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*Something NEW is coming up!*

## The German Fest "Bier Garten"



**Saturday, October 29 6:30 'til 9:30 pm**

**At the Baum Opera House, 15 S. First St., Miamisburg**

The Miamisburg Historical Society is beginning a brand new tradition this year for our annual fundraiser. We're hosting a German Fest that includes lots of musical entertainment, dancing, food, beer and soft drinks. Stop in between the hours of 6:30 and 9:30 pm and spend an evening enjoying all the fun that goes with a typical German festival.

Tickets are **\$25 per person and they MUST be purchased in advance** at the Market Square Building on Wednesdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 pm, or from any Board Member. Your ticket entitles you to one dinner plate of German food which will include choices of pork loin, pork and beef smoked sausage, sauerkraut roasted with beer and onion, German potato salad and dessert. Your ticket also includes your choice of one drink of either beer, wine, soft drink, or water. Additional food or drink may be purchased, if desired. The food will be catered by TJ Chumps restaurant, desserts contributed by Society members and Star City Brewing will be helping out with drinks.

Be prepared for a fun evening with continuous entertainment consisting of music and dancing supplied by the Sauerkraut Band, the Miamisburg Community Chorus and the Liederkrantz-Turner Society Chorus and Dance Group.



Please support your Miamisburg Historical Society and help make this event a great success. By attending you enable us to continue preserving and sharing the history of Miamisburg for generations to come. Like you as a private citizen, we also have the expenses of utilities, phone and internet, insurance, security and general upkeep that must be paid in order to keep our doors open and continue serving the community.

**Remember, the Society is a non-profit organization  
and is funded solely by membership dues,  
donations and fundraising events.  
We are operated entirely by non-paid volunteers.**

## We're Taking Good Care of Miamisburg Kids!

By Judy Wuerstl, Children's Education Chair

Our Children's Programs are very important to our Miamisburg Historical Society, not only because they instill in our young people a love for the story of our city and the people who founded it, but because education is an integral part of the Society's purpose and commitment.



### Are we asking for volunteers? Absolutely!

How about a look at our town through the eyes of a child? That's what our Heritage Walks are all about. We start at Library Park and proceed downtown, stopping at points of historic importance, ending at Heritage Village. These tours never grow old. We are badly in need of volunteers to lead small groups on these walks. This program is one of the children's favorites! You are very welcome to tag along with us on one of these walks just to see what we do.

Please consider helping in an area which is fun, takes little time, is seasonal (you get summers and winters off) and is SO important to us and the future of our children.

Let's talk about it. Contact Judy Wuerstl at 866-1784 or [jk.wuerstl@gmail.com](mailto:jk.wuerstl@gmail.com).

## Dedication Ceremony To Be Held at Hill Grove Cemetery Veterans' Memorial



Thanks to our Miamisburg Historical Society and American Legion Post 165, a new flagpole has been erected at Hill Grove Cemetery in Miamisburg. Additionally, a granite bench has been donated by Richards Monument and installed in the same area.

### MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:00 am  
Hill Grove Cemetery, Miamisburg, Ohio

The public is invited to attend.



*This flag pole was donated by  
American Legion Post 165 &  
The Miamisburg Historical Society*  
BENCH DONATED BY RICHARDS MONUMENT

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS****Pamela Kidwell****Kelsey Whipp****Membership Renewals  
During August and September**

Jerry &amp; Sherry Barrett

Wilmer Gruver

Janet Maurer

Sharon Yee

Dee Stalder

Alice Takase

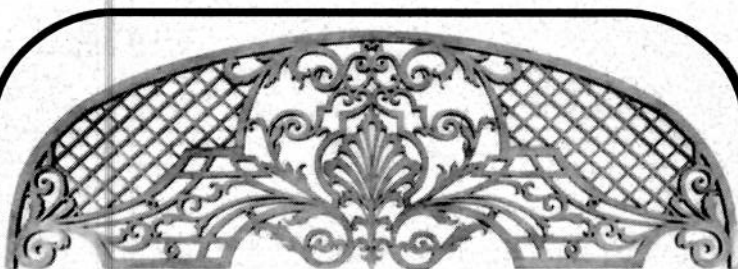
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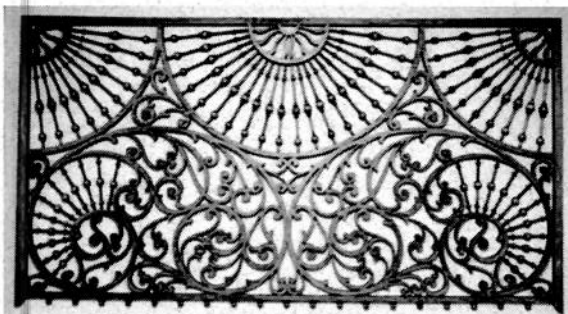
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**How high is your Miamisburg IQ?****The October Pop Quiz:**

**Do you know where these  
decorative Victorian woodwork  
pieces may be seen, and where  
they originally came from?**

*Answer on Page 8.***Membership Application**

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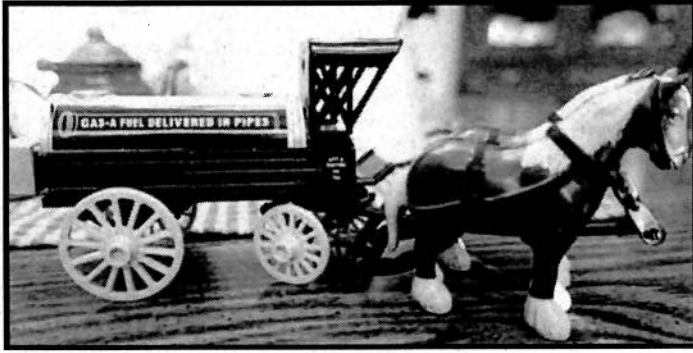
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## At The Gift Shop – *Very Limited Supply!*

By Gary Petticrew, Curator

These *Limited Edition* banks are replicas of the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company's Horse-Drawn Pump Wagons. The Ertl Company, Inc., maker of scale models, has produced a limited quantity of this horse-drawn pump wagon bank. This is the 7th edition in the series.

For the first part of the 20th century, horse-drawn wagons were a big segment of the B.C. & E. Company's fleet. This pump wagon is representative of the type of vehicles used to draw moisture out of gas mains. In late 1924/early 1925, the pump wagon became obsolete.

Ertl was an American toy company best known for its die-cast metal alloy collectible replicas (scale models) of farm equipment and vehicles. It was based in Dyersville, Iowa, home of the National Farm Toy Museum. In the 1990s, Ertl moved their production facility to Mexico, but maintains their distribution facility and outlet store in Dyersville. The bank comes with a certification of authenticity. Ertl Company will not produce this exact unit again and does not allow anyone else to produce it.

Stop by our Market Square Building Gift Shop at 4 North Main Street in downtown Miamisburg, open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. These particular bank models are packaged in their original boxes at a sale price of \$20 each.

## Society Loses Two Of Our Most Senior Members

### Ruth (Nunery) Miller

May 27, 1918 - September 10, 2016

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family and friends of Ruth Miller. Ruth was a 1936 graduate of Miamisburg High School. Her most recent Miamisburg employment was 18 years as bookkeeper for the Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education and the school system's Building and Grounds Department.

She was a long time member of the Society, and of Trinity Church. Ruth was always active and interested in Miamisburg, current world events, her computer skills and of course her beloved family. She also loved and excelled in painting, needlecraft, sewing and cooking. An interesting and compassionate person, Ruth will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

### Mary (Fields) Goodwin

July 31, 1918 - September 17, 2016

We send condolences to Dean Goodwin, her husband of 79 years, and family and friends on the passing of Mary Goodwin on September 17. Mary was a 1936 graduate of College Corner High School and a member of St. James United Methodist Church since 1950.

Mary was very well known in Miamisburg for her membership and participation in so many community organizations, which included our Historical Society. She was one of the founding members of the Spring Fling and a member of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority. Her community involvement, energy and love for our city will always be remembered and admired. We send sympathy to all on her passing.

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# OLD TIME CRAFT DAY At Heritage Village

**Sunday, October 23, 2016 2:00 to 5:00 pm**

Corner of Old Main and Lock Street in Miamisburg

**Watch the old time crafters!**

Spinning    Chair Caning    Tatting    Quilting  
Furniture Making    Basket Making  
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Weaving    Dulcimer Playing  
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## Lost in Limbo – Old Cedar Grove Cemetery

An Excerpt from "Miamisburg – The Story of Our Town"

"Lost in limbo is the old Miamisburg Cedar Grove Cemetery which once lay along Sycamore Creek at Sennett Street between Sixth and Eighth Streets. Seven acres of land purchased from Jacob Kercher had been fenced, platted and planted. But as years went on the ground was found to be too wet and bodies were washed out by the creek. When Hill Grove Cemetery was opened in 1864, the ground was sold and most of the bodies removed, although excavations for walks on Sennett Street sometimes turned up bones. Settlement of an estate disclosed the fact that the son of Emanuel Gebhart, one of the founders of the town, was buried there."

*"Miamisburg – The Story of Our Town" (a book by Esther Light) may be purchased at the Market Square Gift Shop.*

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## ★ Planning Underway for Miamisburg's Bicentennial in 2018 ★



*Living mayors in 1993:  
Don Lucas, Mayor Dick Church, Jr.  
and Robert Mears*

To get you in the spirit for our City's upcoming Bicentennial Celebration, on this page are a few photos from Miamisburg's 175th Celebration that was held in 1993. To participate in the planning for the Bicentennial, you're invited and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings being held at the Civic Center in Council Chambers on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**Upcoming meeting dates are: October 25 and November 22.**

*Dick Church, Sr.  
Esther Light*



*Esther Light was the author of  
"Miamisburg - The Story of Our Town"*



*Judi Church and Mike Schmidt*



*Mayor Dick Church, Jr. and Judi Church*

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## Miamisburg Celebrates Opening of New Sports Complex



Miamisburg said goodbye to old Harmon Field when they played their first high school football game in the brand new stadium in September. Harmon Field has been well used and loved since 1923, but it was finally time to move on. The old field will continue to be used however, for numerous sports events and practice sessions serving the younger grades.

Our new stadium seats over 5,000 and is located on the campus of the high school on Belvo Road, where there is plenty of available parking space. Thanks to the generosity of many businesses, organizations and private citizens, most of the funds needed to build the new stadium have been raised through the Campus Quest initiative.



We're very proud to report that two of our Society members have been major contributors to this much needed project. Lee Eudon Holland, a 1951 graduate of Miamisburg High School, has the honor of having the new stadium, 'Holland Field', named for him. Lee Hieronymus (Class of '65), through the Hieronymus Family Foundation, was also a major contributor, and his family name appears on the new electronic scoreboard.

A big hats off to all those individuals and organizations whose donations have helped to give Miamisburg a brand new sports complex we can all be very proud of.



Our sincere appreciation to Dayton Mailing Service who so generously donate their printing and mailing services for each issue of *The Tavern Log*.

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## IT'S FREE MONEY!



During the past year, our Society has earned \$289.98 by members participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Many thanks to those folks who have signed up, but we could still do a whole lot better.

It's **free money** folks, and requires no work at all!

Just register your Kroger Rewards card at

**[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)**

and a portion of what you spend at Kroger is automatically donated to the Miamisburg Historical Society each time you shop. It's just too easy!

*Please remember that you must re-register each year.*

## Election Held At Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Historical Society was held on September 22 at Market Square. Elected for two-year terms were three Board Members: Mayor Dick Church, Kim Izor and Judy Wuerstl. All of these people are returning for another term, and what would we do without these wonderful volunteers! A planned vote on constitutional changes was tabled until October when the correct paperwork will be available.

After the meeting, Mayor Church narrated a slide show which featured some interesting and fun photos from our Sesquicentennial celebration in 1968.

## POP QUIZ ANSWER

This ornate woodwork may be found upstairs at the Market Square Building. These pieces, along with many others, including doors, moldings, etc. were rescued from the Weber House, which was razed to make way for the Civic Center parking lot. The old Weber home (NE corner of Maple Ave. and Second St.) housed our city government offices from 1943 until 1974 when the present Civic Center was built.

## Historical Society Sends Belated Condolences

The Society sends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John Sharritts, who passed away in June. He, at one time, was the owner of the Plaza Barber Shop in Miamisburg and provided services to a variety of nursing homes in the Dayton area.

John loved music and started the Community Band in Miamisburg, as well as belonging to many choirs over a period of time. He was a member of St. Jacob Lutheran Church, a 50 year member of Minerva Lodge No. 98 and a member of the Antioch Shrine band. John loved Miamisburg and was a proud member of the Miamisburg Historical Society.

Belated condolences go out to the family and friends of Society member, Patricia Frey, who passed away on June 14, 2016. Pat was a well known and respected citizen in Miamisburg, where she was an active member of St. James United Methodist Church. In addition to having a family, she also had a long teaching career during which time she won numerous awards. Pat enjoyed her hobbies of cooking, sewing, and photography, and took special joy in spending time with her grandchildren.

We specifically send our sympathy to her husband, Dr. Bob Frey and her daughter Brenda Kraner and family.

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# Heritage Village News

By Judy Wuerstl, Heritage Village Coordinator

It's hard to believe that another season at the Village is nearly over. Thanks to the commitment of our Village docents, so far we have not had to remain closed on a Sunday due to lack of volunteers. Several of our dedicated docents work two Sundays a month. We very badly need more Village volunteers. Think about it... just three hours a month is asked of you. We are happy to relate that we have had a nice number of visitors drop by the last two months.

Plans for our annual 'Old Time Craft Day' are coming together. This year the event will be held on Sunday, October 23, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Most of our great craftspeople are all coming back again, along with a new interesting craft. Our Native American storyteller will probably be with us again too. If you would be interested in helping us out at this event, please contact me at 866-1784 or [jk.wuerstl@gmail.com](mailto:jk.wuerstl@gmail.com). Your help would be greatly appreciated and we guarantee you will enjoy it. Otherwise, be sure to mark your calendar and come visit us on that date!

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked at the Village in August and September:

Steve Schultz  
Doug Stamm

Paul Schultz  
Judy Wuerstl  
Jessica Trofi

Carolyn Kilpatrick  
Annie Gilkison  
Tom Silberman

Marilyn Shade  
Jeanette Belvo  
Sharon Hiatt-Yee

Jay Robinson  
Gary Petticrew

*Mark your calendars for...*

## What's Coming Up Through the End of the Year



### OCTOBER

Old Time Craft Day **FREE**  
At Heritage Village  
Sun., October 23, 2:00-5:00 pm

German Fest "BIER GARTEN"  
Baum Opera House  
Sat., October 29, 6:30-9:30 pm  
\$25 per ticket includes dinner, beer or  
soft drink and musical entertainment.  
(New Annual Fundraiser)

No General Meeting in October.

### NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving  
Holiday

No General  
Meeting in  
November.



### DECEMBER

Holly & Ivy Gala  
Fri., December 2  
Time and place to be announced.

Christmas at the Tavern **FREE**  
At Heritage Village  
Sun., December 4, 2:00-5:00 pm

Community Holiday Parade  
Downtown, Dec. 10, 11:30 am

No General Meeting in December.

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## Society Participates in 'Ohio Open Doors'

On September 10, our Historical Society took part in a new statewide event called 'Ohio Open Doors'. Many cities throughout the state participated and the event was publicized statewide. In Miamisburg, we offered maps and information for two walking or driving tours, pointing out several of the historic buildings in our town. The 'Town Center Tour' began at Market Square and encompassed quite a few structures on Main Street, the Baum Opera House and our Heritage Village. The 'Second Street Tour' included historic buildings on Second Street, along with the St. Jacob Lutheran Church.



*Some of our younger visitors learn all about the historic cabins at Heritage Village.*

For a first-time event, we feel that it was successful, in spite of the major thunderstorm that hit the area in mid afternoon. We're looking forward to doing it again, possibly in 2018 during the city's Bicentennial year, and hopefully with much better weather. It's a great opportunity for folks to learn more about the early years of our town, and perhaps even come inside some of the historic buildings.



*Visitors look inside the smokehouse that came from the Hieronymus farm.*