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### THE HERITAGE VILLAGE

Gebhart Tavern and Kercher Pioneer Home  
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## Make Your Plans For Memorial Day Weekend 2014

By Randy Staley, Veterans Committee Chair

The dates for this year's Memorial Day Weekend are set.  
Plan to take advantage of all the events that are offered in our city  
to honor our military veterans, living and deceased.

The **Silver Taps Ceremony** will be held at the  
Market Square Building on Thursday, May 22  
at 7:00 pm. This moving ceremony is open to the  
public and is dedicated to our military veterans and  
those serving today.

On Saturday, May 24, at 9:00 am, **Rocky's 5K Run  
or Walk for Freedom** will start at Library Park.  
Registration will begin at 8:00 am or you may register  
online at [www.speedy-feet.com](http://www.speedy-feet.com).



After the 5K run a **Sign Dedication** will be held, designating State  
Route 725 from Heincke Rd. to State Route 741, as **Marine Corporal  
Paul W. Zanowick II Memorial Highway**. Corporal Zanowick,  
a Miamisburg resident and MHS graduate, was killed in action in  
Afghanistan on June 3, 2011. The exact time of the dedication will be  
announced in the near future.

On Saturday evening (May 24) the **Victory Dinner/Dance** will be held  
at American Legion Post 165 on Main Street. Dinner will be from  
5:00 to 7:00 pm and dancing from 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Tickets are  
\$10.00 each and will be available at the American Legion Post 165  
and the Market Square Building. Music will be provided by the Tom  
Benner Band. Once you come to this event, you'll be back every year,  
as both the dinner and the band are top notch!

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## How high is your Miamisburg IQ?

### *The April Pop Quiz:*

**Why is the year 2018 a very important  
year for the city of Miamisburg?**

*Answer on Page 6*



## Rolla Broerman, New Gift Shop Manager



We're very pleased that Rolla Broerman has accepted the position of Gift Shop Manager. This post has been open since Judy Frizzell resigned the position to become Historical Society Treasurer at the beginning of this year. All our thanks to Judy for doing a wonderful job these past two years in greatly updating our offerings in the gift shop and adding several new display elements.

Our new manager, Rolla, will most likely be familiar to many as she is very active in organizations in Miamisburg including the Miamisburg Merchants Association and our own Historical Society. At this time she is busy signing up local merchants to sponsor one of the huge potted planters that add so much to our downtown area during the summer months.

A very hard worker and a congenial person, Rolla will do a great job in keeping our gift shop filled with Miamisburg related memorabilia and gifts.

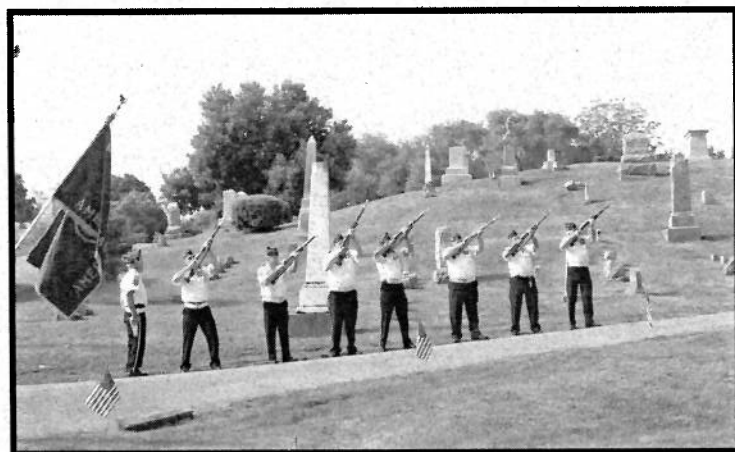
**Welcome Rolla!**

## Memorial Day Weekend 2014

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On Monday May 26, American Legion Post 165 will conduct **Memorial Services** as follows:

Our Lady of Good Hope Cemetery....	8:45 am
Hill Grove Union Cemetery.....	9:15 am
Highland Cemetery .....	9:40 am
Linden Avenue Bridge .....	10:30 am



The **Parade** on Memorial Day will start at 11:00 am from Linden Avenue Bridge and end at **Library Park with Memorial Services** following. Children from pre-school through the 6th grade, decorating and riding their bicycles in the parade, will be judged and awarded cash prizes.

The annual **Picnic in the Park** will begin after the Memorial Service with **FREE** hot dogs and ice cream.



The Miamisburg Historical Society **Military Exhibit** will be open at Market Square after the Silver Taps program on May 22. The exhibit may also be seen on Saturday, May 24, and on Memorial Day, May 26, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!****Lynley Dunham-Cole****NEW CORPORATE SPONSOR****JL Creations****Get Well Wishes  
Go Out To Fred Loy**

Our best get well wishes go out to Society member, Fred Loy of Whitehall, Michigan. Fred has been under the weather for the past several months, and we're hoping that spring brings along some great improvements to his health.

*We hope you're feeling better everyday!*


**127<sup>th</sup> Miamisburg Alumni  
Dinner/Dance, June 21, 2014  
at Wyndham Gardens Hotel**

For those folks who graduated from Miamisburg High School, it's time to begin thinking about attending this year's event. Tickets will go on sale at the Civic Center on June 7 and June 14 from 10:00 to noon.

Ticket price for the dinner/dance is \$25 per person. When purchasing tickets, bring a list of names of those for whom you are buying tickets. This information will help with the roll call of classes. (Dance only tickets are available at the door.)

If you live further than 25 miles from Miamisburg, you may purchase your tickets by mail. For further information, call Cheryl Stock at 937-866-6566.

**FYI—The MHS Alumni Association is the oldest running Alumni Association in the United States.**

**We're Rootin' For Ya!**

The word is that Society member, Judy Stamm, continues to improve and is getting stronger everyday. We're thinking of you Judy and wishing you a complete recovery!

**Membership Application**

I would like membership in the category checked:

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## February Program Draws Large Crowd

The Society's annual program of "Old Photos and Pizza" was once again very well attended. Don McLaughlin supplied the photo presentation and Mayor Dick Church was the narrator. Great job by both fellows and very much appreciated! This program is always a favorite with members and guests.

Thanks to Ron's Pizza for always supplying more than enough food for everyone. The pizza table was literally overflowing with many varieties of pizzas. Never let it be said that anyone goes away hungry from this event.

Joe Stanton contributed his, now famous, cherry cheesecakes, and cookies were also contributed by other members. Our thanks to all who pitched in to make the evening a success.

## Tornado Damage in 1869

An excerpt from "Miamisburg—The Story of Our Town"



No one is living today to recall, Wednesday, June 9, 1869 when a tornado struck Miamisburg. Old newspapers record the event which occurred between five and six o'clock in the afternoon, "heralded by a hoarse rumbling similar to a train of cars."

Apparently coming from the southwest, the storm lifted the Linden Avenue bridge from its masonry and hurled it in ruins into the river bed. Then sweeping northwest across town, it unroofed houses, destroyed chimneys and uprooted trees, not to mention one or two individuals who were lifted bodily and set down in another location.

On the bridge, August Urschel and his son were driving their cow home and were caught by ten feet of getting across, but clinging to the side pieces of the end of the bridge, Mr. Urschel is said to have untangled himself and with his son, climbed the abutment to safety, the cow having already escaped.

The roof of the Kauffman Carriage Company was lifted from its walls and carried over the Valley house, once standing on Main Street and then dashed against a dwelling at the corner of Sycamore and Second Streets.

Jacob Zimmer, who lived across the river between the two bridges, described the tornado as "magnificent and perfectly terrible in its fury." "Cows, horses and pigs were unceremoniously hustled along or lifted from their feet," he wrote, "and rolled about in the most undignified manner; and ducks, geese, chickens and other fowls shot through the air with a velocity rarely witnessed. It seems almost incredible that no one was killed and we have every reason to be thankful that the damage and loss of property, comparatively speaking, was so slight."

### PLEASE!

If you have not already done so, please send an e-mail to [MHSociety@att.net](mailto:MHSociety@att.net) and request to be put on our e-mail membership list. Since the Tavern Log is only published bi-monthly, in-between times we may need to contact our members regarding upcoming programs or cancellations.

NO—you will not be deluged with e-mails!

### Hello John!

We'd like to send greetings to John Sharritts, long-time member of the Society, who lives in Lancaster, Ohio. John has not been in the best of health, but still keeps up with his Historical Society membership. John, we hope you're feeling well today and want you to know that...

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## Larry Suttman Resigns As Curator

We send our thanks to Larry Suttman as he ends his position as Curator. Larry's love of Miamisburg drives his work and investigative persistence at the Historical Society. He has been instrumental in planning and setting up various historical displays at the Market Square Building and adding many new items and historical information to our archives and research room. His carpentry skills also came into play as he designed and built a wall of shelving to house the many binders in our research room.

Larry also recently spearheaded a project to revive the Miami Valley Cable Council (MVCC) thirty minute history programs which featured televised interviews with Miamisburg citizens.

All our thanks to Larry for his many hours of dedicated volunteering service as Curator these past several years.

## Pop Quiz Answer

**In 2018 Miamisburg will be celebrating its Bicentennial.**

**1818—2018**

On February 20, 1818, four men from Pennsylvania—Emanuel Gebhart, Jacob Kercher, Dr. John and Dr. Peter Treon, offered for sale a large number of lots (90) in a new town by the name of Miamisburg.

Said lots being six miles from Franklin and eleven miles from Dayton, and previously known by the name of "Hole's Station".