



The Homestead News



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MAY - JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

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From our President ... Al Tuttle

Dear Members & Friends,

Our spring clean-up day was Saturday, March 29th from 9 to noon in preparation for our first open house of 2025, April 6th. We featured the 1913 Dayton Flood, and since we did not have an open house on Easter, April 20th, we decided to continue the flood display during the month of May.

From our President Continued

We are approaching the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026. On April 18th local SAR and DAR Chapters sponsored a program about Paul Revere's ride at the WACO Airfield, 1865 S. County Road 25A, Troy, OH.

We have repaired the outside of our buildings and put in new sidewalks behind the Federal House, and are now turning our efforts to making internal repairs.

There are several school groups coming to visit the Society. Please read Linda Karns' article about our need for volunteers. Thanks to all for the parts that they play in making the Society available to the public.

March General Meeting

The program presenter was Phil Spaugy, a local Vandalia resident, who enjoys studying and researching the Civil War. He brought us information about Captain Crook and the area boys who were part of the OVI (Ohio Volunteer Infantry) 74th. Phil also displayed some items that the soldier might have daily needed. The Society's Civil War Field Desk of Captain Crook and a Bible found on a battlefield were also on display. Thank you Phil for a very interesting presentation.

We served some snacks from the time of the Civil War era to tie into our program subject. Linda Karns explained the various skillet cakes and cookies and why they were popular during a time of shortages. Thanks to Linda & Mary Geiger for bringing these goodies!

The New HSVB Logo



Exciting Update to our Website

We have made it easier to join the society or update your current membership. Go to the Membership tab at the top of the page and follow the instructions to join or update your membership for 2025. We have a Donate button for those wishing to make a donation to the society.

PURPOSE OF OUR SOCIETY:

The Mission of **The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler** is to perpetuate the history of the Vandalia-Butler Community.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 4 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

May 12 – Board Meeting, Meeting House 7PM

May 18 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

June 1 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

June 9 – Board Meeting, Meeting House 7PM

June 15 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

We would love to have you join our Vandalia Butler Historical Society as a member, our dues are:

- Participating (each individual) - \$10
- Student (High School or College) - \$1
- Family (Parents & Children under 18 yrs) - \$20
- Supporting Membership - \$35
- Business Organization Membership - \$50
- Lifetime Membership - \$500
- Patron - \$1000

“Your Membership Matters”

Membership Happenings

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership for 2025:

Welcome new member, Jocelyn Bartley!

Renewals:

John McDonald, Judy Mosier, Joe Myer, Judy Hollen, Lenny Maenza, Carla Clark, Marilyn Ekberg, Chuck & Gerry Geloff, Mindy Bridges, Pastor Michael and Pam Malcosky, Suzanne Parkey, Mary Kilsheimer, Craig & Linda Smith, Ashley Breidenbach, and Mary Reifsnyder.

To renew your membership, you may mail your check and completed membership form to HSVB or you may go to the membership tab on our Website and renew online.

Thank you for supporting HSVB!

Tonya Hittner
Membership Chair
937-470-7396
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Condolences

We have learned of the deaths of Jay Phipps 3/2025, Phyllis Crossley 3/2025, and Susan Pavlakos 3/2025. They were all members of the society.

Society member, Patty Upton lost her husband in March. Society member, Susan Martin lost her father in March. Society member Claudia Klopfer lost her husband in March.

We extend our condolences to all.

May and June Open Houses

During our May open houses, we will feature the decades when our historic buildings were built. Learn about the 1820s in the Log House. The election of 1820 was the first time a candidate won the popular vote but was not elected as President. A “common school system” began in Ohio. Lemon drop candy was available. Learn about the 1840s in the Federal House. Five Presidents served in the 1840s. The Gold Rush was happening in California. The first woman became a doctor and the sewing machine was invented. Horehound Candy was available and well as “Sweethearts” or conversation hearts. The 1860s will be featured in the Brown School. This was the era of the Civil War and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. The Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first pro baseball team. Florence Nightingale founded the first nursing school. Necco wafers became a popular candy. You will be able to sample some of the candies available in each decade and play some of the games children played. May open houses are from 1-3 on Sunday, May 4 and Sunday, May 18.

For our June open houses, we will feature the Presidents Club and the Distinguished Service award winners. From 1985 until 2016, the Presidents Club was active in Vandalia. The Presidents Club sponsored the Distinguished Service Award. The selection was made in late fall and the award was presented at a banquet held in January. The award is now presented by the Chamber of Commerce and has been named the Marvin Link Distinguished Service Award. Our display features information about the past winners, including the first recipient Mary Hoottinger. When the Presidents Club disbanded, their records were given to the Historical Society. We have much information about early recipients. We need help adding information about more recent recipients. June open houses are from 1-3 on Sunday, June 1 and Sunday, June 15

Kroger Community Rewards Program

This is an easy way for our members to help provide financial support to the Society. Enroll or re-enroll in this program using our organization number PN902. Call Kroger Customer Service at 1-800-576-4377 and give them your Kroger Plus Card 12-digit bar code number, on the back of the card, your phone number and our organization number (PN902). When you give the code, since some consonants sound alike, consider saying P as in Paul and N as in Nancy. The Customer Representative will help you register in the program.

Be sure to check out our new website at: **hsvb.online** and our new Facebook page **Facebook.com/hsvb.online**



Recycle Your Aluminum

Thanks to all who deposit aluminum cans at the Society dumpster (the West side of the Barn). This is one of the few sources of revenue.

Home & Garden Tours

There were a couple tours in 2024, and we will have several in 2025. Please stay tuned

Open House: 1st&3rd Sunday, Apr-Oct, 1-3PM
Located At: 336 East Alkaline Springs Road,
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

The Spring House

Water Sales (weather permitting)
Every Saturday 9AM-3PM & Sunday 12:30-3PM

Board Meetings:

Held the second Monday of each month at 7PM
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Participating (individual) -- \$10.00 _____

Family (Parent & Children under 18) -- \$20.00 _____

Supporting (per individual/family) -- \$35.00 _____

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The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler Calendar

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4 Open House, 1PM – 3PM
12 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM
18 Open House, 1PM – 3PM

June

1 Open House, 1PM – 3PM
9 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM
15 Open House, 1PM – 3PM

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