing both festival days at 1 pm in the Little White Church (background). Re-enactment is by the ever popular Danny Russel. He was here in April as Abe Lincoln. Also Street Organ music from 11-2 pm along the towpath and Ye Olde Canal Pub nearby. At 2 pm in the Canal Center there will be a presentation to commemorate the US flag's history.

installing a restrictive gate made out of native materials. Access to the popular canal side trail by hikers is encouraged but not vehicles.



Indiana Canal Society supported the production of four marking signs to be placed near original sites where dam raised the water level of the Wabash River thus directing a controlled flow into the mainline canal upstream from the mill town of Pittsburg. This bustling town hosted at that time the furthest downstream of four Wabash River dam sites. The other Wabash dams were at Logansport, Peru and Huntington.



This beautiful historic building is owned by Jim and June Davis who have supported canal projects many times. It was once a water powered mill in the middle of what's now sleepy little town of Pittsburg. It's across the river from Delphi.



Night Lighting of the overpass bridge



The Canal Boat cruises on July 6-7 take passengers on a 40 minute narrated ride through a beautiful mile of this restored waterway. For passengers holding pre-paid tickets their boat leaves the dock on the hour from 11-3 p.m. Note that buying a "combo ticket" is a bargain.



Kids get to build a bird house at Jim's Carpenter Shop. This site is run by Rob Lawson, son-in-law of the late Canal Board

east of Delphi highlights the Monon High Bridge Trail. The mile long trail follows the old original railbed out to the High Bridge. Lots of scenic overlooks are along this section. TAF/NCHS grant assistance from their organizations in Lafayette has made this wayfinding signage possible.



We offer a variety of options for each different type of event. We also have guest wi-fi and can accommodate up to 300 guests at tables! Check with Jeanine Scowden

reservations@canalcenter.org

VOLUNTEER TODAY!



If you would like to volunteer at the Wabash & Erie Canal please contact Linda Cooper lrcooper@outlook.com

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President Jim French. Meanwhile the rest of the French extended family and Jim's wife Francie will be next door serving food from the ever popular **Summer Kitchen**. All other craft demonstrations and exploring buildings--free.



In Delphi's earlier days thousands of barrels were produced. They were used for shipping lime, salt cured pork and other goods. Here in Pioneer Village we have our own Cooper Shop where buckets, barrels and butter churns are made. Come see the Cooper at work in his shop.



A month ago the Canal Association presented Pioneer Kids Day. Many things to do for kids as well as adults. Linda Cooper, Program Director, worked with Karen Bradshaw, Beverly Seese, Janet Ayres and other key volunteers to produce unique 1850s era things to experience.



Also Kids Day in June featured a special "sweep in" with broommakers coming from five states to display their talents and products. Canal Days Festival will feature brooms being made and for sale at the Broommakers cabin.



Here a craftsman is demonstrating the making of a broom. Bev Larson a Canal Park crafts docent organized the extended event in June that brought broommakers here to share their talents and socialize among themselves in those three days.

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