

Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter
August, 2010

Successful Grand Re-Opening

Over 300 visitors attended the Museum's Grand Re-Opening on July 11. What a great day it was! The "new" museum received consistently high reviews. It was a pleasure hearing the positive responses. We appreciated the comments made and the beautiful framed certificate and picture presented to the museum by Representative Jim Zehringer. Also presented to the local historical society was a certificate from the Ohio Historical Society. We were proud to host a number of representatives of OHS, including George Kane, Director of Historic Sites.

Coming from a great distance for this special event was patron Victor Wells who drove for 2 1/2 days to partake in the festivities and then turned around and drove right back to his home/work in Colorado. No one could show greater support! Thank you, Victor. We also appreciated that so many of you patrons attended. We were so proud to see the many blue and gold ribbons worn that day! Thank YOU!

Record-Breaking 5K Run

As a result of a well executed 2009 St. Clair 5K, and a super 2010 effort by coordinators, Kathy /Tony Gonzalez and Kim/Brent Niekamp, the number of run participants exceeded our highest expectations - over 350! The coordinators send their appreciation to **all patrons** who helped and a special "Thank You" to the shirt sponsors: **Rep. Jim Zehringer; Natures Green; Independent Capital Management; JR Industries; Cooper Farms; Wabash Telephone; Mercer Osteopathic; and Mercer Health.** (The complete list of Thank You's is attached.) It appears that the run profited nearly \$3500. What a nice "pot of gold" at the end of the St. Clair Run Rainbow!

Civil War Re-Enactment – Coming the second week in September

Although the Historical Society is not involved directly in bringing the Civil War Reenactment to Fort Recovery, we will be supporting the effort through the use of our grounds, facilitating their Fashion Show, and helping with publicity. The **main battles** – which you won't want to miss – **are at 4:00 on Saturday (September 10) and at 2:15 on Sunday.** The **Fashion Show is Saturday, Sept. 11 @ 1:15 pm.** It will be held on the stage of the Hein Amphitheatre in Van Trees Park. Our historical society would welcome help with the fashion show! In the meantime, plan now to reserve that weekend for some really special events!

Mark Your Calendars! Presenters Scheduled (Free for all patrons and their children. Others=\$3/Adults, \$1/6-12)

Linda Stephens (**Sunday, August 15 at 3:00**) is the author of two books: *Remembering Leatherlips* and *They Called Him Leatherlips*. Linda will have a different focus from past speakers. She has written her books primarily for children and educators so do bring your school-aged children and grandchildren! Although her presentation will interest children, it also contains plenty of historical material to inform adults. Patrons and their children will be admitted free. Linda will autograph her books which are \$10.00 each. Remember, patrons receive a 10% discount. (It should also be pointed out that Hal Sherman – a great artist and friend of our museum – has a number of his paintings featured in *They Called Him Leatherlips*!)

John Christian Rummel (**Sunday, August 29, 3:00**) "*On the Eve of Revolution: Lord Dunmore's War of 1774.*"

Rummel is an independent scholar who has spent the last 22 years studying the Middle Woodland/Hopewell period, the North American Indian, and 18th century military history.. He earned degrees in History and Communications from Mount Vernon Nazarene College and has conducted extensive research in major museums all over the United States. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Archaeological Society of Ohio and is the 2009 recipient of the Robert Converse Award for his continued research in Middle Woodland archaeology. His current projects include a book on Lord Dunmore's War of 1774 and participating in 18th Century reenactments, collecting 18th and early 19th Century historical documents and collecting historic Native American art.

William Heath (**Sunday, September 26, 3:00**) author of *Blacksnake's Path, The True Adventures of William Wells*, is coming back by popular demand. The last time Heath was here was on a weekday at noon. Several of those unable to attend said, "Why not bring him back on a weekend?" So that wish will come true when Heath comes

back at the end of September. William Wells, the focus of Heath's book is the accomplished military man and language translator who fought on the side of the natives in the first battle and on the side of the Americans in the second! Heath does a masterful job of unveiling the almost unbelievable saga of this interesting and important man in our history! ***Blacksnake's Path*** is available at the museum gift shop for \$21 minus the 10% discount for patrons. What a great gift an autographed book would make.

Archaeological Family Fun Fest Speakers – Sunday, October 3!

Tony DeRegenaucourt – (Archaeology Explorer/Writer/Lecturer) *Archaeology of Greenville – Uncovering Hidden Secrets*

Greg Shipley – (Artifact Collector/Expert, Historian) *McKee's Town* (located about four miles south of Bellefontaine)

Ball State Archaeologists (TBA) – *Solving a Mystery - Discovering the St. Clair & Fort Recovery Battlefields*

Bill Pickard (OHS Collections /Archaeology) - *A Tale of Two Horses: The Occurrence of a War of 1812 Double Horse Burial at Fort Meigs, Wood County, Ohio*

John Christian Rummel – (**See above**) - "*Renaissance in the Ohio Valley: The Art, Ideology and Culture of Hopewell.*"

HISTORY CORNER

Who was Leatherlips?(1732–1810) First of all, his connection with our history is that he was the Wyandot Chief, who led his warriors to join the great Native American Confederation that waged the history-making attacks of 1791 (Wabash Battle/St.Clair's Defeat) and 1794 (The Battle of Fort Recovery). In 1795, Leatherlips was a signer of the Greenville Treaty. His life was influential, fascinating and sad.

The Wyandots had been decimated by disease and by a disastrous war with the Five Nations of the Iroquois. (The Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca nations) Forced out of their homeland near Lake Superior, the Wyandots moved to the Iroquois hunting ground of the Ohio country. After the signing of the Treaty of Greenville, Leatherlips encouraged cooperation with white settlers. His policy of accommodating Europeans led to conflict with the movement led by the two Shawnee brothers, Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa (The Prophet). Tenskwatawa reacted strongly and with hostility against Leatherlips. The Prophet condemned him to death for signing away native lands, and accused Leatherlips of witchcraft.

Sent by his very own brother Roundhead, six Wyandots traveled to what is now Dublin, Ohio just north of Columbus and announced Leatherlips' death sentence. Although white settlers pleaded for the old chief and attempted to bribe the death squad, the trial and sentencing were swift. After clothing himself in his finest attire, Leatherlips, joined by his executioners, sang the death chant and prayed. Then he was killed by tomahawk!

The execution supposedly took place at the entrance to the caves that are now known as the Olentangy Indian Caverns, located north of Dublin and south of Delaware, Ohio. A monument to Leatherlips and a memorial art sculpture are tourist stops in Dublin, Ohio today. (Chief SHA-TE-YAH-RON-YA, was called Leatherlips by Americans because of "his admirable trait of never breaking a promise.")



Interested in this story of Leatherlips? Come hear Linda Stephens on Sunday, August 15 at 3:00. A good story-teller, Linda will interest young and old, historians and non- historians alike! Time for questions and answers! Come! Enjoy!

If you are like me, this topic of the Wyandot Indians spurred my interest, so I had to read more about them. Attached is some of the information I found.

It's a great year at the museum, be part of it. NB

Wyandot Indians

The Wyandot Indians originally lived in southern Ontario. They were also called Hurons. But they called themselves "wendat" which in time became "Wyandot" or "Wyandotte." They were related to the Iroquois Indians. But in the years before European settlement, the Iroquois Confederacy attacked them and drove them from their homeland. Some came to live in northern Ohio. **They built their main villages in Wyandot, Marion, and Crawford Counties, but they lived across northern Ohio and as far south as Ross County.**

The Wyandots had a special friendship with the Shawnee Indians. They referred to the Shawnee tribe as their "nephew" or "younger brother." Other Indian tribes could be allies one day and enemies the next. Political alliances changed with the times.

The Wyandots were allies of the French until British traders moved into the Ohio Country circa 1740. The French pushed the British out of Ohio, and the Wyandots became allies of the French again until the British victory in the French and Indian War. But as French trading posts turned into British forts, the Ohio Indians banded together to fight the British in Pontiac's Rebellion in 1764. During the American Revolution the Wyandots fought for the British against the Americans. When the British surrendered, the Indians were left to fight the Americans on their own.

The Wyandots were fierce warriors. Colonel William Crawford led an expedition against the Wyandot town at Upper Sandusky in 1782. His army was defeated. ***The Indians captured Crawford and burned him at the stake.***

General Anthony Wayne once ordered Captain William Wells to go to the Indian town at Upper Sandusky and bring in a prisoner who could tell them about the Indian's plans. Captain Wells replied that he "could bring in a prisoner, but not from Sandusky, because there were none but Wyandots at Sandusky and they would not be taken alive."

General Anthony Wayne finally defeated the Wyandots and other Ohio Indians at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794. They surrendered most of their lands in Ohio with the signing of the Treaty of Greenville.

In 1842, the Wyandots gave up their claim to their reservation at Upper Sandusky. In 1843 the United States government sent the Indians off to a reservation in Kansas. They were the last Indian tribe to leave Ohio.

Tarhe and Leatherlips were the most notable leaders of the Wyandot Indians

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