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Farm at Prophetstown a unique experience

By Karen Moyars

BATTLE GROUND - The most basic description of the Farm at Prophetstown is that it's a restored working farm.

But that would be an understatement, as it's so much more.

The website is straightforward: "The Farm at Prophetstown offers a unique experience on all aspects of farm life. Programs revolve around the 1920's farms as they began their transition from animal to tractor power.

"The Farm is a training farm for sustainable agriculture, homesteading, gardening, canning, as well as farm-to-table cooking, sewing and quilting. It draws on a wide range of resources such as beekeepers, master gardeners, farm experts, and home economics experts."

The 100-acre nonprofit Farm sits on land leased from Prophetstown State Park. Visitors must first drive through the Park gate and pay an \$8/per car Park fee before turning onto the road to the Farm.



Above, Leslie Martin Conwell, Farm Executive Director, welcomes a visitor to the Gibson Farmhouse.

There is no cost to enter the Farm, but some of the historic agriculture and homesteading arts classes do charge a modest fee for supplies.

The class & events list is pretty lengthy, with 5-8 choices each month during the April-December season, like food preservation, sheep shearing, barn dances, old-

fashioned American radio, goats, wildflowers, heirloom plant sales, "Sounds of the Night Hike" (coming in May), Family Day, beekeeping, draft horses, camping, and crafts. Wait! There's still more. Like the heirloom Seed Library started in 2017, that

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The kitchen in the Gibson Farmhouse.



The Farm at Prophetstown is the inspiration for a series of photographs by Laura Hale, currently on exhibit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, 102 S. 10th St., Lafayette. "Missed Beauty: Photographs of Prophetstown" runs through June 2 in the Shook Gallery. www.artlafayette.org



The Farm at Prophetstown is an inspiration for many painters, such as Anne Parks, above, who will offer a plein air class there this month. Students can choose 5 classes from 10 available dates, beginning April 20. Cost is \$125 and includes canvas, brushes, palette knives & park entrance fee. To register, call Anne at 765-404-0700 or email her at anneparksart@gmail.com



Danny Russel portrays Abraham Lincoln.

Public invited to hear 'Lincoln'

DELPHI - The public is invited to join Wabash & Erie Canal members at the association's annual meeting Tuesday, April 16, in the Canal Center, 1030 North Washington Street.

The free program begins at 7 p.m. and features a brief business session, followed by an entertaining guest performer. No registration.

Refreshments and visiting with friends will follow. Admission is free.

For the second time in a year the speaker, Danny Russel, will provide another of his character portrayals.

This time, Russel will present a grand adventure story and first-person tale

featuring President Abraham Lincoln.

Russel offers hilarity, heartbreak and humanity as he travels from a log cabin to the White House.

Learn about those crucial Indiana boyhood years (age 7-21) prior to Lincoln's success as a prairie lawyer, and through his political aspirations, the Lincoln-Douglas debates, Civil War tragedy and triumph, brilliant speeches, freedom for slaves and much more. "All men are created equal" was more than a phrase from our Founding Fathers, according to Russel's portrayal; it served as Lincoln's clarion call. www.wabashand-eriecanal.org

Canal spring cleanup day April 20th

DELPHI - The Canal Park in Delphi will honor Earth Day with Project W.E.E.D. (Wabash & Erie Earth Day) on Sat., April 20, at Canal Park, 1030 North Washington Street. If it rains, the alternate date is Saturday, April 27.

Past Canal Earth Day workdays have attracted 50-75 volunteers of all ages. Groups like Scouts, 4-H, church groups, and individuals of all ages are invited to help. Children should work together with parents or teachers. No pets, please.

All volunteers should report to Canal Park between 8-9 a.m., for instructions and team assembly. From there, teams will be disbursed with a leader to work a specific site. Volunteer "captains" will be onsite to supervise specific jobs, and a work list will be available. Some of the work will be in Canal Park but other work will be at nearby locations and trail areas and may require driving. There will be grooming, de-brushing and landscaping, as well as bigger jobs like pruning, raking, bagging and chainsaw work (by adults).

Mark your tools with your name; dress appropriately with long pants, work clothes, work shoes, gloves and other protective wear.

Volunteers will be served a free lunch at noon in Canal Park prepared by the local Psi Iota Xi sorority.



While most of the bowls for sale at the YWCA event are made by area artists, local community leaders like Tippecanoe County Commissioner Dave Byers, above, spent a day making bowls under the tutelage of Clay League President Gail Johnston for this weekend's event. Below, shoppers can choose from an array of bowls. [Above photo/Debbie Lowe]

Clay Bowl project supports survivors of domestic violence

LAFAYETTE - Entering its 17th year, the Clay Bowl Giving Project supports survivors of domestic violence and their families.

The event will be held Thursday, April 18, in the YWCA gym, 605 N. 6th St. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; dinner is from 5-7 p.m.

Local potters donate hundreds of unique, handmade bowls for Clay Bowl attendees to take home.

Attendees can choose from lunch or dinner, and before they sit down to eat can browse the selection of

glazed clay bowls. Some faithful attendees prefer to amass a collection of bowls made by a particular artist, while others prefer to get something new each year.

Proceeds from the Clay Bowl Giving Project provide safety, hope, and healing to victims of domestic violence through YWCA Greater Lafayette's Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (DVIPP).

In 2018, YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention provided 9,031 nights of safe shelter to 484 survivors of domestic violence, including

dependent children.

YWCA legal advocates assisted with 446 protective orders during that same year.

Register online or call 765-742-0075 to register by phone.

Registration is \$25 in advance, \$30 day of, and includes a meal and choice of a bowl to take home.



SAVE THE DATE ...

Concerts, theater, events, local gatherings & more!

BLUEGRASS: Kenny & Amanda Smith Band

DELPHI - The Kenny & Amanda Smith band will play at 7:30 p.m. Sat., April 13, at the Delphi Opera House, 109 S. Washington Street. The Band combines gutsy, heartfelt vocals, brilliant instrumental talents and a powerful, contemporary sense of song choice and arrangement into one of the most compelling new sounds in bluegrass today.

Tickets are \$15.75-\$36.75 at www.delphioperahouse.org or call the box office at 765-564-4300.



YOUTH DAY: Flora Community Center

FLORA - The Community Youth Center in Flora is hosting the first annual Youth Development, Health, and Safety Day to celebrate their grand opening. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., April 20, on Main St between Center and Willow in Flora, including the town parking lot. There will be live music, guest speakers, local food vendors, local business vendors, public safety/social service providers, character meet and greets, and raffle prizes. Free; public welcome. www.facebook.com/communityyouthcenter

HAAN MUSEUM OF INDIANA ART: Sweet on Art

LAFAYETTE - Enjoy sweet treats and live jazz at "Sweet on Art" from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Haan Museum of Indiana Art. Guests will be surrounded by Indiana art and rare antiques as they savor heavy hors d'oeuvres, decadent desserts, chocolates, and wine.

Be among the first to see a portrait of John Purdue by George Winter and a John Purdue sculpture by Tuck Langland as they are unveiled. Guests who wish to can "Adopt a Masterpiece" from Haan's collection of paintings, furniture, ceramic or bronze treasures. Each adopter's name will be displayed in the Museum, next to the art, for a year, and the adopter will receive a picture with their adopted artwork and an adoption certificate. A few items will be offered through a live auction, including adoptions of the Winter and Langland art, or Dinner for Eight at the Haan Museum, prepared and served by the Board, along with a tour by Bob and Ellie Haan.

JoAnn Brouillette and Gary Lehman are the Honorary Co-Chairpersons for the event, sponsored in part by Stall & Kessler's.

Tickets are \$25 per person; purchase at www.haanomuseum.org or call (765) 742-6449.

ARTIST CALLOUT: Art on the Wabash

WEST LAFAYETTE - Regional artists are invited to submit an application to the annual juried art fair, Art on the Wabash.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. Monday, May 6. The art fair is open to any artist, age 18 or older, residing in the following Indiana counties: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, and White. The juror for the 2019 Art on the Wabash is Vandra Pentecost of Indianapolis. Applications at www.artonthewabash.wordpress.com/about/artists/

The 14th annual Art on the Wabash will feature art, food, and live music from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at West Lafayette's Tapawingo Park. Art on the Wabash is presented by the City of West Lafayette and sponsored by KitchenArt: The Store for Cooks.

“The staff are out at all times for questions” and there are always opportunities available for selfies - which might be the only nod to the present that you’ll ever find at The Farm. www.prophetstown.org; 765-567-4700; Facebook: @ProphetstownFarm