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## The Historical Society Chronicle December 2023

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**Your Historical Society wishes you a very Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year**

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### **Trivia Corner**

Can you guess what these are?  
A common home item in the mid 1800's



**Answer at bottom of newsletter.**

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## Village Happenings

**Tree Lighting** – Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> a tree lighting ceremony was held at the Historical Village in conjunction with the City of Hilliard tree lighting in downtown Old Hilliard. Mrs. Claus was in the one-room schoolhouse along with elves helping visiting children write their letters to Santa. FREE Trolley rides were provided to & from the Village to downtown Hilliard. The Historical Village was open for FREE tours, Holiday music was playing at the Village Gazebo. Also, there was additional activities that included face painting, balloon twisting and a live snow globe.





**Santa in the Train Depot** – Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Santa and Mrs. Claus and the elves were at the Historical Village train station. Children shared their Christmas list with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also, there were horse-drawn wagon rides, music in the chapel and hot chocolate & donuts available, admission was FREE.



## Venue Rental

If a wedding or reception is in your future, please keep our venues in mind. We have the Colwell chapel for weddings, the Norwich pavilion for receptions, graduation parties, reunions and more. Our gazebo at the Village is great for music and we have the SBC pavilion for smaller parties. To learn more, go to our website [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com](http://HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com), click on the menu, then click on Venues.

## Archival Library

Do you have a question for our archival library? They are open Monday,

Tuesday and Thursday 10:00AM to 1:30PM or call 614-876-5880 with your questions. You may also contact them by email at [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

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## Gift Shop (at the Village)

Our gift shop at the Historical Village in the museum is closed for the season. It will reopen in the spring of 2024 on Saturday's & Sunday's 1PM to 5PM. We will have several items related to Hilliard.



**We have recently added Historical Village souvenir T-shirts!**



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## Country Store- (on our website)

We have a variety of **Holiday Greeting Cards** along with other printed materials available. Please go to our website at [HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com](http://HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com), click on "Visit" in our menu then select "Country Store" to see the selection and prices. Below are a few examples.



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## Upcoming Events

**January     MLK Day of Service – Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – 2 PM** at the Martin Luther King Day of Service event, at the Hilliard Senior Center, the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society will have a display table to show historical artifacts, talk about the Historical Village and the volunteer opportunities available.

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**Trivia Corner Answer:**



## Laundry Plunger

Washing clothes in the late 1800's was a chore no one looked forward to. Last month we showed you the washboard which gave little if any aid to the task of getting clothes clean. This month we look at the laundry plunger, which was a later invention that provided a little more help to the physically demanding task of clothes washing.

Research shows that this device went by many names. The names dolly, posser, ponch, punch, stomp, beater, plunger, pounder, and dasher have become blurred over time and are sometimes used interchangeably. The dasher, in addition to pounding, forces water through the clothes, especially on the downward stroke. The dasher most closely described the plunging technique this device created. The cupped bottom would push the clothes down into the wash water with some water escaping out the fluted top to provide a brisk washing action, squeezing the clothes and forcing out dirt. The laundry plunger concept was later integrated into the design of the early washing machines.

To see old fashioned washing with a plunger click on <https://youtu.be/FGcDgwPJyFA?si=v7u1nIjhxg8SHUoDI>



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