

Pritch's Pipes

Pritch's Pipes came into being in the Spring of 1997 when Dr. Len Pritchard realized a lifetime dream upon the arrival at his home of a new Calliope from the Tangley Calliope Company in Donaldson, Iowa. Originally being from Pittsburgh he, as a child, watched steamboats ply the Ohio River and thrilled to the glorious music of their calliopes as they tunefully announced their arrivals and departures from the then smoky city. A friend and he constructed the conveyance to carry the instrument on wheels. Since those days, roughly four years ago, he has been busy throughout the summer and fall bringing the happy music of the pipes to fair attendees, picnic lovers, and parade watchers. This will actually be return to Mercer for Dr. Pritchard, since he at one time practiced at 200 North Pitt Street.