



# Delaware County History Courier

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## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Open House

The Nash House Museum has been decorated for the holidays with quilts; piano music and refreshments. Free.

*Saturday, December 1, 2 to 5 pm and  
Sunday, December 2, 2 to 5:30 pm  
157 E. William St, Delaware*

### Holidays in Powell

The Martin Perry House will be decorated for the holidays.

*Saturday, December 1, 2:30 - 4:30 pm  
103 E. Olentangy St, Powell*

### Winter Evening on the Farm (Gallant Farm)

Family activities, live music, homemade cookies. Free.

*Saturday, December 1, 3 to 7 pm  
2150 Buttermilk Hill Rd, Delaware*

### Christmas on the Square in Sunbury

*Saturday, December 1, 4 to 8 pm*

### Christmas in Ashley

Christmas parade kicks off at 5:45, visit Santa at Methodist Church, public tours of historic village homes.

*Saturday, December 1, 5:45 to 9 pm*

### Winter in the Park

Bonfire, tree lighting, visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

*Saturday, December 8, 5 to 8 pm  
Harlem Township Community Park  
3858 S State Route 605*

### All Natural Cookie Decorating

Children ages 8 and up with adult companion. \$35 / pair  
Call 740-363-2548 to register.

*Saturday, December 15, 11 am to 1 pm  
Stratford Ecological Center  
3083 Liberty Road, Delaware*

## Message from Membership - Karen Cowan

Why join the Delaware County Historical Society? This question comes up several times a month as we try to increase our DCHS membership. We have some standard answers such as discounts, to the programs that have a charge and on the merchandise that we sell, plus a free antique appraisal.

These are some good reasons to join the Society, but there are a few more that I think we sometimes overlook. DCHS helps you connect with Delaware County's past. Whether you are new to the community or a life long resident, understanding what Delaware County stands for and what has gone into building this great community from a tapestry of 18 small townships to one of the fastest growing counties in the country, helps us better understand what our future may hold.

DCHS keeps you learning. "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether this happens at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps on learning not only remains young, but becomes constantly more valuable regardless of physical capacity." (Harvey Ullman) Whether you come to our programs to learn about local history, or to the Cemetery Walk to learn about important people from the past, or take our tours down Winter Street or Sandusky Street to learn about the businesses that helped established Delaware, you can learn at the Historical Society.

By supporting DCHS you can have an impact on thousands of school children who utilize our 3rd grade tote bag program or visit Meeker to hear about the underground railroad, and on adults who attend our monthly programs. Finally, when you join the Historical Society, you are in the company of a great group of people. As an organization, we are inquisitive, we are inventive, and we are dedicated to fostering knowledge. We come together monthly to celebrate our past and to perpetuate what has kept us a great county.

For a small amount of money, your legacy can be very large. If you are not yet a member, you can join online at [https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page\\_id=2](https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page_id=2)

## ???????? Carson's Quiz ??????????

You would have learned the answers to each of these questions by attending our programs in 2018.

1. Which one of these "Notable Women from Delaware County" served as Ohio House Representative from 1983 to 2000?

A - Alva Dickey                      C - Sophia Hayes  
B - Nancy Frankenberg            D - Joan Lawrence

2. Which one of these gentlemen portrayed in the "Oak Grove Cemetery Walk" fought in the Revolutionary War?

A - Samuel J. Albright            C - John D. VanDeman  
B - Eli Long, Sr.                    D - John W. Welch

3. Approximately how many people died worldwide during the Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918?



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# In Case You Missed It

before ...



Have you noticed... thanks to Coughlin's Crossing, the long awaited landscaping has been planted on the sound buffer between the Meeker barn and US 23. Also, thanks to the crew from ProScape Lawn &

... during ...



Landscape Services for all their hard work! Watch for new signs to be placed on Columbus Pike and Stratford Road - permits have been applied for with the city.

... and after!



Guided tours of the Old Jail and Sheriff's Residence were held on Oct 21. The tours were free, but donations were gratefully accepted.

Approximately 300 people visited and donated \$955.

"jail bird" and Board member Benny Shoultz collecting "bail money" donations



... to the History Challenge winner **Diana Toth!** (Because Diana renewed her membership when she turned in her entry form, her membership will be extended for an extra year.)

Over 100 people attended the Annual Meeting on Nov 13. Christie Weinger, Executive Director at Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums spoke about the Hayes family experience during the Civil War.

Six Board trustees were elected to 3 year terms commencing Jan 2019: new Board members **David Hejmanowski** and **Jim Mendenhall**, and currently serving trustees **Brent Carson**, **Lynn Foreman**, **Susan Garrett** and **Roger Koch**.

At the November Board meeting, **Sherry Chambers** was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Benny Shoultz. This brings the current number of Board trustees to 17.



### What Will Your Legacy Be?

Allow us to keep your memory alive for many years to come, by mentioning us in your will, setting up a living trust, or making a tax-exempt qualified charitable distribution. You can be remembered as someone who cared enough to ensure the Delaware County Historical Society's educational and preservation programs for future generations, such as restoring the hand-hewn timber framing in our iconic 170-year-old Garth Oberlander stone-end barn, ensuring that it is still standing in the 22nd century and beyond. When these structures are gone, they are gone forever.

#### Would you like more information about planned giving?

Call or e-mail Donna Meyer, Executive Director,  
at 740-369-3831 x3; [director@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:director@delawareohiohistory.org)

*Education is our Heartbeat; Historic Preservation is our Responsibility.*

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Looking ahead to 2019 - note that due to renovation work occurring at *The Barn at Stratford* early next year, the first 3 community programs will be held at **William Street United Methodist Church**

**American Indians, Then and Now** - Stacey Halfmoon, Director of American Indian Relations, Ohio History Connection - *Thursday, January 17 at 7 pm*

**Underground Railroad Reader's Theatre** - Presented by the DCHS Curriculum Support Committee - *Wednesday, February 13 at 7 pm*

**Fighting for Freedom: the United States Colored Troops in the Civil War** - Anthony Gibbs, Local History Department Manager, Ohio History Connection and Traveling Artist - *Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm*

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### Carson's Quiz Answers (from front page)

1. **D - Joan Lawrence** [Alva Dickey was a WAVE code breaker in World War II who later taught at Conger School; Sophia Hayes was the mother of President Rutherford B. Hayes; Nancy Frankenberg was a Delaware social activist who, among her many other activities, started Delaware United Way and People in Need]
2. **D - John W. Welch** [Samuel J. Albright served as a civilian advisor in the Civil War; Eli Long was a veteran of WWI; John D. VanDeman served as a Lieutenant of Company E. 145th O.V.I. in the Civil War]
3. The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918, which spread around the world over an 18-month period, is considered the deadliest epidemic in history. It infected an estimated 500 million people worldwide (about 1/3 of the planet's population) and killed **an estimated 50 million victims**, including some 675,000 Americans.

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**Costume Designer / Tailor**—The Society is incorporating more re-enactors into our programs, such as those offered to school groups and the Cemetery Walk held each October. This means we have more need for period costumes and help with simple alterations.

Contact Karen Hildebrand at [khildebrand@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:khildebrand@delawareohiohistory.org)

**Historian Newsletter Editor**—The *Delaware County Historian* is the Society’s newsletter for in-depth historical articles, which are primarily written by DCHS members. The Editor will gather and organize the content for publication twice per year, in early March and September. See examples of past issues online at:

[https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page\\_id=39](https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page_id=39)

Contact Lynn Foreman at [lforeman@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:lforeman@delawareohiohistory.org)

**Office Assistant**—Our Executive Director has a variety of projects with which she needs assistance. Hours can be varied, but generally will be weekdays, about 8-10 hours/week. Requires some proficiency in Microsoft Office applications and customer service.

Contact Donna Meyer at [director@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:director@delawareohiohistory.org)

... or email [volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org](mailto:volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org) to inquire about other volunteer opportunities

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type

Adult Membership	\$25.00 _____	Adult Household	\$50.00 _____
Senior Membership (over 60)	\$20.00 _____	Senior Household	\$40.00 _____
Life Membership (Single)	\$300.00 _____	Life Membership (Joint)	\$500.00 _____
Student Membership (under 18)	\$5.00 _____	Business/Organization	\$50.00 _____

Newsletter preference (circle): Printed E-mail Both

For Student Membership, name of your school: \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to your membership noted above, please consider an additional gift to the Society:

\$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Special Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For/In Honor or Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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