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TCHA MEMBERS: EXPECT FEAST TICKETS SOON!

TCHA members will receive free tickets to the Feast of the Hunters' Moon in the mail very soon, if they have not yet already. The number of tickets you receive depends on your membership level (See graph below!). This year, lifetime members will now receive tickets and our donor level members will see an increase in tickets. These tickets are good for an adult or child on either Saturday or Sunday of the Feast. If you cannot use your tickets, please share in the fun and pass them along to someone else who would enjoy a visit to the Feast!



Replica examples of chocolate pots from Canada, by David Hovde

Don't forget to visit the Membership & VIP tent at the Feast (pictured above). TCHA members can enjoy free snacks and a quiet place to rest and interact with TCHA staff and Board members. If you renew or purchase a new membership at the Feast tent, you will be entered to win a unique piece of pottery made by David Hovde based on historic French designs. This year's special design is a chocolate pot similar to the examples in the photograph and two blue and white faience cups. These pieces are based on archaeological examples from Canada, which can be seen at left.

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COMPLIMENTARY FEAST TICKETS FOR 2022 TCHA MEMBERSHIP

Membership Level	Number of Tickets	Kind of Ticket
Individual	1	Single Day
Family	2	Single Day
Senior Individual	1	Single Day
Senior Couple	2	Single Day
Patron	4	Single Day
Sustaining	6	Single Day
Benefactor	8	Single Day
Treasure	8	Single Day
Lifetime	4	Single Day

FROM THE VAULT

COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY KELLY LIPPIE, CURATOR OF COLLECTIONS

TCHA recently received a donation of over 190 real photographic postcards of the 1913 Flood in Tippecanoe County from Arnold Sweet. These postcards were created from actual photographs of the event that were made by personal and professional photographers. Real photographic postcards were a popular trend in the early 1900s that allowed anyone to have their photographs printed on a postcard. The 1913 flood was a major natural disaster that impacted all residents in Tippecanoe County and resulted in the destruction of many bridges, roads and buildings and required changes to city planning and engineering.

We asked Arnold (Long-time TCHA member and postcard collector) about his collection. When and why did you get started collecting postcards?

A.S.: "Collecting is in my DNA. When I was in JHS, I started to collect postage stamps. Years later, when my wife and I were on vacation in Michigan, I stopped at an antique shop and found postcards from Lafayette. I bought them. A person in Lafayette told me about the Indianapolis Post Card Club. For years, I went to their meetings. The members and dealers kept finding postcards from Purdue and Tippecanoe County for me. I discovered that my brother had been collecting post cards from NYC for years. We did not know about each other's madness!"



Lafayette during the 1913 flood. Images provided by Arnold L. Sweet, from postcards

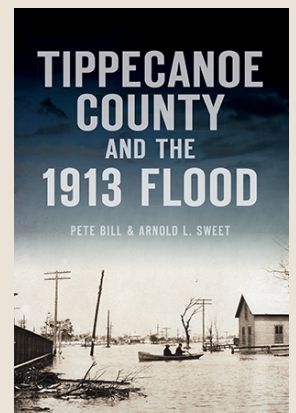
What interested you in collecting postcards of the 1913 Flood?
A.S.: "I was living in West Lafayette, which had been seriously affected by the 1913 flood. I had been a member of the Indiana Historical Society and had searched their files for locations that had been affected by the 1913 storm. There was no mention of Lafayette or of West Lafayette, which inspired Pete Bill and I to write our book. The 1913 flood cards were part of my collection. They are unique because they are real photo post cards (see page 12 of the book "Tippecanoe County and the 1913 Flood" Pete Bill & Arnold L Sweet, 2021, ISBN 9781467147583). " Cover pictured below.

What other kinds of postcards have you collected?

A.S.: "I was raised in the Bronx and I have a collection of Bronx post cards. I collected cards while living in West Lafayette, and I have a collection of Lafayette and Tippecanoe County post cards. I tended to collect cards whenever I traveled. My wife was English, so I have a lot of cards from the UK."

If someone is interested in starting a postcard collection, what advice would you give them? Where should they go to look for postcards?

A.S.: "Join postcard clubs. Go to antique shows and stores. Go online and search."



FROM THE DIRECTOR

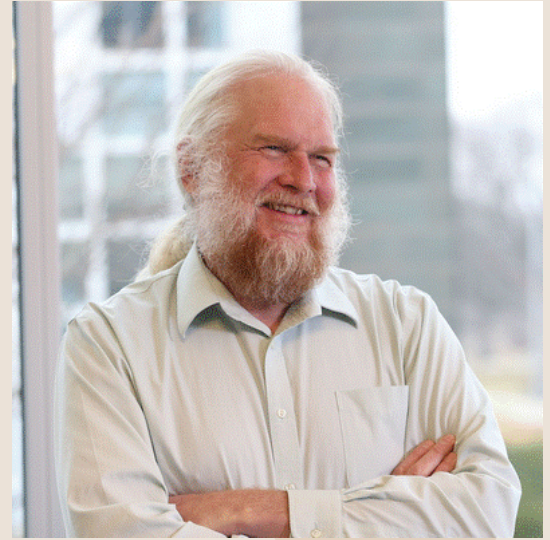
BY LESLIE MARTIN CONWELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tippecanoe County Historical Association to Benefit from the "Rick Westerman and Linda Swihart Technology Endowment" through the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association is the beneficiary of a newly established \$30,000.00 endowment through the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.

Rick Westerman, a devoted Feast of the Hunters' Moon volunteer, passed away peacefully on September 1, 2020 in his home, in the loving care of friends and family. After over two years of courageously dealing with Glioblastoma and the disabling effects of brain surgery, he was at peace and ready to pass.

His wife, Linda Swihart, created the "Rick Westerman and Linda Swihart Technology Endowment" to benefit TCHA. Linda explains why she was inspired to set up the endowment:



Rick Westerman

"Starting in 1993, Rick and I became devoted to the Feast and to the TCHA and its success. And Rick was a computer programmer who loved making our digital devices work for us as hard and fast, as smoothly and efficiently as they could be made to behave. Printers, scanners, DNA Synthesizers, DNA Sequencers, programmed Drone flights photographing crops in test fields..., all of these were important work he did for the College of Agriculture. This is exactly the kind of an endowment he would have eagerly chosen to make had he lived to be in the position to make it. Taking this step is important to me because it's something I feel like I'm doing with him."

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association thanks Linda for her vision and for Linda's and Rick's many years of work for TCHA. Linda is an active volunteer with the Feast and at the Frank C. Arganbright Genealogy Center. If you are interested in estate planning to benefit TCHA, please contact Executive Director Leslie Martin Conwell, director@tippecanoehistory.org, 765.426.2128. If you are wanting to donate to the Rick Westerman and Linda Swihart Technology Fund, please contact the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, 765.742.9078.

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FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON

BY LESLIE MARTIN CONWELL, EVENT MANAGER

Come enjoy the 55th annual Feast of the Hunters' Moon, scheduled for October 1-2! The Feast is a re-enactment of 18th century life at Fort Ouiatenon Historic Park on the banks of the Wabash River just southwest of current day West Lafayette, IN. The event's time period depicts the heyday of Fort Ouiatenon, 1717-1791. The first European settlement in Indiana, Fort Ouiatenon was a witness to many different cultures and lifeways.

Skilled interpreters, musicians, and artisans engage the imagination while inspiring exploration of the music, cultures, and crafts of the past. Period foods include frybread, buffalo, stews, and soups. Besides TCHA, over 50 area not-for-profits benefit from the Feast and the event brings in over 2 million dollars to the community, thus making the event vital to Tippecanoe County.

Education is a strong focus of the event, with two interactive days for area schoolchildren. "Special Kids Day" is Thursday, September 29 for special needs students, and the School Fun Day at the Feast is Friday, September 30 for grades 1-6. Pre-registration is required for the two school days.

Advance tickets may be purchased online at any time at, <http://feastofthehuntersmoon.org/plan-your-visit/buy-tickets/#online> or purchased at area businesses, including Pay Less, First Merchants Bank, Wolfe's Campground, Fountain Trust Bank, Purdue Federal, the Tippecanoe Battlefield, TCHA Arganbright Center, and at SIA for their employees. Weekend passes are ONLY available online, at the TCHA Arganbright Center, or the Tippecanoe Battlefield. All tickets are non-refundable.

The Feast offers free parking in a field adjacent to the event site. Neighbors offer paid parking. CityBus will provide shuttle bus transportation services. Attendees can park free and ride to the event from the Ross Ade Stadium parking lot. Frequent shuttle service will begin at 8:30 am on both days of the event and will end at 5:30 pm on Saturday and 4:30 pm on Sunday. Regular CityBus fares will apply, and are available at www.gocitybus.com.

TICKET TYPE	ADVANCE PRICE	GATE PRICE
Adult One-Day Pass	\$10.00	\$13.00
Adult Weekend Pass	\$18.00	N/A
Child (4-16) One-Day Pass	\$5.00	\$7.00
Child (4-16) Weekend Pass	\$9.00	N/A
Children under 4	Free	Free
Family Pass (2 adults and up to 4 children) One-Day Pass	\$30.00	\$35.00



FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON

BY LESLIE MARTIN CONWELL, EVENT MANAGER

Duke Energy Foundation Grant Facilitates Native American Cultural Programming at the Feast of the Hunters' Moon

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association is proud to announce that the Duke Energy Foundation recently awarded the Feast \$3000.00 in funding to support hiring federally or state recognized tribes for programming at the Feast.

These Native educators are people who have met ancestry proof requirements to be state or federally recognized per tribal government requirements, and will be featured in various program locations on the festival grounds. They will tell the stories of their tribe's history at Ouiatenon in the 18th century. Although the Feast is a "living history" event where the focus is on the 18th century, it is also a venue for these tribes to share their contemporary culture as well. Native educators work in collaboration with the Feast committee in deciding what programming to do. Current offerings by the various tribes are wigwam building, games, lacrosse, drumming, singing, dancing, and a program on Native women. Several of these Native educators will be at our School Day on September 30, interacting with over 3,000 area school children. By having these Native educators present, children can interact directly with them in an engaging learning environment.



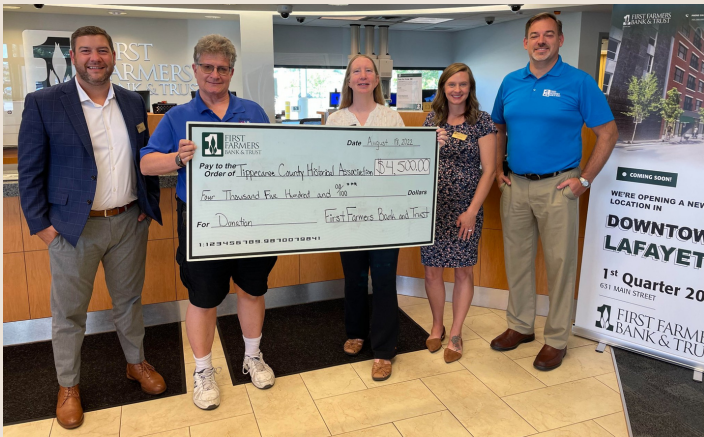
The Tippecanoe County Historical Association strives to provide a balanced interpretation of Fort Ouiatenon's history, Thank you to the Duke Energy Foundation for recognizing the importance of state and federally recognized tribes having representation at the Feast of the Hunters' Moon!

Learn more online at FeastoftheHuntersMoon.org



MORE FEAST NEWS

First Farmers Bank & Trust Sponsors Performance Stage



Co-Feast Chairpersons Leslie Martin Conwell and Jeff Schwab alongside the generous staff of First Farmers Bank & Trust

TCHA thanks our friends at First Farmers Bank & Trust for sponsoring a performance stage at this year's Feast of the Hunters' Moon, scheduled for October 1-2! Todd White, Business Development, Regional Manager, & AVP of First Farmers Bank & Trust, states "First Farmers Bank & Trust is a bank that remembers its history, which developed from our humble beginning as Mark Tully's Exchange Bank in 1885 and is still operating under the original charter. First Farmers has supported the Greater Lafayette community since 2017 and is excited to open our new branch in downtown Lafayette early 2023 to join our existing branch on SR 38 East. Supporting the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and the

Feast of the Hunters' Moon was a natural fit. We look forward to continued growth and great memories alongside TCHA."

So, what's NEW at the Feast this year? A team of oxen!

The Feast will welcome Mark and Monica Hufford for the first time in 2022, along with their oxen team comprised of Lewis and Clark, two Devon steers. The Devon breed of cattle are documented to have first come to America in 1623. Mark and Monica will be talking about how oxen were used as draft animals in the 18th century! Look for them on the far east side of the grounds, close to the blacksmith shop, and in the shade.

A fun fact- Did you know that the use of oxen can be documented at Fort Ouiatenon during the heyday of the fort in the 18th century? Archaeologists at the original site of Ouiatenon found an ox shoe, pictured below!



One of the two oxen, Devon steers, to attend the Feast in 2022



An Oxen Shoe, excavated at the Fort Ouiatenon site



Mark Hufford driving his pair of oxen

Grant from Indiana Humanities Facilitates Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's Feast of the Hunters' Moon Participation

"Myaamiaki: The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma: A Living People with a Past."

Indiana Humanities has awarded the Tippecanoe County Historical Association a \$3000.00 grant to facilitate the Miami Tribe's participation at the Feast.

Over the last several years the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and the federally recognized Miami Tribe of Oklahoma have worked to build a collaborative partnership to share information and improve the Tippecanoe County Historical Association's efforts to inform the public about the Native American history and heritage of our area. This partnership has also helped to provide another platform for the Miami Tribe themselves to share their story with the public here in our area. Until their forced removal by the U.S. government in the mid- 19th century, our region was the center of the Miami homeland, since long before the Europeans arrived. The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is recognized by the United States Government as a sovereign nation of Miami whose place of origin is Indiana and surrounding areas. The Wea Tribe (a people closely related to the Miami) confederated with other tribes in 1854 to form the federally recognized Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

As the only federally recognized tribe of Miami people, under federal law, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is legally entitled to and responsible for consultations regarding ancestral sites and remains in our area. As an extension to that, the Tippecanoe County Historical Association recognizes their role, authority and expertise in helping our efforts to interpret this history to the public.

For many years, the Miami Tribe did not have an official presence in Indiana, and over the years, in this vacuum, private non-profit groups formed in an effort to claim and celebrate Native ancestry and engage in educational programming. However, because they are not federally recognized tribes, they lack the legal standing to represent Native American people in any official capacity and do not meet the legal definition of a "tribe" or as Native Americans for the purpose of laws such as the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644).

Beginning this year, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma will collaborate with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association to provide and coordinate the programming of the Native Village area at the Feast of the Hunters' Moon. We welcome this opportunity for the Miami to tell their story and celebrate with us the history that we honor and share with the public at the Feast, and know that it will result in a more informative experience for attendees.

Diane Hunter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, states, "As a result of conversations between the TCHA and the Cultural Resources Office of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, for the first time in the history of the Feast of the Hunters' Moon, the Miami Tribe will be participants in the Feast. Through our participation, the Tribe will be able to educate the thousands of Feast visitors about the history and culture of Miami people and about the Tribe today. I commend the TCHA for reaching out to the Tribe to provide accurate information about the Indigenous people of the area."



This program has been made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

PROGRAMMING UPDATES

BY LESLIE MARTIN CONWELL, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

TCHA's programming outreach is in full swing! Be sure to join us at the History Center, Fort Ouiatenon, Tippecanoe Battlefield, community events around town, or on Zoom for educational and fun programs! Here are scheduled programs from late June through August. View the entire list of 2022 programs at <https://bit.ly/2022TCHAPrograms>

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

"55th Annual Feast of the Hunters' Moon

Saturday, October 1, 9a-5p, Fort Ouiatenon Historic Park

Sunday, October 2, 9a-4p, Admission charge, more info at FeastofTheHuntersMoon.org

The Feast of the Hunters' Moon is a re-creation of the annual fall gathering of the French and Native Americans which took place Fort Ouiatenon, a fur-trading outpost in the mid - 1700s. This event is TCHA's biggest fundraiser, and helps support over 50 other area non-profits!

Tales of the Dark

Presenter Pete Bill, Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 PM, at the History Center

It's dark. You're alone. Yet is there something staring at you from the corners of the darkness? You feel the hair stand up on your neck as a breath of air passes by from something moving unseen in the darkness. Are you truly alone? With that in mind, come listen to the things-that-go-bump-in-the-night-in-Indiana tales spun by Dr. Mort T. Shun while comfortably enveloped in the darkness of the History Center auditorium ... if you dare.

(Warning: May be too scary for children or impressionable adults)

Sponsored by the National Group.

Show & Tell - Poisons, Plagues, and Pestilence: What You were Likely to Die From in Early Tippecanoe County

Presenter Pete Bill, Thursday, October 25, at 11:30 AM, at the History Center

There's a reason why Tippecanoe County citizens didn't live much past their early forties in the first decades of this county. Come gain an interesting perspective on the very real daily threats nature and man posed to early residents of our county.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Battle of Tippecanoe Commemoration and Veterans Ceremony

Saturday, November 5, 2022, 10 AM - 3 PM, Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum & Park

Presented by Living History Interpreters

A day of remembrance of the Battle of Tippecanoe and those who fought on both sides of the conflict. A color guard and wreath-laying ceremony to honor all veterans will be held.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 11.

BATTLEFIELD MUSEUM UPDATES

BY TREY GORDEN, TIPPECANOE BATTLEFIELD
MUSEUM MANAGER

I often write here about the turn of the seasons at the Tippecanoe Battlefield and how they connect me to the events that have happened here. This month marks an important anniversary that we don't talk quite as much about. September 12 is the anniversary of the day in 1838 when the Potawatomie, having been rounded up at Twin Lakes in Marshall County, Indiana, eight days prior, camped just outside Battle Ground. Led initially by John Tipton, hero of the Battle of Tippecanoe, this march would later be known as The Potawatomie Trail of Death. This 660 mile journey took 61 days. By the time the tribe had reached the end of their march, 42 people, mostly children, would be dead.

The years 1818 through 1837 saw several treaties signed by various Potawatomie groups with the United States government. In exchange for annuities and debt remission, the Potawatomie had ceded most of their territory. Probably the most important treaty was one made on August 5, 1836 at Yellow River. In it, the Potawatomi traded away the last of their homeland and agreed to remove to a reservation west of the Mississippi within two years.

The chief of the Yellow River band of Potawatomie, Menominee, had declined to attend the negotiations and had not signed the agreement. As such, he believed the terms of the treaty did not apply to him or his Yellow River band. Nevertheless, he joined together with a group of Potawatomie leaders who said that their names on the treaty had been forged. These leaders submitted a formal petition to John Tipton, the Indian agent at the time. General Tipton never addressed their complaint.

By the time of the treaty deadline on August 5, 1838, all the Potawatomie had already relocated except for Menominee and his Yellow River band. Tensions with Americans, who were eager to occupy the land, began to ramp up. Finally, the settlers told government officials that they feared there might be violence. At this, John Tipton, under orders from Indiana governor David Wallace, called for a council with the Yellow River leaders. When all were assembled, General Tipton's militia force took them prisoner. Using their leaders as leverage, Tipton's forces rounded up the rest of the Potawatomie and then burned their village and all their crops. Thus began a brutal journey that would end on November 4, 1838, in Osawatomie, Kansas. The hardship and grief those people endured is hard for me to imagine.

The Tippecanoe Battlefield commemorates and preserves a great deal of history. The next time you're at the museum, though, take a moment to read the small monument to the right of the walkway, and spare a thought for what some of those Potawatomie must have felt in 1838, when they spent a grim night so near the Tippecanoe Battlefield—a place some of the older men might well have remembered from less than thirty years prior, when they crept through the sodden undergrowth in a brave but unsuccessful attempt to prevent the very thing their families were now being forced to endure.

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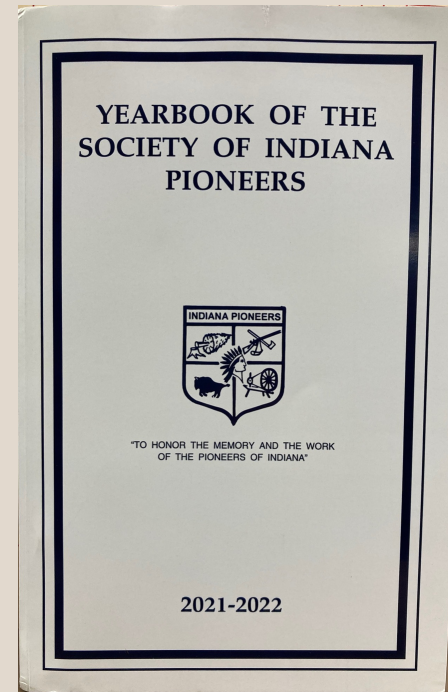
BY AMY HARBOR, RESEARCH LIBRARY COORDINATOR

JOINING A LINEAGE SOCIETY

A lineage society is a group that has requirements to join based on one's ancestry. Lineage societies have a long history in this country, and they became even more popular after the United States' Centennial in 1876. Two well-known lineage societies which date to that era are the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The huge growth of genealogy as a hobby has added to the popularity of lineage societies and spawned a plethora of newer ones. Did you know there is a Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva? There's probably a society out there for everyone; you don't need a famous ancestor. One society requires descent from a tavern or inn owner in the American Colonies before 1776.

One group that our members might be interested in is the Society of Indiana Pioneers, which honors our ancestors who were the earliest residents of this state. If your ancestor was in Tippecanoe County on or before December 31, 1840, you're eligible. For some of the "younger" counties north of us, the cutoff is December 31, 1850. Membership requires that you prove your relationship to a pioneer ancestor by documenting births, marriages, and deaths in your line of descent. Check out indianapioneers.com for more information about this society.

If you're interested in joining any lineage society, our library staff and volunteers can help you gather the documentation you need for your Tippecanoe County ancestors. The research library has a wide variety of historical documents, from marriage certificates to wills, and guardianship papers to property deeds. Our library is free for members, and we love to do research! Please come visit.



The book cover for the Society of Indiana Pioneers (latest yearbook).

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