



Delaware County History Courier

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Upcoming Events

All of these events will be held at The Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Rd.

William Cratty and the Underground Railroad in Delaware County

Reenactors will share how the Underground Railroad functioned in Central Ohio.

Thursday, February 2 at 7 pm

The Blizzard of '78 - Brent Carson

In 2018, it will be 40 years since the Blizzard of the Century. This will be an opportunity to view photos and reports from 1978 and share memories of the storm.

Thursday, March 2 at 7 pm

Volunteer Fair

Stop by anytime during the evening to discuss volunteer opportunities with Society volunteer coordinators, project managers and committee chairs.

Thursday, March 23 from 7 - 9 pm

The Magic Nate Show

Family friendly comedy magic show. Get tickets (\$10) or more information at TheMagicNate.com.

Saturday, March 25

2 shows at 2 and 6 pm

A Conversation with Abe Lincoln

Reenactor John Cooper will reminisce about the Civil War, politics, and life during the 1800s.

Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm

Message from the Editor - Lynn Foreman

Welcome to the first edition of the new Courier newsletter!

There is a lot of activity going on at the Delaware County Historical Society. In an effort to keep the community up to date on all the latest news and events, we are beginning publication of a bi-monthly supplemental newsletter. Our regular newsletter "The Historian" will continue to be produced by editor Matt Kear and contain all the in-depth and history rich articles that you are used to reading. (Note that one of the "perks" of membership is receiving "The Historian", printed copy by mail and/or link to digital version via email, as soon as it becomes available.)

We intend to have regular features in the Courier editions, including an Upcoming Events list so you can easily keep track of our programs, a trivia quiz focused on Delaware County history, research questions when we are stumped and would appreciate input from our readers, and Help Wanted ads to inform you of current volunteer opportunities. If you have any feedback, please feel free to email me directly at lforeman@delawareohiohistory.org.

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

Society president and resident historian Brent Carson challenges your knowledge of Delaware area history

1. Which one of these men was primarily known as an abolitionist from Delaware County?

- A-Moses Bixby
- B-William Cratty
- C-Rutherford B. Hayes
- D-Frank B. Willis

2. How many days were the Delaware County schools closed after the Blizzard of 1978?

3. Frisch's Big Boy restaurant on S. Sandusky Street was the first restaurant in Delaware where you could do what?

4. A famous event in the county is the "Little Brown Jug" at the Delaware County Fair. What year did this event begin?

- A-1932
- B-1942
- C-1946
- D-1960



Museum Musings - Benny Shoults, Museum and Exhibits Committee Chair

What to look for in our museums and exhibits around town

Hair Studio Window (33 N. Sandusky St, Delaware) – We have maintained a presence in downtown Delaware since 2013 by displaying window vignettes of various historical themes, featuring over 24 exhibits during that time. Recently two informational panels were installed that will remain in the window permanently. The latest display was a Christmas theme featuring a 1950s style train set around a shadow box tree with various antique books, toys and dolls in each box. My reward for this happened on the night I set it up: as I was placing the trains on the track, I looked up and there were about half a dozen children's faces pressed up against the window all cheering, "make it go!". If you haven't seen the display yet, stop by before Feb. 10 when the new theme "Farms and Farm Implements" will be installed. A perfect chance to do so would be on First Friday (Feb. 3) - DCHS will be participating in the Chocolate Walk from the Hair Studio where volunteers dressed in period costumes will be passing out candy.



Nash House (157 E. William St, Delaware) – Maggie Webb, curator, did a wonderful job decorating the Nash House for the annual Christmas Open House, which was attended by around 70 people. If you missed it, you will have another chance at the end of 2017, however you can visit the house any Sunday afternoon (2 – 5). Next up for the Nash House is renovation of the bathroom to return it to working condition representative of the 1930s-40s era.

Meeker Homestead Museum (2690 Stratford Rd) – Installation of the heating and air conditioning unit on the second floor of the Meeker House is about to be completed. This major improvement will allow a much more pleasant visit through the museum and allow the preservation of our collections that are displayed there, the first of which will be a permanent Native American exhibit in the second upstairs bedroom.

Welcome to Our Newest Board Trustee, Alice Frazier



The Delaware County Historical Society Board of Trustees appointed Alice Frazier as their newest member at the January 16 meeting.

Already very active in community affairs, she is currently also a board member on the Sarah Moore Home board, and for the League of Women Voters in Delaware, Ohio. She was on the SourcePoint board from 2009—2015. Professionally, Dr. Frazier worked at The Ohio State University in Worthington practicing in Family Medicine and teaching medical students. She also worked at a clinic in Mansfield and at the Union County Health Department. Many Delaware County residents may remember her because she had a family practice in Sunbury from 1981 to 2003.

Dr. Frazier agreed to serve on the DCHS board because she loves history. She believes in the mission of the Historical Society and volunteers in other capacities there in addition to now serving on the board.

Thank you Dr. Frazier for your service.

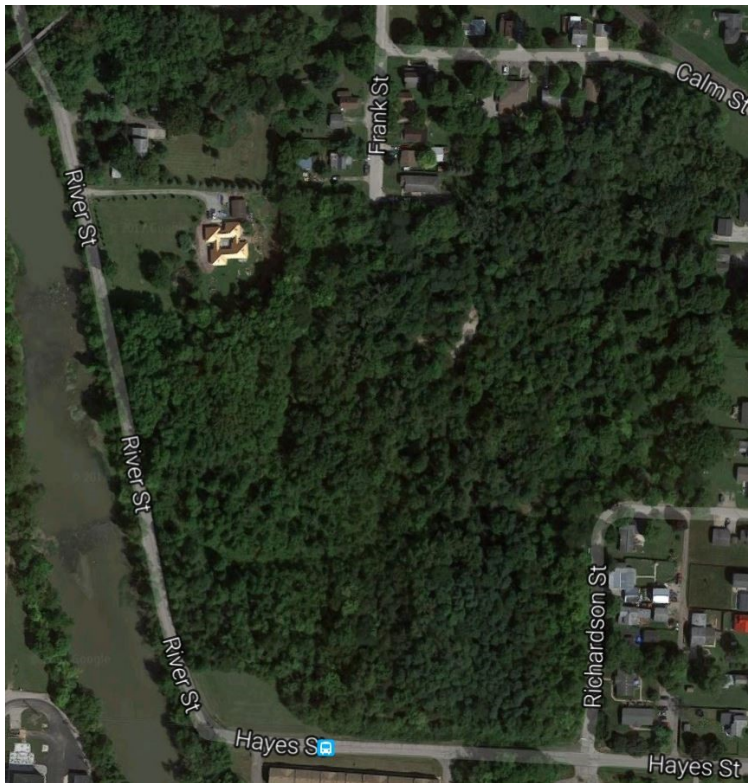
Help the Historian - Share your knowledge and artifacts with the Historical Society

About 80 people showed up for the first program of 2017 on early restaurants and ice cream parlors in Delaware County. This was a real audience participation event enjoyed by all. One of our “guests of honor” was Ed Wolf who shared stories about the Brown Jug Restaurant. Ed then belted out his famous “Happy Birthday” song to Sue Heston. Sue seemed quite pleased, especially since everyone joined in the song.

We will continue to collect restaurant memorabilia until September – photos, menus, signs, uniforms, and any other items that could be displayed in the booth at the Delaware County Fair this fall. If you have anything to contribute, please contact the Society.

The Collections Committee would also like to borrow any historical pictures of Delaware County, to be scanned and returned. Go online at <http://delawareohio.pastperfectonline.com/> to see what has already been cataloged.

What do you know about a mine on the east side of Delaware?



In early January, the Society received an email (at info@delawareohiohistory.org) from Louis Daehnke, who lived in Delaware when he was a boy. He asked about the undeveloped property, accessible from the end of Frank Street, on the east side of Delaware, which he explored with his friends in the early 1940's. There were mounds of slate, and on the east side of these slate banks there was an entrance to a mine.

We did some research on the property, and determined the names of some of the previous owners including Charles H. and Frances Clark, Leonard and William Denison, John Quinn (b. 1841, d. 11/24/1913) and Israel J. Richardson (d. 5/11/1870). According to Mr. Richardson's obituary, he was “engaged in extensive canal and railroad contracts” including the Erie Canal, but we could find no mention anywhere of a mine. If you know anything about a mine on this property, please share it with us.



Carson's Quiz Answers (from front page)

1. B - William Cratty (learn more at the Underground Railroad program on Feb 2)
2. 5 days - or 6 days for Buckeye Valley (share other memories of the storm on Mar 2)
3. Order food through a microphone at the drive-thru
4. C - 1946 (plan to visit our ice cream parlor and restaurant display at the Fair this year)

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Garden Volunteers—Spring can't be far off. We are proud of our fine flower beds around the Nash House and the Meeker Homestead and welcome volunteers who would like to help plant flowers and weed throughout the growing season. We are starting an Adopt-a-Bed program where you can see your chosen area thrive. If you do not have time to devote, perhaps consider sponsoring a garden bed or a new tree with a financial contribution?

Order Fulfillment Manager—This position will typically require only a few hours each month. It entails monitoring the sales requests, then mailing items and reporting sales figures on a quarterly basis.

Email volunteer@delawareohiohistory.org to inquire about these or other volunteer opportunities.

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