

FRIENDS OF THE GILBERTVILLE DEPOT

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Greetings from the Depot

This year starts off with a couple of new improvements to the depot. The first is a security camera system that will provide a measure of protection to the depot and trail users. Ed & Marilyn Even provided the funding for the system and it is much appreciated.

The second new addition is a water bottle filling station/drinking fountain located in the lobby. In addition to providing a convenient location for getting drinking water, we also have a water filter that will remove sediment and rust which have been a problem. The funding for the filter and bottle filler was provided by the Cedar Valley Trails Partnership.

We are not certain at this point, but we may also be doing a tile project in the lobby & restrooms. If that project works out, the lobby and restrooms will be closed at various times during June.

The Friends of the Gilbertville Depot volunteers provide almost all of the labor needed to install all the improvements made to the building & grounds. The FGD also provide miscellaneous funds as needed for completion of our projects.

The Friends of the Gilbertville Depot is a membership based non-profit organization that counts on our members and supporters to provide funding for our operations. I urge you to consider becoming a member today.

Dick Dewater
President, Board of Directors

WCF&N History

Electric cars & trucks are becoming more commonplace, but they are still just a small percentage of the vehicles in use today and are considered cutting edge technology. So it's interesting to consider the fact that the Waterloo Cedar Falls & Northern Railway was all electric railroad from 1899 to 1955.



The rail line, known as the Cedar Valley Road, was decades ahead of its time. The WCF&N ran electric street cars (aka interurbans) and locomotives that were considerably cleaner and quieter than the steam and diesel trains of that era.

Photos
Top: Circa 1930s
Left: Circa 1930s
Reverse: Circa 1940s

2023 EVENTS AT THE DEPOT
Live Music, Refreshments, Free and Open to the Public

June 3 - 12:30 to 3:30 PM Bridges Ride from Gateway Park in Cedar Falls to McFarlane Park in La Porte City. Music by Bob Dorr and Jeff Peterson at the Depot. Sponsored by the Cedar Valley Bike Collective, the Cedar Valley Trails Partnership, Cedar Valley Cyclists, The Friends of the Gilbertville Depot and other generous sponsors.

July 15 - 1:00 to 4:00 PM Depot Birthday Party. The Gilbertville Depot is 111 years old. Come out and enjoy music by Bob Dorr & Jeff Peterson.

September 30 - 1:00 to 4:00 PM Fall Party Live Music by Mick Staebell, Gary Bertch & Don Boyle, affectionately known as La Banda Sin Nombre "The Band with No Name"

Check our Facebook page for further details

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 OF THE
 DEPOT**

- Annual Memberships:**
 Individual..... \$15
 Family..... \$25
 Business..... \$100
 Benefactor..... \$250
- Lifetime Memberships:**
 Individual..... \$500
 Family..... \$750
 Business..... \$1000

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 TODAY!**

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 AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

I would like to volunteer to help with:
 _____ Fundraising
 _____ Building/Grounds Maintenance
 _____ Events
 _____ Grant Writing

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