

# Rickenbaugh News-2009

Photo of Rickenbaugh House by Nancy Myers

Hello Friends,

We are pleased to send you the 4th edition of the Rickenbaugh News to let you know about improvements to the House and events that occurred in 2009.



This year the House's exterior and interior were repainted by a local contractor, David Knight. David and his wife Carolyn did an excellent job and the House now looks a lot fresher inside and out! Casey Electric installed 2 new track lights in the kitchen so that the cupboard is more visible. The kitchen sure brightens up! Alvin Blunk donated some beautiful glass and ceramic storage jars that are on display throughout the House. Fireplace grates were purchased for the 3 fireplaces. The rope bed donated last year by Alvin Blunk was put together and is now on display in one of the upstairs bedrooms.



In April 2009 the Hoosier National Forest was awarded two Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association grants. Those grants were used to purchase new interpretive signs for the interpretive trail outside the House, and a Tell City table and chairs suit from a local antique dealer for the kitchen.

Several meetings and special events were held at the House this year including the annual Rickenbaugh Reunion on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen family members attended on a

beautiful summer day. Other events include a Perry County Optimist Club meeting (pictured to right), a local Cub Scout troop meeting, and the Perry County Fall Festival the first weekend in October. Several family members came to see the house as well as relatives of the George Brothers who built the house. Members of the Central States Soil Conference viewed the House in October, they were impressed!



During the summer the Indian-Celina and Tipsaw campground concessionaire Cradle of Forestry in America



Interpretive Association, Inc. once again partnered with the Tell City Ranger District to employ an interpreter to host interpretive programs at both the House and the new amphitheater. Amanda also opened the House on Saturdays and Sundays for visitors to explore. Throughout the summer, sixty two visitors attended programs and 305 visitors viewed the House.

Once again, a beautiful display panel about the House made by Kathy McCollom, Tell City Information Assistant, was displayed at local Tell City banks.

Bob Ramsbottom, a Perry County resident who has been involved with the rehabilitation of the House worked on the loom this year to get it functioning again. Teena Ligman and Kathy McCollom have plans to work on the Hands on the Lands students' Rickenbaugh time line to make a nice interpretive panel.

If you have any questions regarding the Rickenbaugh House or would like to be removed from the mailing list, or know someone who should be added, please email [nmyers@fs.fed.us](mailto:nmyers@fs.fed.us) or write to her at the address below.

We hope you enjoy reading about the improvements and events going on at the House this past year. Thank you for your interest and support of the beautiful, historic Rickenbaugh House!

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Visitors to the Rickenbaugh House during the Perry County Fall Festival (far left) including Kenneth and Dorothy Lasher shown with Nancy Myers (photo on right). Kenneth's mother – Anna Beard, grew up in the house.

Jim Rickenbaugh and family members in front of the house. Jim is the son of Olma Rickenbaugh, grandson of William Henry Rickenbaugh.

