

# TIPPECANOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S

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## 2024 TCHA BOARD OF GOVERNORS LINE UP

Meet the 2024 TCHA Board of Governors! The Board is the driving force of the organization, and meets monthly to make decisions and updates for the organization as a whole. It's never too early to think about joining the board, as we will be taking applications for board members in the fall.

Want to try out a TCHA Board meeting before you commit?

Join us on the fourth Tuesday at the TCHA History Center, at 5:15 PM.

### PRESIDENT

JEFF SCHWAB

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DAVE SATTLER

### SECRETARY

NICK SCHENKEL

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### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY CLAIRE EAGLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## A FEW UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's that time again! TCHA's Annual Campaign officially began with the mailing of our 2024 letter. As a small non-government funded organization, we rely heavily on fundraising to fulfill our mission. From the Feast of the Hunters' Moon to our memberships and annual campaign, everything we receive goes towards enriching the lives of Tippecanoe County residents and visitors by collecting, preserving, researching and sharing our unique and diverse history.

Thanks to the support of donors like you, attendance at our free programs was over 1,400 in 2023, TCHA staff were able to participate in community events like the Greater Lafayette Juneteenth Celebration and most importantly, we were able to repair a true local history treasure in the Reifers neon rocking chair. As you'll read in the letter from our curator, Kelly Lippie, TCHA's founders left a legacy, one that allows us to continue to preserve the history of Tippecanoe County.

I hope you'll continue to support the Tippecanoe County Historical Association; all donations of any amount are so appreciated. Donations can be made by completing and returning the envelope included with the letter or by visiting [tippecanoehistory.org/donate](http://tippecanoehistory.org/donate). As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations to TCHA are tax deductible.

As a thank you to our members and everything you do to support TCHA, we'll be hosting a members only ice cream social on Saturday, July 20 from 2-4 p.m. Escape the heat of summer and join us for a sundae bar, historic games and a performance from barbershop chorus Tippecanotes. In addition, have a chance to chat with TCHA staff, members of the Board of Governors and of course, other members. This event is sponsored by Teays River Brewing and Public House.

*This scoop is on us!*

YOU'RE INVITED:  
**JULY 20, 2 PM** AT THE TCHA  
HISTORY CENTER  
*TCHA's Members-Exclusive Ice Cream Social*





# TASTE OF THE PAST DINNERS

## TASTES OF THE PAST ARE A HUGE HIT!

TCHA has been thrilled to get to partner with renowned Chef Lauren Reed! Our first dinner, A Taste of the Feast of the Hunters' Moon, featured Feast favorites including herbed pork chops, rabbit stew, and apple dumplings! This dinner also featured a performance by the sound of the Feast, the Tippecanoe Ancient Fife and Drum Corps!

Our second dinner, From the Archives, featured meals made from recipe books in TCHA's Archives with Chef Lauren's special spin! This was exceptionally well received with the event selling out.

Looking ahead: A Taste of Indiana Summer happening on July 27, is sold out. We are excited to see everything for this highly-anticipated dinner! And seats are extremely limited for our Meal from Eras Past, the finale of the dinners for 2024. If you'd like to snag the last tickets or get on the wait list, call TCHA soon at (765) 476-8411 ext 1.

More about Chef Lauren Reed:

A Rossville, IN native, Chef Lauren has always been passionate about farm-to-table cooking, and sharing her food with the community. She has many accolades in her Chef's coat, including working for Bullseye Event Group cooking for the top-rated Super Bowl tailgate party for four years. She has competed in several cooking competitions with the Girl Scouts of Indiana, and is a member of Leadership Lafayette Class 48. She is also the current co-chair of the Feast of the Hunters' Moon Food Booth Committee and spends her days as Chef at a Sorority on Purdue University's campus.

### EXPERIENCE A Taste OF THE **PAST** **UPCOMING MEALS** RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY! SPACES LIMITED.

#### ► Indiana Summer

Refreshing, delicious foods that harken memories of warm summer days in Indiana's farm country, some you may even find in your own garden!

July 27, 6 PM

- Sweet Corn Soup with Bacon, Pesto Crouton
- Cucumber & Tomato Salad with Fresh Herbs, Lemon, Goat Cheese and Dijon Vinaigrette
- Beef Filet Crostini Two Ways: Chimichurri, Blue Cheese Butter
- Smoked Pulled Pork with White Cheddar Mac-N-Cheese, Raspberry BBQ, Fried Onions, Cornbread Crumble
- Local Honey Pie with Chocolate Bee

Featuring a presentation from immediate past-president of the Purdue Ag Alumni, Seth Harden, talking about the impact of Agriculture on Indiana's history.

#### ► A Meal from Eras Past

Featuring flavors from the last 100 years, with a medley of iconic foods highlighting decades of our past with flavorful modern twists.

August 9, 6 PM

- Classic Caesar Salad with Homemade Caesar Dressing, Toasted Parmesan, Basil Crouton
- Vichyssoise (Leek and Potato soup with Chives, Served Chilled)
- Tomato Tea Sandwich, featuring Local Sourdough, Heirloom Tomatoes, Cream Cheese, Red Onions, and Summer Herb Sauce
- Beef Bourguignon featuring Local Beef with Red Wine Gravy, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Roasted Maple Summer Squash
- Carrot, Cake Cupcake with Cream Cheese Frosting, Candied Walnuts, Candied Carrot

Program to be announced soon!

Experience meals from Tippecanoe County's past! All event proceeds benefit continued programming by the Tippecanoe County Historical Association.

**\$60 PER TICKET**  
Open to all ages  
Open to all ages

Reserve your seat today!  
(765) 476-8411

TCHA's History Center  
522 Columbia St, Lafayette

[TippecanoeHistory.org](https://www.tippecanoehistory.org)



Due to the nature of the event, we are unable to accommodate substitutions. Please be aware that foods will be cooked in a kitchen where allergens may be present. Thank you for understanding!



# FEAST OF THE HUNTERS' MOON

BY BROOKE SAUTER, FEAST MANAGER

## IT'S GETTING CLOSER!

By the time we send out the next newsletter, it will be Feast time! So as my last update before the festivities begin, I'll share that we are receiving Feast applications from vendors and participants new and old, as well as Food booth paperwork, and more! On paper, it's shaping up to be a great event.

We are excited to welcome partnerships with area businesses and organizations who have chosen to financially support the Feast. We share our thanks with Subaru of Indiana, Civic Theatre, 1st Farmers Bank & Trust, Triton Water Solutions, and Old National Bank. If you or your business are interested in supporting the Feast and hearing about our great sponsor benefits, please reach out to Brooke at [Feast@Tippecanoehistory.org](mailto:Feast@Tippecanoehistory.org)

There are a few other exciting new things coming for 2024 that need to be kept under wraps just a bit longer, but it's really looking like 2024 will be a great year full of what everyone has come to love about the Feast, and so much more!

For those who want to participate in set up of the Feast, be sure to get the dates in your calendar for September 21 & 22, and September 28 & 29. CREW shirts are also now available, [bit.ly/2024CrewShirt](https://bit.ly/2024CrewShirt). (If you are wanting to dip your toe into something new and try Crew set up for the first time, send Brooke an email at [Feast@tippecanoehistory.org](mailto:Feast@tippecanoehistory.org) so we can know to expect you!)

**NEW FOR 2024:** We are offering a semi-digital option. What do you mean, semi?

In addition to the paper copy you may snail mail back, we are now offering a fillable PDF version, available soon at [FeastoftheHuntersMoon.org](https://FeastoftheHuntersMoon.org). By opting in to emails from the Feast, and sending yours back digitally, you will now receive communication from the Feast as well as acceptance letters, future applications, and other paperwork more promptly.

We are also now offering digital payment for applications! When sending in the app, simply select "Invoice" on the payment portion, to be sent an invoice for your fees. Let's work together for a smooth 2024 application season!



*Artwork for the 2024 Feast of the Hunters' Moon*



# ALAMEDA MCCOLLOUGH RESEARCH LIBRARY

## EXCITING DISCOVERIES EVERY DAY

There's rarely a dull moment in the research library! On a single day in May, we received two fascinating inquiries that led us down some interesting new paths (or rabbit holes, as we fondly call them).

The first came from an author working on a book for Harper-Collins about African American women code breakers during World War II. To our surprise, we learned that Lafayette's own Naomi McElwaine was one of these amazing women. Naomi, the daughter of pioneering African American educator Sterling McElwaine, graduated from Lincoln School, Lafayette Jeff High School, and Purdue University. According to the Journal & Courier, Naomi left for Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1944 for "government work" likely recruited from Purdue. We look forward to reading the book which will come out in 2025, and we were happy to be able to locate some photos of young Naomi, as well as some 4-H ribbons.

The second inquiry came from an author in The Netherlands who is writing a book on early neonatal care. Her inquiry regarded a pioneering doctor who saved the lives of thousands of premature babies by displaying them in incubators at Coney Island, Atlantic City and other large exhibitions around the county. It might seem shocking today, but at the time, incubators were a new invention, and the money spent by the visitors paid for the babies' care at no cost to their parents. This went on from 1903 to 1943.

These inquiries have added to our understanding and appreciation of these unique historical stories, highlighting the important role our library plays in supporting all kinds of research projects.



**N. K. McELWAINÉ**

Naomi McElwaine's Purdue  
Debris portrait, 1943



Group of school girls in 1938.  
Naomi is 2nd from the left.

# BATTLEFIELD MUSEUM

## NEW EXHIBIT AT THE BATTLEFIELD

From July 5 through August 1, the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum will be hosting Indiana Through the Mapmaker's Eye, an Indiana Historical Society Traveling Exhibition.

Back in the early nineties, when I was a newly-minted college graduate, I worked for a summer on a survey crew in East Texas. That means I was part of a team that went to locations around the area, gathered on-the-ground terrain data, and established precisely where certain structures were located. That job was perfect for my inner twelve-year-old, since I got paid to tromp around in the woods every day with a machete, a walkie-talkie, and a metal detector.

On arrival we would locate the marker for a property corner, usually a piece of rebar driven into the ground. Occasionally, the property to be surveyed had not changed hands since the nineteenth or early-twentieth century. When this happened, the surveyor would consult the courthouse records and say, "We're looking for an old wagon axle," or "a big piece of petrified wood." Sometimes we'd be looking for "a sugar maple ... This says that in 1886 it was about a foot in diameter." Usually an old property corners was either buried under half a foot of soil, ten feet or more off, or long gone, but when we found one, the timespan would compress and we'd be aware that we were interacting with the people who put them there.

Back at the office, engineers and drafting techs would turn our data into maps more accurate than any the early East Texans could have ever made. But are they really more accurate? Well, yes—sure, they absolutely are. But the old maps had been useful to the people who made them. Those old maps held the force of law for over a century. They represented a community's shared reality.

Our curator, Kelly Lippie, has designed displays of artifacts from TCHA's collection to supplement IHS's traveling exhibit. One of the cases, pictured right, has a surveyor's rod (left) that's a barely-changed nineteenth-century version of the one I used all those decades ago. But the theodolite in the lower right is barely recognizable as the ancestor of the (then) state-of-the-art electronic instrument my boss used.

Mostly, we see maps as simple, objective representations of reality from a perspective we can't, ourselves, perceive. But Kelly writes that "maps can show how an area developed throughout the years, showing how counties were drawn, land was seized and infrastructure was created." So maps reveal our priorities. Maps can be propaganda. They can make very subtle points. A medieval T-and-O map (see picture; so called because of its shape), with Jerusalem in the center and Paradise at the top, in the farthest East, shows us something about how people in medieval Europe understood God's priorities on Earth and their own place in the Divine Plan. They weren't trying to navigate by this map (thank goodness), that was not the point. Maps tell us so much more than how to get to Kalamazoo.





# PROGRAMMING CALENDAR

## JULY - SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

### Diamond Crusade: Black Baseball in Lafayette

Wednesday, July 10, 6 PM

TCHA's History Center

Presented by Matthew Meyer, Tippecanoe

County Public Library Reference Librarian

### Show and Tell: Purdue's First Graduate

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

TCHA's History Center

Presented by David Hovde

### Ice Cream Social: Members' Exclusive!

Saturday, July 20, 2-4 p.m.

TCHA's History Center

Sponsored by Teays River Brewing & Public House

### Back for 2024: Feast Sewing Circle

August 8, 22, September 5, from 6 - 8 PM

The Arganbright Genealogy Center

Taught by Brooke Sauter

### A Taste of the Past with Chef Lauren Reed

Saturday, July 27, 2024, 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.*

### Early Architects & Builders in the Wabash Valley, 1825-1860

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7 PM

TCHA's History Center

Presented by Ben Ross, RATIO Architects

### Lafayette's Hidden Highway: The Wabash & Erie Canal

Thursday, August 8 at 6 PM

TCHA's History Center

Presented by Mike Tetrault, Executive Director of the Wabash and Erie Canal Park

### Archeology Month Celebration

Saturday, September 21, 10 AM - 2 PM

Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum

Presented by Purdue University's Department of Anthropology

### A Taste of the Past with Chef Lauren Reed

Friday, August 9, 2024, 6 PM - 8 PM

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Stone Cutters,  
From the TCHA Archives

# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

## DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS TO SHARE? WE HAVE A LIST OF NEEDS!



*From the TCHA Archives:*

*A photo of the 1936 St. Francis High School yearbook staff*

In honor of the Bicentennial of the founding of Lafayette (2025) and Tippecanoe County (2026) the Tippecanoe County Historical Association is working on a book about the history and development of Tippecanoe County from 1825 to present.

In addition to writing, we could also use help assembling a collection of images to help illustrate articles! We are looking for images that we don't have in our collection. We can accept the original photographs or artifacts or we can scan the originals for potential use in the book. Artifacts could include advertising and ephemera. If you have images to contribute, contact the curator, Kelly Lippie at [curator@tippecanoehistory.org](mailto:curator@tippecanoehistory.org) or 765-476-8411 ext. 3.

Here's what we need:

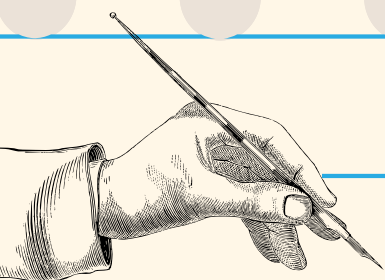
- Edelea and Southlea subdivisions- construction or early years
- Harry Clark- Purdue Athletic Trainer, 1901-1915
- Daniel Bedford- Civil War Veteran, performer with Buffalo Bill show
- Christopher Miller or Leory Grene- Civil War Veterans
- Construction of Hills and Dales neighborhood
- Birch Bayh
- Purdue Bleacher Collapse of 1947
- Parker Sisters at Purdue
- Cleveland Indians at Purdue Fieldhouse 1943- 1945
- Baseball from the early 1900s
- 1978 Blizzard
- Kirby and Caroline Risk
- Beaman Drug Store
- LGBTQ sites or events in Tippecanoe County
- Morris Bryant Restaurant
- Mackey Arena
- Purdue 1969 NCAA Basketball Tournament
- Hanna Center/ Lincoln Neighborhood
- 1918 Flu Pandemic
- Rose Bowl of 1967
- Taylor Steffen Store
- Crawley Athletic Center at Jeff
- Bob Friend
- The Informer Newsletter
- Shawnee Mound

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Email [curator@tippecanoehistory.org](mailto:curator@tippecanoehistory.org) to submit photos.





# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

## MEMBERS: GIVING IS YOUR GREATEST SUPERPOWER!

There are multiple ways of GIVING to help the Success of TCHA continue! Below are listed just a few.

- Volunteering is a great way, with many choices and skill levels.
- Annual or monthly Charitable Giving.
- Tax Smart Charitable Giving: Please discuss with your tax professional.
- Your instinct may be to give cash, but donations of appreciated non-cash assets held more than one year can unlock additional funds for charity in two ways:
  - First, you potentially eliminate the 15% or 20% capital gains tax you would incur if you sold the assets and donated the proceeds, which may increase the amount available to gift by up to 20%.
  - Second, you may claim a fair market value charitable deduction for the tax year in which the gift is made and may choose to pass on that tax savings in the form of more giving.
- If you have a traditional IRA, and are 70 and 1/2 or older, you can consider a special tax benefit available with your account to donate your RMD (Required Minimum Deduction) directly to TCHA.

Again, please discuss with a tax professional.

We appreciate you thinking of TCHA!

Ronda Walsh Schwab

*Ronda sits on our Membership & Development committee, and served the Greater Lafayette Community for many years during her professional career as a Financial Advisor. Interested in joining the Membership & Development committee? Email Brooke at [Feast@tippecanoehistory.org](mailto:Feast@tippecanoehistory.org).*



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**New and renewing members will now receive a “TCHA Supporter” sticker along with their new membership card so they can show their support on their car bumper, water bottle or wherever!**

Welcome to our new members who have joined the Association in the last quarter:

Ross Aiken- Senior Individual  
Michael Black- Individual  
Cheryl Butcher- Patron  
Gale Charlotte and Karen Adams- Family  
Jennifer Cioni and Charles Schwarz- Family  
Natasha Corbett- Patron  
Matthew Dillon- Family  
John Fabian- Patron  
Robert Gump- Individual  
Christian Hagemann- Senior Individual  
Mike and Karen Hainlen- Senior Couple  
Rober B. Hayward Jr.- Senior Couple  
Lynn Isenbarger- Senior Individual  
Lisa Misch- Senior Individual  
Lance and Shelly Pettyjohn- Family  
Kate Riley and Anna Whipkey- Senior Couple  
Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association- Patron  
Jean and John Wadley- Senior Couple  
Samara Wallpe- Individual  
Joshua Walter- Individual  
Barbara Welch- Senior Individual  
Michelle Workman- Individual

Thanks to our returning members who have renewed their membership since our last newsletter:

Frank and Heather Arnold- Family  
Donna Avolt- Senior Individual  
Paula and Frank Bongen- Family  
Spencer Bower and Sandy Schelle- Senior Couple  
Marian J. Bryan- Senior Individual  
Barrett S. Caldwell- Sustaining  
Monica Casanova- Individual  
Mary Collins- Patron  
Ken C. Decker- Sustaining  
Amy and Andy Dooley- Patron  
Jeris and Joyce Eikenberry- Senior Couple  
Julie Ginn- Patron  
Tarez and Eric Graban- Family  
Cathy Grafton- Senior Individual  
Bob and Ellie Haan- Patron  
Nina Haghighi and Tim Wright- Patron  
Joey and Kathleen Hall- Senior Couple  
James and Rebecca Huebler- Senior Couple  
Thomas G. King- Senior Individual  
Barbara and John Knochel- Senior Couple  
Ron Koehler and Cindy Marsh- Senior Couple

Ashima Krishna and Krishna Jayant- Patron  
Carol and David Kuebler- Senior Couple  
Dan and Debby Lima- Family  
Elizabeth Linginfelter- Individual  
Terry and Maryann Lucterhand- Senior Couple  
Kathleen McGinnis and Tim Gennett- Patron  
Linda McIntosh- Senior Individual  
Nathan and Julie McKenzie- Senior Couple  
Roger Misner- Individual  
Ken and Jill Moder- Patron  
Carl Dee Moore and Avalona Bowers- Senior Couple  
Kurt and Jennifer Muschlitz- Family  
Richard and Betty Nelson- Sustaining Member  
Janet Onken and Camilla Amsler- Family  
Brent Parks- Sustaining  
Gregory and Karissa Pettet- Family  
Jacquelyn Ralph- Senior Individual  
Colleen Reader- Senior Individual  
Devon Roddel- Individual  
Sheila Rosenthal- Individual  
Jim and Carolyn Roth- Senior Couple  
Margaret Rowe- Patron  
James and Patti Sablotny- Senior Couple  
Doug and Michelle Samuel- Patron  
John Paul Schafer- Family  
Nick Schenkel- Patron  
Bryan and Candace Shaffer- Family  
Paul and Phyllis Shireman- Senior Couple  
Harriet Smith- Senior Individual  
Nathan Snyder- Individual  
Judy Spencer- Senior Individual  
Jack and Mary Jo Streicher- Senior Couple  
Daniel Sublette- Individual  
Dennis and Marjorie Teusch- Senior Couple  
David Thomas- Individual  
Randy and Kathy Vernon- Family  
Wabash Weavers Guild- Individual  
Mike and Connie Warner- Senior Couple  
Todd and Danielle White- Patron  
Mike and Chris White- Senior Couple  
John and Erika Wickett- Family  
Cherly and Chris Wiles- Patron  
Lloyd M. Wilkinson- Patron  
Fred and Ricia Williams- Senior Couple  
Patricia Cockrell Wood- Senior Individual  
Larry and Janine Zwiebel- Senior Couple