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Second John Hunt Morgan Raid Brochure Completed



The John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail Project has completed their second brochure – “Morgan’s Coming” which is designed to be used in fourth grade history classes in southeastern Indiana. The brochures will be introduced to the history teachers this spring and will be made available to classes free on request. The four-color brochure is a student guide to the Indiana portion of Morgan’s Great Raid of July 8 –13, 1863. The inside of the 14 by 17 inch brochure include details of actions by Morgan and his raiders, and includes a map where students can trace the raid and write in the county or community where each event took place.

The brochure is the second of five products the Morgan Heritage Trail group is producing – it has already printed a navigational brochure which will be made available to the public this summer after the route signs are in place along the raid route – this brochure is a guide to drive the route and refers to the signs along the way.

In addition, the group is completing work on an audiotape and CD that will provide first person accounts of events along the raid route and will be complete with cannon fire and horse hoof beats in the background. The tapes and CD’s will be done in a “You are there” format.

The group is also finishing a detailed guidebook that contains over 50 pages of detailed events and sites along the raid route. The audiotapes and guidebooks will be sold at a nominal price when available, probably later this spring.

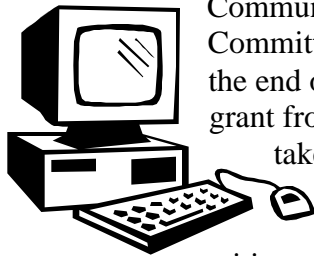
The fifth product is a series of 24 four-color signs that will be placed along the raid route from Mauckport in southern Harrison County , through Harrison, Washington, Scott, Jefferson, Jennings, Ripley and Dearborn Counties to the Ohio line in West Harrison, Indiana. Each 2 foot by 3 foot sign will have information about what happened at that location, and graphics about the individuals and events involved. The signs relate to the navigational brochure that will serve as a guide to travelers along the route.

The new educational brochure is designed for use in fourth grade Indiana history classes. The Morgan Project group will respond to single issue requests for the brochure if a self-addressed stamped legal sized envelope is included, according to Richard Skidmore, Project Chair. Requests for the brochures should be sent to the Historic Hoosier Hills office at P O Box 407, Versailles, IN 47042. The brochure has been copyrighted and cannot be copied in part or in whole without the written permission of the Board of Directors of Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc.

The project is funded by a Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation that is covering most of the cost. In addition, the group has received a grant from the Tourism and Film Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce to help with the cost of the navigational brochure. Each county along the raid route has contributed funding towards the cost of signs for their county. There has been a lot of help and support from the individual counties and from various groups and organizations that has helped make this project possible. But the commitment and dedication of the core members of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail Project have been the key to accomplishment for the group.

Computer Reuse Program Receives a Boost

Thanks to the donation of ten Windows 95 licenses to Historic Hoosier Hills by SEI Communications of Dillsboro, Indiana, the Televillage Executive Committee will have recycled computers available for senior citizens by the end of January. The group began the project over a year ago with a grant from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation to test a pilot project to take old donated computers, recycle the unusable equipment, and set up the working hardware with software and Internet access so the computers could be given free of charge to senior citizens groups and individual seniors that do not have a computer.



The project has been a challenge, finding the right combination of hardware, free software, and staff to do the work. The biggest problem was finding a modem that would work with the software installed on the systems – after several trials, the solution seemed to be a different operating system. But the committee didn't want to buy software so it could keep the cost per computer to a minimum. SEI Communications came to the rescue with the donation of ten Windows 95 operating systems. This allowed the programs and modem to work together, and the first computer will be placed in Buckeye Village Senior Citizens Center in Osgood by the end of January. The committee hopes to get a total of ten computers out and in operation for a period of months to see if the systems will do what is needed. If the pilot is successful, the group hopes to continue the program if it can find additional grant funds. The pilot is limited to Ripley and Ohio Counties, but if the program is continued, it will be made available in all nine Historic Hoosier Hills counties eventually.

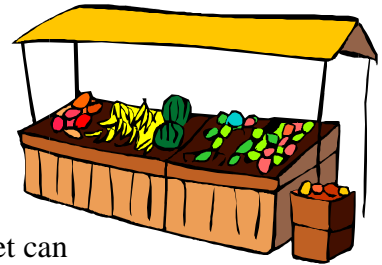
“Save the Date” Historic Hoosier Hills Annual Meeting



The Board of Directors has set Monday, March 25 at 6:00 P.M. at the Southeast Career Center at Versailles. More details will be available on program and cost in the February Newsletter. Resource and Project Committees will again be invited to set up displays of their projects and accomplishments – these have been popular at past meetings and give everyone a chance to see the broad range of activities going on through Historic Hoosier Hills in southeastern Indiana. The dinner meeting is open to the public.

“Save the Date”- Farmers Market Workshop

The southern Indiana Rural Development Project (SIRDP) is hosting a workshop on examples of best practices for germinating and growing a successful Farmers Market. It will take place on Wednesday, March 20, at the Venture Out Business Center in Madison, with registration starting at 9:30 A.M. and program at 10:00 A.M. The conference is designed for producers who would be interested in participating in a farmers market, and for community organizations such as local convention and visitor bureaus, economic development organizations, and county health officials who could help support a successful market operation.



“Our intent is to examine how a well-organized Farmers Market can benefit both farmers and the surrounding communities,” said Bud Beesley, Jennings County farmer and SIRDP member. “Breakout sessions will be geared toward the organizers of the markets and the farmers that hope to participate. We will highlight examples of successful farmers’ markets from around Indiana”.

Registration forms will be available from SIRDP by February 1 – watch your local newspapers for more details. Co-sponsors of the workshop with SIRDP include the Indiana Rural Development Council, the Small Business Development Center at Madison, and Historic Hoosier Hills.

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Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Council meets on the 4th Monday of every other month. The Executive Committee meets on the 3rd Friday of every other month that the Council does not meet. All meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to attend will certainly be welcome.

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“Serve as a catalyst to empower local people to solve the overall economic and natural resource problems of the area, and to properly develop, utilize, and conserve our natural and human resources.”

Vision Statement:

“Workable economic climate in harmony with natural resources developed to their full potential for a higher quality of life.”

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