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## Mission Statement

The mission of The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler is to perpetuate the history of the Vandalia-Butler Community and to educate people about the importance of this history.

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## The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler Calendar

### March

11 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM  
18 General Meeting "Music Boxes". 6:30PM  
Vandalia Library Community Room  
23 Spring Clean Up, 9AM

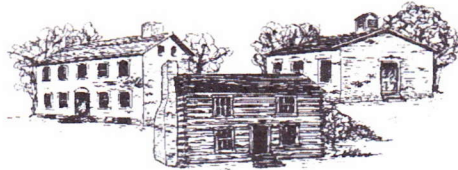
### April

6 Spring Clean Up, 9AM (Back Up Date)  
7 Open House, 1PM  
8 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM  
21 Open House, 1PM

For future events visit our Website at [hsvb.online](http://hsvb.online)  
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# The Homestead News



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## MARCH - APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

### Board Officers:

President: Al Tuttle  
V-President: Ken Johnson  
Secretary: Wanda Weber  
Treasurer: Keyona Koebel

### Trustees:

Trustee: Arlene Setzer  
Trustee: Linda Karns  
Trustee: Jack Shirley  
Trustee: Mary Geiger  
Trustee: Tiffany Goodman

### Committee Chairs:

Membership: Tonya Hittner  
Program: Open  
Rentals: Wanda Weber  
Education: Linda Karns  
Acquisitions: Wanda Weber  
Gardens/Pollinator Plantings:  
Mary Geiger  
Grounds: Dave Cassell  
Social Media: Tonya Hittner

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## From our President ... Al Tuttle

### Dear Members & Friends,

We had our first Christmas Eve service in the School House which was well attended. The consensus was to hold services again this year.

The 2024 season is upon us as we prepare for open houses and repairs/improvements to the Society buildings and grounds. We continue the cleanup of stored materials and file management, which is done by volunteers. Please let any of the board members know if you can help.

### ***From our President Continued***

March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for our annual cleanup in preparation for our open houses, starting at 9am, and we usually work until noon. We ask that people working outside bring rakes, clippers, work gloves, etc. Inside cleaners need to bring some cleaning supplies, vacuum or broom, windex, paper towels and whatever else they like to use.

If the weather on the 23<sup>rd</sup> is not conducive to be outside the inside cleaning could still proceed and we would push the outdoor activities to April 6<sup>th</sup> (which is the day before our first open house).

### ***2024 Open Houses***

Open houses resume in April. Open Houses are held the first and third Sundays of each month from April through October. Our buildings are open from 1-3. The history of Butler Township and Vandalia will be featured in April. We will have a brief summary of how the township was formed and grew. The earliest residents were Native Americans. Several different Indian tribes once lived and hunted in our area. You will be able to view a collection of their artifacts found buried on Butler Township Farms. You can learn about the first Log Home built in the township, view maps of our area from the 1800's and see pictures of some of our earliest businesses.

### **Results of the voting for the 2024 Society Board (Officers and Trustees):**

President: Al Tuttle

Vice President: Ken Johnson

Treasurer: Keyona Koebel

Secretary: Wanda Weber

Trustee: Jack Shirley (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3-year term to expire 2026)

Trustee: Linda Karns (continuing 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3-year term to expire 2024)

Trustee: Mary Geiger (continuing 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3-year term to expire 2024)

Trustee: Arlene Setzer (continuing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3-year term to expire 2025)

Trustee: Tiffany Goodman (continuing 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3-year term to expire 2025)

The Board thanks Brandon Sucher for serving as Vice President last year. We welcome Ken Johnson in that office who has done a lot of work digitizing our records.

### ***Enroll or Re-enroll in the Kroger Rewards Program***

If you want to enroll or re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, we have been told to call Customer Service at 1-800-576-4377, select option 8 (all other calls) then option 3 (all other departments) and provide your Kroger Plus Card 12-digit bar code number (on the back of the card), your phone number and our organization number (PN902). The Customer Service Representative will help you register.

## **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:**

March 11 – Board Meeting 7:00 PM Meetinghouse

March 18 – General Meeting “Music Boxes” 6:30 PM  
Vandalia Library Community Room

March 23 – Spring Clean Up Building & Grounds 9:00 AM

April 6 – Spring Clean Up (Back-up Date), 9:00 AM

April 7 – Open House, 1:00 PM

April 8 – Board Meeting 7:00 PM Meetinghouse

April 21 – Open House, 1:00 PM

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

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## *“Your Membership Matters”*

### **Membership Happenings**

Thank you for the many renewals we have had so far this year. We still have a list of members who still need to renew for 2024. If you have any questions about your membership please contact me.

These members have renewed their membership for 2024: Steve & Dianne Adams, Charles, Anders, Anne Borchers, Linda & Pete Breidenbach, Mindy Bridges, Linda & Mike Brown, Michael Cannon, Rose Chin, Regina Froschauer, Mary Geiger, Jim & Sherry Hartings, Alonzo & Dawn Hathaway, Judy Hollon, Ken Johnson, Mary Kilsheimer, Sharon Kidd, Judy Landes, Elaine & Dave Lewis, Jane Logan, Lenny Maenza, John McDonald, Judy Mosier, Joe Myers, Steven Pelfrey, Robert & Judy Pope, Mary Reifsnnyder, Larry Sabec, Jack Shirley, Craig & Lisa Smith, Melissa Stammen, Ellie Stephens, Dan & Jill Stoner, Al & Kay Tuttle, Patricia Upton, Sheila West, and Brenda Wilson.

Our Business renewals are: Coldwell Banker Realtors, Sparks Electric, and Vandalia Butler Chamber of Commerce.

Tonya Hittner  
Membership Chair  
937-470-7396  
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## Army Field Desk

One of our goals at the Historical Society of Vandalia Butler is to change our displays monthly. We hope that you will visit often and learn something new each time you visit. We have an Army Field Desk from the Civil War that we have featured in our displays. We recently rediscovered a World War I Army Chief Engineer Field Desk. This desk was built by the American Lawn Mower Company of Muncie, Indiana in 1918. American Lawn Mower Company is still in business, now in Indianapolis. The company continues to make reel lawn mowers as part of their line of lawn care products. The company built a limited number of field desks in 1917 and 1918. At that time, the company had some talented woodworkers and these men made an intricate drawer and cubby system inside each desk. Unfortunately, the drawers and shelves are missing from our desk. It will be on display later this year.



## Meeting House Rentals

During 2023 our facility was rented 6 times for various uses: family reunion, family picnic, family birthday party, holiday cookie exchange party and special needs teen activities. Please keep this in mind for your events of 35-40 people. The cost is \$50 for a 4 hour rental. For more information see website, [hsvb.online](http://hsvb.online), "rentals" or contact Wanda Weber, 937 620-1882.

Be sure to check out our new website at: [hsvb.online](http://hsvb.online)  
and our new Facebook page [Facebook.com/hsvb.online](https://www.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 – Please stay tuned.***

### **June E. Frantz**

**June 12, 1923 – December 16, 2023**

June E Frantz, age 100 of Lexington, KY, formerly of Vandalia, OH, died Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Preston Greens Senior Living. June was born June 12, 1923, in Eubank, KY, the daughter of Dennie and Eva Williams. She was preceded in death by her husband Philip Frantz, son James Frantz, sisters Margaret Cashdollar and Katherine Tully and brothers Royal and Bill Williams.

She is survived by her daughter Susan (Gill) Krouse, grandchildren Jenny (Jonathan) Delap and Paul (Kate) Krouse, two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

June was active in Girl Scouts, Vandalia Lioness Club, Garden Club, Vandalia-Butler Historical Society (Charter Member) and St. John's Lutheran Church. Along with husband Phil, she received the Vandalia Presidents Club Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

It was June's wish to be cremated and a Memorial Service was held Saturday, January 13, 1:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 122 W. National Rd, Vandalia OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions could be made to the Historical Society of Vandalia Butler or St. John's Lutheran Church.

Please join us for our March Meeting at the Vandalia Branch Library at 6:30pm on Monday, March 18th in the Community Room. Earl Harlamert will share the history of the Regina Music Box Company with you He will be bringing several music boxes from his collection. We will be playing a little music trivia game!



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF  
VANDALIA BUTLER  
*presents*  
**REGINA  
MUSIC**  
A HISTORY OF THE REGINA  
MUSIC BOX COMPANY  
  
WITH GUEST SPEAKER  
EARL HARLAMERT  
  
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**MARCH MEETING**  
MONDAY, MARCH 18TH | 6:30PM  
VANDALIA BRANCH LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
  
JOIN US FOR THIS LIVELY DISCUSSION  
AND EVEN A FUN, MUSIC BOX GAME!  
  
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**Open House:** 1st&3rd Sunday, Apr-Oct, 1-3PM  
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**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

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