

Dinky Returns to Grafton

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GRAFTON - Before the River Road, there was the Dinky! The historic 'railbus' will be celebrated with the unveiling of a replica 'Dinky' at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4 at the Edward Amburg History Museum, 950 E. Main St., Grafton.

In the 1920s, the Illinois Central Railroad Company created a unique "Railbus" that operated between Alton and Grafton with stops in Elsah and Chautauqua. The original engine was a city bus configured with wheels for railroad tracks that locals dubbed the "Dinky".

Grafton has created a replica of the final version of the "Dinky" - #206 which ceased operations in 1953.

To honor this important part of the history of the region, Grafton will host a special day at the Edward Amburg History Museum. Events have been scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 on the museum grounds.

Edward Amburg History Museum is located at 950 East Main Street, Grafton, IL.

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Open Thursday-Sunday and Holiday Mondays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.