



TIBBITS Booster Newsletter

The mission of the Boosters is to provide and coordinate volunteer support for Tibbits.

October 2017

A Note From the Executive Director

Boosters aka Tibbits Volunteers

Many of you have heard me say how important the volunteers are to everything that happens at Tibbits. (And you've probably seen me get choked up in the process.) Where I have always called membership the foundation of the theatre, the Boosters are its heart. Over 250 people donated their time and talents to the theatre last year. As one of them, thank you.

The Booster Organization recently completed strategic planning. Its mission: to provide and coordinate volunteer support for Tibbits. Its reorganization: to focus on recruiting, retaining and recognizing. I wish to thank everyone who has shared in the process; your work has been invaluable.

As we move forward the Booster leadership has chosen to move to a streamlined, committee structure instead of a governing board. The committees directly reflect the primary needs of the Tibbits Opera Foundation—event support, office assistance, promoting events. Most of you will hardly notice a difference.

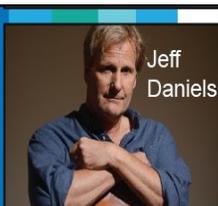
On page three, you can see the committees with a description of each. The most important area we need to focus on is getting more volunteers (many hands make light work) and continuing to recognize all of you for your hard work and dedication (we need to take care of our heart!).

Thank you again for being a volunteer, a Booster. I'll see you at the theatre.

Christine Delaney

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Entertainment Series



Jeff Daniels

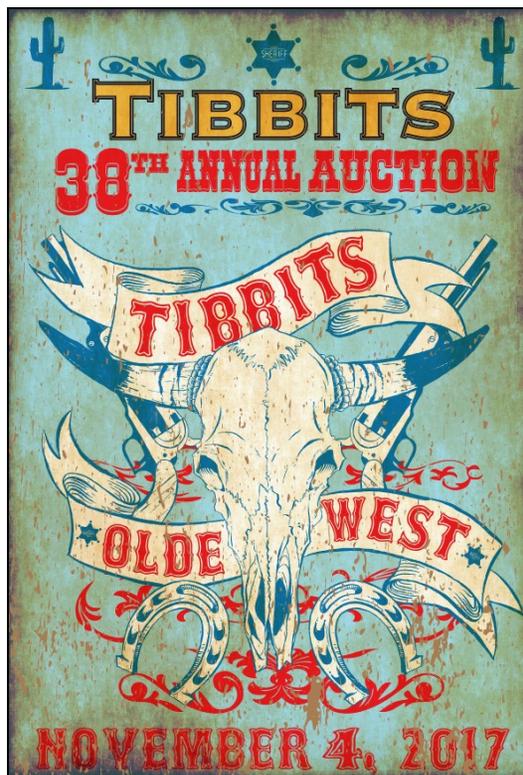
Jeff Daniels
and the Ben Daniels Band
Nov. 11, 2017 at 7pm



Best of the Eagles
The Eagles Tribute Band
January 27, 2018 at 7pm



The 5th Annual
Coldwater Comedy Festival
March 17, 2018 at 7pm



Thank you...

- ◆ To all who ushered this summer!
- ◆ To the many who helped with the fair booth!
- ◆ To Angie Washburn, Tirsha Odisher, and the TTAB group for working at Applefest!

Volunteer(s) of the Month(s)

*Apologies for our tardiness in announcing these awards. With the Booster changes, things have been hectic!



JUNE: JOHN ROHLOFF

Tibbits has many volunteers that devote their time and effort to the greater good of our beloved theatre. Some can be seen often at the theatre or in the office. Some are seen gathering donations for events or recruiting other volunteers. Some volunteers would prefer to not be seen doing their good deeds and just get the job done. John Rohloff is one of those volunteers.

Although John is very well known in the community, many don't know the hard work he does for Tibbits. John likes to stay behind the scenes and often declines any form of thanks or gratitude for his work, often saying, "just let me know what you need, and I'll see what I can do."

John has been a great help over the years by selling large raffle tickets for Tibbits' two largest fundraisers, the golf outing and the auction. John does not hesitate to help sell raffle tickets when these events are being planned and, guaranteed, he sells every ticket he takes. The golf outing and the auction depend on successful ticket sales and that is why John is great for the job. It takes an outgoing, light-hearted, and kind personality to ask people for their support of a community event and John encompasses all of those traits, plus many more!

Thank you John for helping our numerous events over the years and for selling more raffle tickets than one can count!



JULY: ANGIE WASHBURN

Angie Washburn started volunteering for Tibbits in 2007. She helped with makeup for the TYA show *Peter Pan* and she has been a volunteer ever since. Angie has been an usher for summer theatre, popcorn theatre, school programming, and the entertainment series. She is a house manager and enjoys selling 50/50 tickets at the shows.

Angie was the secretary for the Booster Board for 6 years and President of the Booster Board for 3 years. She has kept inventory for the gift shop and has been training ushers and house managers for 2 years. Angie has also spent time helping with major office projects including bulk mailings, folding programs, and beautification of the theatre.

Angie chairs community events and enjoys working the Tibbits' booth at community events such as the Branch County Fair. Angie has been an active parent with T-Tab and has produced three TYA shows. She is a trained tour guide for the theatre, has volunteered with the annual Tibbits auction for 6 years, has taken minutes for the Tibbits Foundation Board for three years, and worked on the planning committees for *Dancing with the Celebrities*, *Who's Got Talent*, *Booster Pirate Event*, and *Volunteer Reception*.

Angie's busy schedule does not stop with Tibbits. She has been involved with 4-H for over 30 years and is a devoted 4-H leader for the Odds N' Ends club. She has her own home business, *Flutterby Jewels*, selling *Paparazzi Jewelry* and *Avon*. She has been married for 23 years and has two daughters. In her spare time, Angie enjoys listening to music and watching movies. She is a big fan of murder mysteries.

Thank you for your time and service to Tibbits, Angie!



AUGUST: ZACH KIEHNAU

Zach Kiehnau started helping at Tibbits in 2011 while he was active with the Branch County Community Theatre. He has experience working stage productions and helping with spotlights for shows. He helped backstage with the Tibbits Summer Theatre production of *Nymph Errant* and also made a cameo in the production of *The Foreigner*.

Since then, he has been very active as a regular usher and is also a trained house manager. His wife, Kathryn, is also an usher and you can find them ushering together at most shows. Zach also spent a summer working in the Tibbits Box Office and said that was a great experience.

Zach and Kathryn met through the BCCT production of the *Wizard of Oz* and have been married for four years. He even gave her an emerald engagement ring. They have one son, Lucian, who is almost two years old.

Zach most recently has started working at Clemens Food Group. In his spare time, Zach enjoys attending Michigan Renaissance Fairs throughout the state. He also enjoys kayaking as well as being a dad and a husband. He would like to extend a big thank you to Christine Delaney, Angie Washburn, and Tirsha Odisher for allowing him the opportunity to first get involved with Tibbits Opera House.

Thank you, Zach, for your continued service with the Tibbits!

NEW Committees with descriptions

Beautification Committee: Volunteers interested in assisting in various duties that help maintain the interior and exterior of the theatre and costume shop.

- ◆ Planting flowers by the theatre
- ◆ Watering flowers throughout the summer
- ◆ Decorating for Christmas
- ◆ Spring cleaning of the theatre
- ◆ Spring cleaning of the costume shop

Tours and Community Events: Volunteers interested in assisting with theatre tours and community events.

- ◆ Theatre tour training
- ◆ Theatre tours
- ◆ Booth at Branch County 4-H Fair
- ◆ Booth at Applefest, Strawberry Fest, et al

Office Support: Volunteers interested in assisting in various office duties that support staff and operations.

- ◆ Computer entry
- ◆ Answering phones
- ◆ Bulk mailings
- ◆ Distribution of brochures
- ◆ Program folding
- ◆ Other various office jobs
- ◆ Archiving

Audience Services: Volunteers interested in providing patrons and guests of Tibbits Opera House an excellent theatre experience.

- ◆ Ushering shows (TST, Entertainment Series, etc.)
- ◆ House Managing
- ◆ Gift Shop
- ◆ Concessions
- ◆ Bartending
- ◆ Hospitality

Events: Volunteers interested in assisting with Special Events.

- ◆ Assisting at the Auction, Golf Outing, or other events
- ◆ Serving on an event-planning committee
- ◆ Decorating for events
- ◆ Gathering donations and selling raffle tickets
- ◆ Setting up for events like the auction

Recruitment and Retention: Volunteers interested in assisting with volunteer recognition and recruitment.

- ◆ Assisting with recruiting new volunteers
- ◆ Helping coordinate Volunteer Reception and recognition events
- ◆ Assisting with Volunteer Newsletter

Help Needed! Upcoming Events

CALL AMY at 517.278.6029 or email

specialevents@Tibbits.org if you're interested in helping with any of the following!

- ◆ **AUCTION:** Basket Assembly Night– Oct 18 & 19 at 5:15pm

Mark your calendars! We need HELP with the upcoming 38th Annual Auction “Tibbits Olde West” scheduled for November 4!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ◆ Silent auction-Set up (Mon-Wed)
- ◆ Live auction- Set up (Mon-Wed)
- ◆ Decorating the theatre (Mon-Fri)
- ◆ Silent auction- Event
- ◆ Live auction- Event
- ◆ General event help including registration, wine pull, selling 50/50 raffle tickets, and selling large raffle tickets
- ◆ Check out (Week after auction)

If you have helped at the auction in the past and would like to have the same duty as last year, please call Amy and specify. Thank you for all you do!

- ◆ **BEAUTIFICATION:** Let's make a plan and get the theatre decorated for Christmas (our first holiday show is Nov. 14)
- ◆ **BAR ATTENDANTS:** Get trained to join the bartending crew. Dates TBA– Nov. or Dec. Let us know!

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