

# **Fort Recovery Insurance Agency • 110 North Wayne Street**



*North Wayne Street, east side*

This building today is a combination of two different buildings. The 2 story portion was built in 1909 by G. Fred Wagner, as seen on top of the building. Wagner had peddled meat he killed himself. After the railroad came to town he opened his butcher business. Wagner was in the meat business for fifty years.

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*Wagner Meat Market*



*Vonderhaar Market*

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It was Wagner Meat Market until 1925 when L. H. Wagner and Tony VonderHaar bought out Wagner Meat Market. Meckes Bros. Bakery started next door and then Arnold Grocery Store, Grevenkamp Grocery and Montgomery IGA were next door as well. By 1940, Tony VonderHaar added groceries himself, and by 1952 he expanded the store to become VonderHaar Supermarket. With son Bob continuing the business, the newly expanded store was in operation until 1999. At first slaughtering was done in a slaughter house on the Fred Wagner farm. Later curing was done behind the market in a cement block house. A rending kettle was located in the back of the store until a slaughter house was built east of town in 1942.



*Vonderhaar's Super Market*

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*Ed Hoke Jewelers*



*RC Jewelry*

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Nickerson Drug Store was here when next door to the south was Ed Hoke Jewelers from 1914. Later it was Frank Hoke Optometry and Ray Cull Jewelry Store, and then in 1947 Ray Cull continued with RC Jewelry Store. This was destroyed by fire in 1958 when the Wayne House next door burned.

In 2000 Fort Recovery Insurance Agency opened its doors in the former supermarket with Franke-Meiring Insurance and Hein Insurance joining together. The insurance company is here today. Attorney Tom Lammers maintains an office here as well.

The 1909 Wagner Building, Fort Recovery Insurance Agency includes the two story building.



*Fort Recovery Insurance Agency - 2016 (Includes the 1909 Wagner Building)*

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