

ILLIANA NEWS

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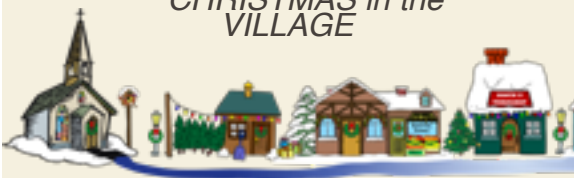
Who is meeting?

The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Assoc. will be on **Monday, October 19th** at 6:30 P.M. at the clubhouse. Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner. See you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 4th & 5th, 2015

CHRISTMAS in the VILLAGE



Pictures from History Day 2015

Happy Birthday Indiana!

Indiana will celebrate 200 years in 2016. Our



Illiana Antique Power Association will help in the celebration. All

three of our major events, the July Power show, Christmas in the Village, and Living History day, have been accepted as Bicentennial events! We need a few more folks to help us with the planning for this special year. If you are interested tell someone...Joan Fry 765 363 5406 or Tom Swanson 765 585 8371. More brains thinking, more ideas, more folks working will make our celebration of Indiana's statehood the best it can be. *(Continued pg.2)*



A Letter from our President:

Tom Swanson

HELLO TO ALL,

What a wonderful day we had for History Day. A big THANK YOU goes to Joan and Dave for all their tireless work in organizing this event for the 4th grade children. THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time and shared their talents with the kids. The weather was perfect and the enthusiasm was high, especially after hearing Dave Sims welcoming speech to the children. "HAVE FUN – BE SAFE – LEARN SOMETHING" was his motto. I wish our political candidates would pay heed to this message. Ha!

We really had a big turnout Monday for work day and I thank everyone for getting the grounds ready. Thanks to John Byroad and Roger Horn for getting the pump running

under the windmill. And, thanks to Bob and Kaaren Parsell for preparing and serving the noon meal for all the workers.

I always enjoy, and I know you do, visiting with the teachers and parents. It never ceases to amaze me that most of them have not heard of Illiana!

The Christmas in the Village bookmarks is a super idea. I have already started passing them out.

Thanks to Jim Cunningham for getting the wheat seed sowed and thanks to Randy Miller for letting us use his tractor and field cultivator for preparing the ground.

See you at the meeting! Tom

Continued Happy Birthday Indiana...

Living History Day 2016 will make history. The Bicentennial torch will pass through our grounds on October 12, Living History Day 2016. Wilma Shackleton, part of the Warren County Bicentennial committee, was on our grounds during History day. She suggested moving the cars to the parking lots would help make the atmosphere more historic and then run the people mover to help move the people and their stuff to their cars after the kids go home. She also suggested everyone wear a costume of some sort. She was amazed so many of us were already doing that but felt that period clothing would increase the feeling of living history.

Her suggestions were good. If you have any others send them along to Joan (thejoefryfarm@gmail.com).

We have almost a year to work on making the bicentennial year one to remember for the next 100 years.

Let's get going!!!



History Day 2015 was a BIG success!

The weather was perfect! The volunteers were all psyched up! The kids were great! The teachers were thrilled and parents were amazed! Illiana Antique Power Assn. did it again! The 13th Living History Day was WONDERFUL!!!

Approximately 350 kids were happy to be learning somewhere besides the classroom. Teachers were surprised to see everything we had to share. Parents were amazed that this treasure was literally in their backyard and many did not even know Warren County had such a treasure. The volunteers were exhausted at the end of the day but everyone went home with a feeling of great satisfaction. It was a good day!

I want to thank a bunch of folks who are not members of our club but who gave us their time to make the day more special. Marilyn Sowers, the butter lady from the state fair, from Wallace, came to make butter in our milkhouse. Brooke Criswell from NICHES was stuck out in the field all day but walking the woods and learning about how Indiana was and how living things get ready for winter was worth the trip. Cecil Krebs, our bee man, has spent several History Days telling about bees and making honey. Tanner Hahn, a young man from the Boswell area between jobs, came to help make popcorn. Peter Cooper, famous for his "coopering" in several states came again to amaze kids with his wooden buckets. Candace Glover, a young photographer from Boswell, took pictures. This list just keeps growing. If any of these folks were missed tell them how much we appreciate them.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Living History Day the best ever. The big group of folks who came early on Monday to pack the bags have to have a big hand! Their hands were full. We cleaned the cupboards! Every item we had was used and Shopko had no notebooks left at all! We packed every bag we had with some creative

surprises. Every kid went home with treasures! Special "thanks" goes to Amanda Hobbs who did the bookmarks to advertise our Christmas in the Village. One went into each bag! She is also responsible for the collection of post cards we have. Some of them went into bags as well.

We really appreciated all the folks who arranged their work schedules so they could help out. Kim Short and Janice Morgan ran the store. Janice even came to school and told stories.

The Tri County quilters were surprised to have lots of kids, mostly boys, spend so much time in the quilter's tent sewing their four patch together or quilting on the quilt in the hoop. "They were good at it." The passel of quilters and their machines were busy all day.

Mel's Train museum, Owen Moudy and the sawmill crew, Donnie and the big steam engine, and Bob in the Post Office were some of the favorite stations. Jessie Byroads shelled and ground corn and many corn cobs left the grounds in the bags of happy kids. John Byroads had a gas engine on the water pump at the windmill. Tom Swanson amazed the kids with the old scale house and he was amazed how close to the exact weight a group of kids could guess. Anne Bodine supervised the cider making. Joe Fry's beautiful cider press (thanks to the Bodines) made its maiden press. The cider was beautiful and delicious. Scott and Jerry Price helped and we even recruited Leo Steiner, Doris Manlief's brother.

We can't talk about the day without talking about the Wabash Canal folks. Terry Bodine and his block and tackle and Donna Moudy with the actual canal timber history were great. Indiana is an amazing state.

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History Day 2015 continued...

The dulcimer players were fun. They always had a crowd and all seemed to have a great time. Donald and Becky Evans manned the kitchen. The cornbread came out just right. Marie Nickle and Marilyn, our visiting butter lady, shook up the butter and the kids and grown ups, who tried sorghum for the first time, will never forget those stations. And, Doc Fontaine had his Model-T car for all to see.

We can't leave out the snack station. Mary Ann Steiner, Doris's sister in law, and Carol Stout took the ailing Helen Petty's station and made paper cups. The new popcorn machine was manned by Jan Groen, Sue Stutler, and Tanner Hahn. This was definitely a popular spot. The line was always long.

Kathy Olin worked around her bus driving schedule to bring us a new station. Her spinning wheel was amazing the kids. They know now all yarn does not have to come from the Walmart.

We need to also mention the field was too wet to plant wheat so Jim Cunningham and Randy Miller had some time off. Joe Fry made a bunch of trips back to the woods to give the kids a chance to meet the gal from NICHES and learn about the woods. Jim Stutler went in circles all day. He drove the people mover around and around. Doris kept the clubhouse hopping and the coffee pot going. Kaaren and Bob Parsell had lunch ready and when the whistle blew almost everyone had a break. Larry Sturgeon did some creative scheduling to be our medical emergency guy. Thank goodness we didn't need all of his equipment or skills. Art Petty accompanied Wilma, the Bicentennial lady around the

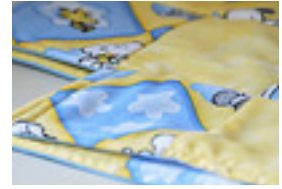
grounds and answered questions. She was pleasantly surprised we managed the large group of kids so productively and well.

Dave Sims needs a pat on the back. His busy schedule is hard to manage but he took his day off to make our History Day work. He contacted schools, made signs for the detours, did the signs for the stations, etc. etc. The list really gets long. AND then there is the Bob and Tom team... their hours spent at the grounds along with the mowing crew made our show grounds look fantastic.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Thanks to everyone. If your name was missed please know you were important to the day. It takes an army to do what we did. BUT we did it again!!!! History Day #13 is history!!!

Submitted by: Joan Fry





TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS NEWS

SUBMITTED BY: MARSHA WATKINS

Twelve members met at the Pine Village Fire Dept. Community Building on September 28th. Joan gave a report on History Day to those not present; reported the children really enjoyed the self-sewing of 4 patches and showed interest in sewing tools and machines...(even the young gentlemen)...the techniques and how the machines worked. We were tired but happy with another successful History Day.

Members were made aware of a purchase of a new table for club use and all agreed it was a great idea to have our own. Plans are being made for shelter donations. Individuals can make what they can and we will make a group quilt to be donated also. It will be a "scrappy" quilt.

Discussions were on Christmas in the Village. "Snowmen" is our theme this year and Joan requested we save our milk and water jugs for the luminaries to light the trail thru the Village.

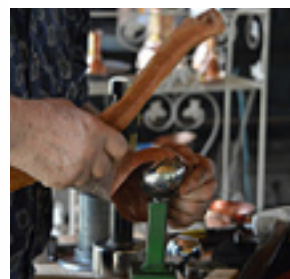
Club members decided to adopt a mission statement. Committee of: Marsha, Diana, Kathy, Arlene, Rose and Joan were to discuss and cuss to come up with something short and sweet to present at the next meeting in October. Several ladies brought in their "sew and tell" projects. Great work as usual! Brown bag lunch was enjoyed as was the fellowship.



PINE CREEK & WESTERN R.R. NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: CHARLIE LUPINEK

History Day and running the railroad was successful. From all indications, the children found the transportation by rail interesting.



ROCKY FORGE BLACKSMITH NEWS:

SUBMITTED BY: TED STOUT

Members of the Rocky Forge have sure been busy these past weeks. We had History Day at the Illiana show grounds, SOFA in Troy Ohio, Feast of the Hunters Moon in Lafayette, the Farmers Market at Crawfordsville, IBA Board meeting and others I may not know about or remember. With all those events behind us now, let's enjoy some metal smithing for our own pleasure. The weather looks good for our next meeting at Ted's shop on October 10th. Coffee and doughnuts will be ready by 8:30 A.M. and after a "short" meeting we can start the forges. Since the Bi-centennial is coming up in 2016 we should prepare our skills to make things that would have been made in that period. Suggestions could include: nails, hooks, knives, kitchen items, farm items, carpentry tools, etc. Most of these items would have been made with wrought iron with steel bits for edge tools. I will provide wrought iron if you need it. Bring some nice stuff for the iron in the hat drawing. We need to kick up the quality of this fun program. We have slipped backward some recently. Even at that, we still have one of the better drawings around. Lunch will be pitch in to go with a roast tenderloin. Now that I have a stove in my new kitchen I am anxious to cook something nice. Hope it is as good as what Greg Searcy has done in the past. So bring a covered dish to share with others. (Suggestion: Plan ahead).

See you all next Saturday. Ted and Carol