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New help comes to the Canal in the form of two granddaughters of Peter and Linda Cooper. Katelyn & Christy Hickman are the "ticket sellers" for the boat rides offered this summer on Saturdays and Sundays. Rides leave the dock at 1:30 and 2:30 pm.

Canal Park and Trails are ready for the Summer Season!

Canal Days Events

July 3rd 10-4pm

Canal Boat Rides

11AM Narrated Walk around the Facade

2PM Walking tour to the Red Bridge

Canal Museum & Gift Shop

Reed Case House Tours & Pump Organ

Street Organ Grinder

Visit Pioneer Village Cabins

Blacksmith, Cooper, Loom House

Broom Maker

Railroad Depot & PO

Girl Scout Crafts & Bake Sale

Craft Vendors and more . . .

Let's Make Paper
at Paper Maker Shop

Kids Crafts in
the Village

Build a Birdhouse
at Carpenter Shop

Kids Scavenger Hunt
at Bowen Cabin

Lunch at the Summer Kitchen

Snacks at Bowen Cabin & General Store

Water & Tickets at the Interpretive Center

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Canal Park now has a basketball play area at the far end of the parking lot. Assembled by our volunteer crew it has already been busy with youth and adults just dropping by to shoot a few baskets.



The hoop stand and ball was purchased by Camron Yates and Canal Park neighbor Denny Myers for free use by those that are energized by playing basketball.



Keeping the wild growth along the lengthy southern trails beyond Pizza Hut/Dairy Queen is easier with this old Ford tractor and sickle bar. It works to clear both sides of the path. The trail itself is kept



CANAL DAYS comes one day this summer - July 3rd. This is the Canal Park's largest festival and it follows the morning Lyons Club Street Parade in Delphi.

Irish Shanty Overnight Rentals Available Now



We celebrated the opening of the "rustic rental cabins" in Canal Park. Beverly Seese coordinated the event. We are now on AirBnB with listings of three sizes of log cabins that visitors may rent by the day or up to a week.

weed free with spray that is environmentally safe for humans and pets. Dogs are permitted on trails but must be on leash and no motorized vehicles or horses are allowed.



The Irish workers lived in shanties and cabins while constructing the canal. Some stayed here and raised families rather than moving on with the progression of construction. Think of some of the Irish names in your community.



Brice Crowel and his grandson Evan helped us obtain benches and chairs when they learned of the disbursement of all indoor furniture from the Rockfield Methodist Church. Its services have ceased and the building was sold.



Placed inside the Leiters Ford Railroad Depot on the back of Canal Park these benches are perfect for the



Celebration of the larger rental cabin is celebrated with a ribbon cutting by volunteers Brice Crowel and Mac Carlisle while Dan McCain leads a cheer "Hip-Hip-Hooray".



This structure is called the "Surveyors Cabin" and is for rent at \$50 dollars per night. Beyond is the smallest cabin and it rents for \$30 per night. Both cabins are 1850s style rustic with no electricity and water. However for personal needs the nearby RV Park has individual Women's and Men's restrooms and a hot shower for renters to use.

Pioneer Village is getting busy

lobby where train riders would have waited for the train.

Did you know...?



Did you know you could hold your wedding party, corporate meeting, or birthday celebration at the Canal Center?



We offer a variety of options for each different type of event. We also have free wi-fi and can accommodate up to 300 guests!

[Save your date today!](#)



If you would like to volunteer at the Wabash & Erie Canal please click [here!](#)

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On the right is Tom Johnson our long time Pioneer Village Blacksmith. It saddens us that we lost Tom in early June to cancer.



Blacksmith Martin Mears is "pounding iron" in the old fashioned shop in Pioneer Village. Currently he and Dave Hockstra are in Canal Park likely most weekends this summer.

Fun for all ages!



Kids have fun with this "Pull Me Boat" alongside the canal towpath that is heavy and runs on a track. This intriguing outdoor exhibit illustrates how much effort a team of mules or horses might exert with a tow line getting a canal boat moving.

Usually it takes at least a half dozen kids (and maybe a couple adults) to make it move. It's lots of fun for all.



School students in the Millinery Shop try on costumes that make history of clothing come to life. Here a 4th grade student is enjoying a chance to look like a traveler in the 1850s

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