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Historical Society Receives CARES Grant

The Jennings County Historical Society receives \$5,000 CARES Grant through funding provided by Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan of 2020. The CARES grant is for general operating support for nonprofit organizations who offer humanities programming to the public. “The work of the Jennings County Historical Society, museum, working blacksmith and special programs falls well within the guidelines of the CARES grant and we are very grateful for this award”, comments Chris Asher, museum curator and event chair. Due to the Coronavirus the historical society was forced to cancel their 58th Annual Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History, which would have taken place in April 2020. This event was not only the largest history program of the year but the society's main fundraiser for the operating budget. “With this \$5,000 grant the historical society is able to maintain normal museum hours, continue with the 4th Thursday Speaker Series and other events that can be implemented with social distancing,” says Asher. “We are very grateful to the Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities for the grant opportunity. It could not have come at a better time.”

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