

FORT RECOVERY STATE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2021

Please Read below

I. TRUSTEES OF AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD TRUST TOUR OUR BATTLEGROUND!

Seventeen members of the American Battlefield Trust visited the museum on Monday, September 23rd. They came from diverse places across the United States. What is the ABT? *Read their mission!* I bet YOU, a patron/follower of our museum, will agree wholeheartedly with what they stand for. **I DO!**

The American Battlefield Trust preserves America's hallowed battlegrounds and educates the public about what happened there and why it matters.

American Battlefield Trust's Values and Guiding Principles

... We see **battlefields as outdoor classrooms**, teaching young and old alike about the sacrifices made during our nation's turbulent first century to secure the freedoms that all Americans enjoy today. These were places where crucial chapters of the American story were written. Where ordinary citizens – farmers, merchants and laborers – displayed extraordinary valor fighting for independence and freedom.

We are committed to *Excellence*. We believe that **history education is the foundation of good citizenship and a key ingredient in developing the national leaders of tomorrow**. Visiting and teach about battlefields enables people to connect with our history, learning firsthand about the citizen soldiers who helped forge a nation. We believe parents should consider battlefield visits as an essential, formative experience for school-age children.

We seek to *collaborate and partner* with any organizations who share our passion for preserving these foundations of freedom. We have a deep, abiding **Respect** for the sanctity of historic battlefields. We see preserved **battlefields as living memorials to the soldiers who fought there**, and seek to **pass on their story of their heroism and sacrifice to the next generation of Americans**. They are also the final resting places for countless young soldiers who were buried where they fell, their graves unmarked and largely forgotten.

We recognize that we trade on the **Trust** of our patrons and our partners.... That trust must be built with an unrelenting **Determination to represent our nation's complex story with accuracy, objectivity and integrity**.

The United States is the oldest and most effective democratic republic in the world. That has not happened by accident. The Trust seeks to preserve this history – not to promote a single point of view, but to provide a comprehensive set of perspectives from America's first century. Our history – the good, the bad, the heroic, the regretful – shapes who we are as Americans today. That history can serve as a powerful lesson and inspiration, but only if it can be preserved.

II. Boy Scout Jamboree/Camporee - Here September 10-11-12

200 Scouts and their leaders are expected here the second weekend in September. For attending the sessions below, the scouts will earn two badges. The first is the Merit Badge which leads to the next rank, and the second is the Historic Trails Award badge. The scouts will attend informative sessions all day Saturday. These sessions and those who are presenting include:

1. The Two battles on the Wabash, 2. The Monument, 3. The Prehistoric Era – N. Knapke
4. The Fort Blockhouse, Wabash River and the Greenville Treaty Line – **Ken Lamm**
5. The Pioneer Log House – **Carol Ranly** 6. The Pioneer Cemetery – **Helen LeFevre**
7. The Pioneer Tool Cabin – **John Ranly** 8. The Opera House – **Karen Meiring**

Thank YOU, Thank YOU, Thank YOU to the volunteers listed above who make this educational effort possible. And a huge Thank You to Don Brewer who has spent countless hours putting this great Old Sycamore 2021 Fall Camporee together and taking care of the many, many details. And finally thanks to Roger Freze, Old Sycamore District Chairman.

III. All are Invited, Saturday, September 11, 8:30 PM – “Flags of America”

If you would like to see a touching interesting beautiful patriotic show, you won't want to miss the Flags of America Show on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 PM at Van Trees Park. The show was scheduled particularly for the scouts who will be here that weekend, but Scout Camporee organizers, Don Brewer and Roger Freze want the public to know they are welcome to attend! What a perfect time to show a bit of patriotism – September 11th the 20th Anniversary of 9 -11!

IV. Celebration! Come On! – 2021 Auction Theme – 5:00, Oct, 17 – FR Middle School

The One-of-a-Kind Auction Committee which raises funds for Fort Recovery's Historical Sites and Events is busy gathering and organizing great items for its annual live auction, silent auction and raffle. Check the museum Facebook page for pictures of some of the items. Also, take note! Historical society members have tickets to sell for the **\$1095 DIAMOND NECKLACE** donated for the event by **Jones Jewelry of Celina**. Necklace tickets are just \$5.00 or 3/\$10. Tickets are also available at the museum or at Kaup's Pharmacy.



The **Celebration Theme** was selected for the auction in recognition of the **75th Anniversary** of the Fort Recovery Historical Society and the **20th One-of-a-Kind Auction!** Some lucky auction attendee on October 17 will win the \$75 cash Celebration prize, courtesy of the Historical Society. No ticket to purchase – just attendance at the auction qualifies you!

V. Winkler Battlefield Walk!!! Sunday, October 24, 3:00

If you want to experience the Battle of the Wabash 1791 as near to perfection as it gets, join historian and author John Winkler as he narrates the action and movement of the battle as you step onto the exact spots those soldiers and Natives stepped/fell/died on the battlefield on that early cold morning of November 4, 1791!

This Nov. 4, 2021 will be the 230th anniversary of that watershed moment in American History! What more fitting way to remember/observe that historical time than to “relive” the action of that day? You can be assured that NO ONE could do a better job of making that come live than John Winkler. Many people come back to walk it every time John offers the opportunity. In just one walk, it is hard to absorb ALL the details and emotions of that eventful day of 1791 when America's Army suffered its greatest loss in history and the United States of America was in danger of demise.

The Battlefield Walk with John Winkler, is free for museum patrons. The charge of \$10 for others helps to defray the cost of the headsets provided for all participants. Call 419-374-4384 and leave your name, address and phone number, or reply to this email.

Morvilius Opera House – Update - Facebook Page -Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House

Check for updates on the opera house restoration. A big job now and ahead, but progress is being made. **\$21 in '21 \$friendraising** now underway - **Venmo FRM Opera House**, or **Friends of the Opera House**, Box 691, Fort Recovery, 45846, Tours by appointment, or watch for upcoming events on the Opera House Facebook page. Call 419-375-4384

REMINDER – MUSEUM ONLY OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, 12-5, IN SEPTEMBER!, NK