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Fort Recovery Museum and Historical Society Newsletter **March 2025**

Museum Supporters - As I look forward to the 2025 season opening of the Museum, I want to take this opportunity to update you on the happenings of the Museum and the Historical Society, to thank you for your past generosity, and to ask for your continued support.

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- Local company Ace of Trades completed the **stockade wall** last October! The feedback from the Ohio History Connection was very positive! They were impressed with the craftsmanship and attention to detail.
- The permanent exhibit of “**St. Clair’s Defeat Revisited: A New View of the Conflict**” and the 15-minute welcome video was set up last September and is a great addition to our Museum offerings.
- After the huge success of the 2023 and 2024 **Beyond the Battlefield events**, we are working with the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School, Wyandotte Nation, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to present the 3rd Annual Beyond the Battlefield: Native Days for 4th Graders and the Public. We are pursuing an Ohio Humanities grant to help fund this exciting event!
- We had **2,863 total visitors** to the Museum during the 2024 season, including 880 children! Many of these children are part of multiple school group tours that visit in May.
- As in past years, the Historical Society managed the **Christmas Open House** carriage rides. This year, the Merchants rented a larger horse-drawn trolley, enabling rides for over 350 people! While waiting, they enjoyed free entry to the Museum!
- The Ohio History Connection has a new Exhibit Manager, Steve Jacobs. Steve is working with the Museum Committee to **create new exhibits** in the museum for the 2025 and 2026 seasons.
- Your **patronage** is very important to us! These funds help support Museum programming, special events, and constant improvements to the Museum and exhibits, like those listed above.

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- **Kathy Thobe is retiring** as secretary after 13 years. She has helped with numerous projects, along with keeping meticulous records. We as a group give our heartfelt thanks to her years of service and are appreciative that she is staying on as a historical society trustee to offer her support and advice.
- **Congratulations! Helen LeFevre**, long time Historical Society trustee, was inducted into the Fort Recovery Hall of Fame for the numerous projects and groups she has been involved in. We give Helen our appreciation for all the time and effort she has given for the betterment of the town.
- A section of the **Amphitheatre wall** was excavated and reinforced to stabilize it from further settling. This spring the crack that has formed will be repaired.
- The **Krenning Park wall** (along Wayne St.) was replaced last fall, due to irreparable structural damage. We love the new open look designed and created by Steve Stone at Natures’ Green! Both of these repair projects were paid for by fundraising through the One-of-a-Kind Auction, Jubilee Pie Auction, St Clair 5K, and donations from the community. Thanks to everyone who chose to support us in our work to keep these public places beautiful and well maintained!

We appreciate your continued support of the Fort Recovery Museum and Historical Society!
Kim Rammel, Site Manager



2025 Schedule of Events

Sat May 3 - Museum opens for 2025 season!

Hours: 11:00-4:00; May open Sat/Sun; June/Jul/Aug open Wed-Sun; Sept/Oct open Sat/Sun

Sat May 10 - Merchants Cruise In, 5:00-7:00

Museum open free to the public, compliments of the Fort Street Car Classics Car Club

Sun May 11 – Guided battlefield tours (1 hour), included with Museum admission, 12:00 and 3:00

All battlefield tours given by Site Manager Kim Rammel or Archaeologist Christine Thompson

Sun June 8 – Guided battlefield tours (1 hour), included with Museum admission, 12:00 and 3:00

Sun June 8 – Presentation by Don Painter, 1:30, at Museum, free

“Ohio in Brass: A sometimes wild and wacky tour of Ohio Historical Markers”

Thurs June 12 - Fort Recovery Historical Society’s 21st annual pie auction at Krenning Park

Now part of the Taste of the Town!!

Sun July 13 – Guided battlefield tours (1 hour), included with Museum admission, 12:00 and 3:00

Sun July 13 – Presentation by Rick Schoenfield, 1:30, at Museum, free

Author of “The Soldiers Fell Like Autumn Leaves: The Battle of the Wabash, the United States’ Greatest Defeat in the Wars Against Indigenous Peoples”

Sat July 19 – St Clair 5K Run, sponsored by the Fort Recovery Historical Society

Sun Aug 10 - Guided battlefield tours (1 hour), included with Museum admission, 12:00 and 3:00

Sun Aug 10 – Presentation by Brad Lepper, 1:30, at Museum, free

“The Newark Earthworks: One of the Worlds Ancient Wonders”

Sun Sept 14 - Guided battlefield tours (1 hour), included with Museum admission, 12:00 and 3:00

Sat Oct 11 - Merchants Cruise In, 5:00-7:00

Museum open free to the public, compliments of the Fort Street Car Classics Car Club

Sun Oct 12 - Guided battlefield tours (1 hour), included with Museum admission, 12:00 and 3:00

Sun Oct 19 – One of a Kind Auction

Sponsored by Fort Recovery Historical Society and Project Recovery

Thurs-Fri, Oct 23-24 - 3rd Annual Beyond the Battlefield: Native Days for 4th Graders

Sat. Oct 25 – Beyond the Battlefield: Native Days Showcase for the Public

Oct 23, 24, 25 events are pending grant approval.

Sun Oct 26 – Last day of 2025 season

Sun Nov 16 – Fort Recovery Christmas Open House. Museum open free of charge, 11:00-4:00.

Horse-drawn trolley rides provided by the FR Merchants and managed by FR Historical Society



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Become a Museum Patron Today!

We need and appreciate you! A small museum run by a non-profit organization, such as ours, is dependent on volunteers. It's my hope to increase community involvement so we are able to offer more free educational events to the public. Any donation of time or services would be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact me (Kim Rammel) at 419-852-0028.

Your past generous contributions of time and money have been appreciated by the community, museum trustees and all museum visitors. Without exception, people are surprised and impressed with the quality of the Fort Recovery Museum, the fort, the log cabins, the monument, the wayside exhibits, the extensive grounds, parks, and the five impressive murals.

If you can help with a gift of time, please indicate if you would like to help with any of the following.

- _____ **Yard work** – Adopt a flowerbed or park area! Or pick up sticks and trash. Krenning park, Monument Park, Museum grounds, Pioneer Cemetery.
- _____ **Cleaning** – Dusting and sweeping log cabin and tool cabin monthly; Museum cleaning.
- _____ **Tours** - Learn how to give short (15-20 minute) informative tours of the blockhouses, log cabin, blacksmith shop, and pre-contact room. Training outline provided. This is a fun way to interact with young students and interesting visitors! College and high school students are welcome!
- _____ **Work in admissions/gift shop** - Shift is 11-4 Wednesday-Sunday in the summer season. This is a fun way to meet many interesting visitors! Any number of days volunteered is welcome.
- _____ **Special Events** – planning and/or assistance on the day of these fun and exciting events!
 - _____ Annual Historical Society Auction (October)
 - _____ 5-K Run (July)
 - _____ Native Days with FR Elem/MS (October)
 - _____ Battlefield tour assistant

If you can help financially, please check your level of support below. All levels \$25 and above are immediate family memberships. The \$10 level is an individual membership.

- _____ President Washington = \$2000
- _____ Weyapiersenwah (Blue Jacket) = \$100
- _____ General Anthony Wayne = \$1000
- _____ Buckongahelas, Delaware Chief = \$50
- _____ Mihšihkinaahkwa (Little Turtle) = \$500
- _____ Red Haired Nance = \$25
- _____ General Arthur St. Clair = \$250
- _____ General Richard Butler = \$10

In return for your donation, as a Museum Patron, **you receive:**

- 1) Satisfaction - knowing you contributed in an important way to museum daily operations, upkeep, renovations, educational presentations and community promotion and support
- 2) Free museum admission, and free or reduced rates for special events
- 3) 10% discount on any gift/book shop purchases
- 4) Informative newsletters and email updates

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to the **Fort Recovery Historical Society**. (Tax deductible)

Include this form with your check and mail in the enclosed FR Museum envelope to:

Fort Recovery Historical Society, Box 533, Fort Recovery, 45846

Thank you for your continued support of the Fort Recovery Museum!

2024 Season in Review!

