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News From the Board

Jack Staugler, Board President

The Fort Recovery Board of Education agreed to terms this past week to renew the contract for Interim Superintendent Pat Niekamp for one more year. Many of you know Mr. Niekamp's history here at Fort Recovery as a teacher, principal, and for 14 years as the district's Superintendent. Last year, after the sudden resignation of David Riel, Pat agreed to come back and serve as the interim superintendent for the 2009-2010 school year. In November, we approached Mr. Niekamp to see if there was any interest in extending it for one more year. After careful consideration, Pat and the board agreed to one more term as an interim superintendent that extends his contract through June of 2011.

While this was an easy decision for the board, it didn't come without many considerations. When we looked at the body of work that Pat has provided this year, and the challenges and opportunities

that lay ahead, it's evident that Mr. Niekamp has much to offer the system. First and foremost, Pat provides tremendous support and direction for the staff and administrators that we rely so heavily on.

Above all else, we want to always meet the educational needs of our students. In order to do that, you must have the right leadership, and Pat provides that. Secondly, our community will be asked to make a decision on a potential building project in the near future. Having someone who has been through that experience, has credibility with the community, and is seen as "one of us" is critical when making a long-term decision that will effect us, our kids, and our grandkids. Finally, we believe this will allow us a greater pool of qualified applicants when we begin the process of looking for a permanent superintendent in the Winter of 2011. This move not only allows us to fill the present role with the

most qualified person, but it increases the likelihood we can fill the position in the future with the best person as well.

On a final note, not related to the superintendent position, it's always nice to be able to strut your stuff and take pride in your school system. We've been able to do this regularly during the current basketball season. While the success both teams (girls and boys) have been having is great, the real pride stems from the overall package we see as we watch the games. Our players and coaches are respectful and play and coach with the intensity and work ethic that has made Fort Recovery such a great place to live. The performance of the pep band and members of the choir have certainly added to the festivities at home games. Finally, the involvement of the student body has certainly added fun and entertainment to the games.

Work Session on Facility Issue

Pat Niekamp, Superintendent

On February 9th, at a work session before the regular monthly board meeting, the board received an update on the district facility issue. Treasurer Lori Koch and Superintendent Pat Niekamp went over the last 2009 OSFC Master Plan offer to the district and projected how that might compare to the anticipated 2010 Master Plan that is awaited.

The district has received a draft of the updated student enrollment projection that will be the key factor in calculating what part of a project the OSFC would help co-fund. The district is currently waiting for responses to some questions about the projection before committing to the numbers. Once these numbers are confirmed and the estimated construction costs are updated there will be a new Master Plan for us to consider.

Once the Master Plan funding numbers are determined, it will be up to the district

to decide which of the two options, build onto the PK-8, or renovate the present high school, should be pursued. In the work session the board discussed the need, once these numbers are known, to get together the large community group that has worked on this question in recent years to give input. They may also seek input from other representative groups from the community. It will then be the board's duty to commit to which of the options our school district will pursue. Since we will need to decide in April, the next couple of months will be crucial to the future of Fort Recovery Schools.

Fort Recovery Choral Departments'

Cabaret Concert

Sunday, March 7th

Middle School Auditoria

Act I - 1 PM

Act II - 2 PM

Act III - 3 PM

Act IV - 4 PM

Featuring HS and JH Choir Students

Vocal Solos - Ensembles - Dances

Piano & Guitar Solos

Come watch an afternoon of talent!

See any choir member or

Mrs. Tracy Hein-Evers to purchase tickets

Fort Recovery Band Pizza Sales

The Fort Recovery band program (students in grades 6-12) will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits, cookies, and pies. This money will help to further fund the new High School Marching Band uniforms, as well as fees for adjudicated events and other band expenses.



The sale will be from Thursday, February 18th to Wednesday, March 10th.

Your support is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the next school year!

Please contact band director, Meg Beavers at (419) 375-4111 ext. 684 with any questions.



FORT FACTS



February 9, 2010

Board Work Session

A work session was held discussing the facility issues. Enrollment projections and oversize spaces were reviewed. Meetings with all staff members, the facility committee, and community groups will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Administrative Report

There were no Treasurer or Principal reports at this meeting.

Mr. Niekamp

- * Discussed the option of a 3 hour delay schedule. Calamity days allowed for the 2010-11 school year will be reduced to three.
- * Informed the Board that a Fort Recovery resident would be appointed to the county board of education.
- * Updated the Board on plans for an open house showcasing STEM & Project Lead the Way to be held on April 15, in conjunction with parent teacher conferences.
- * Shared a special education performance profile received from ODE.
- * Discussed the activities planned for Staff Development Day, February 12th.
- * Informed the Board that Camp Inquire would be held at New Bremen, St. Henry, and Fort Recovery for two weeks each this summer.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved the minutes of prior January 12, 2010, Organizational and Regular Meetings.
2. Approved the monthly financial reports for January 2010 and payment of bills.
3. Approved the contract with NOACSC to provide Internet service.
4. Accepted the 2009 Gateway Summer Camp Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.
5. Accepted and thanked the following groups for their donations:
 - Psi Iota Xi Sorority – Co-Lab, Art Club, HS & Elem/MS Libraries
 - FR Band Boosters – Band – for Uniforms
 - Second National Bank – Score Boards
 - Wendel Poultry – Band and Choir
 - FR Community Foundation in Memory of Natasha Link – HS Choir, HS Band, HS Cheerleading Fund

Agenda Action Items

1. Approved a one-year contract for mowing in the district for Jutte Landscaping as presented.
2. Executive Session.
3. Tabled until the March Board meeting.
4. Meeting adjourned.

The Board of Education decided to delay the superintendent search for another year and offered Mr. Niekamp an additional one year interim contract.

Next meeting date

March 15, 2010 - Board Work Session at 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting to Follow.

REMINDER

Snow cancellation
make-up day for
staff and students is
Wednesday,
March 31, 2010.

Will March
come in like
A Lion or A Lamb?

Let's wait and see!

Winter Winding Down

February has brought better weather and a chance to try to catch up on everything the delays and cancellations put behind. As you probably know, the district has missed one day beyond our allotment and will be forced to make up school on March 31st. Let us hope the winter is behind us and spring is right around the corner. This time of year is quite hectic for the high school counselor as students are preparing their schedules for next year. The weather has moved that process back, but it should be done by the end of this month. If you have questions or concerns about the process, please do not hesitate to call or email myself or Amy Kaiser (high school guidance counselor).

Winter sports are winding down with our teams finishing very successful regular seasons and getting ready for the tournament trail. The boys' basketball team has one game left in its regular season and can clinch at least a share of the MAC title with a win at New Bremen. Congratulations are also in order to senior Greg Kahlig as he recently broke the high school's all-time scoring record of 1529 points. The Lady Indian basketball team finished their regular season with an impressive 15-4 record and will play Saturday February 27th, at 6:15 PM. Their tournament location is Van Wert High School. The boys' team will hit the tournament pavement Friday, March 5th, at 6:15 at Coldwater High School. The FR boys' bowling team also put on an impressive showing at the sectional tournament and qualified for the district event. Senior Perry Hull was the only Indian swimmer to qualify for the district tournament in the 50 meter free style.

I had the good fortune to meet with the students in the Class of 2014 last night. It is easier when you just call them next year's freshman students and possibly makes me feel just a little bit younger. The bottom line is this class will be a terrific addition to the Fort Recovery HS Family. As always, please feel free to contact me or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Jeff Hobbs
H.S. Principal

2009 Combined Charities Annual Report GRAND TOTAL - \$15,057.00

Dear Friends of Fort Recovery,

On behalf of all the listed charities, we'd like to extend a huge "thank you" to the many generous donors of the 2009 drive. The drive was a tremendous success and one of the largest ever. It's very reassuring to be a part of the selflessness of the people of our community during rough times. Way to go Fort Recovery!

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rohrer, President
Tracy Westgerdes, Chairperson
Sandy Salyers, Co-Chairperson

FR Academic Boosters	673.40	Cancer Assn. of Mercer County	1,237.50
FR Historical Society	918.15	American Red Cross (Mercer Co.)	564.00
FR Friends of the Library	1,265.15	Right to Life	999.00
Project Recovery	644.40	Family Crisis Network	302.00
FR Community Foundation	955.40	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	390.00
F.O.R.T.	738.40	American Heart Assn.	40.00
FR Girl Scouts	612.90	State of the Heart Home Health & Hospice	1,443.00
FR Boys/Cub Scouts	562.90	Mercer Co. Crippled Children & Adults	100.00
FR Ministerial Assn.	581.40		
Ft. Pioneers 4-H Club	458.90		
Center for Neurological Development	1,835.50		
Camp Bearable	735.00		

Village of Fort Recovery News

The construction work for the Combined Sewer Separation – Phase I is scheduled to begin by the end of February. This project will include work on W. Butler Street, Caldwell Street, S. Wayne Street, S. Elm Street, E. Wiggs Street, and various other smaller areas. There will be times when traffic will be rerouted or streets completely closed to thru traffic from each of these areas, with these streets only accessible by those who reside within the construction zones. A more detailed schedule will be released in the next few weeks. Please use caution when driving near or around construction areas, both for your safety and that of the workers.

The Village of Fort Recovery's Park & Recreation Department is starting the

registrations for all summer baseball and softball participation. Forms are being sent home with the kids from school and can also be picked up at the Village Hall during regular business hours. Registration forms, along with the \$10 registration fee, must be turned in to the Fort Recovery Village Hall by Saturday, February 27th, or Saturday, March 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All registration this year is at the Village Hall and forms and/or money are to be turned back into the school. Also, anyone interested in coaching or umpiring should contact John or Ciera Rammel at (419) 375-2789. Anyone with questions may contact John or Ciera, or the Village Hall at (419)375-1056.

Class of 2012 Sophomores
will be selling
cookie dough
March 10 - March 24
Contact any sophomore
class member
or the high school office,
(419) 375-4111,
if you would like to
place an order.

Sports Update

(As of February 24, 2010)

High School Girls' Basketball

Freshmen: 6-3
Junior Varsity: 16-2
Varsity: 15-4

High School Boys' Basketball

Freshmen: 1-5
Junior Varsity: 7-12
Varsity: 17-2

Junior High Girls' Basketball

7th Grade: 7-6 8th Grade: 3-11

Junior High Boys' Basketball

7th Grade: 2-11 8th Grade: 10-4


Good Luck to all teams going into tournament!

Students Participate in
Buckeye Boys & Girls State
By Hilary Pottkotter




Last year's participants - Buckeye Girls State (top to bottom) Jessica Link, Emily Bauer, & Josie Guggenbiller. Buckeye Boys State (top to bottom) Jacob Pohl, Brent Link and Jacob Backs.

Buckeye Boys and Girls State is a week-long summer camp that is sponsored by our American Legion Post. It is designed to educate Ohio's youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting involved in the process, delegates learn more about city, county, and state government in one week than they will learn in an entire semester of high school. Boys State this year will be June 12-20, 2010, at Bowling Green State University, and Girls State will be held from June 13-19, 2010, at Ashland University. Josie Guggenbiller says, "It rocked! I met a lot of great people and I learned a lot. It was worth my time." Jacob Backs says, "I made a lot of great friends from all over the state. It was a worthwhile trip to me."



After School Weightlifting
Open to any High School or Middle School student
Workouts every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
After school until 4:15 PM



FFA Has Success at District Evaluations

On February 3rd, the Fort Recovery FFA Advisors, Michael Gower and Joe Hawk, attended the District Five FFA Evaluations held at Upper Valley JVS in Piqua. The annual District FFA Evaluation recognized individual achievements and chapter accomplishments.

Four Fort Recovery FFA members, applied for the American FFA Degree. They were Chris Gehret, Beverly Lennartz, Kelly Thien, and Tom Will. The American Degree is the highest degree a member can receive in the FFA. To earn the degree, members need to work more than 2,250 hours, earn or productively invest \$7,500 or more, and be heavily involved in chapter, school, and community activities. Only sixty-two members in the history of the Fort. Recovery FFA Chapter have ever received the prestigious American FFA Degree. Their applications were evaluated and forwarded to state for evaluation.

Fifteen Fort Recovery FFA members, 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, Aaron Will, and Stacy Will, applied for the State FFA Degree, which is the highest degree a member can receive from the state association. To earn the degree, members needed to work more than 1,000 hours and have gross earnings of \$4,000 or more, as well as be actively involved in chapter, school, and community activities. Only 2% of Ohio's FFA membership is awarded the State FFA Degree each year. The members' applications were evaluated and forwarded to state for final evaluation. The Fort Recovery FFA Chapter is hopeful that all fifteen members will earn the prestigious State FFA Degree in May.

Eight Fort Recovery FFA members- Nathan Fortkamp, Chris Gehret, Zach Guggenbiller, Ashley Kaiser, Cody Kaiser, Aaron Sutter, Brandon Wilker, and Matt Whitacre, applied for Proficiency Awards. Nathan Fortkamp applied for the Poultry Production Proficiency for his work at Fortkamp Farms. Chris Gehret applied for the Diversified Livestock Proficiency for his work at Rocky Creek Farms, Broering Dairy Farms, and Cooper Farms. Zach Guggenbiller applied for the Dairy Production Proficiency for his work at Glacier Hill Farms. Ashley Kaiser applied for her Ag Services Proficiency at Cooper Farms. Cody Kaiser applied for the Landscape Management Proficiency for his work at Jutte's Landscaping. Aaron Sutter applied for the Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication Proficiency for his work at B and F. Brandon Wilker applied for the Ag Services Proficiency for his work at Wendel Poultry Service. Matt Whitacre applied for his Swine Production Proficiency for his work at Whitacre Farms. In order to apply for a Proficiency Award, the members were required to keep accurate records and fill out an extensive application. This application included a resume, an employer's statement, and pictures taken on the job site. Seven of the eight applications advanced through district evaluations and will be moving on to the state evaluations.

The Fort Recovery FFA Officers' books were also evaluated. Chapter Treasurer, Michelle Brackman, received a Gold rating on the Treasurer's Book. Chapter Reporter Emily Schoenlein and Chapter Historian Jessica Link, earned a Gold rating on the Chapter Scrapbook. Chapter Secretary Stacy Will received a Gold rating on the Secretary's Book.

The Fort Recovery FFA Chapter would like to congratulate these individuals for their hard work this year and wish them the best of luck at state evaluations.

Mr. & Miss Cupid



The Fort Recovery Middle School held its first Mr. and Miss Cupid Contest. It was sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. Students were given the opportunity to nominate themselves and then the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students voted on the 16 girls and 23 boys candidates. The winners were Chase Staugler (8th grade) & Chelsea Timmerman (6th grade)

2010 Buckeye Boys/Girls State

Applications are due in the guidance office by Thursday, March 4, 2010

Boys State - Jun 12-20 at Bowling Green
Girls State - June 13-19 at Ashland University

Fort Recovery High School 2010 Scholarships

Any organization, families, or individuals wishing to award a scholarship this year needs to contact Mrs. Amy Kaiser, high school guidance, by March 1, 2010 at (419)375-4111.

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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Congratulations to the M.S. Pride Winners for January - Nathan Lochtefeld, 7th grade, and Alicia Braun, 6th grade!

Legion Auxiliary Breakfast

Fort Recovery American Legion
March 21, 2010
8 AM-12:30 PM



\$6-adult
\$3-children (4-10)



3 and under- free

Menu consists of -
pancakes, sausage, eggs
juice, coffee, and milk

Fort Pioneers 4-H Club News

Submitted by Claire Pottkotter, 4-H Reporter

On January 12, 2010, the January meeting for the Fort Pioneers 4-H club was held. It was decided that trophies would be donated for the Mercer County Junior Fair. Paige Pottkotter, 2009 Mercer County Fair Queen, talked to the club about the King and Queen contests at the fair. A motion was made to donate money for the King and Queen Scholarship Fund. The following members presented speeches and demonstrations on various topics during the meeting.

- *Jared Heitkamp (How to Make a Page for a Pop-up Book)
- *Aaron Homan (Tractor Safety)
- *Elle Keller (Babysitting Safety)
- *Heather Klenke (How to Make a Dog from a Rubix Cube)
- *Jennifer Klenke (How to Make a Ball)
- *Carly Link (Bike Safety)
- *Janet Osterloh (How to Make a Cross Stich)
- *Kaitlyn Pearson (Babysitting Safety)
- *Kruse Ranly (How to be a Good CIT at Camp)
- *Sabrina Schmitz (Duck Safety)
- *Ray Sieftring (Snow Safety)
- *Kyle Timmerman (Car Safety)

Congratulations to those who were recognized as honor members. They are as follows: Adam Fullenkamp, Katie Fullenkamp, Kurt Fullenkamp, Kyle Fullenkamp, Monica Fullenkamp, Tracy Fullenkamp, Craig Hart, Tami Link, Brittany Lochtefeld, Melissa Lochtefeld, Rachel Moorman, Ethan Muhlenkamp, Seth Muhlenkamp, Austin Pohl, Natalie Pottkotter, Paige Pottkotter, Emily Siegrist, and Isaac Siegrist. After the meeting, blankets were made for Project Linus.

Kindergarten Meeting Notice



Parents of the 2010-2011 Fort Recovery kindergarten students are invited to the informational sessions which will be held in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School Media Center on Thursday, March 4th, at 7:00 PM. At that time parents may register their children for the screening which will take place on March 22nd and 23rd. Parents of children who have not attended Fort Recovery Preschool should bring in the child's social security card, birth certificate, and immunization record.

Where In The World?

By Natalie Rohrer



For a few months, the fourth grade students worked on a project called "Where in the World". Each student chose a country to study and was then required to do a variety of projects to learn about that chosen country. Some examples of these projects included researching the country's government, writing about sports or games played there, creating an art or craft from the country, creating the country's map and

flag to scale, creating a map of the country's weather, designing a travel brochure, and more. Each student completed a total of about ten to thirteen projects. They also brought in food associated with their chosen countries.

On December 17, 2009, the fourth graders presented their projects to the rest of their peers. Teachers, parents, grandparents, and principals also attended this event. The "foreign fair" lasted about an hour and many of the students enjoyed it.

GAME Night!



The Fort Recovery Middle School S.M.A.R.T Club (Students Making a Right Turn) held their first GAME Night for students in grades K-5. It was a huge success with 217 students taking part in a fun-filled night playing board games and socializing with students in different grades. The S.M.A.R.T. advisors are Judy Fortener and Lucy Staugler.

FFA Attends Leadership Conference

Three members of the Fort Recovery FFA Chapter attended the two-day Made For Excellence Conference from January 23-24th in Columbus, Ohio. Operating around the state, the Made For Excellence Conference is a personal development seminar specifically for freshman and sophomore FFA members that explore topics such as self-esteem, motivation, goal-setting, and teamwork. National MFE staff, as well as present and past Ohio FFA State Officers, put on the leadership conference, which was held at the Crown Plaza Columbus North Hotel. Fort Recovery was proud to be represented and joined nearly 400 other FFA members from across the state. Members attending the conference were Eric Brackman, Randy Braun, Adam Fullenkamp, Logan Jutte, and Mitch Vagedes.

Brittani Young Foundation Donates Books

By Alexis Sutter

More books can now be found at the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School and High School Libraries. On January 1st, a \$125 donation was made by the Brittani Young Foundation through the Fort Recovery Community Foundation. The High School Library purchased seven books and the Elementary/Middle School Library purchased four.

Mrs. Pottkotter, Mrs. Bey, and all of the students would like to thank the Brittani Young Foundation for their generosity and the donation to the libraries.



Back: Mrs. Janet Pottkotter and Mrs. Jeanette Bey. Front: Derek Young and Ashley Young.

New High School Books

The Beef Princess of Practical County by Michelle Houts

Night Rise / Gatekeepers by Anthony Horowitz

Snakehead-Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz

The Fury and Dark Reunion-Vampire Diaries Series by L.J. Smith

Payback / Bluford Series by Paul Langan

Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Ravens Gate-Gatekeepers by Anthony Horowitz

New Elementary/Middle School Books

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Peter and the Sword of Mercy by Dave Barry

Frogs and French Kisses by Sarah Mlynowski

Secret to Teen Power by Paul Harrington

Freshmen Class "2013"

Spring Aluminum Drive

Saturday, April 10, 2010

9-11 AM

At the High School Commons

Middle School STEM Fair 2010



8th Grade Superior Winners:
L-R: Ashley Homan, Isaac Keller, Jesse Buckley, Morgan Dues & Joey Gonzalez



7th Grade Superior Winners:
L-R: Katie Homan, Lauren Rammel, Olivia Acheson & Abbie Grube



6th Grade Superior Winners:
Sitting L-R: Chase Bruns, Adam LeFevre & Caylen Rockwood
Kneeling L-R: Kelsey Evers, Morgan Lennartz, Abigail Fullenkamp & Brook Acheson.
Standing L-R: Tanner Koch, Ethan Muhlenkamp, Tori Vaughn, Chelsea Timmerman & Leah Kunk
Standing L-R: Brian Lennartz, Caitlyn Huelskamp, Kasey Vogel & Cori Stone



Scientists in the Making

By Tami Link

The Middle School Science Fair was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, in the Elementary/Middle School Auditoria. The middle school students began working on their projects in September. Along the way, they had to meet deadlines and also took some time out of school to do their experiments and prepare their presentations.

The presentations were judged by local business people, high school AP chemistry students, and physics students. The sixth grade students had to conduct an experiment using the scientific method. The seventh grade students were required to create a new product using STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics). The eighth grade students did consumer fair, in which they had to compare two similar products. The students earning a superior rating received a reward and certificates for their projects.

"Science fair helps kids apply everyday problems into science experiments and is a great experience for kids," says Crystal Fullenkamp, the middle school science teacher. Mrs. Crystal Fullenkamp teaches 8th, 7th, and one 6th grade science class while Mrs. Marcia Weigel teaches the remaining 6th grade classes.

OGT Week Reminder!

Fort Recovery High School will be on a two hour delay schedule for juniors and seniors **that have passed all parts of the OGT** during the week of March 15th-19th. Freshmen and sophomores will be expected to arrive at school at regular times for practice OGT and OGT respectfully. Any junior who has not passed certain parts of the OGT will be expected to attend and take those tests. Juniors and seniors who arrive at 10 AM will be asked to enter in the Commons and stay there until released.

A Big "Bowl" of Fun

By Julie Knapke

Have you ever dreamed of being rewarded for your good behavior and grades in school? Well, the Fort Recovery Middle School students were on top of their game this nine weeks by being able to watch a movie and eat ice cream on Friday, February 5, 2010.

Students eligible for the incentive are the ones that can complete five out of the six requirements which include: no Wednesday detention or Saturday school; cannot miss two or more days of school during the nine weeks; can only have one late homework assignment; no more than one D on their report card and have all reading counts points completed.

The thinking of the middle school incentive is that the students will try harder to do well and to get a "good job" for the things they have accomplished. Who does not like being told they have been doing well in school? The incentive is an activity that gets the students out of the classroom for the afternoon doing something fun and enjoyable.

The incentive for the third nine weeks was held in the auditorium beginning at 12:30 p.m. until the end of the day. 150 students made it to the incentive, averaging about 65% of students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. You may be wondering about the students who do not make it. Those students have a separate schedule for the afternoon. This nine weeks their schedule consisted of a study hall and math and science class.

"This is an effective and beneficial activity for the students to keep up their good work in school", says middle school principal, Mr. Matt Triplett.

"Citizen of the Year - Hall of Fame Banquet" - March 14

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the nominees and recipients for their 30th Annual "Citizen of the Year - Hall of Fame" Awards Banquet.

The 2009 "Citizen of the Year" has been awarded to Tess Kaup. Tess has been active for many years with the Fort Recovery Merchants Association, Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters, Fort Recovery Historical Society, has assisted with many other activities and events, along with being a local business owner. Tess has provided the leadership for many years in coordinating the very successful Christmas Open House and the publication of the local shoppers guide.

The "Hall of Fame" award recipients for 2009 are Cy LeFevre and Roger Lennartz. The Chamber of Commerce will recognize their many outstanding contributions and past service to the Fort Recovery community.

Also receiving public nomination for these annual awards were Linda Schoenherr and James Champ.

Mayor Roger Broerman will also be presenting the 16th Annual "Outstanding Community Service Award", with this year's award recipient being the "Cooper Family Foundation" for the organization's continued support of our parks, athletic facilities, school programs and community events. Also to be honored at the banquet is the annual "Home Beautification" award winners Rob and Bridgette Westgerdes, 112 Caldwell Strett, "Most Improved Dwelling" goes to Dennis and Carolyn Parsons - 508 Greenville Road, and "Best Landscaping" Wayne and Trish Fisher - 205 S. Elm Street (Sponsored by Natures Green Nursery, Auction America & Realty and Fort Recovery Lumber Company) and the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, which will be awarded to a Fort Recovery High School senior.

These 2009 Award winners and nominees will be honored at the Annual Awards Banquet to be held March 14, 2010 at the Fort Recovery Elementary / Middle School Auditoria.

Tickets for the banquet are available from any of the local Banks, Fort Recovery Insurance Agency or by calling 419-375-2530.

MARCH EVENTS

District

- 7th- Cabaret Choir Concert
- 19th- End of Third Nine Weeks
- 26th- Report Cards Go Home
- 27th- Saturday School 8 AM-12 PM
- 30th- Evening Conferences
4-7:30 pm
- 31st- Make-Up Day

High School

- 4th- FFA Delegate Council Mtg.
- 5th-6th - FFA State Evaluation
- 6th- FFA Marysville Judging Contest
- 10th-24th - Sophomore Sale
Cookie Dough
- 13th- FFA Miami Trace
Judging Contest
- 15th-19th- OGT Week
- 16th- Winter Sports Banquet
- 19th-20th- FFA Mercer County
Judging Contest
- 22nd- Sport Medicine Club Mtg. 7 PM
- 23rd- FFA District Ag Mechanics
- 27th- FFA State Skills Contest
- 30th- Videoconference Autopsy
11 AM -1:30 PM

Middle School

- 15th- 8th Grade D.C. Mtg.
7 PM Chaperones
- 8 PM Students & Parents
- 16th- Tdap Shot Clinic for 6th Graders
- 22nd- 24th- Terra Nova Testing
(Grades 6&7)
- 25th- 8th Grade Real World, Real Money
Program

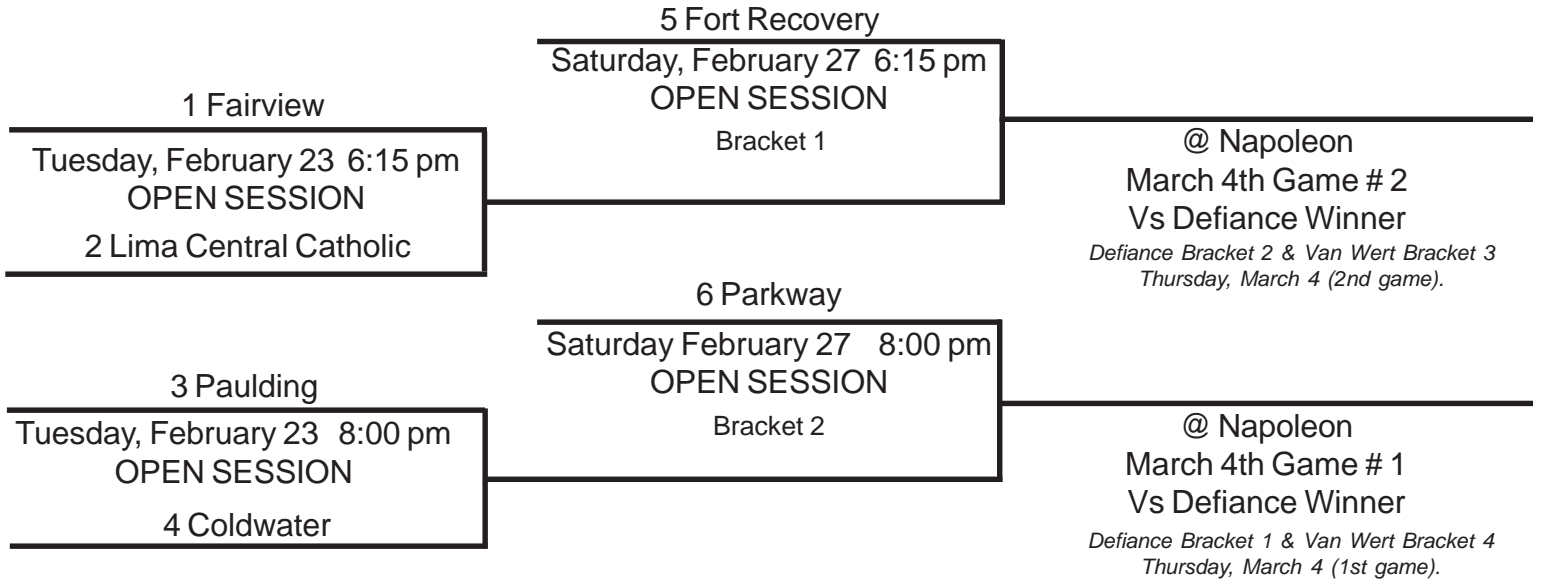
Elementary

- 4th- Kindergarten Parent Mtg. 7 PM
- 8th-12th- Teacher Survey
- 16th- Book Club Mtg. 3:30 PM
- 18th- Student Council Mtg. 3:30 PM
- 22nd- Kindergarten Screening
- 22nd-26th- Student Survey
- 24th- Career Night - (New Bremen)

MEETING DATE CHANGED

The March meeting of the Fort Recovery Board of Education will be changed from **Tuesday, March 9 to Monday, March 15.** Work session begins at 6:00 PM with the regular board meeting to follow.

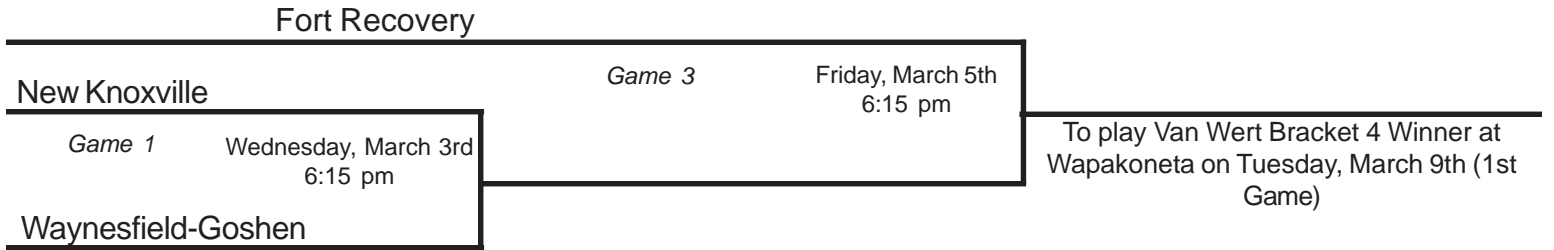
GIRLS DIVISION III SECTIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 at Van Wert High School - **TOP LINE IS HOME TEAM**



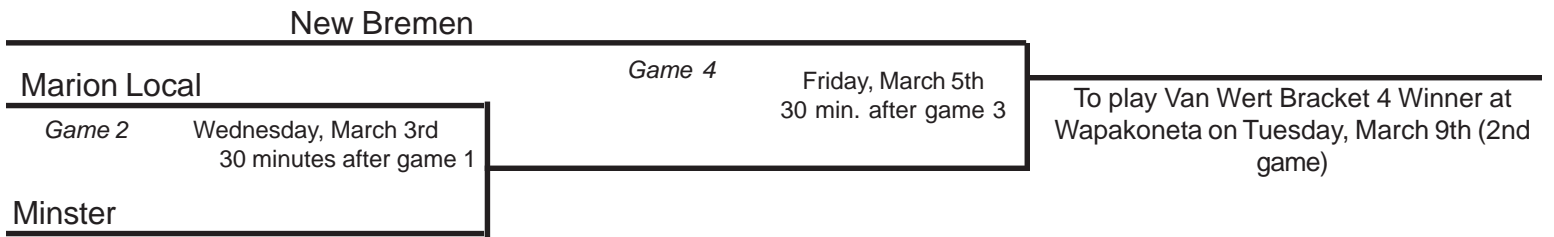
HOME TEAM - Wears Light Colored Uniform, Sit on South Side of Score Table
VISITING TEAM - Wears Dark Colored Uniform, Sit on North Side of Score Table
PASS GATE is open: Feb 23 - 5:00 - 8:00 & Feb 27 - 5:00 - 8:00
Ticket Prices - (No Pre Sale) ADULTS - \$6.00 STUDENTS - \$4.00

2010 Division IV Sectional Boys Basketball Tournament
Coldwater High School

Bracket 1



Bracket 2



Sectional Winners advances to Wapak District
 District Finals are on Friday, March 12th at 7:00 PM

#1 seed - Fort Recovery 16-1

#2 Seed - New Bremen 12-3

Spring Sports Begin

<p>Varsity Softball March 29 – Jackson Center – Home March 30 – Russia – Home</p>	<p>Varsity Baseball March 29 – Celina – Away March 30 – Lincolnview – Home</p>	<p>HS Track March 29 – Franklin Monroe – Away</p>
<p>JV Softball March 30 - Anna – Away</p>	<p>JV Baseball March 29 – Celina – Home</p>	<p>JH Track March 30 – Arcanum, Houston, New Knoxville - Home</p>

