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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.

The Historical Society of Vandalia Butler Calendar

September

7 Open House, 1PM – 3PM
8 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM
21 Open House, 1PM – 3PM

October

5 Open House, 1PM – 3PM
13 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM
19 Open House, 1PM – 3PM
20 General Meeting, Vandalia Library,
Community Room, 6:30PM

For future events visit our Website at hsvb.online
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The Homestead News



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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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From our President ... Al Tuttle

Dear Members & Friends,

We continually work to make improvements at the Society. There is a major effort underway to catalog and record items in all our buildings. Most are in the database, but we need to make sure that we are current in our inventory and description. The speaker at our October General Meeting will be Chris Manning, director of the Overfield Tavern in Troy, Ohio. The work that they did to inventory items in the tavern was a tremendous help in recovering from the disastrous fire.

From our President Continued

We can always use more help. Please send us an email through the website, hsvb.online.



There will be a reminder in the next newsletter, but please mark your calendars for the Christmas Sale at the Society on November 6th and 7th.

Happy Labor Day!

Home and Garden Tours

Judy Landes has resigned from scheduling tours, and we are looking for someone to take that over. Ruth Ann Nagle would be willing to help.

Thank you, Judy for coordinating the tours for the Society.

Euchre Winners for 2024-2025

1st Place – Alene Edwards

2nd Place – Linda Jordan

3rd Place – Mary Ann Grimberg

Booby – Debbie Zurawski

Bridge Winners for 2024-2025

1st Place – Kathy Lawrence & Beth Payne

2nd Place – Phyllis DeMarco & Debbie McCracken

3rd Place – Karin Fisher & Judy Laughter

Save the Date:

Christmas Sale

Thursday, November 6 from 9-3

Friday, November 7 from 9-1

Stop by the barn to shop from our large collection of Christmas Items.



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:

September 7 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

September 8 – Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM

September 21 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

October 5 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

October 13 – Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM

October 19 – Open House, 1PM – 3PM

October 20 – General Meeting, Vandalia Library
Community Room, 6:30PM

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

“Your Membership Matters”

Membership Happenings

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

Becky & Rudy Wells, Mary M. Zellmer, Joseph Myers, VB Alumni, Vandalia Chamber of Commerce, and Vandalia Optometry. Welcome new members: Patricia Chavez, Gage Crim, and Daniel Kennedy.

We appreciate your continued support of our society.

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
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We are less than a year away from celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Activities across the country have already started, including the State of Ohio. Here is some information that may help you in getting involved in the celebrations.



About the America 250-Ohio Commission

The Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial (also referred to as America 250-Ohio) was formed through the **OH. Rev. Code § 149.309** and announced on March 1, 2022, on Ohio's Statehood Day by Governor Mike DeWine. The 29 member commission is charged with preparing the state to participate in the United States of America's 250th anniversary which culminates on July 4, 2026.

America 250-Ohio is a multi-year commemoration where Ohioans from all 88 counties will be in the spotlight of the impact Ohio's unique role in our nation's story.

Ohio and Ohioans have contributed much to the United States from statesmen to artists, from actors to Nobel laureates, and so much more. We will tell the story of Ohio, from the Native Americans who were here before Europeans to people who call Ohio home today. Ohio is a content-rich environment for anyone who wants to commemorate and celebrate Ohio's contributions to national stories.

To learn more, visit the following link: <https://america250-ohio.org/>

Do you have a **Revolutionary War ancestor** who was buried in Ohio? The Ohio Sons of the American Revolution's database lists all known Revolutionary War soldiers who were buried in Ohio. You can check it out at ohssar.org. On the menu bar at the top of the page, click on **More** then **Links** then **OHSSAR Patriot Database**. Scroll down the list to look for your Revolutionary War ancestor.

September and October Open Houses

September open houses are Sunday, September 7 and Sunday September 21. In September, we will feature items from our America at War collection. On display will be the desk of Vandalia resident and Civil War Captain Walter Crook. Also featured will be Vandalia resident H. H. Cassel and the Bible he found on a Civil War battlefield. We have a Chief Engineer's desk from World War I and ration books, uniforms, and other books and articles from World War II. Retired American History teacher Lonnie Hathaway will be at the September 7 open house to answer questions about the Civil War.

October open houses will be Sunday, October 5 and Sunday, October 19. In October, we will look back at the changes in Vandalia-Butler Schools. We will start in 1900 when many schools were one room, subscription schools. We will jump ahead 1925 when schools became centralized and high school boys were paid \$1.00 a day to be bus drivers. They were not allowed to drive faster than 15 mph. The 1950's brought more elective courses and extra-curricular activities. This was a time of rapid population growth. The Field House (called the Pit) was opened and Vandalia added elementary schools. We will jump ahead to the years 1975 and 2000, years that benefited from changes in technology. Visit the Meeting House to see old pictures, programs, yearbooks and school memorabilia.

Mystery Picture

The Civil War Bible that H. H. Cassel found on a Georgia battlefield was stored in the Historical Society's archive room on top of a small box. The box contained a small framed photograph of a Civil War soldier. There was no identification with this photograph. Vandalia resident and Civil War scholar Phil Spaugy and retired American History teacher Lonnie Hathaway carefully opened the frame, but there was no identification on the back of the photograph. Phil Spaugy scanned the photo to search for a match in the data base of known Civil War soldiers. Facial recognition technology did not find a match. The photo is now in a data base and we hope there will be a future match with an identified picture.



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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,
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The Spring House

Water Sales (weather permitting)
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