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Our End-of-the-Year Activities!



GHS ANNUAL DINNER

The Historical Society will hold its **Annual Dinner Meeting** and Election of Officers on Thursday evening, November 16th, at the Griffith Senior Center.

The event will begin with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by an overview of Society activities through the year, including a short presentation on our computer cataloging program.

The **election of officers** for 2018 will end the evening.

The dinner cost is \$10. Please call Nancy Stout, 670-1621, to make your reservations.

After which, please send your check for the number of dinners reserved to the Griffith Historical Society at P.O. Box 678, Griffith, IN 46319.

We hope everyone will come out and celebrate with us!

SANTA, 2017



Our Santa event is changing again!

On December 9th we have been invited by Lady's Gourmet Popcorn, 118 N. Broad St, to set up shop in their front window and take photos with Santa.

Lady's will provide a festive area where Santa will visit with children and will provide a complimentary bag of popcorn to all children.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Historical Society, and we will be handing out flyers promoting our **Santa in the Caboose** event the following weekend,

Santa will visit with children at the Griffith Historical Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 16 and noon to 4 on December 17.

The weekend will also feature our **Holiday Bake Sale**, and a basket raffle containing a gift card from a local store.

We will be calling you in late November asking you to donate home-baked goods for our sale.



It was a good summer for us and our activities;

The Hess Express

Our barrel train was a hit again at Central Market and the other events we took part in. So much so that we wore out our tractor! We are now in the process of looking

for another one, and if any member has information that could help us, please call Nancy Stout.

Annual Raffle Winners

The Lions Club won first prize in our raffle this year, with second prize going to John Todd and third to Alan Kulinski. Congratulations to

our winners.

Sidewalk Mural

Be sure to keep an eye out for our new sidewalk mural, 'Look, Listen, Live' painted by CNN in honor of National Train Safety Week. The mural is near the spot where the bike trail crosses Broad St.

**Happy
Holidays
from the
Griffith
Historical
Society!**

A-filing They Do Come!

It's going on two years now that we've been entering items into our Historical Records computer program created especially for us by member **Logan Kulinski**. The originals have been piling up, and up and up, over 7,000 of them waiting to be filed away in boxes arranged according to subject matter, and more items being scanned every week..

Enter the filing ladies — and lately, the filing gentlemen!

Coordinated by **Maxine Hess**, this group of volunteers has been meeting at the Senior Center on most Mondays to help with the filing process. In addition, we have also asked their help in identifying people, places and events in the photos they are filing away.

Members who have helped with the project are: **Karen Kulinski, Debby Hoot, Martha Gatlin, Dolores Glover, Andrea Corgan, Janet Schweitzer, Serena Smith, and Rich Fortner.**

We are extremely grateful to also have the help of **Dorothy Urbanik, Lorraine Pickering, Sarah Cundiff, Joanne Hlebasko, Raleigh Sell, Sheila Johnson, Bill Waddell, Don McCarter and Steve Kovcsi.**

Spotlight on Franklin

We're open the first and third Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and our chairlift continues to be operational.

We will feature until spring our special display about Griffith residents **Paul Goldsmith** and **Ray Nichels**, who paired up

to build and race prize-winning stock cars and Indy cars. In the 1950's and '60's.

Over the winter, we will be working to redo our school/school sports display room that was damaged by a flooding problem last fall.

Thanks a Heap!

We have so many people to thank this month!

- ☺ **Paul Goldsmith** for coming down to our Franklin History Room during Rock & Rails to visit with people and sign autographs, and loaning us trophies, die-cast models of his racing cars, photos and other memorabilia for our displays
- ☺ **Musetta Yeager** for allowing us to scan so much of the information she has gathered on **Paul Goldsmith** into our records program and for accompanying Paul during his museum visits.
- ☺ **Bill LaDow** for donating so much information and photos on Ray Nichels and Paul Goldsmith from his collection, and for loaning die-cast model cars and other memorabilia for our displays.
- ☺ **Debby Hoot, Karen and Alan Kulinski, Nancy and Mike Stout** for creating the Goldsmith & Nichels display boards and cases at Franklin and upgrading some displays at our Depot Museum.
- ☺ The **Griffith Fire Department** for helping to promote the Paul Goldsmith visit to our museum.
- ☺ Town Councilman **Jim Marker** for donating to the Society the die-cast model of Smokey Yunick's winning car driven by Paul Goldsmith, and autographed by him during his visit to our museum.
- ☺ **Craig Hoot and Dan Reed** for driving The Hess Express at Central Market, Rock & Rails and Oktoberfest. And to the scouts from troop 264 who helped with the train.
- ☺ **Debby Hoot, Karen and Alan Kulinski, Nancy and Mike Stout, Maxine Hess, Janet Schweitzer, and Haley Wright** for helping at Rock & Rails.
- ☺ **Ken Karlstedt** for coordinating the Operation Neighborhood Spotlight/Legacy Foundation project to place two bronze plaques in front of our Depot Museum and on our Tower marking them as being on the National Register of Historic Places.
- ☺ Our Saturday Franklin Museum volunteers, **Andrea Corgan, Lorraine Pickering, Georgia Helfen, Val Larson, Janet Schweitzer, Karen Kulinski, Nancy & Mike Stout, and Maxine Hess.**
- ☺ **Dick and Shirley Welch, Janet Schweitzer, and Maxine Hess** for doing Depot Duty on Sundays through the summer.
- ☺ **Phil Dembowski**, who is always willing to help us whenever we call on him, most recently with our screen door problem.
- ☺ The **Griffith Park Department** for making sure our Park looks great all summer by keeping the grass and weeds under control.
- ☺ And a really, really **BIG** thank you to the **Griffith Town Council** for their continued support and encouragement.