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Gebhart Tavern and Kercher Pioneer Home
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Your Schedule For 2016 Memorial Day Weekend Events

Thursday, May 26: "Silver Taps" Memorial Program, 7:00 pm
Market Square Building
4 N. Main Street
Miamisburg, Ohio

Military Exhibits Open after Program

Saturday, May 28: "Rocky's 5K Run/Walk for Freedom"
Registration at Library Park at 8:00 am or
www.speedy-feet.com. Fee: \$25.00 (includes T-Shirt)
Proceeds go to the Uriah E. Zanowick Trust Fund

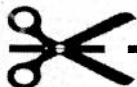
"The Victory Dinner & Dance", Tickets \$12.00 each
Dinner at 5:00 pm, Dance at 7:00 pm
American Legion Post 165
35 N. Main Street
Miamisburg, Ohio

Monday, May 30: "Memorial Day Services"
Our Lady of Good Hope Cemetery 8:45 am
Hill Grove Cemetery 9:15 am
Highland Cemetery 9:40 am
Linden Avenue Bridge 10:30 am

Parade - 11:00 am
Route: Linden Avenue Bridge to First Street
to Central Ave. (Veterans Way) to Library Park

Library Park Service - Following the Parade

Picnic in the Park - Following the Service
Free hot dogs and ice cream for all.



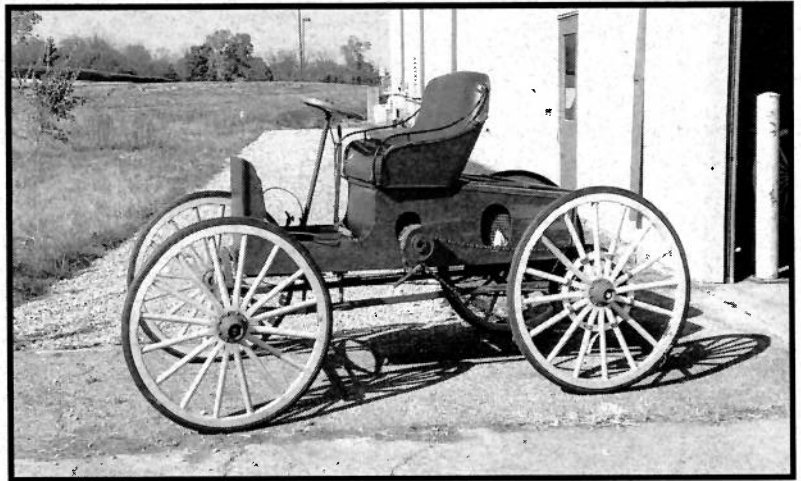
*Please make an effort to take part in some of the many opportunities
that are offered in Miamisburg on Memorial Day Weekend, to remember
and honor those in service to our country and all who have passed on.*

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Historic Hatfield “Buggyabout” Placed in Safe Storage

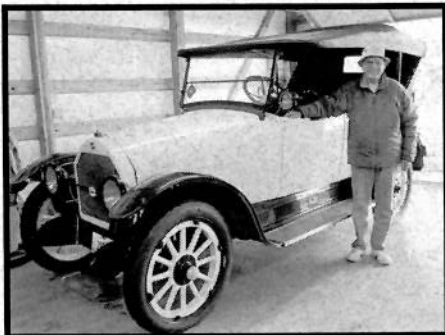
Many times we're so busy at the Society that there's not enough room in *The Tavern Log* to report everything we do in a timely manner, so in this issue we're catching up. Late last summer, one of the several historic vehicles owned by the Society was moved into safe storage at the Mound Business Park.

This early auto pictured at right was made here on Main Street in Miamisburg in 1907 by the Hatfield Motor Co. It is thought to be one of only three in existence, and was acquired by the Society in 2008.



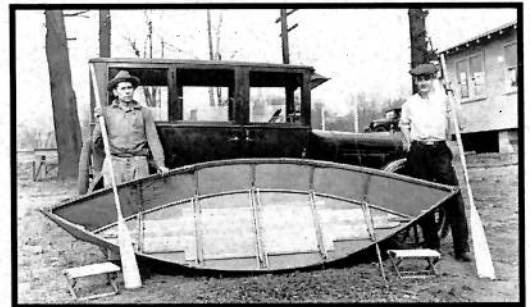
Storage of our large historic items is a continuing challenge. Our goal is to eventually have a museum space where we will be able to share all our historically significant items with the public. Until that goal is achieved, they'll be kept safe, secure and preserved for future generations.

Pictured below are a few more of our larger transportation items that are related to Miamisburg area history.



1918 Willys Overland purchased new in Miamisburg at the White Star Garage.

A wood and canvas folding boat (like the one pictured at right) that was manufactured at the Acme Folding Boat Co. on Pearl St. in Miamisburg.



Buggy manufactured in Miamisburg at the Enterprise Carriage Co.



1800's Albany Cutter Sleigh

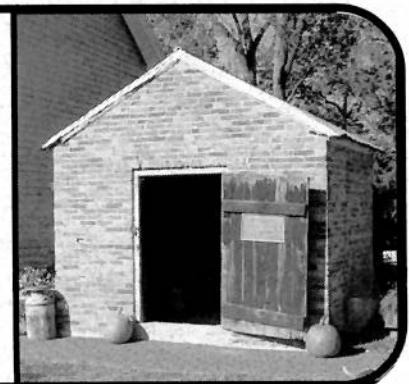
How high is your Miamisburg IQ?

The April Pop Quiz:

The smokehouse at right is on the grounds at our Heritage Village at Lock St. and Old Main. It was not built originally at this location.

Do you know where it came from?

Answer on Page 7



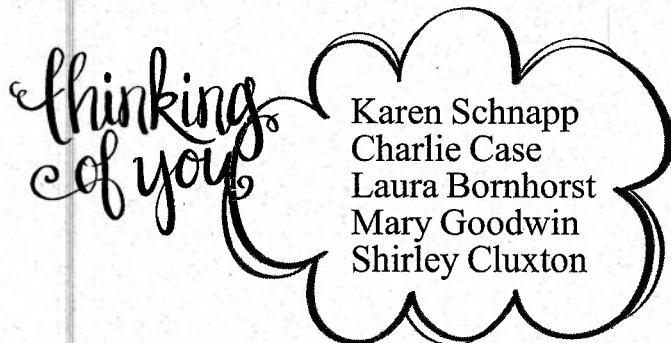
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert W. Rettich
Nancy Koverman

Tracy Goodpaster
Mary Ann Evans

Membership Renewals - February and March

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We're sending get well wishes out to several of our Society members who are currently dealing with health related issues.

Membership Application

I would like membership in the category checked:

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Total enclosed \$ _____

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Method of Payment:

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Please mail to: Miamisburg Historical Society
PO Box 774
Miamisburg, OH 45343-0774



The Bicentennial is Coming!

By Mayor Dick Church, Jr.
Bicentennial Committee Chairman

The City of Miamisburg will celebrate the 200th birthday of this community in 2018. A committee has been working on the planning process since 2015. In 2016 the committee decided to meet monthly to formulate plans and to set in motion the various sub-committees, daily events and suggested venues where events might be held. We need **YOU** to become part of the process and step forward and volunteer for the area you feel more comfortable taking part. The Monday Night Club has stepped forward to chair Ladies Day and plan for those events.



June 16-23, 2018 are the dates set aside for the week long celebration, but in reality the celebration will take place throughout 2018. There will be a monthly event held, which will build up excitement for the entire Bicentennial year. Two major parades will be held; one kicking off the celebration and one at the conclusion of the weeklong celebration.

Please join us in preparation for this once in a lifetime event for our beloved town. We want all segments of the community involved. Schools, churches, clubs, business, youth, adults, fraternal organizations all coming together to celebrate our rich heritage. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in city council chambers at City Hall (Civic Center). **Please join us in the planning process.**

Any questions may be directed to Mayor Dick Church, Jr., who is serving as general chairman of the celebration. Mayor Church's contact number is 847-6458. The Miamisburg Historical Society is the sponsoring organization of the event. Upcoming meeting dates are April 26 and May 24.

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Sending Our Condolences

To the family and friends of Russell Kidwell, we send our sympathy on his passing on February 28, 2016. Russell had been a crafter at our Old Time Craft Day event for the past seven seasons.

Each year he always willingly volunteered to demonstrate his whittling and carving skills for the folks who attended the event.

Russ will be missed not only at the crafter show, but also as our neighbor across the street from Market Square, as for the past ten years he and his wife Pam have owned and operated the Star City Emporium.

Please Help to Keep Us Informed

Although we do our very best to announce any deaths of Society members in *The Tavern Log*, sometimes we miss seeing a name in the obituaries. Or if the death occurred in another city or state, many times we just don't get the news.

Please help to keep us informed by dropping an e-mail to MHSociety@att.net if you know of the death of a Society member, whether it's someone in your own family or an acquaintance. Don't just assume that we already know... sometimes we don't!

Have you recently moved? Please drop us an e-mail with your new address, so we may continue sending your *Tavern Log*, in order to keep you in the loop.

We'd also like to publish your milestone celebrations that you'd care to share with our readers. Information of this type may be sent to *The Tavern Log* editor at dewarrick@sbcglobal.net.



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Come to the old fashioned
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Sunday, May 1, 2016 · 2:00-5:00pm

**OPENING DAY
At Heritage Village**

Corner of Old Main & Lock Street, Miamisburg

FEATURING

The Ice Cream Trolley

**Star City Brewing's
"butter beer" and cream soda**

Music by The Vintage Park Band

Admission is free.
Vendors will charge for ice cream and soda.

Our Heritage Village Season Will Open With An Ice Cream Social!

Leave it to Judy Wuerstl and Carolyn Kilpatrick to come up with more great ideas. On opening day of the Heritage Village season (Sun., May 1) there'll be ice cream, cream soda, butter beer and great music for all to enjoy.

The street will be closed off to traffic to allow for a real celebration. The Ice Cream Trolley and Star City Brewing vendors will be set up and serving folks who stop by the Village. Star City Brewing will be serving non-alcoholic "butter beer" and cream soda to go along with ice cream from the Trolley.

It wouldn't be a real celebration without music, and we've got that too. The Vintage Park Band will be doing the honors, and you'll love their sound.

Mark your calendar for May 1. It's right around the corner! The opening day festivities will be from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Admission is free, but vendors will charge for ice cream and soda. While you're there, be sure and take a tour of the old log buildings and the smokehouse. They'll be all spiffed-up and cleaned, ready for summer season visitors.

Heritage Village (two historic log buildings and smokehouse) is open Sundays, 2:00-5:00pm, May thru October.

More Great Programs at Market Square

The program on Native Americans originally scheduled for February had to be postponed until another time, but Pastor Joe Getts stepped in and presented a great program and slide show on the history and the progression of funeral customs and the science of embalming in America. In addition to being the current pastor at Trinity Church, Joe Getts for over twenty years, has been a fully licensed funeral director and embalmer, conducting over 3000 funerals and embalming over 11,000 cases. His wonderful presentation style made the subject extremely interesting and enlightening, on a subject that sometimes is not a favorite topic of conversation among people today. As usual at our February program, we were treated to free Ron's Pizza after the presentation.

In March Billy Ring presented his wonderfully entertaining slide show which featured old Miamisburg postcards beginning in the early 1900's. These postcards are from the collection of Ted and Charlene Hiehle and a big thanks goes to them for sharing. For many years, the postage was only a penny and many of the postcards were addressed with only a name and a town and state. No street numbers, or even a street were needed.

The postcard at left shows the intersection of Linden Ave. and Main with traction cars that had been derailed and wrecked during the 1913 flood. These cars would have been completely submerged.



Thank you to both our presenters who provided us with outstanding programs to kick off our 2016 schedule.

Historical Society's April Program Features Media Production Group

On **Thursday, April 28, 7:00 pm** at the Market Square Building, committee chair John Warrington will update us on recent historical shows and interviews that have been produced by the Media Group. This group, which was restarted about two years ago after being inactive for some time, has now produced many great, new historical programs within a very short span of time. These folks really get things done! Most of their shows have aired or will soon air on MVCC Channel 5 (Time-Warner Cable) or Channel 99 (AT&T).

John reports that the April Program at Market Square will feature a highlighting video, summarizing the cable shows that were completed in 2015 and a look ahead to interesting topics that may be covered in 2016. He'll also be taking questions and suggestions from the audience after the presentation. Refreshments afterward.



Kroger Community Rewards Reminder to Register and RE-REGISTER

If you have already registered, you will need to re-register every year.

As you probably know, the Miamisburg Historical Society is a participant in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This means that when you connect your Kroger Plus Card to the Society, a portion of what you spend will go quarterly to our organization. For this first quarter in 2016 we received a check for **\$94.93** with only a few people participating. We could earn so much more, if more members would register their Kroger Plus Card. **This is an ADDED benefit to your card and will not affect any benefits you personally receive.**

It's easy! Just follow the directions below to register or re-register your card:

- Register your card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
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- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see our organization's name on the right side of your information page.

Pop Quiz Answer

The smokehouse was originally built on the farm at the corner of Rts. 741 and 725. The sun-dried bricks of the smokehouse were handcrafted on the property with the help of the last group of Miami Indians in this territory. Originally the Johannes Gebhart farm, the property passed down through the family to Ted and Harriet Hieronymus and their sons, Ted and Lee. When the farm was eventually sold to make room for the expansion of the Dayton Mall area, the family donated the smokehouse to the Historical Society. It was taken down, brick by brick and moved to its present location at Heritage Village, where it was constructed once again.



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A Mystery Photo We're Counting on YOU!

We at the Historical Society are looking for information on the photo below. Is anyone able to identify the owner, or any information at all on the lone house in the foreground of this photo? The photo would had to have been taken before 1920 because there is no sign of a levee.

If you know who may have owned this house or, even if you have any thoughts or ideas, please send an e-mail to ladyb42@woh.rr.com, or call and leave your contact info at the Historical Society. (937) 859-5000

Market Square Building

IOOF Building (Ron's Pizza)

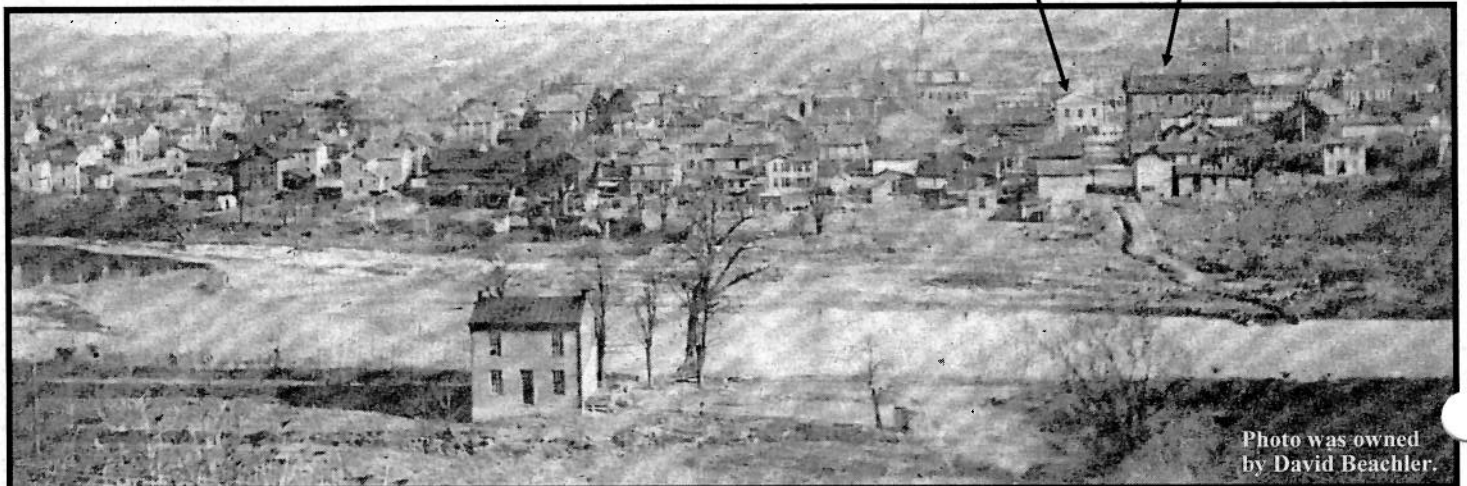


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The city of Miamisburg, looking east across the Great Miami River. (Year 19??)