

**Mines of Spain State Recreation Area
E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center**

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**Friends of the Mines of Spain Receive Grant from
Mystique Casino/Dubuque Racing Association**

The Friends of the Mines of Spain recently received a grant from the Mystique Casino/Dubuque Racing Association. The grant was for the amount of \$20,000. The grant assisted with the creation of a new exhibit at the E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center at the Mines of Spain Recreation Area. The new exhibit was matched with \$30,000 from the Friends of the Mines of Spain. The exhibit consists of timelines showing the geological history and the cultural history of the Mines of Spain and surrounding area. The geological time line illustrates thru photo frames and text the information about stream piracy, the driftless area, and the formation of an ancient sea. The cultural timeline references human history from 11,000 years ago to the present. The human timeline is illustrated thru four computer monitors and illustrated with three D items.

Along with this new exhibit, the Friends of the Mines of Spain added exhibits about Native Americans, Julien Dubuque, Lead Mining, Slices of Life, a new children's area and new aquariums. These themes are brought to life with a wickiup, the Julien Dubuque Monument, taxidermy of animals, sounds, and interactive components at each display. With two levels of new exhibits and displays the center has a lot of information that explains what the Mines of Spain Recreation Area is and what there is to do.

For more information about the new exhibits at the E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center contact the park office at 563-556-0620 or go to www.minesofspain.org or www.iowadnr.gov for information and maps of the park.

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