



The Morrison Building

The Morrison Building on the corner of Main St. and Second St. first was Morrisons restaurant, then over the years has housed Prillers Restaurant, Tipp Tavern, Paddy's, and Harrison's. Chuck Schlingman and Art Kirsch owned the restaurant when it was called The Tipp Tavern that served the very best huge tenderloin sandwiches. Another occupying restaurant, Prillers, was owned by brothers Charlie and Louie, and was enjoyed by folks in Tipp. The brothers also owned an attached butcher shop and a meat locker, a large building filled with individual freezer compartments. People rented these compartments, had a key and access to them as they collected stored meat cuts, which were an overflow from their home storage.

What was the name of that piano player at Paddy's? His piano was where the large comfortable booths are at the back left of Harrison's main dining room now. I asked Dave Cook when the inspiration to talk about Harrison's restaurant in the next article surfaced. The piano player in the "dining room area of Paddy's Tippecanoe Inn was Guy Bishop (he was a music director in the Vandalia schools) and the more "honkey tonk" the music was, the better he liked it. He made that piano jump!!! Thinking of Paddy's time frame in the building, I checked with Pastor Dale Schaefer about Patty Furrow, one of our members at Zion Lutheran church, and he said the last time he visited her (she has lived at Koester pavilion for many years) she was wearing a Paddy's t-shirt. She was the greatest ever waitress there.

John Pearson related that when Tim Hensley was City Manager he sent John, as our city attorney, down to Paddy's because he was throwing his bucket of "mop water" into a well-travelled alley near his restaurant and complaints were coming in about this activity!! As I was again gathering stories in Jim's Barber shop, Phil came in and entered the conversation saying that his group at Delco often came up to the restaurant to pick up lunch. He also knew someone who lived in one of the apartments above. Sitting in Jim's chair, Ron Haley told of the time there was a large fire upstairs and Tipp City called for assistance from Troy. Troy sent a brand-new tanker truck and the firemen, not knowing that Tipp firemen were already inside fighting the blaze, let loose the spray from the new truck and it threatened to wash the men out the windows!! Also, about the same time frame, the blizzard of 1978 hit our interstate and surrounding community resulting in, among other things, truckers being stopped (none were allowed beyond our exit) and they were mad at the city of Tipp City in general and were bashing our town. Paddy threw one of them out the door and into a snowbank.

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I met Larry who has recently moved to our area and he said that he was pretty surprised to find many businesses closed on Monday but was happy Harrison's was not one of them. Laura, who plays trombone in the Tipp City Community Band, said the band recesses to the upstairs banquet room for a meal following some of their concerts.

Katie Sonnanstine at Community Services related that she and Neal came for dinner one evening and she offered to join the musician and play the spoons. On the ride home Neal remarked that he didn't know she played the spoons and she replied that she didn't either!!!

When I think of our present Harrison's, I think of folks meeting, a place with a warm "Tippecanoe" flavor. A place for a reunion meal with a long-time friend, a place to connect with a newly made friend or with a group of friends. It is a restaurant that when you slide into a booth or pull out a chair from a table, you feel togetherness. There's the friendship of Bob Bartley and Dave Cook that has brought them together every Wednesday for almost as long as there has been a Harrison's. They meet at 4:30. It began with the 99 cent margaritas and lots of other friends like Betty, Marlene, Debbie, and Dorothy "in the old days." Lots of laughing and conversation.

Mrs. Mary Miller, the owner of Harrison's and several other Dayton based restaurants says her Tipp City location is as busy or busier than her other restaurants, according to Tom one of her long-time servers. She attributes that to the great support of our community. She has a reputation of being very supportive of every local fundraiser. Tom, who has been connected with this family for over 30 years, is a great representative of a staff that is a very important part of the welcoming feel of this place. There is lots of history beginning with Prillers, The Tipp Tavern, Paddy's and now our Harrison's.

Does your family need to make their memories of this establishment??

By Ruth White

Morrison's

Prillers



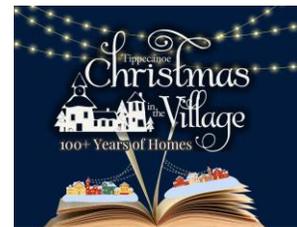
Tipp Tavern

Paddy's

Harrison's

From the Museum Director

- Our booth at the Mum Festival went well. We met some new people and sold some items. It's always an interesting time. We have signed up for a booth again next year. We will see, when the Mum Festival rolls around again, if we participate in 2024.
- We continue to receive donations. David Mote's grandson brought in several Tipp Motor Sales items, some of which are in the revolving display case. A gentleman brought in a 1948 Miami Union newspaper that he found under a mat in a closet in the home he bought on South 7th St. It has Tipp items, as well as articles from other Miami County communities.
- For a fun activity when young children visit the museum, Phyllis and Lonnie chose some pages and descriptions from our Activity Book. We bought a box of small packets of crayons to pass out with the activity pages. In addition to providing fun, it will be something they can share with their families.
- The evening with Ron Re' was well attended and he shared a lot of stories about the history of the Tipp City Police Department. He has enough of his own stories to do a part two after the holidays. We will keep you posted on that.
- There are nine houses on the Christmas In The Village Home Tour on December 2nd. Several of our members have stepped up to prepare a history board for each home. They are working on getting pictures and histories. They will be on display at the library the first part of November.
- Susan Furlong has invited us to take part with her in the Tipp Arts Council arts and crafts show, Holiday Affair, which will take place on November 11th in the Tipp Center (old DAP building) at 855 North Third St. The show will run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Out of consideration of our volunteers, the decision was made to be closed again this year during January and February. We will be happy to be open by appointment, weather permitting, by calling Susie at 937-698-6798 or Phyllis at 937-232-4265, to make arrangements for someone to meet the interested party.



Susie Spitler

Recognize This?



A gentleman brought this sign in a while back. He found it in his attic and wondered what the history is. None of us recognized it. If you look closely, you will see it is a needle and thread in the swan's beak. If anyone recognizes this, please call Susie at 937-698-6798. We would really like to know the background of it.

Letter from the President

Hello members.

I hope everyone is doing well. It is hard to believe that this newsletter includes articles for November and December. I want to thank everyone that helped in any way with the Historical Society's booth at the Mum Festival. A total of \$225.50 was raised. The homes for Christmas in the Village have been assigned. Many thanks to those who are assisting. A total of nine homes are on the tour this year, with four being century homes. The tour is Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The museum will close at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 16th and will reopen on Saturday, March 1st, 2024. The hours will remain the same; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Susan Furlong will be signing books at the Tipp Center on November 11th, during the Tipp Arts Council Holiday Affair. Please save the date of Thursday, December 7th. A Christmas brunch is scheduled at Bob Evans at 10:00 am. This is a get together to celebrate the holidays. Please RSVP to Joanna by December 1st. A trustee position is open to replace Marianne Barnhart. Please contact Joanna if you are interested in this position. I would like to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and the very best of 2024.

Stay safe and healthy.

Joanna Pittenger



Dues Reminder

A reminder about dues is being sent to those members with outstanding balances. The Board would like to remind you that Pay Pal is an option.



Belated Welcome

In the process of updating our membership information, we overlooked welcoming two new members: John Kessler and Andy Kerg.



WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 11th 10 am – 5 pm – THS will be with Susan Furlong at the Tipp Arts Council Holiday Affair arts and crafts show at the Tipp Center

Tuesday, November 14th – Board Meeting

Thursday, November 16th 6:00 pm – Ken Serey speaks on his book *“What’s the Story?”*
Tipp Senior Center

Saturday, December 2nd 12:00 – 5:00 – Christmas in the Village Tour of Homes

Thursday, December 7th 10:00 am – THS Christmas Brunch at Bob Evans

Tuesday, December 12th – Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th – Board Meeting

What’s The Story?

The Tippecanoe Historical Society is holding a community meeting on Thursday, November 16th, at the Tipp Seniors Building on N. Hyatt St. The doors will be open at 6:00 and the program will start at 6:30.

Ken Serey will be the speaker. He will be talking about his book *“What’s The Story- Your Ohio Neighbors Share Their War Memories: From Pearl Harbor to V-J Day”*.



From the preface of his book - "I have had the great pleasure of meeting thousands of Ohio seniors and hearing their stories. But the biggest thrill I get is when I run across WW II veterans telling me their personal stories. Every day it gets more difficult to find these men and women".

Do you know...

- Who was the Centerville woman arrested by the SS and thrown in jail at 16 years old?
- Who is the woman from Ohio who was the Tokyo Rose equivalent for Germany and still makes her home in the Buckeye State?
- Why did Piqua, Ohio play such an essential role in the bombing of Europe?

Join us for an enjoyable evening and perhaps find the answers to these questions.

Century Homes Project

Our Century Homes Project is now 6 years old. It was established in 2017 to honor the homes in our community that have been cared for from generation to generation and have reached the 100-year-old landmark.

In the beginning, it took a lot of research to ascertain the age of the home and qualify the home for the Century Homes plaque. We would guide homeowners on how to research the age of their home, and if they were lucky, we had information in our files to help them. But the process was cumbersome and time consuming.

In 2020, the process became simple. The Auditors Office at the Miami County Courthouse records a date built for each home. When they redid their records in the 1950's they really didn't know the age of many of our historic homes. So, they set a default year of 1920 for many of our properties. That made our certification process for Century Homes simple. By 2020, we knew that these properties met our Century criteria.

If the homeowner wants more exact information, it is available to them at the Auditor's Office, but for the purposes of Century Homes, they have met our only criteria; the home is 100 years old.

From 2019 to 2022, we began researching First, Second and Seventh Streets. We contacted homeowners and made them aware that they own a Century Home. We received other applications and the Program is growing.

This year Paula Lantz and Carol Graf contacted 30 homeowners on Hyatt Street who have Century Homes.

The Christmas Tour has five Century Homes and our members who are creating storyboards for these properties are working with these homeowners.

Going forward, things will be even simpler. Chuck Kessler and Paula Lantz created a database using Courthouse records, so we have a master spreadsheet of all hundred-year-old homes in our community. The raw data is in place, now we need a little help doing various sorts and categories. If you would have a few hours to help with this, please call Paula at 937-667-6990.

Camp Lazy



Summer is over and the heat of summer is behind us until spring. Many folks in town, when the weather was hot, would pack up tents and furniture and head to the river east of the park. One such camping area was called Camp Lazy. They would dress up and have their Sunday services at the campsite. These pictures were taken in 1894 at Camp Lazy. Notice the long white dresses and most all the men and women had hats on.