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THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED TCHA SINCE THE LAST EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER!

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| • Lucia and Chuck Anderson | • Lauren Lee Johnson |
| • Valerie and David Bahr | • Dan and Margie Michael |
| • Jane Bryant-Mays and
Gregory Mays | • Kyle and Tom Nine |
| • Mary and Keith Dahl | • Jan and Ron Overton |
| • Kim Fleer | • Christy Robertson |
| • Ryan Grennes | • Roy Sanders and Tara Cassada,
Reigh-Lynn and London Sanders |
| • Brian Hale and Lacie Allen | • Bob and Brenda Schueler |
| • Diana and Donald
Hallenbeck | • Laurie Selby |
| • John Henry | • Jill Smith |
| • Jennifer Higgenbottom | • Laura Smyser |
| • Curt, Vanessa, Ian, Mila
and Lukas Isenbarger | • Walter E. Watts |
| | • Kolleen White |
| | • Janet and Steve Yaninek |

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY CLAIRE EAGLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HONORING JEFF BURNWORTH

This April, TCHA Board Member Jeff Burnworth was recognized as one of this year's five finalists for Bison Financial Group's **Crystal Bison Award**. The award celebrates volunteerism in the Greater Lafayette community.

As the head of our Facilities Committee, Jeff has been instrumental in maintaining and improving our physical spaces. His tireless efforts in addressing both minor and major repairs have saved us countless dollars in professional contracting fees. His proactive approach to obtaining multiple quotes for large-scale repairs ensures we make fiscally responsible decisions, while his willingness to donate his own time and supplies further underscores his commitment to our mission.

Beyond facilities, Jeff plays a crucial role in the success of the Feast of the Hunters' Moon. His dedication to learning from our long-time grounds chairman, coupled with his willingness to contribute physical labor and innovative ideas, has significantly improved the efficiency and organization of this vital event. Furthermore, his willingness to operate heavy equipment and spearhead new, more efficient ensures the continued success of the festival. The Feast makes up over 60% of TCHA's Annual Budget, and his focus on continuing to make the Feast bigger and better only further supports TCHA's longevity.

As a local restaurant owner, he has also graciously provided us with cost breaks on food for events and loaned us essential items as we began our Taste of the Past dinners last year. His expertise and dedication have propelled us forward, ensuring our continued ability to fulfill our mission.



L to R: Jeff Schwab, TCHA Board President. Claire Eagle, TCHA Executive Director.
Jeff Burnsworth, Honoree. Brooke Sauter, Feast of the Hunters' Moon Event Manager

We exceeded our goal!



100+%

A HISTORIC SUCCESS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 1825 CAMPAIGN!

We are thrilled to announce the incredible success of our recent 1825 Campaign, celebrating the founding of Lafayette in 1825! Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our members and a fantastic partnership with Keller Williams Lafayette Success Group, we raised a grand total of \$4,815!

Keller Williams Lafayette graciously matched the first \$1,825 donated, honoring the year our beloved city was established. Jeremy Spann of Keller Williams Lafayette Success Group shared his enthusiasm for our collaboration, stating, "At Keller Williams Lafayette Success Group, we proudly support the Tippecanoe County Historical Association—because preserving our local history is key to building a stronger future."

This campaign was a wonderful way to commemorate Lafayette's rich history and ensure that the Tippecanoe County Historical Association can continue its vital work of preserving and sharing our local heritage for generations to come. We extend our gratitude to every single person who contributed to this special initiative. Your support makes a real difference!

FROM THE VAULT

COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY KELLY LIPPIE, CURATOR OF COLLECTIONS

BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITS

Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit Panels

Sponsored by the City of Lafayette and designed by TCHA, 10 exhibit panels have been traveling around the city (and beyond) to tell some of the stories of Lafayette's past. So far, they have been booked solid since February and have appeared at Bicentennial events, schools, banks and more. Each exhibit panel is designed to stand alone or work with the other panels in a larger display. These panels are available for any Tippecanoe County business, school or library to host for free for 2 weeks, pending availability. To learn more about these panels or to request them for your space, contact the curator of collections at curator@tippecanoehistory.org or 765-476-8411 ext. 3



Three of the panels at the Bicentennial Kick-Off



Kari Klem, Summer Collections Intern

Summer Collections Intern: Kari Klem

Kari is finishing her final year at Ball State University with a double major in History and Anthropology. After graduation in December, she hopes to work in a museum or use her anthropology degree to go into social work. Kari grew up on a beef cattle farm in Indiana and showed pigs and cows in 4-H. She likes to crochet, ride her bike and go for walks. Her favorite historical era is the 1800s.

Her summer project with TCHA will be to fabricate new exhibit labels for the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum to refresh the current exhibits and displays. She will also redevelop one of the smaller exhibit areas in the museum to include new labels, images and possibly artifacts from the TCHA collection.

FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON

BY BROOKE SAUTER, EVENT MANAGER

2025 FEAST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Feast of the Hunters' Moon is just around the corner, and we need your help to make this year's event the best one yet! As the Tippecanoe County Historical Association's largest annual fundraiser, the Feast relies on the dedication of volunteers like you to bring history to life.

This year's Feast takes place on **October 11th and 12th**, but we also need assistance with set-up in the weeks leading up to the event. Physical set-up assistance is needed during the two weekends prior to the event, but we also have tasks during the week.

We have a wide variety of volunteer roles available, both in and out of costume, so you're sure to find something that fits your interests and availability. These roles include:

- **Program Booths:** Assisting at booths such as Archeology, Candle Dipping, Children's Try-on and Trade, bead booth, and Blockhouse.
- **Information Booth:** Helping with lost and found, visitor information, and program distribution.
- **Hospitality:** Assisting with the distribution of food and drinks to volunteers.
- **Gift Booths:** Helping with the sales of Feast and other eighteenth-century merchandise.
- **Grounds Assistance:** Assisting with hanging signage, distributing tables, chairs, and straw bales, and hanging matting.
- **Set-up Assistance:** Helping to build the Feast, from constructing booths to stringing fence lines, distributing straw, and more.

This is also a great way to earn FREE admission to the event in exchange for your dedicated volunteerism. We are always looking for additional volunteers.

Your support is invaluable to the success of the Feast and helps us continue our mission. To learn more and express your volunteer interest, please visit our website at Volunteer Information for Feast of the Hunters' Moon or contact Brooke Sauter, Event Manager, at feast@tippecanoehistory.org. We can't wait to see you there!

July-September 2025

TIPPECANOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

Columbian Park Walking Tour

Tuesday, July 1, 6-8 PM

Columbian Park (1915 Scott St, Lafayette, IN)

Presented by staff and volunteers of TCHA

Graciously Sponsored by:



Learn more about the history of Columbian Park from TCHA staff and volunteers in this self-guided tour. Docents will be stationed throughout the park to give you more insight to the land! Map pick up will be at Rush Pavillion.

This event is FREE! Registration is suggested but not required. Register today at

bit.ly/TCHABicentennialTours25

A Taste of the Past with Chef Lauren Reed

Saturday, July 26, 6 PM - 8 PM



TCHA's History Center

Chef Lauren Reed is an accomplished local chef who is passionate about preserving history through culinary experiences.

Theme: Farm to Table

Chef Lauren creates a delicious menu to set the scene of the perfect Indiana summer; locally-sourced ingredients that remind you of our state's famous agriculture, farming, and captures the warm summer days from our past .

Menu Coming July 12! Visit our website or social media to find out what we will serve. Menu is released two weeks prior to meal to ensure the freshest seasonal ingredients.

Show and Tell Speed Round: Bicentennial Book Authors

Tuesday, August 12, 6 PM

TCHA's History Center

Presented by Bicentennial Book Authors and Committee

Hear from contributing authors of the upcoming 200 Years of Tippecanoe County: A Community Tells Its Stories about their experience writing for the book including their inspiration, how they researched and any information they might not have been able to include. Each author will speak for about 10-15 minutes with a Q&A panel at the end.

July-September 2025

TIPPECANOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

A Taste of the Past with Chef Lauren Reed

Friday, August 15, 6 PM - 8 PM



This menu features:

(1825) **Starters:** Gooseberry Iced Tea Mocktail with Sour Sugar Rim, Colonial Bread and Butter

(1925) **Salad:** Mixed Greens with Grilled Herbed Chicken Thigh, Dried Cherries, Shaved Carrot with a Cherry Shallot Vinaigrette and Lafayette Sourdough Croutons

(2025) **Appetizer:** Homemade Ravioli with Sun-dried Tomato Cream, Bacon, Grilled Corn, Chives, and Gold Leaf

(1875) **Entree:** Bison/Beef Meatballs on Cauliflower Puree with Beef/Mushroom Jus, Fried Onions, and Greens

(1975) **Dessert:** Bicentennial Shortcake with Honey Basil Strawberries, Vanilla cream, Chocolate Disk

Historic South Street Tour:

Fowler House to Five Points

Saturday, September 6, 11 AM

Meet at the Arganbright Genealogy Center

Presented by Matt Meyer,

Wabash College Digital Archivist

Show and Tell: Quackery and Doctoring
in Tippecanoe County's First 100 Years

Tuesday, September 16, 11:30 AM

TCHA's History Center

Presented by Dr. Pete Bill

Lafayette's Bicentennial Celebration

Chef Lauren and the TCHA are celebrating the last 200 years of Lafayette with a modern twist on well loved classics that remind us of why we love to call this place home!

Reserve a Seat by calling (765) 476 - 8411 ext. 1

\$65/seat per meal, open to attendees age 16+

Join Matt Meyer, Wabash College digital archivist, on a walk up South Street. Beginning at the Fowler House Mansion, learn about St. Mary's Catholic Church, the former Ford School, the Five Points area and more!

This event is FREE, but registration is required. We are limited to 20 participants. Register at: bit.ly/TCHABicentennialTours25

In the mid 1800's cholera, ague and other pestilence threatened to wipe out whole communities including Lafayette. And the state of medicine and "doctoring" in Tippecanoe County abided by the rule that, "if the cure didn't kill you outright, it might just fix you!" This presentation will talk about the evolution of our local medical care in the late 19th century and early 20th century, and the doctor-prescribed poisons commonly used to "kill or cure."

NEW BATTLEFIELD LOGO!

MEMBERS' EXCLUSIVE: FIRST LOOK

We're thrilled to share the new logo for the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum and History Store! This exciting design began with ideas from our very own Dr. Trey Gordon (Tippecanoe Battlefield Manager) and Laura Smyser (Assistant Battlefield Manager), and was beautifully brought to life by the talented staff at United State of Indiana. We're especially excited that the new design incorporates a witness tree, a term for a tree that was alive during a significant historical event and still stands today. This symbol connects the museum, which commemorates the Battle of Tippecanoe and provides access to the historic grounds and memorial, directly to the enduring history of the battlefield itself.

As a special perk of your membership, you're among the very first to see this new design before it's officially incorporated into the Battlefield later in 2025. Keep an eye out for new merchandise and more featuring this fresh look!

The preliminary sketch of the logo



The final version of the new Battlefield logo, celebrating the Witness Tree



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEMBERS: CONTINUED SUPPORT

Lafayette Bicentennial Christmas ornaments are here! Decorate your tree this year with the last 200 years of our past. Each ornament is \$20 available for purchase at the Arganbright Genealogy Center. All proceeds benefit the continuation of TCHA events and programs .



Lafayette Bicentennial Christmas Ornament Featuring Bicentennial Logo

MAXIMIZING CHARITABLE GIVING: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Last quarter, we had the pleasure of welcoming **Christy Robertson and Jason Schiltz from Thrivent** for an insightful presentation on Maximizing Charitable Giving. They shared creative strategies to optimize giving—some of which were truly eye-opening! One particularly fascinating approach involved donating appreciated assets, such as pigs ready for market, as a tax-free way of giving. Who knew?

If you're interested in exploring personalized strategies for Planned Giving, we encourage you to reach out to TCHA or contact Christy Robertson at Thrivent at 765-714-4903.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact through smart and strategic charitable contributions.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEMBERS: GREAT PERKS AS OUR THANKS!

We are excited to once again partner with Wolf Park to offer the following perks, JUST for being a member! Our great thanks to our friends at Wolf Park.

 	<p><i>Adventure</i> AWAITS</p> <p>Explore the wild like never before at Wolf Park! From guided tours uncovering the secrets of ecosystems and conservation efforts to up-close experiences like feeding demonstrations, bison encounters, and crafting enrichment for our animals, there's something for every wildlife enthusiast.</p>
<p>TCHA Member Exclusive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">25% Off - History Tour10% Off - Daily Tours10% Off - Howl Nights	 <p>Book Now Use Code: TCHA25</p>

What's another way you can support our work?

**HELP PROVIDE SUPPLIES WE NEED TO
CONTINUE TO PRESERVE HISTORY.**

**SHOP TCHA'S AMAZON WISHLIST AT
[HTTPS://A.CO/E4NKPXK](https://a.co/e4nkpkk)**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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MEMBERS: GREAT PERKS AS OUR THANKS!

A special Bicentennial-year perk, we are partnering with Flora Candle! They're offering a 25% off discount on bicentennial candles, just for being a member of TCHA!

Enjoy the perfectly-curated scents that celebrate our wonderful city and thriving community.



REMEMBERING HERITAGE

Notes of vanilla, musk, and denim, paying homage to the city's lasting industry, grit, and the strength of the Wabash River.



CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

Flora Candle Company is honored to celebrate the Lafayette Bicentennial by offering signature fragrances.



EMBRACING LEGACY

Notes of peony, blackberry, and vanilla, capturing the city's festivals and events, beauty, and elegance of our home.

MEMBER DISCOUNT

All TCHA members receive 25% off bicentennial candles when presenting membership card for the entire bicentennial event celebration at Flora Candle Company!

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