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Fort Recovery Museum Newsletter - June 2023

Greetings Patrons,

Well June just zoomed on by! Things are humming along at the museum. We've implemented a new inventory system so tracking souvenirs and book sales is now a breeze. The entrance doors have been re-keyed and a new security system installed thanks to Ohio History Connection. No more blaring alarm outside to wake people up! The FR fire department scheduled a visit to orient the firemen to our building. Thanks, Jared Laux for suggesting this.

We have 3 new Historical Society members, Rose Cain, Marie Osterholt and Chris Bechtol. They bring new ideas which I love! We have had additional people sign up to volunteer to complete various tasks in the museum, log cabins and around the grounds. I want to thank Doris Muhlenkamp, Esther Heitkamp and Carol Ranly for keeping the museum clean and weeds pulled. Debbie Zumstein is keeping an eye on the Pioneer Cemetery. Paul McDaniel continues to keep up with repairs and maintenance. HS members Marie Osterholt, Chris Bechtol, Rose Cain, and myself along with volunteer Amanda McDaniel have formed a sub-committee to work on upgrading the walk-by museum in Krenning Park. The first thing on the agenda is a new roof.

The school tours wouldn't be possible without volunteers. I want to thank Mike and Jill Walters for presenting in the blockhouse and pre-contact room. Thanks to Sharon Ontrop and Mary Barman for presenting in the log cabin and John and Carol Ranly for the innumerable ways they help!

I have 3 people interested in helping out in the museum admissions/gift shop. They include Jack Staugler, Dian Kaiser and Rose Cain. This is such a help as it gives me more people to call on if someone needs off or we need more people for special events. Other than Paul, Carol and Rose who are Historical Society members these generous souls just come and give their time freely.

We simply cannot thank our 130 Museum patrons enough! Patronage exceeded \$17,000 this year!! Your financial assistance allows us to take on special projects, fund special events, and keep the Museum well maintained. We thank each person who contributed (see attached 2023 Patron List).

I took the time to mention all these people to give you an idea of what it takes to manage the museum and Historical Society property. This is in addition to everything the Historical Society members do. It's truly impressive what a group of dedicated, hard-working people can accomplish.

Best Regards,
Kim Rammel

Museum Hours: May - Saturday & Sunday 11:00-4:00; June, July, and August – Wednesday thru Sunday 11:00-4:00;
September and October - Saturday & Sunday 11:00-4:00

Note we are now closed on Monday & Tuesday, but have extended hours to include Saturday and Sunday in October.
Special tours can be arranged by Contacting Kim Rammel at 419-852-0028.

Find us on our website <https://fortrecoverymuseum.com/> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/FortRecoveryMuseum>

Fort Recovery Historical Society Pie Auction

The Pie Auction on June 16 was a success! Thanks to volunteers Jayme (Rammel) Everhart, Mary Lou Mescher, Marg Martin, Dave Rammel and Historical Society members Beth Kahlig, Ken Lamm and Marie Osterholt. 18 pies were judged by our enthusiastic group of judges! I want their job next year! They looked like they were having so much fun! Judges included Carl Link, Nick Kremer, Barb Lennartz, Patty Stahl, Peggy Huff and Dan Kahlig.

Thanks to all the pie bakers: Kathy Thobe, Irene Stone, Kim Rammel, Alexandria Rammel, Fr Mike Kapolka, Carol Jutte, Amanda Wycuff, Linda Lennartz, Lyn Link, Lisa Lefevre, Sharon Scott, Roger Hemmelgarn, and Alice Wycuff. We couldn't have a contest or auction without their generous donation of time and pies. The winners of the pie contest were:

- Pauline Faller and Father Mike Kapolka - tied for Best Fruit pie
- Kim Rammel - Best Crème pie
- Carol Jutte – Best Specialty pie

Special thanks to Ken Lamm for volunteering his auctioneering services and for all his pie auction experience to us newbies. All the proceeds from the pie auction go to repairs and maintenance to the property owned by the Historical Society. These properties are all integral to the history of the village so community support via the pie auction or in any other capacity is invaluable. Thanks to all.

St. Clair 5K Run on Saturday July 15

Start and Finish at the Fort Recovery Community Park (Pool Park)

7:00 am – Registration; Kids 14 and under can run the race for free but must still register!

8:30 am – Race Begins

Special Event on August 12 and 13

Beyond the Battlefield: Interpreting St. Clair's Defeat through the Eyes of Tribal Citizens

We are excited and honored to present this free two-day event highlighting Shawnee, Miami, and Wyandotte history and culture. Five Tribal citizens and interpreters (see next page) will explain their Tribal Nation's essential relationship to St. Clair's Defeat. Example of interpreter materials include: 1) appropriate 18th-century material culture items that tie to more significant concepts of family, tribal identity, political roles, and conflict; 2) book lists, map sources, and other primary sources visitors can walk away with; and 3) appropriate 18th-century clothing to enhance the visitor experience. There will also be a Storytime for children on Saturday. Food will be available on-site by the Tin Cupboard.

Saturday August 12 (Museum open free of charge from 9:00-4:00)

9:00-4:00 – The Tribal interpreters will be conveniently set up along our beautiful walking trail behind the museum for easy accessibility. Visitors can view items each tribal member will have on display and are encouraged to ask questions and have discussions with the interpreters.

10:00-10:45 – Children's story time in the park by one of the Tribal interpreters

10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 – 45-min. battlefield tours given by Ball State University Archaeologists

Sunday August 13 (Museum open free of charge from 10:00-4:00)

10:00-4:00 – Tribal interpreters will be available for discussion when not part of panel presentations

10:00, 12:30, 2:00 - Panel presentation with the 5 Tribal interpreters discussing modern Tribal perspectives, with Q & A to follow

11:00, 1:30, 3:00 - 45-minute battlefield tours given by Ball State University Archaeologists



Talon Silverhorn is a member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and has been working as an interpreter since 2007. He grew up on the Shawnee Reservation in Oklahoma and actively participated in his tribe's traditional culture, including ceremonies, hunting traditions, and material arts. Talon has interpreted at historic sites and museums across the United States and Canada, with a focus on material culture and its connection to deeper cultural beliefs. He was a keynote speaker at the 2022 National Association for Interpretation conference and has also been a featured speaker for several organizations, such as universities, archeological organizations, and State Agencies. Talon currently serves as the Cultural Programs Manager for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. In this role, he oversees American Indian historical content and interpretation in the state's 75 parks

and is involved in developing a new Shawnee Cultural/Interpretive Center in western Ohio.

Caleb Garcia is a member of the Wyandotte Nation and currently resides on the land that was originally allotted to his family through the Dawes Act. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics-Pre Law from the Spear's School of Business at Oklahoma State University. Unlike many Native Americans, Caleb has never felt disconnected from his tribe's culture, thanks to his upbringing. Caleb hopes to bridge the gap between professionalism and traditionalism and believes that both worlds could benefit from each other. He currently works at the Center for Sovereign Nations at OSU, a resource center focused on Native American issues that welcomes allies. In his free time, Caleb enjoys traveling to powwows, studying in the library, and doing beadwork.



Christopher L. Houk (Tehanyędu?te?) is a Citizen of the Wyandotte Nation and descends from the Walker and Brown families. Originally from Neosho, MO, Chris has always had a strong interest in his Wyandotte heritage. As a child, his Great-Grandmother would remind him of his Wyandotte heritage, and this has stayed with him throughout his life. Chris spent 27 years as a professional firefighter/EMT, including 2 years in the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq. During his time off, he worked part-time for a cordwainer and volunteered for the National Park Service since 1992. In November 2020, Chris had the opportunity to accept a job as the Cultural Heritage Specialist at the Wyandotte Nation Cultural Center, where he has since been appointed Lifeways Researcher. As a Cultural Heritage Specialist, Chris actively learns and shares traditional Wyandotte skills and knowledge with Wyandotte citizens. He is particularly interested in learning traditional Wyandotte songs

and longhouse music.

Joshua Garcia - Kweh. Teharáhtas iżátsih. Wardat ńdi. Hello, my Wardat name is Good Runner. Garcia hails from the Wyandotte Nation located in present-day Northeast Oklahoma. He completed his Associates in Paraprofessional Education and his Bachelors in Business Management at Haskell Indian Nations University. During his time at the university, he served in various capacities, including as the 2019-2020 Haskell Brave. Currently, Good Runner serves his community as the Media Specialist for the Wyandotte Nation Cultural Center & Museum, an opportunity he greatly cherishes.



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