

Mr. Tippecanoe's Legacy Honors Hometown

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Gordon Honeyman left Tipp City for the big city to attend college and work the initial years of a career with Merrill Lynch, but the love of his hometown brought him back.

The son of the town electrician and 1957 graduate of Tippecanoe High School, Honeyman called Tipp City "a wonderful place to grow up."

Military service took Honeyman to New Jersey followed by his journey into New York City, where Merrill Lynch hired him in January 1966. After three years in human resources with the company, he chose an office in Dayton.

"I never regretted coming back," said Honeyman, who worked with Merrill Lynch for 50 years. "It has been a pretty good life for me."

Honeyman served on the first Tipp City Restoration and Architectural Board, was involved on various downtown project committees and was a charter member and serves on the board of the Tippecanoe Alumni Association. He also has served on the board of the Tipp City Foundation.

Honeyman is one of the foundation's Legacy Donors.

"My gift is completely unrestricted. The board can spend it in any way. I trust them to do that," he said.

He noted the principal will remain while the foundation has access to the interest. "My purpose for the fund is whatever they like at the moment. It could be for beautification, a scholarship, or whatever the need. I trust them completely."

His involvement on the foundation board gave him a clear view of what the organization does for the community. He liked what he saw.

"I see what good they do. I love the idea of the money continuing to work for the community," Honeyman said.

He said he'd like to be remembered as Mr. Tippecanoe or Mr. Tippecanoer, "the guy who wants to see the (city) name returned" to Tippecanoe.

Not everyone agrees with that, which is OK with Honeyman.

"I was talking with someone who said they are sure glad they live in Tipp. I think Tipp City is the best. We all love our town in many different ways, but that doesn't mean we love it any less," he said. "Love of town, in the end, wins out."

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