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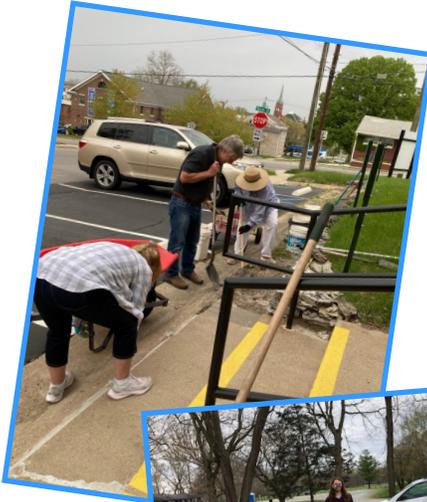
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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Did you know, TCHA volunteers help in many unexpected ways? The Board of Governors and over a dozen committees help maintain TCHA sites, oversee finances, develop programs, and much more! There are also many volunteer who help with the library and collections to create indexes, catalog artifacts, digitize records and help researchers. When it comes to programs, volunteers help organize events, run zoom connections, make presentations and pull off a little thing called *The Feast of the Hunters' Moon!*

In 2021, some extra special projects helped keep TCHA on track to fulfill its mission. Here are just a few:

- Wrote Grants
- Installed Knox Boxes
- Designed Exhibit Panels
- Planted Flowers
- Built Exhibit Cases
- Made Historic Reproductions
- Repaired an Antique Urn
- Wrote Blogs
- Cleaned Bathrooms
- Installed Paving Stones
- Installed Engraved Bricks
- Bought Supplies
- Installed Light Switches
- Took Electronics to Recycle
- Made Sales in the History Store
- Trapped and Relocated a Groundhog
- Replaced Computer Hard Drives
- Installed Truck Bed Lining
- Vacuumed up a Water Leak
- Inspected Fire Extinguishers
- Organized Office Supplies
- Changed Car Batteries
- Took care of Landscaping
- Attended Workshops
- Installed Soap Dispensers and Toilet Paper Holders



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OPERATIONS REPORT

By Leslie Martin Conwell, Operations Manager

Happy holidays from the Tippecanoe County Historical Association!

As I was preparing to write this article, I began reminiscing how far TCHA had come in 2021, especially in light of the pandemic. I took a quick look at the newsletter article I wrote a year ago, back in November of 2020. It said, in part:

“TCHA staff, Board of Governors, members, donors and volunteers have been stepping up during these challenging months...they have been working very hard to meet our mission statement and continue to serve the community despite the pandemic. *Through your continued membership and donations, you help keep the Association strong.*”

Now that we are at the end of 2021, I can wholeheartedly state that YOU, the membership, did indeed step up again in 2021, as TCHA continued to navigate another year of the pandemic. Your encouragement, support, and volunteering were a vital help to the board and staff. As the Association reflects back on 2021 we note that the Feast of the Hunters' Moon had above average attendance, TCHA programming was very active, the collections and archives were continually adding to their amazing resources on Tippecanoe County history, and TCHA's sites—Fort Ouiatenon, the Tippecanoe Battlefield and History Store, the History Center, the Ouiatenon Preserve, and the Arganbright Genealogy Center—worked to meet TCHA's mission—*to enrich the lives of Tippecanoe County residences and visitors by collecting, preserving and interpreting our unique and diverse history.*

Thank you to TCHA's 2021 Board of Governors for their guidance and hard work. Their dedication to the Association's mission is much appreciated:

Jeff Schwab- board president	Ron Halsema
Erika Kvam- vice president	David Hovde
Lortia Bill- treasurer	Zula Kress
Kory Cooper- secretary	Dale Krynak
Colby Bartlett	Ken Moder
Del Bartlett	Quentin Robinson
Pete Bill	Dave Sattler
Jeff Burnworth	Annie Hatke Schap
Julie Byers	Preston Smith
Kevin Cullen	John Thieme
Walt Griffin	Todd White

Thank you to TCHA's staff, who inspire with their professionalism and the high caliber of their work:

Rick Conwell
Trey Gorden
Amy Harbor
Kelly Lippie
Laura Smyser

Thanks to the hundreds of members and volunteers who lend their skills, labor, and passion for history to TCHA. Because of you, TCHA has survived the pandemic and is positioned for survival and recovery.

We appreciate you!

PROGRAMS

By Leslie Martin Conwell, Program Director

In 2021 your Association hosted over 30 public programs, many of them as “hybrid” programming. Over 2,000 people viewed them via Zoom, YouTube, or in person! Over 68,500 people looked at the event postings on Facebook. Thank you to everyone who viewed our programming! As TCHA’s 2021 programming season comes to an end, we’d like to thank the following presenters who shared their knowledge of and enthusiasm for history with us all:

Pete Bill
 Kathryn Brownell
 Leslie Conwell
 Rick Conwell
 Kory Cooper
 French living history reenactors
 Annie Hatke Schap
 Jos Holman
 David Hovde
 Diane Hunter
 Angie Klink
 Victor Lechtenberg
 Ken Moder
 Ward Oles
 Nick Schenkel
 Katharine Watson
 Wea Indian Tribe
 John Wickett



Diane Hunter



Jos Holman as
 Sterling R.
 McElwaine

Special thanks to Pete and Lorita Bill for helping with event setup, Jeff Schwab for IT assistance, and TCHA Curator Kelly Lippie for her work providing fascinating artifacts from TCHA’s collections to compliment many of the programs!

TCHA greatly appreciates the efforts of the program committee for their assistance with program planning:

Pete Bill
 Walt Griffin
 Annie Hatke Schap
 David Hovde
 Zula Kress
 Quentin Robinson
 Jeff Schwab

Thank you to 2021 program sponsors:

American Legion Post 11, General de Lafayette Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, La Compagnie Des Beaux Eaux, and the National Group.

Look for a list of 2022 programs coming soon!

FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON

By Leslie Martin Conwell, Feast Event Manager

Some "Fun Feast Facts" as we look back on the 2021 Feast of the Hunters' Moon:

8,800 pork chops were consumed

6,480 buffalo burgers were enjoyed

3,000 pieces of hot frybread were munched on

1,440 pieces of pumpkin and sugar cream pies were devoured

Over 1600 cups of cider were sipped- *at just one booth*

171 ricks of wood were at the ready for Feast participants and food booths

43,759 people attended, enjoying two days of hot but dry weather

The 2021 Feast will go in the books as a very successful one!

Thank you to our participants, community partners, sponsors, Feast goers, and the thousands of volunteers that make the Feast a tradition in Tippecanoe County.

And the most important "Fun Feast Fact" of all:

Besides TCHA, over 50 area not-for-profits benefit from the Feast. The event infuses over 2 million dollars into the local tourism economy, *thus making the Feast- and TCHA- vital to the quality of life in the community at large.*



Thank you to the 2021 Feast committee:

Josh Adamson, Sara Bartlett, Di Begley, Mac Bellner, Pete Bill, Debra Brown, Jeff Burnworth, Terry Clark, David Conner, Barbara Deaton, Mary Fisher, Brian Hawn, Erin Hicks, Roger Hooper, Erika Kvam, Bob Leavitt, Randy Lower, Matt Riebsomer, Jeff Schwab, Preston Smith, Sheri Sondgerath, Jason Stanfield, Scott Stambaugh, Linda Swihart, Brian Wagner, Any Wall, Jeni Watkins, Joyce Wiegand, Bill Young, Jan Young.

2022 Feast of the
Hunters' Moon is
October 1st and
2nd!

FEAST
HUNTERS' MOON

FROM THE VAULT

By Kelly Lippie, Curator of Collections

A Collections Committee at TCHA meets on a regular basis to review all potential donations to the permanent collection. They consider the material's condition and relevancy to local history. They also discuss how the materials can be used by future researchers and for exhibits. In 2021, the committee reviewed over 300 items! Here are a few of the new 2021 artifact donations to TCHA:



Oscar Beck, World War I
Donated by Dianna Fred



Herman H. Wright,
West Lafayette Police
Donated by Pete and Lorita Bill



Fern Honeywell Martin's
Gold Pepper Beanie
Donated by Leslie Martin Conwell



Fowler Bank Key Fob
Donated by Linda Wood



Jeff High School Pep Band
Coat
Donated by Linda Conner.



Elks Lodge Banner
Donated by Jack Streicher



Landscape painting by Sister Mary Rufinia
Donated by Larry Anderson



Parlor of the Curtis Home on South Street
Donated by Marianne Rose



Eleanor Shreve
Donated by Eleanor Wang



Juneteenth festival T - shirt
Collected by TCHA staff



Painting of Edwood Glen Golf Course by W. Miner
Donated by Jerry Reynolds



Souvenir mussel shell from the Battle of Tippecanoe commemoration, November, 1908.
Donated by Colby Bartlett

Tippecanoe County Area Planning Office Sign
Donated by Sallie Fahey (presented to TCHA at her retirement party)



ALAMEDA MCCOLLOUGH RESEARCH LIBRARY

By Amy Harbor, Research Library Coordinator

Volunteers in the Alameda McCollough Research Library are busy creating indexes of our wonderful original document collections. These indexes will be published on the genealogy research page of our [website](#) as they are finished. Our most recent upload was an inventory of the nearly 20,000 estate files we hold in our library. Did your ancestor die in Tippecanoe County? We might have a will, or inventory, appraisal, and settlement documents of the estate. The next index to go on the website will be 5000 original deeds and a few hundred original land patents in our collection. Ongoing projects include:

- Marriage records
- Civil War soldiers
- Mortgage records
- Children's Home records
- Poor relief records
- Funeral home records
- Jail records
- School censuses
- Court records



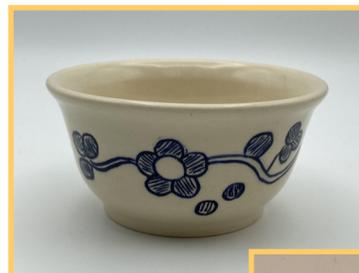
Watch for these to appear on our website. Special thanks to our member volunteers Sharon Baker, Peggy Bryant, Nancy Carney, Nancy Greenwood, Carolyn O'Connell, Colleen Reader, Marsha Selmer, Mary Springer and Linda Swihart for their hard work and dedication.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Senior Couple members Darrell Schultz and Diane Stott for winning the Ouiatenon bowl. While renewing their membership at the Membership tent during the Feast of the Hunters' Moon in October, Darrell and Diane were entered to win this custom piece of pottery. Local potter (and TCHA member) David Hovde, with *Le Compagnie Des Beaux Eaux*, created this bowl by studying pieces of British Scratch Blue Stoneware from the Ouiatenon archaeology collection at TCHA. This type of stoneware was produced between 1745 and 1775. It is also found at the Place Royale in Quebec and Harvard Yard, Maine.

To learn more about *Le Compagnie Des Beaux Eaux*, visit their website:

<https://historicalreenactor.wordpress.com/>



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LEGACY BRICKS

By Pete Bill, TCHA Board of Governors

This Holiday Season, Consider Leaving a Legacy

With the holiday season, thoughts turn to family and friends. This year, consider leaving a legacy commemorating your friends, family, or those who are no longer with us through the TCHA Legacy Brick Memorial program.

The patio at the TCHA History Center at 6th and Columbia has a walkway made of bricks from the old downtown Lafayette brick roads flanked on either side by Legacy Bricks of remembrance and celebration.

Some bricks commemorate the life of those who have passed, others celebrate important life milestones, or simply a legacy reminder that we were here.



The Lafayette city street brick walkway and some of the Legacy Bricks at the History Center's patio



Celebrate today, commemorate the past, and create a permanent legacy with a TCHA Legacy Brick

A Legacy Brick is an excellent way to celebrate life's milestones or events.



The Legacy Bricks come in three sizes: 4 x 8 inches, 8 x 8 inches, and 16 x 16 inches.

The 4 x 8 inch brick can accommodate up to 3 lines of text with 20 characters per line (each space is considered to be "one character".)

The 8 x 8 inch brick can accommodate up to 6 lines of text with 20 characters per line.

The large 16 x 16 inch brick can accommodate up to 12 lines with 28 characters per line.

The cost of the bricks, which goes to support the activities of TCHA in its mission to collect, curate, and share our local history, is \$250 for the 4 x 8, \$500 for the 8 x 8, and \$1000 for the 16 x 16. A custom business logo may be included on the 16 x 16 for an additional \$1000.

To obtain the form to order a brick, just go the TCHA web site at tippecanoehistory.org/get-involved/donate and download the form. Fill out the form, then return it to TCHA along with your payment, and we'll get to work on creating your legacy through ordering your personalized Legacy Brick for inclusion in the remembrance and celebration patio at the History Center.

TIPPECANOE BATTLEFIELD NEWS

By Trey Gorden, Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum Manager

Just today I had one of those conversations I'm sure makes mine the best job in the world. A gentleman was shopping in the History Store, and we were making small talk when his wife piped up and said, "He's too shy to tell you, but he has an ancestor who was killed at the battle."

I love moments like this! When it happens I'm usually in for a great story. This one didn't disappoint. He told me that his ancestor was named John McCoy. This name rang a bell because I've been asked why John McCoy's name appears out of alphabetical order on the monument, at the bottom of the list of those killed. At the time I'd had to admit I didn't know. It's one of those questions that had been on my list of Things to Look Into.

This gentleman then explained to me how his family had gone to a lot of trouble back in the 1920s to get John McCoy's name added to the monument. According to the family's lore, Mr. McCoy wasn't killed until after the battle was over and the soldiers were seeing to the dead and wounded. At some point during this process, a young man from Prophetstown who had been hiding in a tree, shot and seriously wounded McCoy, who then retired back to his tent to read his Bible until he died of his wounds (I didn't hear what became of the fellow in the tree). Family lore states that McCoy's brother was there and relayed that story to his family. Somehow, these unusual circumstances caused McCoy's name to be left off the register of those killed.

My conversation with this gentleman sent me on a journey to try to find out what I could about John McCoy. I haven't gotten to the bottom of it yet, but sure enough, today I found a copy of the *Journal of the Indiana State Senate during the Seventy-Third Session of the General Assembly* from 1923. In this session the Senate took up the question of whether to add McCoy's name to the monument. On February 7, 1923, after research into the incident, resolution #2 was passed approving addition of McCoy's name to the monument, fifteen years after it was erected. The family's efforts paid off.

One of the great things about this place is the conversations it inspires. So many Hoosiers, especially local Tippecanoe County folks, have a connection to the Battlefield—either to the battle itself or to the many reincarnations this site has undergone over the two hundred years since.

Another year, 2021, is starting to wind down. We'll be closing for holidays, yearly maintenance, and updates from December 23rd through January 15th. After we reopen we'll be on Winter hours, Thursday through Tuesday from noon until 5:00, until February 28th. Come say hi before or after the holidays, take a tour of the museum, walk around the Tippecanoe Battlefield, and try to start or join one of those fascinating conversations I get to enjoy nearly every day.



SUPPORT TCHA

By Pete Bill, TCHA Board of Governors



Make Your Holiday Spending go Further!

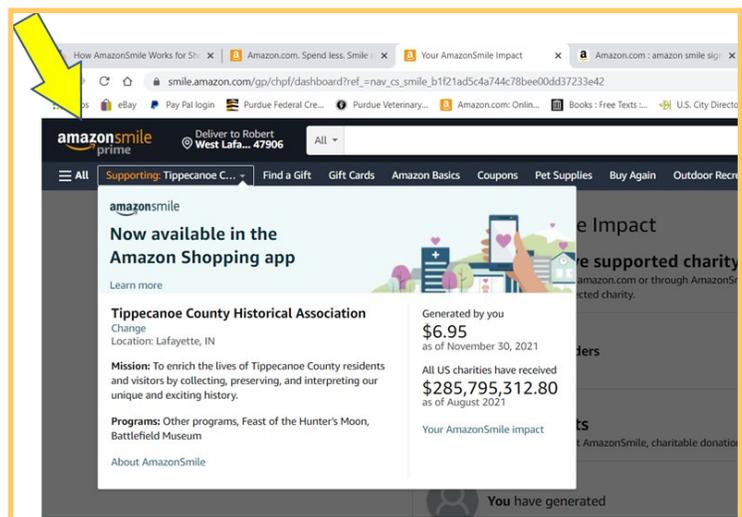
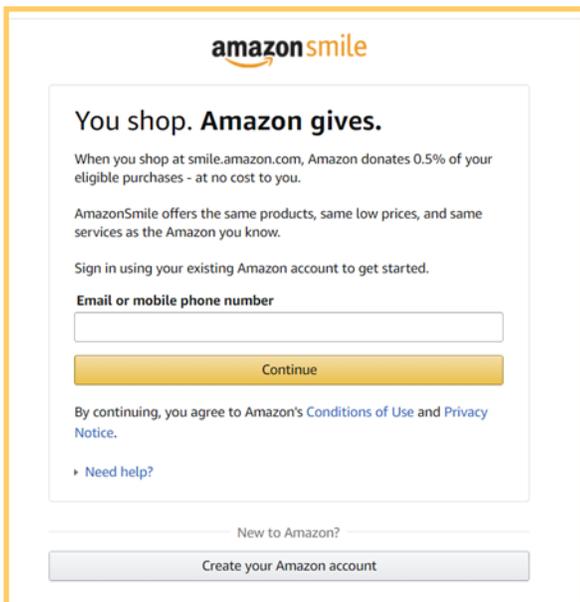
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All you have to do is Smile!

For all eligible purchases made through Amazon Smile, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the Tippecanoe County Historical Association! There is no cost to TCHA and no cost to Amazon Smile customers.

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1. From your internet browser of choice (Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari, etc.) go to www.smile.amazon.com
 2. If you already have a regular Amazon account, you'll be asked to sign in. If you do not have an Amazon account, you'll be asked to create one so your Amazon Smile purchases can be linked to it. There is no cost to setting up an Amazon account. The Login page should look something like the picture below.
 3. Once signed into Amazon Smile (either after logging into your existing Amazon account or after creating a new one), you'll be prompted to choose a charity. We are listed as **Tippecanoe County Historical Association** and we are already registered with Amazon Smile, thus able to receive donations from your purchases.
 4. You can now shop from the Amazon Smile web site just as you do for the regular Amazon web site. Remember, however, that the charity donation only occurs when shopping through the Amazon Smile web site. Once you have registered on the Amazon Smile web site and have picked TCHA as your charity, Amazon Smile knows automatically to donate 0.5% to TCHA for every eligible Amazon purchase made by you through this web site.
- It's an easy and free way to increase the impact of your holiday shopping dollars. Just look for the Amazon Smile logo in the upper right corner of your screen to know you're in the right place to make that happen!



Happy Holiday shopping, and thank you from TCHA.

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Mark your calendars– The TCHA Annual Membership meeting will be held on Saturday February 5th, 2022

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