



Fort Recovery
Museum & Monument

Fort Recovery Museum and Historical Society Newsletter July 2025

Greetings Museum Supporters - It's been an enjoyable and hot Museum season so far!

Sunday August 10 – Presentation (1:30) and Battlefield Tours (12:00 & 3:00)

Archaeologist Brad Lepper will be presenting “The Newark Earthworks: One of the Worlds Ancient Wonders” on Sunday August 10 at 1:30 at the Fort Recovery Museum. The presentation is free.

Brad Lepper is the Senior Archeologist for the Ohio History Connection's World Heritage Program. His research has encompassed more than 14,000 years of Ohio's Indigenous history but has been focused on the monumental earthworks of the Hopewell culture. Eight of their most magnificent and best-preserved earthworks, including Newark's Great Circle and Octagon Earthworks, have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. He is the principal author of *Ohio Archaeology: an illustrated chronicle of Ohio's ancient American Indian cultures*, published in 2005 by Orange Frazer Press and now out of print. This book received the Society for American Archaeology's Public Audience Book Award in 2007.

Also available on Sunday August 10 are guided 1-hour battlefield tours at 12:00 and 3:00, with guide Christine Thompson, Archaeologist, Ball State University. Tours are included with Museum admission.

What's new at the Fort Recovery Museum & Monument

- The **stockade wall** is complete! Thanks to Ace of Trades and the Ohio History Connection.
- **Guided battlefield tours** have been well attended and are a great addition to our visitor offerings. Tours are on the 2nd Sunday of the month through October, included with Museum admission.
- **Rick Schoenfield's presentation** on July 13 attracted numerous local visitors and from afar. Rick's book “The Soldiers Fell Like Autumn Leaves: The Battle of the Wabash, the United States' Greatest Defeat in the Wars Against Indigenous Peoples” can be purchased at the Museum.
- **Don and Sheila Painter's June presentation** on Ohio Historical Markers was well received.
- A new poster in the Museum basement hallway tells the story of the **building of the Monument**, with lots of old pictures and documents from the Monument construction. Stop in and check it out!
- After the huge success of the 2023 and 2024 **Beyond the Battlefield events**, we are collaborating with the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School, Wyandotte Nation, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, and Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on planning the “3rd Annual Beyond the Battlefield: Native Days for 4th Graders and the Public” to be held in October 2026. We are currently in the funding stages of this large event that will also include three other local schools.

Fort Recovery Historical Society Updates

- A **new military exhibit** has been installed in the Walk-by Museum in Krenning Park. It has received lots of positive feedback from the community! Thanks Marie Osterholt, Maria Bruns and Rose Cain for helping set up. Thanks to Jenessa Huftnel at Cooper Farms for bringing their Safety Committee on a

community service project to help install UV protectant window film in the Walk-by Museum and pull a LOT of weeds in Krenning Park!!

- This year's move of the **Annual Pie Contest & Auction** to the Taste of the Town was a resounding success, with a large increase in pie donations and bidders! We are already brainstorming how to make it better next year! Thanks to Ken Lamm for auctioneering, and Marie Osterholt, Dian Kaiser, Carol Ranly, Dave Rammel, Brie Rammel and Cami Rammel for helping with set-up, pie registration and organizing the pie judging. Thanks to JoAnne Glentzer at Tin Cupboard for using her refrigerators for early pie drop-off.
- Our **current Historical Society members** include Nancy Abels, Pat Hull, Ken Lamm, Helen LeFevre, Kathy Thobe, Chris Thompson, Kim Rammel, Carol Ranly, Paul McDaniel, Rose Cain, Marie Osterholt, Dian Kaiser, JoAnne Glentzer and newcomers Janelle Braun and Carmen Shoemaker. I want to thank each and every one of them for what they bring to this organization. We couldn't manage and accomplish what we do without the generous giving of their time and skillsets!

Enjoy some pictures of our recent events at the Museum and around town on the attached pages. We hope you can attend some of our remaining events this season. We appreciate your continued support of the Fort Recovery Museum and Historical Society!

Kim Rammel, Site Manager

Remaining 2025 Schedule of Events

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

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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Did you know?

- The Fort Recovery Museum & Monument is one of over 50 museums and historical sites owned by the Ohio History Connection, with most managed by local partners.
- The Fort Recovery Historical Society manages the Fort Recovery Museum & Monument and owns and/or maintains many sites around town including Krenning Park, log cabin, Blacksmith's shop, Hein Ampitheatre, Franke Walkway, 15 wayside exhibits, Pioneer Cemetery, and the source of the Wabash River.

**We loved having multiple school field trips in May.
Thanks to all of our volunteers!**



The Annual Pie Contest and Auction was a huge success! Thanks to the pie bakers, judges, generous pie buyers, and all of the volunteers who made this event so much fun!



The fort and stockade wall repairs and improvements, and gravel walkway, are all done after two years! We think it looks great!



Standing room only for our speaker on July 13! A new shed at the Pioneer Cemetery. And sometimes running a Museum means moving a horse with help from a community member just passing by!

