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It was a hot summer morning, and I had just woken up. I clicked on the tv and turned to the news channel. The first thing that caught my eye was **BREAKING NEWS** in bright red letters. Next to it, it said, "Mayor of Dublin, Tim Lecklider, has been kidnapped!" I listened to the story closely and they said the kidnappers had left a note stating the only way to find the mayor was to follow the clues of the history of Dublin. BAM! A light turned on in my head. I thought, I know the history of Dublin very well, but it is the bicentennial of Dublin this year, which means 200 years. That is a lot of history, but I thought oh well, I know enough so I think I can help out. I kept listening to the story, and then they broadcasted the first clue... "Think about who started it all." Immediately I knew... the Sells family, but where do I go? Sells middle school of course! It's the oldest middle school in town and named after John Sells one of the founders of Dublin. What do you know, when I got there, I saw a piece of paper on the front entrance. It was the next clue. I untaped the paper and in small writing it said, "Over the bridge and down the banks, where Leatherlips fished, and Wyandots drank." I thought for a while and right when I was about to give up it came to me, the Scioto River! I went to the main base of the Dublin bridge, exactly where the note was placed. I picked it up and started to read to myself, "Track the steps of this Indian chief to where he is memorialized in peace." Well this was an easy one, the statue of Leatherlips at Scioto Park! Leatherlips, the locally known Indian of the Wyandot tribe, tried to help the white people, and was eventually executed by his own tribe. I made my way over there and excitedly walked to the monument. Again, I saw a folded piece of paper exactly like the other clues. I picked it up, unfolded it, and read, "The pros come here, to have some fun and hopefully make a hole in one." I love golf, so it immediately popped in my head... the Muirfield Village Golf Club where every year the Memorial Golf Tournament is hosted in Dublin. I went to the first hole of the golf course and found the clue! I read it, "A place for recreation, staying fit is the key, come to this place, and the next clue you will see." This one was tricky. I thought and thought about it then read it through again. Finally it came to me! The key word in the clue was recreation, so I thought rec center! I headed straight to the Dublin Rec Center, one of the most popular places in Dublin, and taped to the front entrance was the next clue. I read it thoroughly. The clue said, "Go to the field where ears grow tall, could this be the last clue of them all?". I thought of this one right away, the Field of Giant Corn Ears. I remember when I was little always driving past the field and being amazed by how tall the fake corn ears were. I knew exactly how many there are, 109. I knew this was exactly where I needed to head. I made my way over to the Field of Giant corn ears, and when I arrived, I saw a person standing

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in the middle of the field. I walked towards the person, and soon realized it was the mayor! I saved the mayor! I saved the mayor! His kidnappers were no where in sight, so I asked him, "Where are the people that kidnapped you?". Then he chuckled and to my surprise said, "I wasn't kidnapped. I made people believe I was to see how well our residents know the history of Dublin, and congratulations, you know the history very well!"