Newsletter of the Dublin Historical Society
September-October 2026
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Society News

Mark Your Calendar!

HISTORIC DUBLIN WALKING TOURS
(see our website for details)

COFFMAN HOMESTEAD
Open 3rd Sunday, May through October
(see our website for more details)

DHS SECOND SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES
Location: Dublin Branch – Columbus Metropolitan Library
See the article in this newsletter for program dates and registration information.

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 4–6:00 p
Dublin History Museum,
35. S. High Street

MUSEUM HOURS:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 12:00–4:00 p

Check our website DublinOhioHistory.org for special event hours

Old Fashioned Christmas at Coffman Homestead
Thursday, December 3, 5-7 pm
Sunday, December 6, 1-3 pm
Sunday, December 13, 4-6 pm

Santa at the Museum
Sunday, December 13, 1–3:00 p

To learn about membership in the Society visit DublinOhioHistory.org

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Coming in Our Next Issue

Learn about plans for the 2026 version of An Old Fashioned Christmas at Coffman Homestead. Members of the Muirfield Village Garden Club have some lovely plans for decorating the house and barn.

Explore Dublin's History Through Our Newly Expanded Archives

The Dublin Historical Society's archives preserve the original documents and objects that tell the story of our community and the people who shaped it. Our collections span photographs, letters, ledgers, maps, property records, yearbooks, diaries, family histories, memorabilia, digital content, and much more.

Over the past several years, our Archival Collections Committee has been hard at work organizing these materials and improving how they are stored, tracked, and accessed. This careful stewardship ensures that every item is preserved, protected, and easy to locate. As part of this effort, we have been building a searchable online catalog that brings greater visibility to our collections.

Each collection is grouped by topic and includes a "finding aid"—a brief guide that outlines what types of materials are included, how many items the collection contains, the formats represented (such as photographs, letters, or maps), and the years the materials were created. Every finding aid also features a keyword searchable inventory, allowing researchers to see exactly what items are available for study.

This ongoing project is supported in part by generous grants from the Dublin Community Foundation. Their funding enables our subscription to AchivesSpace, the information management system we use to catalog materials, document their origins, and track their storage locations. ArchivesSpace is hosted and supported by Lyrasis, a nonprofit organization that assists libraries, museums, and archives with technical services.

We invite you to begin exploring our collections online at **archives.dublinohiohistory.org** and learn more about how you can access the archives in person. It's a wonderful way to connect with Dublin's past and discover the stories that continue to shape our community.





Ashleigh Miner, Kari Parsons, along with Tom Holton, have spent countless hours researching and organizing materials in the Dublin Historical Society archives located at the City of Dublin Justice Center. Pictured at right are Ashleigh (front) and Kari (back).

DHS Museum Mission Statement

To provide the story of Dublin, and the surrounding area, through the sharing of our historical collections. Our purpose is to inspire and connect individuals to Dublin, while providing educational support and resources for research. | **DublinOhioHistory.org**

Appleseedfest at the Coffman Homestead

The Dublin Historical Society invites the community to a special Open House and Appleseedfest on Sunday, October 18th from 1:00 to 3:00pm at the historic Coffman Homestead, located across from Coffman High School. This month's event blends local history, family fun, and a rare connection to one of America's most enduring legends.

Guests may tour the original Coffman home, the 1870s schoolhouse, and the historic barn, each offering a glimpse into early Dublin life. The grounds also feature four Rambo apple trees grown from grafts of the last known apple tree planted by "Johnny Appleseed"—a living link to John Chapman himself.

A highlight of the afternoon will be a presentation by an actual descendant of Johnny Appleseed, sharing stories of Johnny's travels, his orchard planting mission, and his ties to Ohio.

Families will enjoy pioneer games, a free kids activity workbook, an apple themed cornhole game, and possibly a visit from a Johnny Appleseed impersonator.

To celebrate the Fall season, guests will receive free ice cream, apple cider, door prizes raffles, and may enter a $5.00 donation raffle for an authentic apple tree grafted from Johnny's historic lineage.

The beloved Dublin Coronet Band will perform throughout the afternoon, adding a festive soundtrack to the day.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their favorite apple recipe which will be later exchanged with other guests—an old fashioned community tradition revived for the occasion.



Admission is free, and donations to support the work of the Dublin Historical Society, a nonprofit organization, are warmly welcomed.

Celebrating Two Years of the Dublin History Museum

A pictorial overview with story on the following page!

















This October, the Dublin Historical Society proudly celebrates the two year anniversary of the Dublin Historical Museum—an achievement more than 50 years in the making. Since the Society's founding, members dreamed of creating a museum that would preserve and share Dublin's rich heritage. In 2024, that dream became reality in the heart of Olde Dublin, and today the Museum stands as one of the community's most cherished destinations.

In just two years, attendance has surpassed 10,000 visitors, representing 45 states and 35 countries. Guests continue to praise the Museum's welcoming atmosphere, thoughtful exhibits, and the dedication of its volunteers.

Recently, the Museum unveiled a special display celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Memorial Tournament and the original Muirfield Village design work. Another new exhibit—opening during the anniversary weekend—honors Dublin's homegrown athletes, showcasing the remarkable achievements of local sports figures who have gained national and international recognition.

The Society's Speaker Series has quickly become a community favorite, drawing strong attendance for programs on Abraham Lincoln, the Underground Railroad, Dublin's ghost history, the Sells Brothers Circus, and other compelling topics. Dublin elementary school groups frequently tour the Museum, and the Society continues to offer popular walking tours of the Historic District.

The Museum's impact has been widely recognized. It was voted Best Dublin Attraction and received the Google Community Award for outstanding contributions to Dublin's cultural heritage—an honor that reflects the passion and commitment of the Society's volunteers, donors, and supporters.

The anniversary celebration will take place October 16–18, and the community is warmly invited to join in marking this milestone. Come share the excitement, explore new exhibits, and celebrate the Museum's growing legacy in Dublin.

DUBLIN ATHLETES
Hometown Heroes
ON A GLOBAL STAGE

From the Local Fields to the Pros:
Celebrating Dublin's Hometown Heroes

Long before they played under the blinding stadium lights of the NFL, heard the roar of WNBA and NHL crowds, or stepped onto the global stage at the Olympics, they were just kids playing on the youth fields of Dublin. They ran the gridirons, tracks, diamonds, and courts of Coffman, Scioto, and Jerome, spending countless hours honing the skills that would eventually take them to the pinnacle of world sports.

In addition to its comprehensive displays of Dublin's history and artifacts, the Museum recently unveiled a special exhibit honoring the 50th anniversary of the Memorial Tournament, and a special exhibit featuring original Muirfield Village design work by James Bassett. Currently in development—and planned to debut during the anniversary weekend—is a new exhibit celebrating Dublin's local athletes who have excelled and gone on to distinguished careers.

The Museum's success is the result of extraordinary dedication from its many volunteers, the Board of Directors, advisors, and generous donors. Their efforts have transformed this nonprofit endeavor into not only a significant cultural asset for Dublin, but an outstanding destination for visitors from near and far.

Special appreciation is also extended to the City of Dublin and the Dublin Community Foundation for their financial support.

We invite you to visit, explore, and share in the excitement as we celebrate the Museum's achievements and its bright future.

Did You Know?
Unusual Dublin Facts!

1. The traffic interchange at Sawmill Road and I-270 was the first in Ohio and the first of its kind in the Midwest in 2001 when installed. It's called "SPUI" (Single Point Urban Interchange)
2. In the 1990s, a professional men's soccer team with the name XOGGZ ("Zoggs") came to Dublin for three years
3. According to one source, Dale Drive derives it's name from "DA" for Dave Thom-as, founder of Wendy's and "Le" from Len Immke, car dealer and great friend with Thomas.
4. Dublin didn't get electricity until the 1920s and sanitary sewer and water connection until mid-1970s.
5. Dublin's frog sculpture or statue in the Frog Park near the Dublin Village Tavern is called "Skippy" and weighs 300 pounds. It commemorates the Kiwanis Frog Jump, A Dublin tradition started in 1961 that ran for 50 years.



6. Mary Emma Bailey Elementary school, opened in 1996 and was named for a woman who was born in Dublin, was a teacher, and long-time clerk-treasurer for Superintendent Williard Grizzel. She authored a booklet, "The History of Dublin Schools"
7. What street has Dublin's First speed bumps? Yep, Monterrey Drive.
8. Don Scott airport was named after a man who was an All-American quarterback at OSU. He was also a 1939 OSU championship basketball team member and a shotput competitor. He was a bomber pilot in WWII and died in a non-combat aircraft accident.



Please Vote For Us!

The museum has again this year been nominated for one of Visit Dublin's Voter Awards. Last year, the Museum was voted "Most Popular Attraction." This year, we've been nominated for Best Family Attraction. Please help us win again. Go on-line to Vote. VisitDublinOhio.com and cast your vote, beginning October 1st. Vote often. Thank you!

Second Sunday Speaker Series

The new DHS-sponsored speaker series has become a big success, averaging over 80 persons per lecture. It is held the second Sunday of each month at the Dublin Branch of the Columbus Public Library at 3:00 PM and lasts about an hour. It is free to the public but a $5.00 per person donation is much appreciated with your free registration via our website at DublinOhioHistory.org. See the upcoming schedule below.

October 11 **Becky Schisler, "Stories from 15 years of Dublin Ghost Walks"**

Reserve your seat at the Dublin Historical Society website, DublinOhioHistory.org. All ages are welcome. Admission is free. A voluntary donation of $5.00 per person is appreciated. Check the website for more information and specific topics.

The DHS Second Sunday speaker series has become a successful and popular hit this past year with attendance requiring it to be moved to the Dublin Public Library. The 2027 series will be exciting and you'll see a partial preview in our next issue.

Thanks to Our Supporters!

A special thank you to all our donors and our grantors, the City of Dublin and the Dublin Community Foundation. Your support makes our facilities and programs possible.

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Museum Attendance

As a popular Dublin destination, the Museum continues to see many visitors. In fact, we've seen

guests from **35** countries and **45** states.

We've not yet had visitors from Hawaii, Alaska, Delaware, Louisiana, or Wyoming. If you have guests from these states, please encourage them to come see us.

We've now had over **10,548** visitors total with **3106** this year.

Need Space for an Event or Meeting this Fall?

Our rental space might be perfect for your needs.

Looking for a small venue in downtown Dublin for an upcoming meeting or gathering? The Dublin Historical Society has a lovely indoor/outdoor rental space perfect for showers, meetings, small gatherings. Kitchen included so catering or coffee service from nearby restaurants makes it easy! We can allow access to the museum for your gathering if it would be enhanced with a taste of Dublin's rich history.

The best part — your rental fee is a donation to the society.

Email Katie Cook for details: katie.cook@dublinohiohistory.org

Be a Dublin Historical Society Volunteer or Donor!

Visit our website DublinOhioHistory.org to learn about the many opportunities available.

Volunteering at the Dublin Historical Society is a great way to learn more about history while helping to preserve the past for the enjoyment of future generations. Meeting new people, learning and sharing information and making a contribution to the Society are just a few of the benefits volunteers can receive for their time and efforts.

Here are some ways to make a difference:

- **Museum Staffing**. Meet and greet visitors to the DHS museum. Assist guests with questions and assist with guest registration. Hours extremely flexible.
- **Docents**. The Historical Society needs docents to give tours of the Coffman Homestead and lead walking tours of the Dublin Historic District. Includes education and training. These are scheduled tours, so the dates and times are established in advance.
- **Communications**. If you have expertise in this area, we need people to write articles for our newsletter and to help maintain our website. ***An immediate need is for people experienced in marketing, social media and technology enhancements.***
- **Educational Programming**. Volunteers are needed to develop programs and source speakers and help promote these events in the community at large.
- **Special Events**. We would appreciate help from anyone who enjoys planning special events.
- **Fundraising and Corporate Sponsorship.** We need assistance fundraising and finding corporate sponsors for the Historical Society. This will also include membership drives and special events to increase our current membership base.

It's easy to become a DHS volunteer. Just simply go to our website at: dublinohiohistory.org and click on the 'Volunteer' link and you can quickly sign-up there.

Donations Always Needed! The Dublin Ohio Historical Society is a non-profit organization and funding of the museum, videos, city tours, special events, seminars are all funded by donations, corporate sponsors and grants. Donations of any amount are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Thank you to Dublin Barber Shoppe for sponsoring this newsletter.