

The Homestead News



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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From our President ... Al Tuttle

Dear Members & Friends,

During this year of our 250th Anniversary celebration there has been a renewed search for information about our ancestors, especially for those who served/supported the Revolutionary War effort. If you are able to find the grave sites of your ancestors, you may find that they are almost unreadable and need cleaned. One of the products that are recommended to use in cleaning grave markers is D2, and there is a recommended process. The key thing is to not damage an already fragile marker.

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From our President Cont.

On September 12th at 1pm we will be cleaning markers at the Popular Hill cemetery in the back section of the cemetery. Kay, Linda Karns and I have taken the grave marker restoration class at Woodland Cemetery and will be doing the cleaning/demonstration using the approved cleaner D2. Please join us if you have an interest in cleaning grave marker. This is one way that we can show our gratitude to those who have gone before us.

If we have to cancel the event, you will receive an email and there will be a posting on social media. Please make sure that we have your correct email address.

September and October Open Houses

How many of you remember Vandalia Playschool? Vandalia Playschool began in 1945 and closed in 2015. It was started by Miss Edith Eby. Donna Shirley began working at the play school in 1968 and continued the program when Miss Eby retired in 1979. Donna kept scrapbooks of classes and their activities. When the play school closed, Donna donated a wooden train and cradle from the play school to the Historical Society. When Donna passed away in 2023, her husband, Jack, donated her files to the Historical Society. In September and October, our School House will be filled with Donna's notebooks and pictures and other displays from Vandalia Playschool. This display will be available on September 20 and October 4 and October 18 from 1-3.

September 11, 2026 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of 9/11/2001; when two planes struck the Twin Towers of New York, one plane struck the Pentagon, and one plane was "hijacked" by passengers and crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Stop in the Meeting House on September 20th to see our remembrance display. Please feel free to share how you remember that day.

In October, we will feature information about the herbs that are grown in our herb garden.

Herbs were very important in the United States from the time of the earliest settlements. They were often used as medicines in Colonial America. Visit the Log House to see our displays. Come to the Meeting House to make a lavender sachet and try some hand lotions with herbal fragrances. October open houses are October 4 and 18 from 1-3.

We close our buildings for the winter after our last October open house. We will decorate the buildings for the Christmas Season. Feel free to come and take pictures on our beautiful grounds throughout the fall and holiday seasons.

Labor Day Weekend

The Historical Society will be closed for Labor Day Weekend. The Spring House will be closed on Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6. There will not be an open house on Sunday, September 6.

Card Flight Winners for 2025-2026 Season

EUCHRE:

1st Place	Mary Ann Grimberg
2nd Place	Linda Hufford
3rd Place	Linda Jordan
Booby Prize	Dona Fleishman

BRIDGE:

1st Place	Karin Fisher & Judy Laughter
2nd Place	Kathy Lawrence & Beth Payne
3rd Place	Pat Grimes & Cynthia Willhelm

Many thanks to Judy Laughter for continuing her leadership of this Society event. If anyone has interest in joining or starting a new group please contact her at 937-677-3267.

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:

Sept. 14 – Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM

Sept. 20 – Open House 1PM-3PM

Oct. 4 – Open House, 1PM-3PM

Oct. 12 – Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM

Oct. 18 – Open House, 1PM-3PM

Oct. 19 – General Meeting – Vandalia Public Library, Community Room
6:30PM – 8:30PM

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
- Founding - \$5000

Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler

Membership Renewal Reminder – Thank You for Supporting HSVB!

HSVB Membership September/October 2026

Susan Wright renewed her membership. Please continue your support of HSVB by keeping your membership current. Invite your friends to join the society. We would love to add to our membership and most importantly increase the number of volunteers. Send in your membership on the form in your newsletter or use the membership tab on our website to keep current.

If you have any questions about your membership, contact me.

Tonya Hittner
Membership Chair
937-470-7396
tjhittner@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed at HSVB

The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler is looking for volunteers to help us preserve and care for our buildings, grounds, and collections.

We have opportunities for a variety of interests and schedules, including:

- **Building Upkeep** - cleaning and simple maintenance
- **Open House Docents** - welcoming visitors and sharing our local history
- **Digital Inventory** - helping photograph, identify, and record items in our collection
- **Small Projects** - occasional projects around our buildings and grounds

Even a few hours of your time can make a difference! No special experience is necessary, and we appreciate whatever time you can give.

Help us preserve the history of Vandalia and Butler Township for future generations.

Interested in volunteering?

Visit the Volunteer section at www.hsvb.online.

The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler



The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler-October General Meeting

Monday October 19th at 6:30pm

Community Room -Vandalia Public Library 330 S. Dixie Dr.

Presents:

A Civil War Love Story Comes to Life

Rex Maggert & Shelly Schoen-Father-Daughter History Team

Discover the remarkable true story of Jesse Burkett and Sallie Weddle whose Civil War romance was uncovered through a collection of handwritten letters hidden inside the walls of a demolished Illinois home.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VANDALIA BUTLER
OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING



A Civil War Love Story Comes to Life



**Presented by
Rex Maggert & Shelly Schoen
Father-Daughter History Team**

Join us at the Vandalia Branch of the Dayton Metro Library for an evening of local history and discovery. Discover the remarkable true story of Jesse Burkett and Sallie Weddle, whose Civil War-era romance was uncovered through a collection of handwritten letters hidden inside the walls of a demolished Illinois home.

Their presentation brings to life a fascinating chapter of Miami County history, revealing the hopes, hardships, and enduring love shared during one of America's most challenging times.

Monday, October 19, 2026 | 6:30PM

**Vandalia Branch of the Dayton Metro Library
330 S. Dixie Drive, Vandalia 45377**

FREE and Open to the Public

Before the featured presentation, Historical Society President Al Tuttle will provide an update on the Society's activities and accomplishments from the past year, along with a look at what's ahead. Members and guests are welcome to attend.



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.

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
at the Society Meeting House

Email: info.hsvb@gmail.com

Phone: (937) 898-5300

Website: hsvb.online

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Editor, The *Homestead News*

The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VANDALIA BUTLER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for considering membership with the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler. Your support helps us preserve local history, share stories of the past, and provide engaging events and educational programs for our community. Whether you're renewing or joining for the first time, we're thrilled to welcome you to our family of history enthusiasts!

Select Your Membership

- ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal Membership
- ☐ Participating (Individual): \$10.00
- ☐ Family (Parent & Children under 18): \$20.00
- Supporting (Individual/Family): \$35.00

Continuing Memberships

- ☐ Lifetime (per person): \$500.00
- ☐ Patron (per person): \$1,000.00
- ☐ Founding (per person): \$5,000.00

**To Join or renew, please print,
complete, and mail back to:**
The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler
PO BOX 243
Vandalia, OH 45377

Member Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check | Check # _____

Is this a gift membership? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Memberships can also be purchased at www.hsvb.online.



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VANDALIA BUTLER

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Community Partner,

At the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler, we believe history is more than dates and artifacts—it's the story of who we are as a community. Every year, more than 3,000 students and residents step onto our grounds to experience a living classroom where the past comes to life. None of this would be possible without the support of people and businesses who value preserving our shared story.

That's why we invite you to become a Business Member for just \$50 a year. Your membership helps us continue this important work, while also offering meaningful benefits for your business:

- Recognition: Your business name listed in our bi-monthly newsletter and on our website.
- Access: Use of our historic grounds and meeting house for up to two small group meetings or business retreats each year.
- Connection: Receive our bi-monthly newsletter filled with stories, updates, and ways to engage.

Joining is simple, but the impact is lasting. Together, we can honor our past, enrich the present, and inspire the future.

With gratitude,
The Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler

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The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler
PO BOX 243
Vandalia, OH 45377

Business Information

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Please Select: *New Membership* *Renewal Membership*

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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