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## Our End-of-the-Year Activities!

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### **GHS ANNUAL DINNER**

We will hold our **Annual Dinner Meeting** and Election of Officers on Thursday evening, November 21st, at the Jedi's Garden Restaurant, 444 N. Ridge Road.

The event begins with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a PowerPoint overview of Society activities. The **election of officers** for 2020 will end the evening.

Dinner is \$18. You can choose among five entrees: Baked Meatloaf, Roast Turkey and Dressing, Roast Pork & Dressing, Fried Chicken Breast, or Roast Beef Sirloin au Jus. Dinners include soup or tomato juice, tossed salad or cottage cheese, potato, rolls & butter, and dessert (homemade rice pudding, Jello, or scoop of ice cream.

Call Sarah Cundiff, 923-2864 if you plan to attend. Then, please send your check for the number of dinners reserved to P.O. Box 678, Griffith, IN 46319.

We hope everyone comes out to celebrate another successful year with us.

### **CALUMET OUTDOORS TOUR**

On November 16th, Griffith will be visited by a tour group arranged by Calumet Outdoors, a group of the Calumet Heritage Partnership.

The group will arrive at our Historical Park at 10 a.m. and tour the depot and railcars and learn about Griffith's railroading heritage.

The visitors will then lunch at one of the many restaurants in town, and meet up again at Franklin Center and visit our Display room there.

### **SANTA, 2019**

Santa is coming again to our caboose — and sooner than you think!



He'll be making a special stop at the Griffith Historical Park on November 16th, as part of a Calumet Outdoors tour that is coming to Griffith that day. Santa will be at the Park from 10 am to 4 pm.

Santa will return to our Park on Sunday, December 8th, from noon to 4, where he will visit with families in our transfer caboose. We will again be offering private Santa visits for families in our caboose, and low-cost, high-quality Santa photos.

Our annual Holiday Bake Sale will also be on the 8th in the depot. Members will be called in late November to donate baked goods for the sale.

We will also be part of Griffith's Kringle Walk, taking Santa photos at Lady's Gourmet Popcorn, 118 N. Broad St., on Saturday, December 14th, from 11 to 2. Cost of 4x6 photos are \$3, or 2 for \$5.

### Our Super 7 Raffle!

In place of our yearly raffle, we have again been selling 50-50 tickets all summer at all our events.

Enclosed please find six 50/50 tickets — priced at 3 for \$5 — that we are asking you to buy. Send the stubs and a check for \$10 to P.O. Box 678 Griffith, IN 46319.

We will sell tickets until our Annual Dinner on November 21st, then draw the winning ticket at the end of the night.

## Downtown Griffith Lantern Tour



Lantern light lends an old-time aura to the town's first postmaster's house as walkers stop to listen to some old-time Griffith history told by Peter Ghrist, who led the tour, but is off camera.

The Griffith Lantern Tours were Officer Ghrist's idea as a fun way to let people know about the early days of their town and, hopefully, to raise the profile of the Griffith Historical Society, as well.

The tour features old-time photos blown up so walkers standing in front of a current structure can see what once stood there. We are grateful to Walgreens, 407 W. Glen Park, Griffith, for sponsoring the event.

The tours ran every week from early September through early October. Plans are to continue the tours in the spring.

### Spotlight on Franklin

Plans are that by December, our Historical Display Room will again be open the **first and third Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Enter through **Door G**, and our chairlift is operational for anyone who needs it,

We continue to enter information into our historical documents cataloging computer program. We are now over 10,000 items that have

been digitized, and doing more every day.

We now have a new display, "A Town is Born," featuring all of our town's incorporation documents from 1903-04, including the special census done in all three townships prior to the vote.

Check our website: [www.griffithhistoricalsocietyinc.wordpress.org](http://www.griffithhistoricalsocietyinc.wordpress.org) for info on when we will be open again.

### Thanks a Heap!

We have so many people to thank this month! To:

- ☺ **Peter Ghrist** for the great idea of doing Historical Lantern Walks of the Griffith downtown area and then leading them, and to **Toni Rickert** for lending a hand.
- ☺ **Walgreens** for sponsoring our Lantern Walks by providing our blow-up photos at no cost to us.
- ☺ The people who came out for the Lantern Tours. Your participation was an affirmation that we don't work in vain.
- ☺ **Craig & Debby Hoot, Nancy & Mike Stout, Toni Rickert, Sarah Cundiff, Peter Ghrist** for their work with The Hess Express all summer, and to all the volunteers who came out to help them.
- ☺ **Central Market** for inviting us to run The Hess Express each year; to the **Griffith Police Department** for inviting us to their Community Safety Day, and to the **Town of Griffith** for inviting us to Rock & Rails and Oktoberfest.
- ☺ The children from the **First Christian Church of Griffith** who rode in our Hess Express in the 4th of July parade.
- ☺ **Joy Wilson** for selling so many raffle tickets for us.
- ☺ **Steve and Barb Stelk** for changing our American flag for us.
- ☺ The **4th of July Parade committee** for allowing us to participate each year and for the giving us an up-front spot to reduce the time the children had to sit in metal train cars in the hot sun.
- ☺ **Valerie and John Wotkun, Griffith TriKappa, and The Frontier Girls** for helping with the upkeep of the landscaping at our Historical Park.
- ☺ **Ilene Todd** for her filing work.
- ☺ The **Griffith Park Department** for cutting grass and weed-whacking to keep our Historical Park looking great.
- ☺ And a really, really **BIG** thank you to the **Griffith Town Council** for their continued support and encouragement.

### Welcome New Members

New member **Sheila Johnson** joined at our Open House meeting in September. And we have a new student member, **Gianna Kulinski**.