

Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter
October, 2018

Coming Up!

1. October 3, 4, 10, 11 - Celina Fourth Grade Field Trips to Museum

We love it when students come on field trips. It takes extra work for teachers, but students do enjoy the day, and judging from teachers' comments and students' letters, they are impressed and learn important concepts. In the morning, we do the monument and museum - telling the history of the battles, the fort, the armies and the confederations. In the afternoon, the students go to stations and visit the tool cabin, the Eischen log house, the Prehistoric Experience room and Native American exhibits. They also enjoy the souvenir station. On field trip days it takes a lot of volunteer help. For them, we are sincerely grateful. For the Celina days, the volunteers are: *Dr. Barman, Neil Diller, Jerry Kramer, Sharon Ontrop, Jeanette Diller, Jan Hickerson, Mary Lou Kramer, Nancy Abels, Dian Kaiser and Linda Lennartz!* Hats off to them for sharing their time and talent!

2. October 13, (Saturday) Car Show and Free Admission to the Museum

The museum is always happy to work with the Fort Recovery Car Club when they have their semi-annual car show. They do an amazing job of attracting a ton of fascinating cars that are on display the entire evening. The car show success and growing reputation is an indication of the well-organized show they run. The organizers ask the museum to be open free of charge for the car-show guests, and we are happy to do that. The Fort Recovery Car Club gives us a generous donation in return!

3. October 20 - Scout Project - Danny Bracy

We are excited for Danny to get his Eagle Scout Project completed - putting stepping stones along the path where the probable fort wall was found by the Ball State Field School several years ago. Danny will also be adding signs and benches. Many visitors ask about that fort wall location, so after the completion of this project, we, with greater effectiveness, will be able to point them in the right direction, and there will be something to see and understand when they get there. What a great Eagle Scout Project this is. Thanks to Chris Thompson, Louis Diller, Don Lennartz, OHC representatives (plus Danny's scout masters) for their assistance to Danny.

4. October 21 - (Sunday, 5:00!) *Fiesta Ole'* One-of-a-Kind Auction

Once again, the Auction Committee believes they have the best auction line-up ever and a great fun evening planned.* The local Psi Iota Xi members (under the leadership of Nikki Hawk and Lori Koch) furnish the food, and they always produce ample and delicious treats! The doors of the Elementary School Auditoria open at 4:45, and appetizers and drinks begin almost immediately. Regular attendees like to arrive early to get their sights on the many items on display. Tickets are \$10 each (note: the food costs more than the ticket price!) *Soo you are getting a lot of food and fun for the cost of admission.* Profits go to the Fort Recovery Historical Society and Project Recovery. (Project Recovery uses over half of its share just to maintain the Fort Recovery Visitors Center each year.) * see the sheet attached.

4. Nov.11 - Community Christmas Open House - Unveiling! Start at Museum!

As part of the community Christmas Open House (11:00 -5:00), the Fort Recovery Museum and Fort Recovery Historical Society will be hosting a "soft" opening of our new on-line battlefield tour and wayside exhibits (interpretive signage.) The wayside exhibits will form a 15 stop battlefield tour throughout the community. These signs should be installed and ready in late October or early November.

We are very excited to show off these new signs and the on-line tour to the community FIRST! Ball State University archaeologist Christine Thompson and student assistants will be present to show visitors how to access and use the on-line tour map. Also, Chris and the students are eager to walk visitors through the various stops of the battlefield to view the new interpretive signs.

So stop by the museum on November 11 anytime, 11:00-5:00, to see what's new, innovative and informative!

Looking Back

1. Sept. 8 - Open Doors Ohio

Despite the weather - pouring rain, our Open Doors event was a pretty remarkable success. Over 150 visitors toured the museum and 75-80 visited the Opera House. They were constantly busy, Mary Ann Olding and the hostesses reported great interest in this very unique place! So many thanks are owed to so many who set that day up for success; Jill Kaup, an amazing young gal covered so many aspects of the event! Also, Helen LeFevre, Don and Linda Lennartz, Louie and Jeanette Diller, Bob and Kathy Portz, Jill Walter, Brenda Kaup, Jan Hickerson, Nancy Abels, Carol Jutte, Neil and Pat Diller, Carol Ranly, Mary Lou Kramer, Judy Wood and Jenni Smith. A special "Thank you" to Dan Keyes, artist extraordinaire who stayed the whole time and fielded questions and shared information about the murals! You see it does take the whole village! ☺

2. Sept. 9 - Ken Sowards - Talking About Wayne and Loramie, and . . .

What positive feedback from the "full-house" audience who attended this last presentation for the year. "He sure knows how to make history interesting!" "He knows so much and doesn't have to use a note." "I liked the humor he brought the topic." "I could have listened for another hour." "Bring him back." Etc. What a pleasure to present someone like Ken when you know the response will be so positive. Kudos to Ken!

3. Sept. 21 - Drawing the winner of the OSU/IU Football Tickets! - Linda Schoenherr!

Hopefully you were aware that Joe Beatty (a museum patron from Texas and a 5th generation descendant of Capt. Erkuries Beatty of the 1st Regiment in Gen. St. Clair's Army of 1791, and a cousin to Ensign Samuel Beatty of the 2nd Regiment of Levies 1791) donated two OSU football tickets for us to use as we saw fit. We decided to raffle them off and to add that as part of the One-of-a-Kind Auction. We sold 164 chances at \$5 each, so figure it out folks - we made \$820. What a bonanza for us! Thank you Joe Beatty! And thanks to all who bought the chances!

4. Sept. 30 - The Final Day of the 2018 Regular Museum Season

The museum is officially closed now for the season. However, fieldtrips and tours can be arranged from October through May by calling 419-375-4384.

Happy Fall - See you on Nov. 11?

One of a Kind Auction

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 5:00 PM

Fort Recovery Elem/Middle School Auditoria

Delicious buffet – homemade appetizers & desserts

Theme – Fiesta Ole'

**Tickets \$10 at Kaup Pharmacy,
FR Insurance Agency, Village Hall, or members of Historical Society or Project Recovery**

Credit Card Use Available at Auction

Benefits historic sites in Fort Recovery

**View items at: Mays TV Window
& FR Museum/Historical Society Facebook page**

Silent Auction Items:

- Framed Landscape Painting
- Dashcam
- Instant Pot
- Fiesta Ole Basket; I Spy Child's Quilt
- Our Fathers Foods Pkg.
- Dayton Dragons Pkg.
- Lunches at Tin Cupboard; Haircuts-Thien Snipps
- Thiry-one Utility Tote
- Purple/Gray Throw; Battery Candles
- Wooden Bowl; Fresh Produce
- Schoolhouse Farms Popcorn; Oil Lamp
- Handmade Jewelry Box & Whispering Prayer Bracelet; Men's Ariat Cap and Wallet
- \$150 Gift Cert. Wabash Communications
- John Deere Quilt
- Baby Afghan; OSU Basket
- Jeneration Fitness Pkg.
- Just 4 Paws Grooming & Doggie Vacation Pkg.

- Pool Party; Bowling Party
- Kaup Pharmacy Gift Pkgs.
- Wooden Salad Bowl, Jams, Honey & Baked Goods
- Sharlette's Chocolates; Case Collectible Tractor
- 4 Spa Services; Sunrise Painting
- FRHS VIP Parking; Homemade Wine & Beer Pkg. Bird House; Hide-a-Way Gun Box
- Coin Proof Sets; 18 Holes Golf w/Cart
- Vera Bradley Bags

These items to be auctioned off:

Vacations/Outings:

- Destin Florida Condo & Mystic Dunes Florida Condo
- OSU Football & Basketball Club Level Tickets
- Dinner Party for 8 – Trusty Woods
- UD Basketball Tickets & Parking Pass
- Canoe Trip
- St. Anthony Dinner Theater
- Rossburg Acres Outing
- Cooper Farms Pkg.
- Indiana Beach Lakehouse
- Ohio State Fair Pkgs.

Misc. Items:

- Full-o-Pep Sign; Popcorn Popper
- Floral Patio Couch w/Umbrella
- Cannonball; Halo Salt Therapy
- 2 – 16" Pizzas/Month for a Year – Thobe's Carryout
- Veterans Memorial Framed Print
- Conceal Carry Pkg.; Unique Lamp
- Hickory Coat Rack
- Wendel's BBQ Meal for 25; Train Depot Print
- Handcrafted Wooden Bowl
- Pie a Month; Green's Meats w/Cooler
- Bob VanTrees Painting & Milk Can
- Dewalt Screwdriver Kit; Grill
- Wooden Wine Holder & Glasses
- 5 Step Lawn Program; Old Furnace Instruction Sign
- Child's Table & Chairs; Lottery Ticket Tree
- Blue Spruce and Autumn Blaze Maple Trees
- Tenderloin Tuesday – Wayne Street Market

Special Raffle Items:

- 14K Diamond Necklace (\$1250 Value)
- Henry Lever Action 22 Gun
- Ruger SR22 Pistol w/Accessories

Raffle Items:

- \$100 Cash; I Spy Child's Quilt

- 2-\$25 Gift Certificates – Sunshine Boutique
- El Camino Gift Card; McDonalds Gift Cards
- Celina Best Western-One Night Stay
- WalMart Gift Card; Toy Chain Saw
- Pak-A-Sak \$40 Party Platter; Greek’s Pizzeria
- C-Town Wings, Highmarks
- Pizza Hut, Pizza King, Richard’s Gift Cert.
- Trump/Pence Life Sized Cut-out
- Pickle Ball Equipment; Personal Touch Gift Cert.
- Bake Shoppe Gift Cert.; Tin Caps Pkg.
- Bella’s Rest. Gift Basket; Wall Hanging
- Great Wall China Gift Cert., Buffalo Wild Wings
- Battery Candles; Baby Afghan; Arbys Gift Cards
- Cases of Vegetables; Grill on Main Gift Cert.
- Fisher Meats Gift Cert.
- Westwood Car Wash Coupons
- \$150 Gift Cert. Wabash Communications
- Kitchen Aid Gift Bag; JTs Gift Card
- Coffee Pot Gift Cert., Merchant House Gift Card
- 3-\$25 Gift Cert.& Baked Item-Crafty Corner

Plus more items not listed