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Fort Recovery Museum and Historical Society Newsletter September 2025

What's happening at the Fort Recovery Museum & Monument

New Monument Panel: A historical timeline of the initial petitioning for a monument and the eventual construction has been created and hung in the basement of the museum. I have recently collaborated with the Ohio History Connection (OHC) to make this a permanent panel.

A **new permanent exhibit of our Charleville Musket collection** is being created by OHC. This will be completed in time for our re-opening in the spring of 2026. Recent communication with Zac Distel, Curator and Director of Collections for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, was eye opening for me. He was excited to receive pictures of our collection to use in a presentation. He expressed what a rare collection of Charleville musket artifacts we have at our site. I will be in communication with Zac and hope to have him come to the site for a speaker event in 2026.

Fort Recovery Library/Museum Panel: I am in the initial research stage of creating a panel chronicling the construction of the first Fort Recovery Library, now our museum. This panel will be mounted in the stairwell of the museum. A huge thank you to Elena Evers for volunteering her time to help me piece the historical documents together to create a chronological timeline.

Future Fort Panel: Another panel in the works is the history of the people who actually made our park and first fort reconstruction a reality. These people were persistent and had great foresight. Without their efforts we may not have our beautiful historical site or salvaged as much of the battlefield as we have.

Fort Recovery Historical Society Updates

Al Warnock's painting crew has **cleaned and sealed the Pioneer Log Cabin**. We are waiting for supplies for them to complete the other two log structures. There are some repairs needed to the steps and railing of the log **Tool Cabin**. Maintenance on these structures is funded by the Fort Recovery Historical Society and its various fundraising efforts.

Thanks to the generous monetary donations from Park National Bank, Fort Recovery Lumber and B&D Contracting, **Krenning Park now has a picnic table** for the public to use and enjoy! Thanks also to Connie Stachler at Park National Bank for getting this project moving and Park National Bank Manager Shawn Robinson for taking an afternoon to assemble it.

Community Highlight: The Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts are funding the installation of a new lighting system for the Hein Amphitheatre in Van Trees Park. The addition of new lights should greatly enhance the summer concert series experience.

VanTrees Park is located on the corner of State Route 119 and Fort Site Street. It was made possible by a donation from Robert and Marge VanTrees. It was constructed in 1991 as part of Fort Recovery's bicentennial celebration. This entertainment facility is owned by the Fort Recovery Historical Society and has been the site of Sunday evening concerts for 34 years. These concerts are free events sponsored by the local "Friends of the Arts" group and are held on Sunday evenings during the summer months, beginning in June. They offer a large, diverse range of entertainment that includes musical performances that appeal to fans of all ages in a family-friendly environment. There is fixed bench seating available, along with areas to bring your own lawn chairs. Crowds of 500 or more can easily have a great view of the performances. What a great way to spend a summer Sunday evening!

Thanks to the all-volunteer group who make these events happen! They include Connor Rammel, Tracy Evers-Westgerdes, Stacy Faller, Eric Brackman, Jessica Jutte, Julie Bruns, Samantha Knapke, and Dean Zehringer. For a successful summer concert series, this group:

- Solicits sponsors by sending out sponsorship letters and puts together the brochure for the season highlighting the acts.
- Schedules and contracts groups. Karen Meiring was a long-standing member of this group and still advises on finding new talent.
- Manages large projects such as upgrading the lighting system and training everyone on how to use the system.
- Takes turns hosting concerts (meeting the groups and helping as needed).
- Performs general ground maintenance and keeps the event sign updated.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. We live in a great community with so many people contributing in so many ways. Often what they do is not seen. They quietly go about just getting things done. I thoroughly enjoy highlighting these folks. It really is the solid foundation that our community is built on.

Kim Rammel,
Site Manager, Fort Recovery Museum & Monument
President, Fort Recovery Historical Society

**** Remaining 2025 Schedule of Events ****

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 12 thru Sun Oct 26 – NEW! Scarecrow Stroll. Scarecrows will be set up in Krenning Park, with contest winners announced on Oct 26 at the Halloween Parade.

Sun Oct 19 – One of a Kind Auction (see details below)

Sun Oct 26 – Last day of 2025 Museum season (Museum is open Sat/Sun, 11:00-4:00 in Sept/Oct)

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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One-of-a-Kind-Auction
Merry & Sweet

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Doors open at 5pm

\$10 Donation /Ticket



FR Elementary / Middle School Auditoria

For more information, visit www.fortrecoverymuseum.com
Sponsored by Fort Recovery Historical Society & Project Recovery

With the oh-so-twinkly Merry & Bright season fast approaching, we want to inspire you and simplify your holiday shopping by inviting you to our 24th Annual One-of-a-Kind Auction!

Tickets for our Fort Recovery Historical Society / Project Recovery's One-of-a-Kind Auction are available for \$10 each, or a table for 7 or 8 can be reserved for \$100. Tickets can be purchased from any committee member, at the Be You Boutique or Tin Cupboard, or at the door the night of the auction. Past attendees can vouch for the fact that just the delicious food provided by the Psi Iota XI is worth more than the price of admission!

The Auction has **something for everyone**, from the large and unique items on the live auction (Adrian Grube, Auctioneer), to the mid-price silent auction items, to the "everyone has a chance" raffle where for as little as a dollar, the lucky person can take home a great prize. Your bid number can be used at all raffles, auctions, and extra raffles, and you can check out at the end of the night using your credit card!

Lists of auction items and prizes are available on the [Fort Recovery One of a Kind Auction](#) Facebook page, and on the auction programs which will be available in mid-October. Call or text Chairman, Mary Diller at 419-852-3374, or Kim Rammel, 419-852-0028 for more information.