



Delaware County History Courier

Message from the Executive Director - Donna Meyer

Such an exciting time for us! Thinking outside the box, earlier this month, we entertained a great crowd on a Sunday afternoon with a Mark Twain impersonator and a magician. We are planning our first concert on August 16th - The Band at the Barn with the Delaware Community Concert Band. Next year, we will be hosting a world class antique show as well as a mystery dinner theater production. Let us know what you would like to see here at the Barn at Stratford.

Operating on a shoestring budget is always a challenge and we find creative ways to save a few bucks. Facebook has been a great FREE marketing tool for us and we recently swallowed very hard and invested some money in advertising in "The Knot", which, using modern technology, is a wedding planning business. So brides no longer have to rely on asking friends and relatives for recommendations to plan their big day. Working in that sector for over 28 years, I have always believed that advertising is an investment and will pay for itself many times over.

We are always very grateful for the funds we receive from the community and put them to good use as we strive to improve our museum, educational events and programs, preservation efforts of fragile newspapers and documents, better IT equipment, and sustainability improvements. We still have many important needs including climate control in the back rooms of the Meeker House so these areas can be used for museum displays. We hope to raise funds for this and other improvements during our Sustainability Campaign, which you can read about in this newsletter or on our website.

Finally, we have a new exhibit on "Newspapers in Delaware County". I was especially interested in reading about the events which happened in 1968. I was a freshman in high school that year, a very impressionable time. Admittedly I don't recall reading many newspapers but I did watch the news every night on the old B & W. So many world-changing events happened that year - the assassinations of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy, and the escalation of the Vietnam War, which we could also watch on TV. It was an unprecedented time of violence, turbulence, and civil unrest. Youth dared to question authority. Politics were in the forefront as anti-war protests were commonplace. The Democratic National Convention was held in Chicago amid riots and National Guardsmen. Graham Nash of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young wrote the song "Chicago" about the events surrounding the convention and told listeners "We can change the world; rearrange the world." And indeed, I think we did. And still are.

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

In this edition of the quiz, all questions relate to the Ghost Signs tour. Find the brochure on the History Walks and Tours page of our website, then take the self-guided tour.

1. The Strohm Meat sign is on the east facing wall of which building?
2. Kurrley's (although RLEY is the only part of the owner's name which is still visible) was what type of establishment?
3. What additional product name can be seen near the Bull Durham Tobacco ghost sign?



Upcoming Events

Ashley Corn Show

Aug 2, 3 & 4, 5-11 pm, 102 E Main St, Ashley
Food, live bands, carnival rides

The Power of Place

Tues, Aug 7, 7 pm, Barn at Stratford
Barbara Powers - Historic Preservation

A Walk Down E. Winter

Wed, Aug 8, 7 pm, Delaware Main Library
Tickets: \$15 adults / \$10 DCHS members / \$5 ages 6 - 17 @ Eventbrite.com

Enchanted Evening

Thu, Aug 9, 5:30-9:30 pm, Columbus Zoo
Stratford Ecological Center fundraiser

Concert Series Finale

Thu, Aug 9, 7 pm, Gallant Woods Park
Free - Smokin' Ham Band

Powell Walking Tour

Mon, Aug 13, 7 pm, Martin-Perry House
Free - led by Sherry Carmichael

Old Fashioned Picnic

Tue, Aug 14, 7:30 pm, 100 W Cherry St
Shelter House behind Sunbury Methodist Church - bring a dish to share, table service and beverage

Band at the Barn rain or shine

Thu, Aug 16, 7-8 pm, Barn at Stratford
Delaware Community Concert Band

Music Under a Paper Moon

Sat, Aug 18, 6:30 pm, Gallant Farm
with The Bob Gray Quartet

Harlem Township Days

Sat, Aug 18, 8:30 am-10 pm & Sun, Aug 19, 8:30 am-5 pm, Community Park

Fireworks Saturday night (9:15 pm)

Lucy Depp Picnic Potluck

Mon, Sept 3, 1-3 pm, Lucy Depp Barn at 6381 Harriott Rd (near Route 745), Powell

Oak Grove Cemetery Walk

Sun, Oct 7, 2 pm

Tickets: \$15 adults / \$10 DCHS members / \$5 ages 6 - 17 @ Eventbrite.com

Spanish Flu Epidemic

Wed, Oct 10, 7 pm, Barn at Stratford
Dr. Alice Frazier

Thank You...

Thanks to the Boy Scouts and leaders from Delaware Troop 108 and Westerville Troop 64 who helped with the move out of 169 E. William Street after the property was sold. The items in the Society collection which were previously being stored there have been safely relocated to one of the barns at the Meeker property.



Venue Manager Connie Hoffman checking out the mound during construction

We are so grateful to Coughlin's Crossing (our new neighbors at the development going in to the north of the Barn). Not only did they donate dirt from their excavation site, but their crew and equipment was used to create the mound which will now provide a tastefully landscaped buffer of trees, plantings and boulders, between US 23 and our property.

This buffer will greatly help reduce the road noise. Readings were taken before the mound was installed, and they maxed at 100 decibels. A 15 minute test after did not exceed 70 dBs near the gazebo and willow tree. Now that the mound is finally installed, we are working on obtaining signs for US 23 and Stratford Road.

We received a grant of \$8040 from the Ron Sabatino Family Fund through the Delaware County Foundation to purchase a new audio-visual system for the Barn at Stratford. We will be purchasing 2 larger screens and a better sound system which will allow better viewing when we have programs in the Barn.

Later this year, we will receive a Community Enhancement Grant of \$33,822.33 from the Delaware County Commissioners. These much-needed funds will be used for signage at the Meeker Homestead, preservation of newspapers and directories, barn kitchen renovations, and computer upgrades.



Your Gift Sustains Us. We have launched an Annual Giving campaign to ask our members and donors to consider making a financial contribution at this time. Watch for a letter and brochure in the mail that describes our many activities and our funding needs. You may also visit our website https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?page_id=24 or call 740-369-3831, ext. 3.

Education is our Heartbeat; Historic Preservation is our Responsibility.

Carson's Quiz Answers (from front page)

1. One of the easiest ghost signs to read, the Strohm Meat sign is on the east facing wall at 12 W. Winter St., where Bun's Restaurant has been located since the fire which occurred in 2002.
2. Kurrley's Saloon was a saloon and pool room operated by Victor E. Kurrley at 9 N. Sandusky St. from about 1897 to 1900. What remains of this sign can best be seen by standing across the street in front of the Delaware Antique Mall and looking toward Son of Thurman.
3. The Bull Durham Tobacco sign is on the west facing wall at 9 E. William St. where the Upper Cut Barber Shop is currently located. Look closely to make out parts of the "Coca Cola" sign.

Juneteenth celebrates the day in which slavery was announced to be abolished: June 19, 1865. The event has since been celebrated across the country, largely in the African American community. The Delaware Community Coalition had a symbolic freedom walk and Juneteenth Celebration on June 16. The coalition's larger purpose is to increase dialogue between the various communities of larger Delaware.

The Delaware County Historical Society had an integral role in the event. Brent Carson provided a summary of the long history of Delaware's African American community. Nancy Fleming and Joe Dwenger (pictured) provided a piece of Underground Railroad history portraying Patience Meeker and William Cratty.

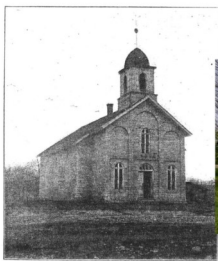


Oral History Project Interviewees Needed: Delaware County Historical Society and Columbus State Community College are partnering in an oral history project to record memories of life in Delaware County. Our topic for the fall semester is **1968**. 1968 was a pivotal time in U.S. history, and we want to talk to people who were 15 years old or older in 1968 and who are willing to share their memories of that time. The interviews will last approximately 1 hour and will be conducted by Columbus State Community College students in late September, early October. The interviews will then be put into our DCHS archives to share with anyone who wants to know about 1968. We need at least 20 - 25 interviewees. It is not necessary for the interview participants to have lived in Delaware County in 1968. Are you interested or do you have questions? Please send your name and contact information to kcowan@delawareohiohistory.org by August 15th.

We are pleased to welcome David Kerr to Stratford.

The former Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church has been restored for use as his architectural firm's office. The Society is thrilled to see the adaptive reuse of this wonderful old structure. We fully support the process of retrofitting old buildings for new uses, which allows structures to retain their historic integrity while providing for occupants' modern needs -- and in essence, saves them from demolition.

David is also a valuable member of the Society's newly formed Historic Preservation Committee which is working to raise the community's awareness of endangered properties.



Grand Opening of our new Meeker Homestead Museum exhibit will take place on Sunday, August 5 from 2 – 5pm. Serving as a reminder of simpler times, when we actually had to READ about the news, the exhibit is on Newspapers in Delaware County.

The museum will be open every Sunday from 2 – 5pm and of course, admission is free although donations are always welcome. Visit and step back in time as you read about and remember important events in our past. We even have the 1821 Delaware Patron & Franklin Chronicle, printed by Ezra Griswold!

This exhibit is sponsored by:

The Delaware
Gazette
The Sunbury News

Don't miss us at the Delaware County Fair (Sept 15 –22). Our booth will be in the front of the Coliseum instead of the back this year. We will be featuring the history of railroads. We are looking for railroad artifacts and memorabilia if anyone has anything to lend us.



Participate in the DCHS History Challenge to qualify for a 1-year DCHS membership plus lunch with Brent Carson at The Hamburger Inn. Deadline is midnight October 31. Open to all!

Go to <https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/?p=4094> or use this QR code to get an entry form.

DCHS History Challenge Code for the Courier is 1834 – Abram Thomson, a legislator who later became postmaster general under President Lincoln, took over the paper that he would eventually name "The Delaware Gazette"

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The Barn at Stratford offers you the unique experience of holding your special event in an authentic 1840s barn.

Maintained by the Delaware County Historical Society, it is perfect for weddings, receptions, corporate events, celebrations and community gatherings.



Our 6 acres of beautiful manicured grounds, featuring stately trees, tasteful gardens and a gazebo, are conveniently located minutes from I-71.



The generous space of the barn gallery can accommodate up to 175 for sit-down dinners, and includes a catering prep-kitchen and a dance floor. Year-round climate controlled.



For more information, or to arrange a tour, contact the Venue Manager Connie Hoffman
(844) 369-BARN [2276]
manager@barnatstratford.org

Alcoholic beverages are permitted at events (with an easy to obtain liability insurance policy).

- ◆ *Voted #1 Wedding Venue and #1 Meeting Venue in the Delaware Gazette 2018 Readers' Choice Poll*
- ◆ *On the National Register of Historic Places*

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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 _____

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