

Finally! Time to Celebrate! Sunday – July 11!

Did you receive your invitation to the Grand Re-Opening? The post card invitation post was designed by Mark Holbrook of the Ohio Historical Society. We hope you were as pleased and proud of the design as we. A larger framed copy of it will hang in the museum as a nice remembrance of this special time. Our museum has not been updated in the last 50 years, so this truly is a time to celebrate!

The actual dedication ceremony will take place **under a tent near the fort at 2:30**. On the program will be OHS personnel and local and regional public officials. Among our guests who will be publicly recognized will be you - our 2010 patrons! Please be sure to stop at the tent to pick up your sticker that identifies you as a patron. We hope you will wear your patron identification with the same pride that we have of YOU for being the generous and faithful supporters you are.

Also on Sunday, July 11, after the ceremony –

1. Punch and cookies on the museum front porch!
2. Museum and OHS reps. on all three floor of the museum to answer visitors' questions
3. Pat Eischen Meiers in the log house to share what her life was like growing up in that 1840's log house.
4. Jack Hemmelgarn (3:00-4:00) provides visitors a close up view and explanation of the old tools on display in the Kirgan/Lennartz cabin.
5. The Fort Recovery High School Band serves carry-out barbecued chicken dinners from 4:00 – 7:00. Tickets - \$6.00, must be purchased by July 5. Call 419-375- 4997 to have tickets held for you or sent to you. You're welcome to turn your carry out into a picnic on museum grounds or at Van Trees Park.

ST. Clair Run! July 17! 8:30

Sign up now for the Mercer Health 5K Challenge which will begin with a cannon blast at 8:30 on Saturday morning, July 17 right in front of the museum! The run will cover a scenic course, and fans will be present along the way to cheer participants on! Registration forms can be picked up from the museum or downloaded from the <http://www.mercerhealth5kchallenge.com> website.

\$15.00 pre-registration includes T-Shirt
\$ 8.00 pre-registration – no T-Shirt
\$10.00 registration on race day – no T-Shirt

14 - under, 15-19,
20-24, 25-29, 30-34,
35-39, 40-44, 45-49,
50-54, 55-59, 60+.
Walkers Welcome



Too Cool! Take a look at the design to be featured on the 5K shirts! Guess what? You don't even have to break a sweat to get that cool Indian (printed on gray) shirt. Any patron can order one for \$10. Call 419-375-4384, email fortrecoverystatemuseum@yahoo.com, or call the museum 375-4649 and leave a message (375-4649) with your name/address/shirt size. Shirts can be picked up at the museum. (For volunteers who will be helping on race day, the shirt price is only \$7.00.) All orders must be placed by July 5. Order a shirt, look cool and help spread the good word about FR!

Thank You Pie Bakers/Bidders/Buyers

Sixteen pies were auctioned off at the Jubilee. Thank you to the bakers: Hilda Alig (2), Jim Carpenter (2), Kathy Gonzalez, Jane Hipple, Helen LeFevre, Sharon Link, Amy Pearson, Riley Pearson, Irene Stone, Sharon Scott, Kelly Sudhoff, Sharon Zehringer, Mary Pat Zitter. AND a big thank you to the buyers: Glenn and June Florence, Tom and Judge Mary Pat Zitter, Lori Kaup, Sharon Scott, Tomo Yamamoto, Ken Lamm, Jim Zehringer, Cy Lefevre and Linda Schoenherr. Over \$1000 was taken in! Congratulations to the winning pie bakers: Irene Stone, Sharon Zehringer and Kathy Gonzalez. Judges were area radio and newspaper personalities. Thanks to Historical Society president Helen LeFevre for organizing the event. The money goes into the Jubilee account but eventually comes back to the historical society. So "Thank you too!" Jubilee Committee and volunteers!

Gift Certificates - "Necessity - the Mother of Invention" (or "creation?" ☺)

Patron, Jami Brunk requested a FR Museum gift-shop gift certificate and a patron gift certificate to give to her dad, Larry Brunk, for Father's Day. What a great idea! So Gift Shop and Patron Gift Certificate forms have been created and are now available at the museum or by calling me (4384). If you have someone on a gift list who appreciates history or who would like to support/promote the relevance of Fort Recovery's place in past world events, think about giving one of the gift certificates. They can be personalized and can be written for any amount. Thanks Jami for prompting us to create and offer a very good item to patrons and visitors!

Visitors

Even though it is posted on our website that the museum is under construction, the flow of visitors has been steady and has included people from across the United States and throughout the world. It's fascinating to talk with visitors and learn of their interests and gain from their own knowledge. Recently, Professor Besch brought his surveying class from Akron University. After a tour of the fort and museum, the professor conducted a two hour class with the students in the meeting room. It was a hot miserable day, so we were happy to have the attractive newly decorated room for them to hold their class. (Some of the university students brought their families on the trek across the state, and a number of the small children ended up playing in the museum's new children's center while the parent(s) participated in the lectures. What an asset that center has been!)

Speaking of Changes -

A number of such changes like the children's center, the two informative dvd's, additional displays etc have added to the quality of visitors' experiences at the museum, and rarely does a visitor leave without thanking us for having such a great museum and for them having such a nice time here! **Patrons – YOU must take a bow for that! Without your support, these good things would not be happening!**

And Speaking of Patrons

We're pleased to have some brand new patrons: Larry Brunk of Elida, and Rich and Charlene Pearson and Dr. David and Lori Rohrer of Fort Recovery! We welcome them to the great group of Museum supporters!

Reminder – We are a Blue Star Museum – All active servicemen and their immediate families get free admission to our museum from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

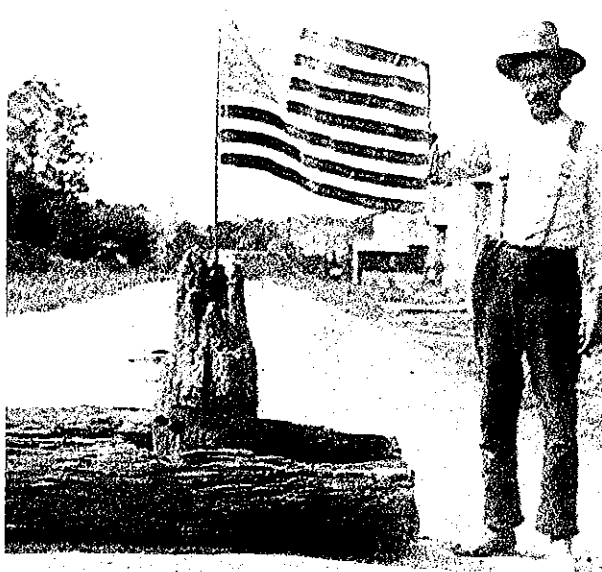
Did you Know? Original Flagstaff

The large piece of wood now museum basement meeting room is flag staff of Fort Recovery, dating to

This portion of the flag staff by James Hedrick, Sr., father of Hazel he was digging a well on the old fort pictured here with the flag staff. The proud of the flag staff as it appeared photographs in the late 1800s.

The current flag pole in the stockade area is thought to be in the original fort's flag staff.

Thank you, **Chris Keller** for information above and for creating for poster featuring this information, and pictures were taken in the late 1800's.



on display in our part of the original 1794.

was found in 1881 Hedrick Hoke, while site. Mr. Hedrick is town was very in many community

reconstructed exact place as the

gathering the the meeting room a this and other What a treasure!

It's a great museum season, 2010. Thanks for being part of it! Nancy Knapke