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SPRINGTIME BLOOMS WITH A BEVY OF DIVERSE PROGRAMS

As we usher in a new season of programming, we're excited about the presentations that we've planned for this year during each month from mid-March right through to our annual "Walk Tiskilwa" on Saturday, December 7. Our line-up truly has something for everyone. In keeping with our efforts to engage the entire community, we've scheduled programs with an aim to appeal to students, their parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, too. All of these presentations begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Community Room of Museum on Main. A chairlift is available for anyone needing assistance with the steps to the upper level. And don't forget: homemade treats are served in the museum galleries following each program.

Monday, MARCH 11: A program entitled "History All Around Us" will be presented by three eighth-graders from Logan Junior High who researched local subjects for **Mr. David Gray's** history class. As he told us: "Through this project students gain more appreciation for both the history and the community." These three Tiskilwa teenagers – **Illyana Jones, Trevyn Munson, and Caleb Johnson** – will share their PowerPoint presentations about **Mt. Bloom Cemetery, the origins of Pow Wow Days, and Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center.** We will also give a brief presentation about our new display of stained-glass windows that once graced **St. Jude's Episcopal Church, which stood near the East Park in Tiskilwa from 1892 to 1990.** (A photo of Mt. Bloom Cemetery steps from May 2020 with full-tilt-boogie redbud tree)



APRIL 8: The Orphan Train Movement, operating between 1854 and 1929, delivered youngsters from crowded urban areas on the East coast to Midwestern towns, often rural communities such as Bureau and Stark Counties. The grandmother of our speaker, **Judy Harris** of Princeton, was one of those children who rode the Orphan Train at the tender age of seven years. Judy will share photos and personal anecdotes about her grandmother's story, revealing fascinating facts about this controversial social movement.



May 13: The Lovejoy Homestead is a familiar and beloved historic site in Bureau County, famed for its owner Owen Lovejoy's prominent role in the abolitionist movement. But did you realize that it required a whole network of like-minded people to shuttle escaping enslaved people to his "station" on the Underground Railroad? Our society will host **Owen Muelder, author of The Underground Railroad in Western Illinois, who will share surprising revelations about numerous activities throughout Bureau and Stark Counties to aid fugitives fleeing slavery in Kentucky, Missouri, and other points south.** Professor Muelder is director of the Galesburg Colony Underground Railroad Freedom Center at Knox College in Galesburg.



MUSEUM ON MAIN AND GALLERY ON GALENA

More than 18,500 artifacts in our two museums preserve and interpret local history. The **MoM** is housed in the former Methodist Church, an 1855 Illinois Historic Landmark Building at 110 East Main Street. The **GoG** is in the former Legion Hall, 550 North Galena, just south of the tracks.

MUSEUM HOURS:
SATURDAY: 10:00 - 1:00

GALLERY HOURS:
FIRST SATURDAYS: 10-1

Admission is free, and our volunteers will show you around. For an appointment, call Ed Waca at 815.646.4016.

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*Our cutoff date for printing was February 12. If your name is not listed on this page, have you forgotten to join?
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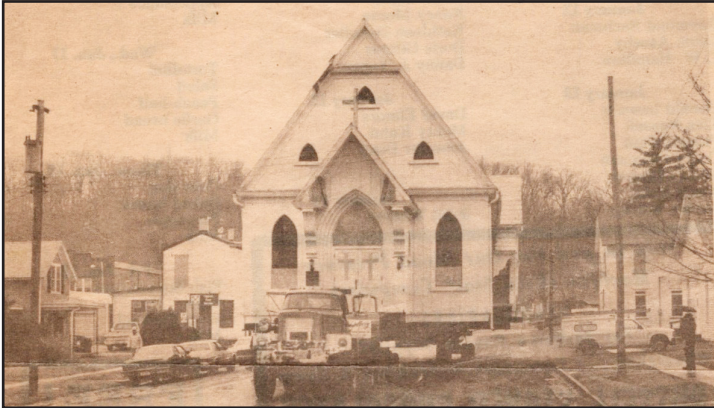
THE WAPSIPINICON, MARCH 2024

Editor's note: Last December, Ray Mabry of Princeton gave our society an amazing gift: more than 20 stained-glass windows from the beautiful little St. Jude's Episcopal Church that once stood in pride of place near the West Park in Tiskilwa. It's a long and winding road to explain how this gift came about, but we'll try! We've gathered bits from various printed sources and interviews to share an explanation of their travels, including their return trip to Tiskilwa.

The Jewel-like Windows of St. Jude's Church

by Cecille Gerber

On the chilling, rainy days of early January in 1990, St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Tiskilwa made a solemn six-mile, two-day journey to its new location near the entrance of Bryant Woods in Princeton.



St. Jude's on the move, Jan. 9, 1990: Photo by Tiskilwa's Bureau Valley Chief

The unusual sight was spellbinding but bittersweet for the scores of Tiskilwa residents who crowded around to watch the 97-year-old landmark building passing by. Even the grade-school kids lined Galena Street, freed from classes to witness the 90-ton structure, perched on a flatbed and 48 wheels, as it made its way past. For Jeffery House Movers of Wyanaet, it was "just another job" according to owner George Jeffery, quoted in the *LaSalle News Tribune*.

"WHY did they do that?" was the question in many people's minds then . . . and even today. A bit of research reveals that the church's foundation had been declared unsafe by a Peoria engineering firm and the building had not been used for two years prior to the move. Although the 1892 church was structurally sound, it had been built on the foundation of an 1865 church that burned to the ground in 1891. Rebuilding began right away, and the new church was completed the next year and consecrated in early 1893.

When the congregation explored the idea in the 1980s of constructing a reproduction of St. Jude's by using the artifacts from the original, the cost was estimated to be \$450,000. On the other hand, the price tag for the move and new construction of a foundation, basement, complete with heating and air conditioning came in at \$220,000.

In order for the move to occur, arrangements had to be made with the Illinois State Police, Illinois Power Company, GTE (the telephone company), and Cablevision. But the big problem was how to cross the canal, since a narrow metal bridge was still in place at that time. True to form, legendary good-guy **Delmar Beams** agreed to let the entourage use his property to cross the canal over a large metal pipe, inserted years earlier to allow access to his fields. Then the massive cargo pulled back onto the Tiskilwa-Princeton highway. The Illinois Valley Episcopal Mission Deacon Stephen Stumpf noted at the time, "Delmar has been completely unselfish in all of this and we are very grateful to him. . . He has even moved dirt to create a ramp to make the move easier." The church sat in a holding pattern for several days on Delmar's property until a good freeze allowed them to resume the trek.

Sadly, St. Jude's parish in Princeton dissolved in 2017. Two years later, Ray Mabry purchased the building and has repurposed it as a homeowner's workshop. Recently, Ray carefully removed and delivered all the windows. When Ray signed over the Deed of Gift, he said, "I'm so happy to have the windows going home. I know your society will be good stewards." He suggested that we could use the glasswork for display, as gifts to families whose ancestors are memorialized, and/or for fundraising purposes.



Left: The quaint Neo-Gothic church was sketched for a notecard by **Mary Win Walter**. Right: **Ray Mabry** takes a final look at one of the classic windows before "sending them home" to Tiskilwa and our historical society.

Our society's board is currently discussing how best to honor these jewel-like treasures. Our first task has been to identify the names inscribed on the windows and try to track down family members. This job proved almost impossible, except for the well-known Stevens names and that of Catharine Swanzy, the wife of a noteworthy Tiskilwa physician in the 1800s.

In the past month, we have spent several hours cleaning the windows as well as constructing and installing a framework for display in two triptychs in the east and west corners of the former altar area. We used the windows with family names we couldn't trace. We are planning to have the windows professionally appraised before we take further action. Come on down to the Museum on Main to enjoy the display any Saturday!



Left: **Betsy Salsman** (THS '70) is among the volunteers who have been working carefully to clean the glass and restore the wooden frames.

Right: The lighted windows in the corners are a lovely complement to our array of wedding attire. On display: **Marie Johnston Steimle** (THS '23) wore this midnight blue velvet dress and pillbox hat when she married **Charles Steimle** (THS '23) on September 26, 1936, at St. Mary's Church, Tiskilwa.

Last month, Betsy Salsman shared with us the charming article written by her mother, **Madge Hale**, and published in the *Bureau Valley Chief* on December 7, 1989. Madge cleverly "speaks in the voice" of the old church: "While I sit here in my quiet surroundings, I would like to reminisce with my friends in Tiskilwa." She proceeds to look around the neighborhood and remark on the people and the businesses nearby, starting in the early 1890s and then jumping to the 1950s and 1960s, when "**Ernest Reynolds** walks out his door to go to his job as postmaster. His wife **Lillian** is on her way to teach math at the high school. . . Hark! What's that I hear? A parade coming down the hard road. . . Suppose any of these band members might have had relatives in the first band that marched down that same road?"

The ending is especially poignant: "You and I have covered several generations, but now I sit here in the dark, my windows boarded up. Propped up with no basement to keep me warm. . . I will be leaving soon. My last promise to you, my dear friends: I will always be a house of the Lord and serve Him well. But it will never be the same. Farewell."

Sources: *The Bureau Valley Chief*, *Bureau County Republican*, *LaSalle News Tribune*, Tiskilwa Pow Wow Days Committee notecard, printed in 1977. Madge's entire article is available to read at the research table, Gallery 1, Museum on Main.

POSTING for Director (Part-time position) TISKILWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Editor's Note: We are beginning our search for a new director to fill Cecille Gerber's role but as a paid position. Below you'll find the information that will soon be posted in print and social media. As needed or requested, Cele will be mentoring the new director throughout the first months of the position. If you are interested in finding out more or in sending your resume, please contact our T-H-S president Bill Wendle, bwendle@gmail.com.

About the job

- \$18-\$20/hour
- 30-40 hours per month initially, increasing to 50-60 hours per month
- Flexible hours; many tasks can be performed remotely

About Tiskilwa Historical Society (T-H-S)

The society was founded in 2006 as an all-volunteer not-for-profit with the mission to collect, preserve and display items from Tiskilwa and the vicinity. Our primary museum is the former United Methodist Church built in 1855. Exhibits are displayed on the ground floor, and the former sanctuary on the upper level is used for monthly community programs. Our second museum is the former American Legion Hall, and it houses military artifacts and a replica of a one-room schoolhouse. We have 370 members, with more than half living outside the area. Our hands-on board members perform most of the tasks associated with the operation of T-H-S, and our organization is a vibrant part of the community. We are judicious in our spending and routinely finish the year with a small surplus. In 2023, we wrapped up a capital campaign, raising \$266,000 (106% of the goal). The directorship is currently a volunteer position, and the incumbent is a founding member of T-H-S. She is ready to begin phasing out of the directors' role but continuing as a board member.

Essential Functions

- Oversee two facilities and assure that essential tasks are being completed by volunteers, including staffing the museums during our Saturday "open" hours.
- Select content, write articles, and create the layout for our quarterly *Wapsipinicon* newsletter.
- Write promotional material for events and exhibits, and supply to social and printed media.
- Work with a committee of board members to plan programs, recruit speakers, co-sponsor programs with community organizations.
- Act as the spokesperson for T-H-S and collaborate with community organizations in historical projects.
- Work with the treasurer and other board members to monitor the organization's financial health, apply for grants, plan facility improvements, raise funds if needed.
- Identify and coordinate opportunities to enhance museum exhibits and expand the reach of our society.
- With the president, prepare agenda for monthly meeting.

Important skills & traits

- Effective leadership in an all-volunteer environment
- Written and oral communication skills, including public speaking
- Creativity
- Can-do attitude
- Enthusiasm for local history
- Skilled use of print and social media

LOOKING BACK ON BRIGHT & SHINY "WALK TISKILWA"

Thanks to all those who made our sixteenth annual Walk Tiskilwa come together in a holly-jolly way once again! Over the years, the activities have varied, but the sparkle of friendliness and volunteerism always radiate throughout the Gem of the Valley. We were thrilled to see the scores of visitors who came over the creek and down the street to "Catch the Spirit" on December 9 and enjoy the sunny, crisp day that Mother Nature provided for this year's Walk. We hosted more than 100 visitors at the Museum on Main.



Numerous vendors displayed their wares at the Library and St. Mary's church hall. *At left: Meredith Spainhour, Mitzi Roberts Spainhour (THS '81), and Juanita Roberts-Beams. The three petting zoos were among the biggest hits of Walk Tiskilwa. At right: Audrena Tucker and her mom Justine Longeville admired denizens of Dugosh Farms. Throughout the event, Scott Bickett (THS '80) filled the air of Main Street with festive holiday music.*

"Trouble with a Capital T" 🎵 ~ A Century Ago

Tiskilwa's former mayor, **Randy Philhower** (THS '71), continues to come across items of interest for our historical society. Among his recent donations are the court proceedings as recorded by Police Magistrate A.B. Blake between 1909 and 1921. Here are a few dramatic entries:

February 3d, 1909: Now comes Village Constable Charles Beyers with one George K---, who the said constable arrested for disturbing the peace and quiet by using vulgar and obscene language at the entrance to the Tiskilwa Opera House on the evening of February 2d, 1909. Defendant George K --- pleads guilty. Fine assessed at \$5.00, plus court costs \$2.25. Fine paid in cash and defendant discharged.

April 30th, 1917: Now comes John Smith, village marshal, with Howard K--- whom he has arrested for violating a village ordinance by riding a bicycle on the public sidewalks. Defendant pleads guilty. Fine assessed at \$1.00. Costs taxed at \$1.50. Fine and costs paid. Defendant discharged.



TISKILWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual dues: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31

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If you prefer to use a printable membership form, go to our website, tiskilwahistoricalociety.org. You'll find it in a link on the first page.

Every year, our dauntless secretary, Julie Sampson (THS '67) prepares an Activities Report recapping our numerous projects and events. Here are a few vital statistics.

Go Figure: Stats for 2023

491: Number of attendees at 11 programs and events

447: Number of visitors who signed in on Saturdays at MoM

102: Number of visitors who signed in on first Saturdays at GoG

370: Number of Members & Sponsors

3,017: Estimated volunteer hours

813: Followers on Facebook page. *(It sounds modest, but it does surpass the population number of 750 on our Tiskilwa sign!)*

95: Average monthly number of hits on our website

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: The totals at the end of these years:

2006: 45 2011: 250 2016: 304 2023: 370

Time, Talent, Treasure Keep Home Fires Burning

We have so many people to thank for their generosity to our society that our gratitude doesn't always receive public recognition. Let's change that here & now. **Thank you . . .**

* to **Jeff Prusator (THS '86)** for stepping up to serve on the T-H-S board! An observer after Jeff's first meeting and "workload" ~~~ *Jeff is a fantastic addition to the board – smart guy, a good listener with helpful professional experience, he knows and loves the area.*

* to **Jan Pruitt Lohaus (THS '73)** for covering the cost of installing WiFi at the Museum on Main. No longer a dead zone, we can communicate with the world for research and emails.

* to **Joy, C. Richard & Candice & Family, Joellen Schertz** for covering the cost of all framework materials used to display church windows, in memory of **Clifford** and **Eleanor Schertz**, longtime St. Jude's parishioners.

* to **many volunteers** for helping to transport, clean, and display the stained-glass windows: Bill Wendle, Randy Senneff, Marc Smucker, Cele Gerber, Adam Fredenhagen, Pam Lange, Betsy Salsman, Connie Kauffman, Marg Wendle, Larry Magnuson, *et al.*

* **And on behalf of our entire community . . . THANK YOU TO TISKILWA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR YOUR WORK:**

2021: Tiskilwa Indian Rock dedication; new holiday lights for Main Street; new Welcome-to-Tiskilwa signs

2022: New pavilion in West Park

2023: Replaced roof and re-stained East Park pavilion; installed flag & solar light at East Park.

Annual: Sweep street & repaint parking lines; organize Pow Wow Days; operate booth for Bureau Co. Fair and Beef & Ag Days.

History Mystery for March



Baseball was a very big deal in Tiskilwa in the early 20th century. Can you figure out the location of this "rough-but-ready" ballfield by identifying the building left of the grandstands in this photo? Or I.D. the handsome lad?

History Mystery Solved: The building is our 1898 Tiskilwa depot. The proud player is **Ralph Waldo Emerson Chenoweth (1876-1951)**, the great-great uncle of Tiskilwa's Thompson "kids:" **Susan, Clark, and Jerry.**
Special note: The ballfield photo will be in a new exhibit "1912," open March 1 to December 14 at the **Bureau County History Center, Princeton.** They have built an exhibit around the year of the tragic sinking of *The Titanic*, April 14-15, 1912. Starting with the stories of the family of *Titanic* survivors who would come to live in Princeton, they take a look at what was happening throughout Bureau County in that year. From the sad, to the humorous, to the criminal, to the scandalous, to the political – our county had it all in 1912!

Mural Details Added with Descriptions and Credits

During the months since the photographic mural was installed, several people have inquired who the photographers are. The result: a sharp new sign with their names as well as a description of the historic Mount Bloom Cemetery steps; the Hennepin Canal, Lock 11; the CRI&P depot, and the Civil War Monument. Stop by to read it sometime!

On a bright and sunny, snow-covered January morning, the three photographers gathered to claim what surely is the largest print ever made of their photos.

From left: **Cecille Gerber (THS '63), Dave Horst (THS '74), and Nancy Harmon (THS '76).**



As the sign proudly proclaims: *"TISKILWA: Where the Past Is Present. Tiskilwa Historical Society dedicates this mural to the people of Tiskilwa, past and present, for their contributions to the quality of life in our community. August 5, 2023"* By the way – again in response to inquiries – please rest assured that the photos are printed on metal and covered with a weather-resistant coating.

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Collector's Corner: All Things Tiskilwa

Four Artistic Notecards of Tiskilwa Scenes:

Watercolors by T-H-S member **Jan Lohaus (THS '73)** for a suggested donation of \$10, with all proceeds to T-H-S. **Other items available:** T-shirts in navy or gray (\$15); long-sleeved gray shirt (\$20); THS Alumni Directory: 1878-1995 (\$15). Please add a few dollars if you'd like us to mail the item(s) to you.



IN MEMORIAM

Thank you for these memorials, received since our previous newsletter.

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Spring will come again . . .



Thanks to **Karen Parish**, Tiskilwa, for sharing this splendid (and encouraging) image with us, taken in her backyard on July 15, 2023: a dramatic Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly on a coneflower. Karen tells us "My photography hobby has allowed me to capture the beauty of wildlife and nature that have always been so important to me."

To see more of Karen's photography, check out her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kparish1012?mibextid=ibOpuV>

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