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UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Boat Tours This Weekend!

Our 2010 Season ends this Sunday, October 24! Enjoy autumn aboard The Delphi while you can.

[See schedule>](#)

Fall Carnival For Kids

Saturday, October 30
6-8 pm, Canal Center

Fall fun without the fright! Fun and games, plus free hot dogs, popcorn and drinks for all kids. Open to all community parents and youth, preschool through 5th grade.

[See images from last year's event>](#)

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FINISHED!

Last Bricks Laid for Lime Kiln Exhibit

The massive kiln project, started in October 2009, has come together with great pride by the M-W-F volunteers – one piece at a time.

These photos document the final stages of work on the kiln.



In its final stages of completion, the Lime Kiln, near the Boat Warehouse, received lots of the volunteers' attention.

and the Wabash & Erie Canal
Association

Old Fashioned Christmas

Saturday-Sunday, December

11-12

Mark your calendar! More
details next month.

APPLE DUMPLINGS FOR SALE!



Enjoy a fall treat and support
the Canal Association when
you purchase our homemade
apple dumplings for just
\$2.50 each. Buy them frozen
and bake them fresh on
demand. Keep some on hand
for the holidays!

Pick up fresh, unfrozen
dumplings (while they are
being made) only on Monday,
October 25 from 10-11 am.
Frozen dumplings are
available at the Center now.
Open daily 1-4pm.

[See the volunteers in
action>](#)

TAKE A FALL TOUR...ON BIKE



Creating the firebox and vertical chamber is Clay Sledd (left) and Dave Smith. They have been working with the other M-W-F volunteers for over five months on this massive project.



The kiln operation will be interpreted as part of the [Total Canal Experience](#), with two graphic signs nearby. A donor/sponsor is still needed. Are you interested? Call 765.412.4308 to find out more.



This closeup of the completed firebox shows how it might have looked in the 1870s, when the former structure was located a mile

Enjoy autumn as you bike our scenic trails. Noble Bikes has a wide variety of choices, all available for rent until weather ends the season.



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north of Delphi. The wrought iron funnel at the base of this chamber makes the kiln look like it is ready for firing.



The arch encompasses the giant size metal funnel inside. Notice the cutaway semblance of the vertical brick chamber above it, which would have been 30 feet high. Heat was thrust into the column from two opposing fireboxes (only one is showing). Chunks of limestone would be loaded from the top using the gin pole (beside the kiln) and the mass of these chunks descended vertically past the source of heat. The final products of the burned lime were removed below then processed and packaged in barrels at this lower level to make plaster, mortar and whitewash.



Dave Smith powerwashes as Roy Patrick (tractor) and Vern Cripe grade crushed stone to help the looks of the short trail down to the canal side dock.

opportunities for people of all ages.

[Find out more>](#)

VOLUNTEER



Bob Tyner volunteered to spruce up the popular full size replica playground boat. Unlike The Delphi, which cruises the waterway with passengers, this model stays outside all year in front of the Canal Center.

We have volunteer opportunities to suit your skills and time!

[Find out more>](#)



The completed exhibit features a cutaway chamber, constructed to provide visitors with an inside look. The original kiln had an opposite firebox on the right.

[Read more about lime kilns and see a detailed diagram>](#)

Come see for yourself! From the Interpretive Center, take the Towpath Trail north 3/8 mile to the restored 1873 Iron Bridge over the canal at the point where the old Belt Railroad once crossed. The exhibit is near the northeast corner of the bridge, and there is an interpretive sign at the trails junction.

Noah Fouts Cabin To Relocate To Canal Park



The Canal Board recently learned that the Noah Fouts cabin, located at France Park in Cass County since 1975, is available. Bill Fouts and the rest of today's Fouts family wants to help move the cabin to Canal Park. The Canal Association is now discussing options for how to best incorporate the cabin into our current features and future plans.

The cabin, originally built in 1839, needs a new roof and several

lower timbers replaced. We may be looking for some appropriate replacement hewn timbers. **If you have any to donate, or know of anyone who might, please contact us at 765.412.4308.**

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