



BRIEFINGS

FROM THE QUAYLE VICE PRESIDENTIAL LEARNING CENTER

WALK-IN VISITORS BECOME A VERY WELCOME TREND

This past year has given us an interesting twist on visitors to the Center. We've seen an increase in people walking through our door, no matter the season or weather.

The Center generally sees lower traffic from off-the-street visitors during the winter and spring months. These are months traditionally dominated by school groups, but 2021 has reversed that trend.

"We generally see our greatest number of walk-in visitors during the warm summer months," said Executive Director, Daniel Johns. "People like to get out and go places during nice weather. However, this year has been very different! The very first day we were open after New Year's, I came to work to find people waiting at the door for us to open."

Those first couples from Upstate New York and Michigan who stopped one after another on a cold day in January were not isolated incidents.

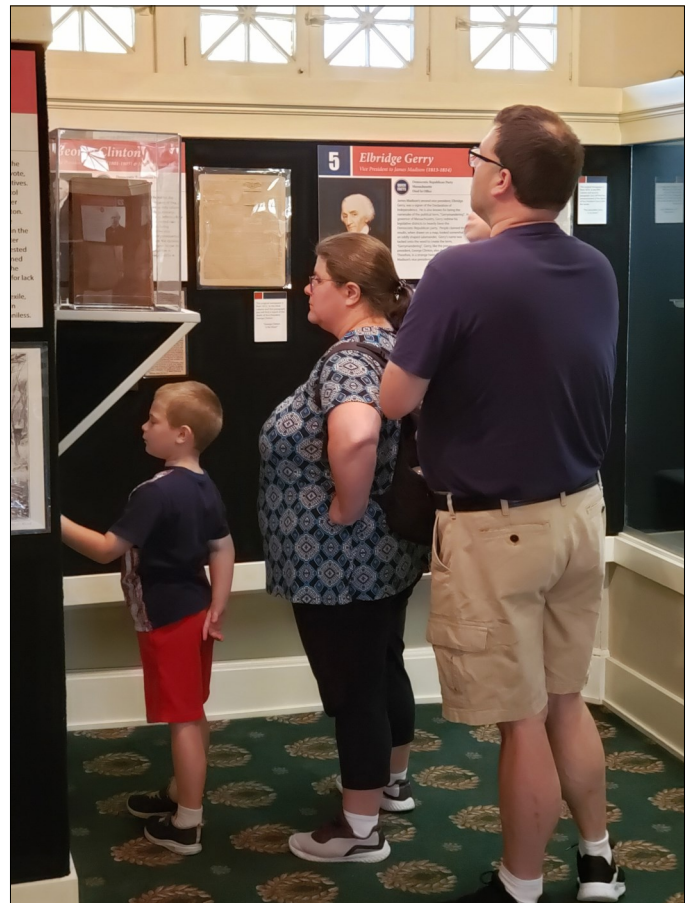
"We found that people who were just tired of having to stay at home were making their way out to explore small venues as larger ones continued to be closed down," said Johns.

There were two main types of visitors: those who were coming to just to see the Center, and those who were making a full adventure of their time.

"One day, I had visitors who had come all the way from San Diego just to see the Center. That scenario has been

repeated over and over this year... New York, Kentucky, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin - just to name a few. Visitors from many states have made us a destination this year," said Johns.

"The other type of visitors are more regional. They are spending their day taking in the Center among other destinations in the area. It's great fun to then be able to send them from here to other attractions, restaurants and businesses around the area. It doesn't just benefit us, it helps us all."



The Torres Family, visiting from Wisconsin, explore the exhibits in the Center. Their son seems especially interested in hearing about Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton.

SPRING PURSE BINGO HAS SUCCESSFUL NIGHT!

The spring Designer Purse Bingo had a very successful night as the event raised over \$5,000 for the Quayle Center's programs, exhibits and operations.

We thank our committee organizers, our volunteers and all those who participated. Also, a big thank you to those who stayed to help stack tables, chairs and put everything back in order!

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for information on our next event.

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Efforts for EDUCATION 2021 CAMPAIGN

Despite the difficulties that 2020 brought us all, our wonderful supporters stepped up to help us meet our annual campaign goal. Now, 2021 represents a year of reopening, but the challenges of meeting our operations budget still remain.

Our Efforts For Education campaign will be starting in the next few weeks. With your help, we will be fully prepared to continue our mission to be the premiere learning experience for our students, visitors and supporters.

Our goal for this year is to raise \$25,000.00. To date, we have already raised nearly \$8,000.00 thanks to our community's generosity. However, that leaves \$17,000.00 to go. We ask that you make your first contribution, continue your support, or perhaps even consider an increase for this year. Additionally, there are other options to consider.

Does your employer have a matching grant program? Would you consider an in-kind service for the Center or underwrite a specific project in addition to your annual gift. We ask that you explore these options to maximize your gift to the Center this year. Thank you again!

GENEROUS DONORS UNDERWRITE WISH LIST

A big thank you to Dwight and Ann Ericsson for their generous contribution toward fulfilling our wish for a new message board for the front of the Center.

Joining them, the Center received a grant from the Hiner Family Fund of the Huntington County Community Foundation to purchase chair racks, tables and additional message boards and signage for the Center.

OUR UPDATED WISH LIST

We have been blessed by so many generous gifts toward our facility needs. However, there are still plenty of projects for which we are seeking either financial or in-kind assistance. Please contact the Center at 260-356-6356 if you can help us with these projects:

CENTER PLASTER REPAIR:

Being an older facility, the Center has several areas where the wall plaster is in need of repair.

ELECTRICAL BOX UPGRADE:

The electrical box for the second floor lighting switches is in need of upgrading.

FACILITY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP:

We are in need of someone to maintain the landscaping, provide lawn treatment and parking lot/sidewalk snow removal.

UNDERWRITING REMOTE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING:

We are in the process of developing our ability to provide more remote/online content.

**Please contact us for
all opportunities!**

QUAYLE CENTER PRESENTS TO ADULT GROUPS

After the long lull of COVID, the Quayle Center has welcomed the return of group presentations for adult groups over the spring and early summer.

We had the pleasure of welcoming a visiting group from First Baptist Church of Connersville in late spring for a presentation of our Indiana's Six program. In June, Executive Director, Daniel Johns gave a presentation of our National Symbols program to a large group at the Women's Clubhouse in Wabash.



Executive Director, Daniel Johns
enjoying a pre-presentation lunch with
the Women's Club in Wabash.

The Center is currently compiling and updating a mailing list for adult groups. If you would like to have your group placed on this list, or would like to directly book a group presentation, please contact us at 260-356-6356 or info@historyeducates.org.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER

We're excited to welcome Kellen Cormier as our student volunteer this summer.

Kellen is a junior at Huntington University with a major in History and a double minor in Museum Studies and Archeology. He actively sought out the Center for his volunteer work to "support my studies and career goals."



If you would like to learn more about volunteer possibilities, please contact the Center!

LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As the 2021/2022 academic year approaches, we are looking forward to the time when schools are again travelling out on field trips and hosting outreach programming.

The Center has been watching the news very carefully as our various school corporations' develop their COVID guidelines the upcoming year. The real challenge will be the process of re-introducing the Center and our programs to the teachers and schools. Many teachers have retired, changed grade levels or switched schools.

"Traditionally, our largest audience outside of Huntington are the schools in Noblesville, Hamilton Southeastern, Northwest Allen and Southwest Allen," said Executive Director, Daniel Johns. "We've been reaching out and making contact with those teachers to re-establish our connections. We'll also be introducing ourselves to new teachers."

Additionally, the Center's mailing list is comprised of nearly 500 schools throughout Indiana and Ohio. Teachers in each of those schools will receive information about the Center's programs.

Despite the long interruption, some teachers are already eager and ready to have us back.

"I have one fourth grade teacher who is not only ready to have our outreach program back, but is also asking the school's fifth grade teachers to host it as well. That way the students that missed it last year due to the pandemic will be able to see it this year," said Johns.

If you are a teacher or know one who would be interested in our educational programs, please contact the Center. All of our programs are also listed on our website at historyeducates.org

WELCOME TO NEW DQCF BOARD MEMBERS

The Dan Quayle Commemorative Foundation, Inc., the governing body of the Center, would like to welcome three new members to its board of directors!

Jim Scheiber of Huntington is a financial advisor with Edward Jones. He is highly active in the community, especially with the Forks of the Wabash and the Optimist International. He is also an avid kayaker.

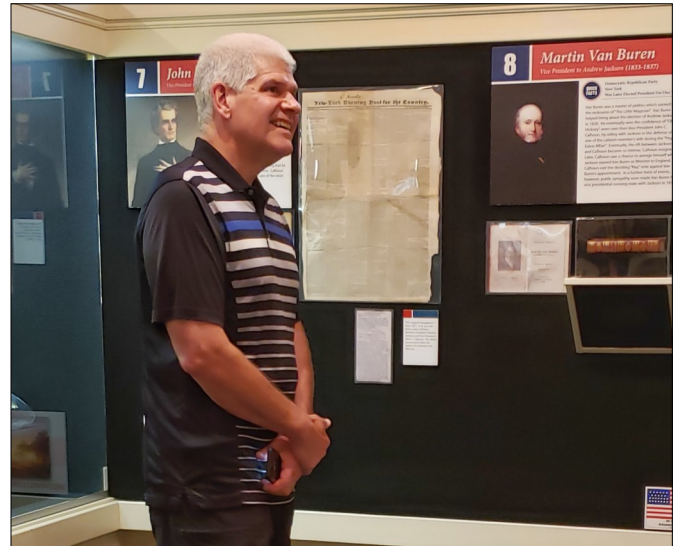
Tinisha Weigert of Roanoke is the 3rd Congressional District Director. She brings over 20 years of public sector, financial and community outreach experience to the board. She is also highly involved with organizations like the Roanoke Board of Zoning Appeals, United Way and Kiwanis.

Jeni Yarger is the Principal at Lincoln Elementary School in Huntington, IN. She has 15 years in elementary education and has a passion for educating the youth of our community. Her love of education and kids combined with her love for hometown of Huntington makes her a valuable asset to our educational programs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Walter Mondale was the first to live in the Vice President's Residence at the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, the vice president was expected to obtain his own lodging while in office.

A FINAL PHOTO...



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