*DESTINATION LODI*

*A HISTORICAL JOURNEY*

*Have you been to the LOG CABIN? GO… just to take a walk around the museum. Take a snack, you’ll be there a while. The Log Cabin is a hidden gem in Lodi, known around the world for their gun inventory and customer service. I was waiting to talk with Dan Kindig today, when a father and son from Pennsylvania came in for supplies. I have lived in Lodi my entire life not knowing how outstanding this shop and museum was. I stopped in one day, stayed for 1 ½ hours.*

*The present Log Cabin is located on the farm land once owned by the Sherman Rodgers family. The land was then purchased by Walter Kindig, father of Wes. (The Kindig family only being the second owners.) When you walk into the Log Cabin, you walk into part of the original horse barn on the property. The farm house that stood on the property was a match to the farm house that still stands right down the road. The Kindig’s started out selling antiques, eggs and popcorn.*

*Wes Kindig began what was has become the Log Cabin Shop around 1940. The business was housed in the still standing log cabin located on route 42 just outside of Lodi. . In 1968, Wes moved the Log Cabin to its present location, located 2 miles out on Route 42. Located in an 8200 sq. ft. showroom that offers a complete line of products for the recreational and competitive black powder shooter as well as the pre-1980’s reenactor. It houses a 2400 sq. ft. classroom/museum featuring 17th and 18th century artifacts and a workshop for seminars/classes on gun building, engraving, and scrimshaw are held. Additional seminars on basket making, spinning/weaving, herbs and other crafts. The fireplace in the museum room burns on most winter days. The Kindig’s have been gracious enough to hold and exhibit a Civil War officer’s jacket originally worn by a Lodi soldier owned by our Lodi –Harrisville Historical Society. Thank you.*

*Sons Dan and Rick have continued the family business. This October the Log Cabin presents there 6th Annual Early American Trades Fair. Meet with and learn from skilled craftspeople as the work. Many handcrafts items on display for sale or trade.*

*The Lodi-Harrisville Historical Society has also held quarterly meetings at the Log Cabin. There presentations are so interesting and educational. Again, thank you. I’m sure we will be asking them again.*

 *In my research, I read comments on line that said it all.*

*They stated” I mostly just wandered around shaking my head in awe “. “One of the interesting places in Ohio “. “Overwhelmed” and “Amazing and must really see to be believed.”*

*Mark your calendar! Lodi-Harrisville Historical Society quarterly meeting will be April 23h at 7pm, Harrisville Twp. Hall. The Summit Co. Historical Society will be presenting THE VICTORICAN WOMEN. Also, LodiCares will be sponsoring a Health Fair on April 21th 10-1 located at the Lodi American Legion. If you have any questions, give me a call at 330-635-7294.*