



# The Fort Site Journal

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## Board Seeks Input on Building Issue

Jack Staugler, Board President

While it may be a bit intimidating at times, there is no greater honor than to stand in front of a group of concerned citizens and talk about issues that can shape the future of Fort Recovery Schools. This past week, the Fort Recovery Local Board of Education, along with Superintendent Pat Niekamp, Treasurer Lori Koch and representatives from the architectural firm of Garman/Miller met with about forty Fort Recovery citizens to talk about our building and seek input for the Fort Recovery High School.

It is really difficult to explain the options in an article in the paper but I will try to provide a brief summary. However, to fully gain an understanding of the options and to get your questions answered, please keep an eye out for information on another public meeting to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, in the high school commons.

At this time, we pretty much have the final numbers from the OSFC, as to what part of a building project they would co-finance. It took many meetings to get to these figures, and we truly believe these numbers are based on accurate and fair numbers for our district's assessment. Here are the three logical options:

Option One: Demolition of present high school (except for H.S. gym, commons area, and vo-ag and shop areas) and the building of a new high school connected to the east side of the present elementary/middle school. Total cost: \$10,700,000 State Portion: \$5,100,000 Local Portion: \$5,600,000.

Option Two: Using state OSFC monies to renovate present high school except for the '35 section (old gym and four adjoining classrooms). Total cost: \$11,000,000 State Portion: \$5,000,000 Local Portion: \$6,000,000.

Option Three: Not using state funds, and renovating present high school using ONLY local funds. This option would relieve us from some state requirements, add some flexibility to what we do, but not allow us to participate in the OSFC program. Total cost: \$4,800,000 All locally funded.

Each option offers a long line of questions, concerns, positives and negatives. We highly encourage your attendance at the future meeting to find out more about the options and offer input, as well as an open invitation to contact any board member or administrator to have your questions answered. It is an exciting project, as well as an exciting and interesting time to be a board member. As always, we welcome your input.

## Awarding Academic Excellence

By Tami Link

The Franklin B. Walter Award Banquet was held on April 7, 2010, at the Fort Recovery Middle School. The Franklin B. Walter Award is an academic award given to a senior each year. Each high school, in Mercer County, nominates a student for this award.

Emily Bauer, Fort Recovery Senior, was nominated by High School Principal, Jeff Hobbs, and Guidance Counselor, Amy Kaiser. "Receiving a nomination for the Franklin B. Walter award is a great honor," says Emily. Every student was allowed to choose a teacher that most influenced them through their high school career. Emily chose Mrs. Robyn Armstrong as her mentor.

Mrs. Armstrong says, "Emily does all the things "good students" do. She has her work completed and in on time, participates in class work/activities, helps others when they need it. More importantly Emily is a young woman of integrity and trustworthiness. She always has time for a conversation, gives me a smile when I need it, and brightens my day." Emily was awarded a scholarship for being nominated. Congratulations Emily!

## You're Invited

**What:** Update and Input on High School Facility

**Who:** Any interested community members

**When:** Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm

**Where:** High School Commons

There have been several developments recently regarding the OSFC opportunity with the High School. The board had an initial community meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> and would like to offer another opportunity for people to learn about options, ask questions, and provide feedback. The board will be asked to make a decision in the near future.

### **Our goals will be to:**

\* Re-cap past years' efforts and how we got to this point

\*Inform the community of the most recent proposals by OSFC

\*Explain the current status and why the board is addressing now

\*Gather input and suggestions on the scope of the project

## Choir Spring Concert

Sunday, May 2, 2010

4 PM in the auditoria

Presale tickets available

(reserved seating)

\$4 adults

\$3 students (K-12)



## 2010 Buckeye Boys State

Buckeye Boys State will be held at Bowling Green State University, in Bowling Green, Ohio. It will be held June 12<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The two junior boys representing Fort Recovery are Alan Vogel and Ryan Heitkamp. They are being sponsored by The American Legion.

## 2010 High School Academic Banquet Honors Top Students

Fort Recovery High School held its 2010 Academic Banquet on Monday evening, April 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Elementary/ Middle School Auditoria. Following the meal, Mr. Jeff Hobbs, high school principal, introduced Mr. Patrick Niekamp, Superintendent, for opening remarks. At the conclusion of the banquet, Mr. Dave Hull, Board Vice President, spoke to the students. The awards were then presented to the following:

Mrs. Sharon Link, Fort Recovery American Legion Auxillary, presented the “**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD**” to Emily Bauer, and the “**PATRIOTIC ART AWARD**” to Emily May. Mr. Al Link, Fort Recovery American Legion, announced the **AMERICANISM TEST** winners. They were: Brent Link, Paige Pottkotter, Alan Vogel, Natalie Rohrer, David Tobe, and Christen Wendel. Mr. Link also recognized Paige Pottkotter, Natalie Rohrer, and Alan Vogel for being Mercer County winners.

The remainder of the awards were presented to the following students:

Mrs. Sautbine - **ATHLETICS/PHYSICAL ED. OHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETIC AWARD**

Nicole Pottkotter & Shane Stein

**OHSAA ARCHIE GRIFFIN**

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD -**

Chelsey Leuthold & Cody Fiely

**BIG P LETTERMAN AWARD -**

Greg Kahlig & Cody Fiely

Mr. Blockberger - **HEALTH -** Tana Hart

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION -**

Marshall Hull

Mr. Bruns - **PRE-ALGEBRA -** Samantha Tobe

**ALGEBRA II -** Nathan Fullenkamp

**ADVANCED MATH -** Casey Backs

Mrs. Osterloh - **ALGEBRA I -** Kelsey Fiely

**GEOMETRY -** Abby Backs

**ADVANCED MATH -** Gena Wendel

**AP CALCULUS -** Paige Pottkotter

Mrs. Schwieterman - **BIOLOGY -**

Chelsea Pottkotter

**ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY -** Alexis Sutter

**AP BIOLOGY -** Kelsey Brockman

Mrs. Armstrong - **ACTION CHEMISTRY -**

Kara Faller

**CHEMISTRY -** Abby Back

**AP CHEMISTRY -** Casey Backs

**PHYSICS -** Emily Bauer

**BAUSCH & LOMB -** Casey Backs

Ms. Beavers (Band) - **PATRICK S. GILMORE -**

Erika Muhlenkamp

**JOHN PHILIP SOUSA -** Kelsey Faller

Mrs. Pottkotter - **INFORMATIONAL SKILLS -**

Janel Hein

**READING COUNTS -** Mallory Kinder

Mr. Hubbard - **ENGLISH 9 -** Mallory Kinder

**ENGLISH 11 -** Nichole Kaiser

**ENGLISH 12 -** Chelsey Leuthold

Mr. Snyder - **BUSINESS ENGLISH -**

Alan Lennartz

**AP LITERATURE -** Sylvia Schwieterman

Mrs. Schade-Hein - **ENGLISH 10 -**

Abby Backs

**ADV. ENGLISH 11 -** Stacy Gehle

**GERMAN I -** Tana Hart

**GERMAN II -** David Tobe

**GERMAN IV -** Paige Pottkotter

Mrs. Bruns - **SPANISH I -** Kelsey Fiely

**SPANISH II -** Abby Backs

**SPANISH III -** Emily Bauer

Mr. Evers - **AMERICAN HISTORY -**

Alex Thien

**GOVT.,ECON. & FINANCIAL LITERACY**

Abby Backs

Alexis Sutter

**PSYCHOLOGY -**

Mr. Perkeybile - **SOCIOLOGY -**

Stacy Gehle

**GOVT.,ECON.& FINANCIAL LITERACY**

David Tobe

**WORLD HISTORY -**

Paige Pottkotter

**AP WORLD HISTORY -**

Jacob Pohl

Mrs. Monroe - **GENERAL ART -**

Jodi Pottkotter

**ADVANCED ART -**

Rose Roessner

Mrs. Perkeybile - **FAMILY & CONSUMER**

**SCI. I -**

Taylor Wendel

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT -**

Nicole Dilworth

**NUTRITION -**

Andrea Sutter

Mr. Leugers - **INTRO. TO ENGINEERING**

**DESIGN -**

Adam Fullenkamp

**COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING**

Nathan Fortkamp

**INDUSTRIAL TECH I -**

Shawn Roessner

Mrs. Jutte - **YEARBOOK -**

Shelby Alig

**NEWSPAPER -**

Alexis Sutter

Mr. Summers - **ACCOUNTING I -** David Tobe

**ACCOUNTING II -** Paige Pottkotter

**BUSINESS MATH & FINANCE -**

Josie Guggenbiller

**WEB DESIGN -** Christen Wendel

Mrs. Dilworth - **SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM**

**Varsity -** Jacob Backs, Emily Bauer, Kelly

Brown, Skott Burrows, Brent Link, Colt

Metzger, and David Tobe. **JV -** Brian Bauer,

Michael Cotterman, Craig Hart, Kelly Hull,

Mallory Kinder, Alison Koch, Daryl

Osterloh, Elizabeth Osterloh, Adam Pohl,

and Brandon Stammen.

Mr. Hobbs - **ABC SCHOLARSHIP**

**Award -** Chelsey Leuthold

**FRANKLIN B. WALTER AWARD -**

Emily Bauer

### ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB STUDENTS WITH 3.5 AND ABOVE

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Letter -** Sherri Schoenlein, Riggs Florence, Abby Backs, Kurt Fortkamp, Ryan Gaerke, Nicole Hart, Tyler Hart, Katelyn Jutte, Rachel Jutte, Jared Kahlig, Julie Kahlig, Kylie Kahlig, Alison Koch, Ericka Lennartz, Natalie Lennartz, John Link, Hunter McAbee, Kelly Nietfeld, Kelsey O'Dell, Daryl Osterloh, Kristen Overman, Adam Pohl, Jill Post, Olivia Schwieterman, Brittany Sudhoff, Derek Sutter, David Tobe, Aaron Vagedes, Christen Wendel, and Karissa Will.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Pin (Lamp of Knowledge) -** Alyssa Brackman, Shelby Alig, Casey Backs, Michelle Brackman, Laura Braun, Kelly Brown, Holly Brunswick, Shelby Brunswick, Nicole Dilworth, Renee Fortkamp, Stacy Gehle, Caitlin Gehret, Zach Guggenbiller, Ryan Heitkamp, Abby Huelskamp, Nichole Kaiser, Jessica L. Link, Colt Metzger, Rose Roessner, Natalie Rohrer, Sam Schoenherr, Emily Schoenlein, Lindsey Schroer, Alexis Sutter, Andrea Sutter, Olivia Thien, Alison Tobe, Gena Wendel, Stacy Will, and Haley Wilson.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Pin Academic Pin -** Emily Bauer, Nikki Beyke, Kelsey Brockman, Kelsey Faller, Josie Guggenbiller, Amber Heitkamp, Beth Link, Jesse A. Link, Beth Muhlenkamp, Erika Muhlenkamp, Stacey O'Dell, Jacob Pohl, Kayla Pottkotter, Nicole Pottkotter, Paige Pottkotter, Sylvia Schwieterman, Hillary Staugler, Shane Stein, and Sassy Thompson.



Beginning with this April issue of the Fort Site Journal, the Fort Recovery Board of Education “Fort Fact” will no longer be printed in the paper. You can find the board meeting summary by going to: [www.fortrecoveryhschool.org](http://www.fortrecoveryhschool.org) Administration Board of Education Board Notes (located on the right)

## 2010 Staff Appreciation Breakfast To Be Held

The Fort Recovery Business Advisory Council would like to thank the following sponsors of their annual school staff appreciation breakfast which will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>. In association with Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, all teaching, support, and administrative staff members are invited to a delicious breakfast in appreciation for their work with the children of our community. With the generous donations from the following businesses, the Business Advisory Council is also pleased to donate new lightweight portable tables for special events.

B & D Contracting Inc.  
 Carr Chiropractic  
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 .Fort Recovery Industries  
 Fort Store and Lock  
 Hastings Auto Sales  
 Home Bholder Service  
 Jutte's Self Storage  
 Kahlig Dozing & Excavating

Kaup Pharmacy  
 Les Wenning Motors  
 Mays TV  
 Mel Heitkamp & Sons Builders  
 Mercer Osteopathic Ltd.  
 Mercer Savings Bank  
 Midwest Rebuilds, Inc.  
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 Park National Bank  
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 Schmitt Fur Farm  
 Thien Snipps  
 Wendel Poultry Service, Inc  
 Wayne IGA, INC.

## School Year Winding Down

May is upon us and that means the end of another school year. That being said, our expectations for the students remains as high as ever! The senior "Class of 2010" have been tremendous to work with during my first year at Fort Recovery. Their thirteen year journey will culminate on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 PM, in the Fort Site Fieldhouse for graduation. I would ask parents of senior students to check and make sure all obligations are taken care of and that you remind your student/students to finish on a strong note. The senior exams will be May 19-21 and mandatory graduation practice will take place on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Final exams for all 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be May 24-26<sup>th</sup>. The exam schedule will be very similar to the semester exam schedule from earlier this year. The schedule will be available in the high school office or on the district's website.

Congratulations to Perry Hull and Mallory Wood who were crowned king and queen of the 2010 Junior/ Senior Prom. The prom theme, "Enchantment Under the Sea," was well represented at the promenade. The junior class (2011) did a tremendous job on organizing and decorating to honor their senior classmates.

Spring sports are in full bloom with many excellent efforts in softball, baseball and track and field. As well, the band under the direction of Meg Beavers recently had their spring concert and vocal music will be holding their spring concert on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is amazing how many of our students multi-task and still achieve great success in the classroom. Our Academic Awards Banquet was held April 26<sup>th</sup>. It is not a surprise that the district has achieved the Excellence with Distinction for ten years seeing our many shining academic stars.

The King's Island attendance incentive trip will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Students missing three or fewer days for the entire school year will be eligible to attend. More information will be sent home for those who qualify. The summer Reading Counts' schedule will be attached to the upcoming newsletter. Please continue to encourage your children to read and make it a priority. I believe our district puts a high priority on Reading Counts and it pays off in the long run!

As the school year winds down, please do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions or concerns.

Jeff Hobbs  
 Principal

## The Fort Recovery Museum Needs YOU!

Community support is the critical element that sets our museum apart! The improvements and educational endeavors achieved because of faithful patrons are amazing. Become part of this vital group! Fill out this form, include your check, and mail to: **Museum, Box 533**, Fort Recovery, 45846, or drop it off at the museum any Saturday or Sunday afternoon!

*I will support the museum at the following level:*

- Tecumseh \$1000
- Little Turtle \$500
- Blue Jacket \$250
- Presidential \$100
- St. Clair \$50
- Anthony Wayne \$25
- Richard Butler \$10

### For your donation YOU receive:

1. Satisfaction -you made an important contribution!
2. Free admission to the museum.
3. Free/reduced rates for special events.
4. 10% discount on gift/book-shop purchases.
5. Informative monthly newsletters

*Service is appreciated too. Check if you would like to help:*

- Serve on the museum advisory board or board of trustees
- One Saturday/Sunday afternoon during museum season
- Help with school/scout/adult tours (souvenirs/admissions)
- Help at Special Events
- 5-K Run, July 18
- October Archaeology Family Fun Festival
- The Annual Historical Society Auction

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Museum Changes – Grand Opening in June!

**Big changes are taking place in the local museums!** Three years ago, the state legislature provided special funds for updating the exhibits in the Fort Recovery State Museum. No significant changes or updates had occurred within the museum for decades. Over the last two years, community volunteers have been meeting with Connie Bodner and Bill Mahon of the Ohio Historical Society to make plans for the changes. NOW those plans are coming to life!

In March, many volunteers worked to empty/dismantle the entire main floor of the museum. Now the museum, devoid of exhibits and displays, is a blank slate. But not for long! By mid-May, there will be new cases, carpeting, and wiring; walls repainted; new displays and exhibits! In the past the museum focused primarily on Anthony Wayne and the 1794 battle, but now equal attention and space will be devoted to the St. Clair Defeat of 1791. OHS partners listened to the requests of local focus groups and are KEEPING those things from the “old exhibits” that really grabbed the attention of visitors –the real-looking soldiers, cannon, guns, etc. Just wait until it all comes together! A June Grand-Opening is anticipated. Watch for the date to be announced!

**And More Changes -Downstairs** Redoing the main museum room caused ripple changes throughout the buildings. The battle artifacts that were no longer needed in the main room display are now on display in the basement “meeting room.” This room is being updated by local volunteers and will be an extension of the main part of the museum. In addition to the artifacts (including the flag pole and the Greenville Treaty Line stake), there will be interesting and important information and pictures on the bulletin boards, and portraits and paintings on the walls! Spotlited there is the life-sized dragoon and his horse!

**Walk-By Museum:** Now featured in the walk-by museum are: 1. A tribute to Bob VanTrees (pictures, paintings, stories, airplanes!) 2. Civil War Memorabilia including a list of all the local men who made up Company K of the Fortieth Regiment, and a poster of the Civil War Re-enactment to take place at Ambassador park in September. 3. The Noggler collection of prehistoric artifacts!

**Blockhouse:** The panels that were on display in the main room of the museum will be mounted inside the blockhouse, so that information will still be available to visitors. To the blockhouse has also been moved the large and very heavy showcase. It can be used for special displays – like those showcased on the October Archaeology Day.

**Tool Shop – Smitty:** The smaller tools are now displayed in those showcases there. This made room for a better display of the larger tools. Big improvement! New carpeting is being installed throughout the main floor, gift shop, stairs and entrance. All of these areas have also been repainted. The funds allowed by the state legislature cover only the state part of the museum, so any other expenses incurred are being paid for through local funds raised over the past years from the auctions and patron support!

*Any materials purchased and contractors hired have stayed local! Museum trustees are pleased when work at the museum can help local business people. In a small community, the success of one depends on the success of the others! Fort Recovery Museums are fortunate to be located in this supportive community.*

## 8th Graders' Annual DC Trip

On Monday evening, April 5, 2010, 88 students and adults left the Fort Recovery Middle School parking lot for the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip. The first stop on Tuesday morning was at Gettysburg, PA, where the students took a battlefield tour of Gettysburg and visited the new Gettysburg museum. In the afternoon the buses then headed to Washington DC. The first sites visited were the Smithsonian museums and the National Archives. The next three days the students and parents had a very busy schedule visiting many of the monuments and memorials in Washington DC that reflect our American history.

On Wednesday, the students and chaperones went to the Jefferson Memorial, Capitol tour, Iwo Jima Memorial, Mt. Vernon Estate, ESPN Zone, and took a subway ride on the Metro. Thursday started off with a visit to the Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, Bureau of Engraving, Holocaust Museum, and a stop at Ford's Theater to see the production “Little Shop of Horrors”.

Friday was the busiest day with visits in the morning to Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. At Arlington National Cemetery four students laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Those students are shown in photo (l-r) Isaac Keller, Derek Sutter, Sierra Pugh, and Elizabeth Hipple. Each student was selected from their essay on “Why it would be an honor to lay the wreath of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.”



We ended Friday and the Washington DC trip with visits to the Washington Cathedral, Kennedy Center, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, Alexandria Colonial Tour, and the closing ceremony was held at the Air Force Memorial.

Chaperones going on the trip were: Fred Buffenbarger, Kirk Danner, Amy Dues, Julie Dues, Marilyn Fortkamp, Lisa Fullenkamp, Tony Gonzalez, Vaughn Hipple, Alicia Jutte, Luke Kahlig, Tess Kaup, David Keller, Roger Lennartz, Luke Muhlenkamp, Jeff Nietfeld, Pam Sanders, Ann Stammen, Anne Staugler, Dale Sutter, Steve Trobridge, Valerie Vogel, Lisa Wendel, and Joyce Wilker. Mr. Brian Patch, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

class advisor, along with Principal, Mr. Matt Triplett, and teacher Megan Beavers accompanied the students and parents on the trip. Mr. Patch worked closely with K & K Tours, from Celina, to arrange the annual trip.



Fort Recovery Middle School's  
MARCH PRIDE WINNERS!

Chanc Daugherty (6th) & Emilie Sheridan (7th)

*The Fort Site Journal is published monthly during the 2009-2010 school year. These issues are sponsored by the Fort Recovery Local Board of Education and are coordinated by the creative writing class at Fort Recovery High School.*

*Community clubs and organizations are encouraged to submit articles for publication. These articles may contain news for club activities or notices of upcoming events. If you have any information that you would like to have placed in the Fort Site Journal, contact the high school by the first Friday of every month.*

*The advisory committee for this paper includes the Fort Recovery Local Schools Board of Education, Superintendent Pat Niekamp, High School Principal Jeff Hobbs, Middle School Principal Matt Triplett, Elementary Principal Shelly Vaughn, and Advisor Kathy Jutte.*

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## A Celebration of Poets

By Alexis Sutter

Thirty-one 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, from Fort Recovery Middle School, have been chosen to have their work published in the anthology, A Celebration of Poets.

Students submitted poems to Creative Communication earlier this year to be entered in the poetry contest. Less than 50% of all the submitted poems are published in the anthology. With so many students chosen to be published, Fort Recovery has earned a "Poetic Achievement Award." This honor is awarded to the top 10% of schools that enter the contest. Fort Recovery was chosen based on the quality and number of poems that were entered.

The following students' work was chosen to be published and they are eligible to win a "Top Ten Poem" award:

Olivia Acheson	Derek Backs
Danielle Brunswick	Shawna Dugger
Karla Eichenauer	Michaela Fullenkamp
Monica Fullenkamp	Christy Gaerke
Abbie Grube	Janel Heitkamp
Jamieson Hess	Katie Homan
Karalee Jutte	Hannan Jutte
Tony Keller	Jennifer Klenke
Haley Klenke	Melissa Knapke
Paige McCain	Diane Post
Rachel Pugh	Cassidy Rammel
Lauren Rammel	Seth Riegle
Sara Rohrer	Alex Schoen
Caley Schoenherr	Emilie Sheridan
Mitchel Stammen	Amy Timmerman

Ashley Young

Congratulations to all the 7<sup>th</sup> grade poets!

## Friends of the Library News

It's the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of the Fort Recovery Library! If you are a member of the Friends we appreciate your support. If you are not a member we hope you will consider becoming one by completing the membership form included in this Fort Site Journal. It is a great way to support your local library. Here is a partial list of some of the Friends' accomplishments this year.

- Miss Ohio, Erica Gelhaus program
- Boys' Football Party
- Fort Festival of Trees
- Book covers for students
- Curious George at the Jubilee
- Clifford at the Christmas Open House
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Monthly book club meetings

Friends' purchases for the library included books, two receipt printers, five ceiling fans, an Early Learning Literacy Station subscription for the children's computer, and a steel book truck. The Friends also helped sponsor the summer reading program and the T-Rex program at the Mercer County Fair.

## FCCLA Represents the Fort at State Competition

On April 15 and 16, 2010, fifteen members of the Fort Recovery FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter attended the Ohio FCCLA Leadership Conference. The event, held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus, brings together chapters from across the state to compete in STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events competition and to receive awards for chapter events held throughout the year.

The Fort Recovery chapter had outstanding results in their STAR Events competition. Receiving a silver medal for their National Programs in Actions project were Emily Kahlig, Grace Roessner and Amber Wendel. The chapter had 5 events that earned gold medals. In the senior division these went to Jessica Heitkamp, Nichole Kaiser and Holly Thien for Interior Design, to Jill Post for Teach and Train, and to Maliea Fullenkamp, Janel Hein and Xaiven Overton in Focus on Children. In the junior division, gold medals were earned by Elizabeth Wendel, Taylor Wendel and Sydney Wilson in Focus on Children, and by Emily Metzger and Elle Schoenherr in Food Innovations. In addition, Jill Post had the top score in the state in Teach and Train, making her a national qualifier!

The chapter also received a GOLD medal for being an outstanding chapter in Ohio! In order to achieve this award, members of the chapter presented an electronic portfolio in March to judges at a specially held conference. The award indicates that the Fort Recovery chapter has created and participated in an active and well-balanced local, district, regional and state program for the 2009-2010 school year.

## April 4-H News

Claire Pottkotter, 4-H Reporter

On April 13th, 2010 at 3:30 the Fort Pioneers 4-H club met in the Fort Recovery Auditoria. All members were reminded of our fundraisers, wedding clean-up, the Jubilee clean-up, and the tractor pull clean-up. We clean up at weddings on April 24th, and May 22nd. On June 19th and the 20th, we are going to clean up after the Jubilee. The Tractor Pull clean-up is on July 31st and August 1st.

Jeanette Osterloh presented a speech on Helping the Environment, Tony Osterloh on lawnmower safety, Adam Schoenlein talked about how to clean a calf. Demonstrations were led off by Issac Wenning on how to make a feeder trough. Elizabeth Osterloh taught us how to saddle a horse.

Jen Thompson came in and talked to the group about health issues and how to take care of ourselves. She taught us some exercises that we can do on our own to keep us healthy. We had bananas, apples, celery and carrots for our snack.

## Museum/Fort Work Day

The Fort Recovery Park Board's Annual Park Clean-Up Day originally scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010 has been converted to a Museum/Fort Work Day. We are asking all volunteers to report to the museum at 9:00 am to assist the Fort Recovery Historical Society with clean-up work as a result of their recent renovation project. Volunteers may work any hours that fit their schedule that Saturday. Any questions can be addressed to the Village offices at 419-375-1056. The Fort Recovery Park Board will once again continue with the annual Park Clean-Up Day in 2011.

## Fort Recovery's Annual Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

All trash must be set out at the curb by 6 AM

The following rules apply:

- Only village residential customers are eligible
- All smaller debris must be boxed or bundled
  - Nothing in lengths longer than 6 feet
  - **ABSOLUTELY NO** tires, concrete items, bricks or rocks, yard waste/ tree limbs, railroad ties, or wet paint cans
- Appliances and other metal items will be picked up by \*Maharg's Trash Service\*

## Village of Fort Recovery's

### National Night Out 2010

Join us on Sunday, July 25, 2010, from 5-8 PM at the Ambassador Pool and Park for a fun family event that is free to Fort Recovery area families.

(Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult).

- Pool Party
- Snacks
- Inflatable Bouncer
- Emergency Vehicles
- More items being planned now

**THANK YOU . . . .** to everyone who donated items or money for our pancake breakfast in March. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. The breakfast was a success!

**American Legion Auxiliary**

## An Unforgettable Experience

By Nichole Sheffer

Anatomy and AP Biology students at Fort Recovery High School had an opportunity to watch a live video of an autopsy on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They saw what actual organs inside the human body look like. COSI had produced the video and according to Mrs. Kathy Schwieterman, "They are always coming up with new ideas to enhance the typical classroom education."

During the autopsy, students got to ask the doctor questions about what was going on in the video and what they wanted to know about certain body parts. Students learned a lot while watching this video, and for most it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. When asked how she thought the autopsy went overall, Abby Huelskamp said, "Good. I saw what our organs look like and it was very interesting."

Hilary Pottkotter said, "My favorite part was when they cut open the skull to take out the brain."

"I love to give opportunities, such as these, to the student, although it is not everyone's 'cup of tea'. Sometimes experiences such as these cause students to want to go into the medical or science field and that's what we strive for," said Anatomy and AP Biology teacher Mrs. Schwieterman. Many students thought the video was very educating and were glad they got to experience it.

## Enchantment Under the Sea

By Marissa Brunswick

Prom is usually an unforgettable occasion. Even adults far removed from their high school years tend to remember the event—what they wore, who their date was, and where they went afterwards.

The big night that every high school student dreams of took place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, for Fort Recovery High School. The public was invited to attend promenade for the 2010 Prom at the Fort Site Fieldhouse. After promenade all of the students went to St. Henry, where prom was held at Romer's Banquet Hall. Following dinner and dancing was an after-prom, which was put on by parents of Fort Recovery High School students. The after-prom was held at Miracle Lanes in Fort Recovery from 11:30 PM until 2 AM.

The theme of the 2010 Prom was "Enchantment Under the Sea". Under the supervision of Mrs. Kim Grube and Mr. Jeff Hobbs, the four junior class officers putting it all together were Shelby Alig, Colton Metzger, Lindsey Schroer and Stacy Will.

## Fort Recovery Schools to Miss Expertise and Friendship

By Natalie Rohrer & Hilary Pottkotter

After fifteen years of dedicated service to Fort Recovery Local Schools, Mrs. Kathy Thobe will be retiring on July 31, 2010. Mrs. Thobe has served Fort Recovery school district as the administration office secretary since she began working for the school in 1995. Her husband of 47 years, Dale Thobe, also taught industrial technology and driver's education at the high school. All three of their children attended and graduated from Fort Recovery Schools.

When asked what her favorite thing is about the Fort Recovery School district, Mrs. Thobe said it is that everyone is friendly and willing to help each other. "Fort Recovery Schools' Board, Administration, and staff put what is best for the students first," she

remarked. Above all, Mrs. Thobe says she will miss her co-workers and the students after she retires.

Following her retirement, she plans to spend time with her family and maybe do some traveling. "I am thankful to have been given a lot of opportunities," Mrs. Thobe said.

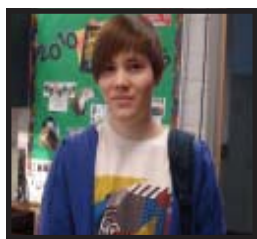
Mrs. Thobe has made many friends working at Fort Recovery Schools. When asked how they feel about Mrs. Thobe, Lori Koch says, "Kathy does a tremendous job just doing her job, but she also does little things (extras) all the time for staff and for students that are not part of her job, that no one asks her to do, that she gets no recognition for doing, and that she continues to do anyway. There is a saying in the work place that 'no one is irreplaceable' this may be true, but Kathy Thobe may be the closest that I have ever seen! The best to her and Dale in their retirement years!"



This year's candidates for queen and king were (Front row: L-R) Sherri Schoenlein, Shelby Vaughn, Josie Guggenbiller, Carly Staugler, Sylvia Schwieterman, and Mallory Wood. (Back row: L-R) Jordan Bechtol, Nathan Keller, Shane Stein, AJ Backs, and Perry Hull. Not pictured was king candidate Ethan Schoenherr. Mallory Wood and Perry Hull were crowned Prom King and Queen of 2010.

## Exchanging Faces

By Julie Knapke



Felix Lachmann was a new face walking around Fort Recovery High School hallways earlier this month. He is from Breidenbach, Germany, which is located in the middle of Germany near Frankfurt. On March 28, 2010, Felix celebrated his sixteenth birthday while he was here in Fort Recovery.

Felix was here through The Friendship Connection Program, which is a month long exchange program. David Thobe, a sophomore at Fort Recovery and his family hosted him. Felix arrived on March 16<sup>th</sup> and returned home on April 14<sup>th</sup>. He only missed two weeks of school in Germany due to his school's Easter break. Felix attends a school called 'Lahntalschule'. In Germany they call this type of school a 'Gymnasium' which is comparable to a college prep school in the United States.

In his free time Felix enjoys listening to all kinds of music, especially rock. He also likes to eat home-cooked meals prepared by his mother and Indian food.

"I like it here. It is a pretty school, and I think it is a typical American school. Many people here are friendly, and the motivation for your basketball team is more," said Felix.

## Brockman, Post, Kaiser, and Brackman Receive Top Awards



Kelsey Brockman, Mark Post, Cody Kaiser, and Eric Brackman

The Fort Recovery FFA held its annual banquet on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the evening at the Fort Recovery Middle School Auditoria with well over 275 members, parents, and agribusiness leaders in attendance. The banquet serves as

public display of all the hard work done by the members in the past year. Fort Recovery Chapter President Cody Kaiser called the banquet to order. Chapter Sentinel Nathan Fortkamp gave the invocation and the buffet meal was served. Remarks were given by FRLS Superintendent Pat Niekamp and FRHS Principal Jeff Hobbs.

With 116 members, the Fort Recovery FFA participates in numerous events including career development events, fundraisers and community service projects. This year fourteen members will receive their State FFA Degree, which include Laura Braun, Riggs Florence, Craig Fortkamp, Nathan Fortkamp, Craig Fullenkamp, Zach Guggenbiller, Stephanie Heitkamp, Dustin Homan, Jessica Link, Megan Rammel, Emily Schoenlein, Aaron Sutter, Alan Vogel, Stacy Will. Four other members, Chris Gehret, Beverly Lennartz, Kelly Thien, and Tom Will, will receive their American FFA Degree. Only one-half of one percent of all members receives their American FFA Degree.

Many other awards were given out to members for dedicated service and commitment to the chapter and all its activities. The Star in Agribusiness Award was given to Cody Kaiser, the Star Farmer Award went to Mark Post, the Star Greenhand Award went to Eric Brackman, and the Dekalb Award was given to Kelsey Brockman. The chapter also awarded Steven Gower as an Honorary FFA Member for his dedicated service to the chapter.

Among other events at the banquet, the chapter held its annual Pie and Cake Auction that raised \$3,200. All proceeds from the auction are returned to the students to allow them to participate at the State FFA Convention, FFA Camp, and the National FFA Convention. The chapter would like to say thank you to all those that supported the auction.

Many area businesses donated money to support the awards program and table favors: Big K Mills, EMS Body Parts & Service, Family Showcase Video, Farm Credit Services, Fort Electric, Fort Recovery Equity, Fort Recovery Family Medicine,

## May Events

### District

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4 PM Choir Spring Concert
- 4<sup>th</sup>- BAC Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- 8 AM -12 PM Saturday School
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- 2 PM Graduation Day
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Last Day For Students
- 28<sup>th</sup>- Teacher Work Day
- 27<sup>th</sup>- High School/Middle School Kings Island Incentive Trip

### High School

- 1<sup>st</sup>- FFA State Convention
- 5<sup>th</sup>- AP Calc. Exam/Board Room
- 6<sup>th</sup>- AP Lit. Exam/Board Room
- 10<sup>th</sup>- AP Biology Exam/Guidence Office
- 11<sup>th</sup>- AP Chem.Exam/Board Room
- 13<sup>th</sup>- AP World History Exam/Guidence Office
- 14<sup>th</sup>- FFA Delegate Council Mtg.
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Spring Sports Banquet

### **Graduation May 23, 2010**

### Middle School

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>- Get Real Week
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Neighborhood Skits
- 6 PM Awards Banquet
- 4<sup>th</sup>- 10 AM 5k Run @ Football Field
- 7<sup>th</sup>- 8:30 AM Middle School Idol Contest
- 13<sup>th</sup>-8:30-11:00 AM Books & Co.Field Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Final Exams – Sci. & SS
- 20<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Final Exams – LA
- 21<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Final Exams – Math
- 24<sup>th</sup>- 8:30 – 11:30 AM Overdrive Incentive
- 25<sup>th</sup>- 12-3:15 Field Day

## Sports Update...



### Softball

Varsity: 11-6  
JV: 2-13

### Baseball

Varsity: 2-9

### High School Track

Boys: placed 2-2<sup>nd</sup>; 1-3<sup>rd</sup>; 1-4<sup>th</sup>  
Girls: placed 3-1<sup>st</sup>; 1-2<sup>nd</sup>

### Junior High Track

Boys: placed 1-1<sup>st</sup>; 1-2<sup>nd</sup>; 1-3<sup>rd</sup>; 2-7<sup>th</sup>  
Girls: placed 2-1<sup>st</sup>; 2- 2<sup>nd</sup>; 1-8<sup>th</sup>



## May Sports' Schedule

### High School Track

- 1 – Arcanum (A) – 10:00 AM
- 6 – Coldwater (A) – 4:00 PM
- 7 – Coldwater (A) – 4:00 PM
- 11 – MAC (H) – 4:30 PM
- 14 – MAC (H) – 6:00 PM

### Junior High Track

- 6 – Coldwater (A) – 4:00 PM
- 7 – Coldwater (A) – 4:00 PM
- 13 – Minster (A) – 4:30 PM

### Varsity Baseball

- 1 – Houston (A) – 11:00 AM
- 3 – Mississinawa Valley (H) – 5:00 PM
- 4 – Marion Local (H) – 5:00 PM
- 6 – Ft. Loramie (H) – 5:00 PM
- 7 – St. John's (A) – 5:00 PM
- 11 – New Bremen (H) – 5:00 PM
- 13 – St. Mary's (H) – 5:00 PM
- 14 – Botkins (H) – 5:00 PM

### JV Baseball

- 1 – Crestview (H) – 11:00 AM
- 4 – Marion Local (A) – 5:00 PM
- 6 – Ft. Loramie (A) – 5:00 PM
- 7 – St. John's (H) – 5:00 PM
- 11 – New Bremen (A) – 5:00 PM
- 13 – St. Mary's (A) – 5:00 PM
- 15 – Spencerville (H) – 11:00 AM

### Varsity Softball

- 1 – Arcanum (H) – 11:00 AM
- 3 – Marion (A) – 5:00 PM
- 4 – Jay County (A) – 5:00 PM
- 6 – Ft. Loramie (H) – 5:00 PM
- 7 – Celina (A) – 5:00 PM
- 10 – New Bremen (A) – 5:00 PM
- 11 – Ansonia (H) – 5:00 PM
- 13 – Delphos Jefferson (A) – 5:00 PM

## Presidential Fitness Award

Sixteen freshmen recently received the Presidential Fitness Award. In order to receive this award, the students must pass five different tests. These tests include: shuttle runs, chin-ups, 1,200 meter run, 1 minute sit-ups, and flexibility. These students participate in Mr. David Blockberger's high school physical education class.



(Front L-R) Abby May, Kelsey Fiely, Heather Vaughn, and Grace Roessner. (Middle L-R) Elle Schoenherr, Jacob Schoen, Wyatt Blockberger, Josh Wendel, Marshall Hull, and Rachel Rammel. (Back L-R) Alex Thien, Trent Kaiser, Andy Gray, Gusty Link, Mitchel Vagedes, and Keith Fortkamp. Congratulations on a job well done!

## Cup Stacking Competition

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, several 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the annual county cup stacking tournament sponsored by the DARE boosters. It took place at Celina IC School.

### Students who participated:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Matthew Bihn    | Athena Evers    |
| Emily Hart      | Kelsey Jutte    |
| Madison Kaiser  | Kristin Keller  |
| Anthony Merrill | Shelby Moore    |
| Rachel Moorman  | Logan Ranly     |
| Jason Roessner  | Sabrina Schmitt |
- After the competition, Mr. Brown and his wife treated all the competitors to pizza!



5<sup>th</sup> grader  
Emily Hart




4<sup>th</sup> grader  
Shelby Moore



### Keeping Their Promise

April 15, 2010, seniors from around Mercer County, were honored at the annual D.A.R.E. Luncheon held at the Mercer County Elks. These senior signed a promise, following their elementary D.A.R.E. program, that they would not drink alcohol or take drugs throughout the remainder of their middle school and high school career. Fort Recovery had six students who were honored at the banquet. They included: Stacey O'Dell, Kelsey Brockman, Ashley Remaklus, Jessica Link, Paige Pottkotter, and Emily Bauer. Each student received a certificate for their efforts. Mrs. Sara Bruns, SADD Advisor, accompanied the students to the banquet.



Fort Recovery's  
Annual  
Football Alumni  
Golf Outing

June 26, 2010  
1:00 PM  
Mercer County Elks

