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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

January

13 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM
21 Annual Election of Officers, Vandalia
Senior Citizens Center 6:30 PM

February

10 Board Meeting, Meeting House, 7PM

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



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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Board Officers:

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

Trustees:

Trustee: Dave Cassell
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,

The Board has continued making improvements. A portion of the Federal House foundation needed repairs as did the outhouses. We discussed the walkway into the Spring House, and decided to build up the walkway so that you walk straight from the driveway to the Spring House with a small step to get into the building. Some of the people get spring water because of arthritis and the steps made it difficult for them. All who get water benefit from the change.

***From our President
Continued***

Please stop at the Society on December 24th at 3pm in the School House for a Christmas Eve service.

Please join us for the Annual Meeting at the Senior Citizens Center on January 21st at 6:30pm.

Membership Dues for 2025

Many of our members have already sent in their dues for 2025. If you see the words "**Please Renew**" on the mailing label it means our records show you have not renewed for 2025. Please remember we have Student, Participating, Family, Supporting, Business/Organization, Life Time, Patron and Founding membership categories. Life Time, Patron and Founding memberships renew automatically.

If you have renewed we thank you; if not please do. Consider encouraging your family or friends to become a member or you can give a gift membership to someone.

***Annual Meeting and Election of Board
January 21, 2025 at 6:30pm
Vandalia Senior Citizens Center***

This year at the annual meeting and election of Officers and Trustees for 2025 we will have desserts prepared by members. They will have a historic flair to them, and are described in a separate article. If you have a favorite dessert, you are welcome to bring to share with the group.

We had an article in the November/December Society newsletter asking if members were interested in being nominated for an Officer or Trustee position. The following members are being submitted to the Society membership for approval: President Al Tuttle, Vice-President Ken Johnson, Treasurer Keyona Koebel, Secretary Wanda Weber and Trustees Dave Cassell, Mary Geiger, Tiffany Goodman, Linda Karns and Jack Shirley.

Our Constitution says "Nominations may also be submitted to the Board by any member of the corporation fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting." It also says "The Annual Meeting of the membership shall be held in January, at such time and place as the Board shall designate, and Officers and Trustees shall be elected at such meetings."

In order to follow our constitution, we plan on having the January/February Newsletters mailed by the end of December 2024. We are asking that any additional nominations be submitted to Al Tuttle no later than 5pm Sunday, January 12th, 2025, by calling 937-890-0811 or emailing Al at altuttle@prodigy.net

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:

January 13 – Board Meeting, Meeting House 7PM

January 21 – Annual Election of Officers
Vandalia Senior Citizens Center 6:30 PM

February 10 – Board Meeting, Meeting House 7PM

MEMBERSHIP HAPPENINGS

Happy New Year!

It is time to renew your membership for 2025. You may now renew your membership online on our website at www.hsvb.online. Look for the membership tab at the top of the home page. You may still renew your membership by filling in the form and mailing it to us at HSVB P.O Box 243 Vandalia, Oh 45377.

Renewals: Ginny Anderson, Marcia Grove Pfouts, William F. Heidenrelch, Judy Hollon, Mike & Barb Runyon, Taylor Ravichandran-Cupp, Tonya & David Hittner, Alexander Hittner, Nathaniel Hittner, Judy Landes, Mike & Linda Brown, Patti Upton, Al & Kay Tuttle, Charles & Sue Anders, Marilyn Ekberg, and Bernie Dranschak, Janice O’Cull, Anne Borchers, and Ellie Stephens, and Jim & Sherry Hartings, and Susan Wright

Business Renewals

Collins Vision Care, Steve Reed Insurance Agency, Morton Whetstone, Vandalia Library, and Woods & Woods, and Vandalia-Butler City Schools.

Welcome New Members: Skylla Frye and Carla Clark

Tonya Hittner
Membership Chair
tjhittner@gmail.com

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



2025 Open Houses

We are working on our open house schedule for 2025. Open houses resume in April and are always the first and third Sundays of the month from 1-3. (There is no open house on Easter Sunday, April 20.) Open houses end in October.

Our open house in April will feature the 1913 Flood. The flood was very devastating for the city of Dayton as well as several other communities in Ohio and Indiana. We have many pictures to display, including the building of Taylorsville Dam.

If you have an interest in the Civil War, mark your calendar now for September 7. We will have a feature display of the 74th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, highlighting Captain Walter Crook and his F Company. We have pictures of local residents who served. We will have special guest historians as we highlight our collection of Civil War items.

We are in need of volunteers to be in our buildings during open houses. There are scripts and written information to help answer any questions. This would be a great opportunity for a family to volunteer. We have found that children make great docents. A future newsletter will highlight other volunteer opportunities.

HOME TOURS 2025

A big thank you to Judy Landes and Ruth Ann Nagel for the Home/Garden Tours that they arranged in 2024. The December Tour at the Filbrun House on December 10th was a wonderful treat!! They plan to continue this function for the Society and we are grateful!! They do ask that you would share with them any homes or gardens that would be of possible interest.

Please let Judy Landes know if you are interested in receiving the Tour information, or if your contact information has changed, by giving her your current email address.

Send to: judylandes@yahoo.com or call her at **937.272.5311**

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Our annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 pm in the Vandalia Senior Citizens Center. Our program will be a review of the year 2024. We will highlight our accomplishments of the past year and discuss some of our plans for 2025.

Refreshments will be "Recipes with a History." Each year, for the past few years, attendees have had the opportunity to learn the history of and sample desserts popular in the past. Last year's favorite was a simple chocolate cake called a "vinegar cake". There is a possibility this will return this year. This year, one of the recipes will be for a "skillet cake". Skillet cakes were popular beginning in the late 1800's. You will be able to sample a skillet cake that was very popular in the 1950's and 1960's. There will be four desserts to sample.

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,
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The Spring House

Water Sales (weather permitting)
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Board Meetings:

Held the second Monday of each month at 7PM
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