

Kaup Pharmacy • 110 East Butler Street

A hardware store and other businesses were located in this area. This building was built in 1947 by the Kirgans. Walter B. Kirgan came to Fort Recovery in 1927 and started the Kirgan Stove Co. The stoves were made in a factory at Belleville, Illinois. In 1941 his brother, Albert A. Kirgan, joined him. The Qualified Range Co. was then organized.

Models of the Kirgan stoves were used for demonstrations. Salesmen could take one along and explain how it worked. One model of the Kirgan stove is on display in the Fort Recovery Walk-by Museum. The wood burning stove had 4 cooking areas on top and a warming shelf with drawers below. It had a fire box and a water reservoir as well.

Kirgan Stove



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In 1980 Jerry and Lorri Kaup, pharmacists, opened Kaup Pharmacy in this building. In 2011 they relocated their retail pharmacy to 102 North Wayne Street and continue to use this site for enhanced health services.

Behind the Kirgan Stove Co. was O'Dell Welding Shop and Body Works. Henry O'Dell opened his new building in 1947, moving from the back of the Guggenbiller garage. In 1950 he discontinued his auto body business and installed a forge and other blacksmithing equipment.

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