

Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter
July, 2016

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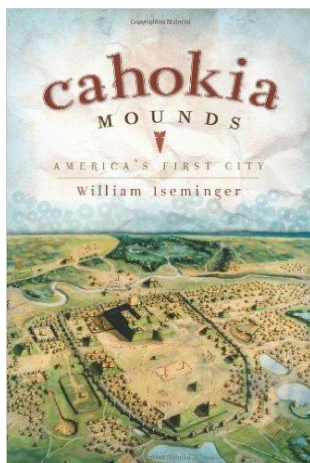
July 17, 3:00

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"Cahokia Mounds"

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St. Clair 5K - JULY 9 – 7:00: Registration Begins, 8:30 Cannon Blast  **!!!**

The St. Clair 5K is one of the most organized and most scenic 5K's. This year participants will have 2 big murals added to their scenery! With the use of *chip timing*, this event is also extremely efficient with results reported and posted quickly/accurately. It's not too late to sign up using the form on the Museum website: www.fortrecoverymuseum.com, or just come the day of the race, July 9 and sign up that morning. Shirts are particularly cool this year, but only a few will be available for those not pre-ordered. (You don't have to run to order the shirt!) **Call 419-375-2123 for information.** Thanks to Kathy and Tony Gonzalez and all the volunteers!

Hats off to 225 Committee

So many community people worked so hard to make the 225 Anniversary of Fort Recovery such an unforgettable one. Kudos especially to 225 Chairs: Michelle Dues and Jackie Leverette; Drama Directors: Judy Wood, Juli Kahlig and Conner Rammel; and the Fort Recovery Business History Book Author and Tour Guide, Helen LeFevre. Over 4000 people attended the drama and now have a better understanding of the history of Fort Recovery! The FR Business History Book sold out, but more will be re-ordered, call/email museum if you want one held for you..

Soft Dedication of the Veteran's Plaza - A Memorable Part of 225 Opening!

Many, many residents and guests turned out for the 225 Opening Ceremony which included the "unveiling" of the Veteran's Plaza. Hats off those who made that possible - wonderful volunteers and hard workers from our community, along with Fred Smith, Ohio History Connection Architect (and his professional associates) who was primarily responsible for the final design work. And of course what amazing generosity was shown by so many that made this all possible! What a great cooperative venture. I am personally just so darned proud of our town and *all those connected* who make so many things possible.

And last, thanks to Greg LeFevre for organizing a memorable 225 Opening Ceremony!

Chris Thompson's Presentation! The Dig!, The Porch Displays! Huge Successes

The audience for Thompson's presentation on the archaeological battlefield discoveries was standing room only, and the Ball State University "dig" and associated displays on the museum porch and in the basement drew nearly 1000 visitors! What a success all the way around as nearly every one of those visitors also visited the museum! We couldn't have been busier or happier. We were glad and proud to be part of the 225 event and to help bring visitors from across Ohio, Indiana and beyond! Thanks to The Ohio History Connection for promoting our event through its website and publications! And a final thank you to the Ohio History Connection's History Fund which funded the 5 week Archaeology Field School. The History Fund is supported exclusively by voluntary donations of Ohio income tax refunds and designated gifts to the Ohio History Connection. www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund.

Thank You! Pie Bakers and Pie Buyers - Proceeds Benefit the FR Historical Society

It is hard to believe that a pie auction could bring in over \$4,000 but indeed it did this year - breaking all previous years' records. Thirty pies! The pie bakers were: Nikki Hawk, Sherri Klingshirn, Michelle Evers, Vicki Schmitz, Melissa Wolters, **Beck Wehrkamp**, **Hilda Alig**, Amy Wendel, Irma Schumaker, **Doris Rindler**, Dorothy Schmitt, Nancy Jones, Evelyn Muhlenkamp, Father Ned Brown, Sharon Metzger, **Mary Rindler**, Irene Stone, Linda Lennartz, Kathy Thobe, Pat Diller and Helen LeFevre. (Winners are highlighted.) PS. Father

Ned's 2 pies brought over \$500 each! We are hoping he will be back next year! 🥧👍

A Big Thank you to these buyers: Carl Link, VFW, Buzz Hull, Dixie Bryan, American Legion, Mile Kahlig, Cy LeFevre, Chad Guggenbiller, Lester Huelskamp & Bill Knapke, Cathy Koesters, Bill Siefing, Glen Florence, Mike Strohl, Ken Lamm, Ft. Recovery Jubilee Committee, Don Lennartz, Tony Gonzalez, Willie Lochtefeld and Tom Siegrist. Finally, Thank You Irene Stone for Chairing and Ken Lamm for auctioneering!

St. Clair, Past President of the United States?

In researching Arthur St. Clair for this 225th year of his ignominious defeat on the banks of the Wabash, I wanted to check the circumstances of his oft-repeated reputation as the "first president" of the United States - not under the 1787 constitution which was after the revolution (obviously George Washington was first president under that constitution,) but under the Articles of Confederation. Research shows that he was actually the *ninth* president under the Articles of Confederation's constitution of 1777. Until the new/final/post war 1787 constitution, evidently there was a new president each year. They were: Samuel Huntington, Thomas McKean, John Hanson, Elias Boudinni, Thomas Mifflin, Richard Henry Lee, John Hancock, Nathaniel Gorham, **Arthur St. Clair**, and Cyrus Griffin! So many people played so many important roles in the founding of our country. Wouldn't you love to time-travel back to that point and be a mouse in the corner? I know I would!

Happy History! nk



Happy Independence Day!