



# The Fort Site Journal

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## District Faces Facility Decision

Patrick Niekamp, Interim Superintendent  
Jack Staugler, Board President



In October of this year, the Board of Education committed to taking part in a facility project with the OSFC (Ohio State Facilities Committee.) As most people know, that discussion has gone on in our district for a number of years as our Board has deferred the offer in the past in an effort to get the best possible deal for our community. Now with the upcoming building decisions for the high school, and the possibility that the state funding may not be available in the future, the Board felt it was time to commit.

Over the last several years two basic plans have developed as ways to meet the future facility needs of our district. The first plan, which is the one the OSFC will use to do the funding calculations, or state share cap, is to add on to and reconfigure the PK-8 building into a PK-12 facility. Under that option we would keep the high school gym, the commons, and the shop areas and demolish the rest of the present high school. The second option would be to keep the PK-8 as is, and to renovate most of the present high school building with the exception of the 1935 section, the "old gym" and associated area. That space would be demolished. Most of the renovating in this scenario would involve the sanitary, electrical, mechanical/HVAC, and the life safety issues in the high school. Some provisions would have to be made in this plan to accommodate for the district offices and the current weight room.

Before these plans can be compared and the cost can be calculated the OSFC has to update the items in the Master Plan. The enrollment projections have to be updated, the high school has to be reassessed, and the state share caps have to be agreed upon. Once these are in place, the district will have to decide between the two options described above. Look for more information in the coming months.

### Here is the timeline for the steps in the process:

Master Plan updated	late Winter
Cost estimates updated	April
<b><u>District decides which plan</u></b>	April
OSFC official offer	May
Fort Recovery Board resolution	June
OSFC approves Master Plan	July
Controlling Board approves state share	August
FR Board submits to board of election	August
Bond Levy voted on by district	November

## "The Big Top Ten"

By Alexis Sutter

"The Big Top Ten" is the theme for the 2009-2010 CHANT high school yearbook. The theme was chosen by editor, Shelby Alig and Co-Editor, Leah Grieshop, when they attended "Set the Stage" yearbook camp at Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati this past summer.

Mrs. Kathy Jutte is the yearbook advisor this year. She had 9 years of experience as middle school yearbook advisor. Mrs. Jutte said, "I have been very pleased with the progress the students have been making on the yearbook. They are a hard working group of students."

Throughout the school year, yearbook students have been taking pictures at school events to put in the yearbook. They have also been asking for top ten memories from students. These top ten memories from clubs, sports, school events, and grades are included in the yearbook. So far this year they have sold 145 yearbooks, with their goal being 170. **The final sales for this year will be March 22nd-26th, 2010.**

Yearbook staff members have also gone into the community to collect ads from local businesses. The members had a goal of \$7,000. At press time they had sold over \$8,000. Ads allow local businesses to advertise in the yearbook to help lower the cost of the yearbook for the students.

The staff members have been and will continue to work the rest of the year to put together a great yearbook that will hold the students' memories from the 2009-2010 school year.

### Full Page Colored

Ambassadors  
Cooper Farms  
J & M Manufacturing Co Inc  
Snap Fitness  
Wendel Poultry Service  
Wright State University - Lake Campus

### One-Half Page Colored

A-1 Ag Services  
Fort Recovery Industries  
Fort Recovery Lumber Company  
Mike Kahlig & Son, Inc  
Nature's Corner  
Roessner Energy  
St. Henry Tile Co., Inc.  
Wabash Communication  
Wayne IGA

### One-Fourth Page Colored

B & D Construction  
Fort Recovery VFW  
Les Wenning  
Mary Niekamp Real Estate  
Muhlenkamp Associates  
Rossburg Acres  
Shockman Lumber  
The Daily Standard  
Thienman's

### One-Eighth Page Colored

Celina Wine Store  
Cheeseman Trucking Services  
Fort Recover Lion's Club  
Mercer County Electric, Inc  
Midwest Rebuilds, Inc  
Psi Iota Xi Sorority

### Full Page Black & White

Kaup Pharmacy

### One-Half Page Black & White

Carr Chiropractic  
JR Manufacturing  
Mercer Savings Bank  
Second National Bank  
St. Henry Bank

### One-Fourth Page Black & White

3 W Construction  
Big K Mills  
Brides and Beyond (St. Henry)  
Brockman Furniture, Inc  
Drs Dickman, Kettler & Bruner  
EMS Body Parts/Rhino Lining  
Fort Recovery Cluster  
Fort Recovery Family Medicine, Inc  
Fort Recovery Insurance Agency, Inc  
Fort Recovery Napa Auto Parts  
Fort Site Solutions  
Hull Brothers  
Klingshirm & Sons Trucking, Inc  
Knapps News  
Mercer Health  
Mercer Osteopathic  
Metzger Oil, LLC  
Pizza Hut - Portland  
Ponderosa Steakhouse (Hull Foods, Inc)  
Ron May Plumbing  
Shell - Fort Recovery Party Mart  
Vore's Welding Steel  
You-Neekly-Ur's

### One-Eighth Page Black & White

B & L Construction  
Brockman - Boeckman Funeral Home  
Carriage Werkes  
Chief Supermarkets  
Dr. Michael A Fishbaugh  
Fort Driving School  
Fort Fitness-N-More  
Fort Recovery Monuments  
Fort Recovery Veterinary Center, Inc  
Jutte's Fruit Farm  
Jutte's Self Storage  
K & L Tractor Sales  
Kelli's Shoes  
Ken Kunkle  
Mark's Construction  
May's T.V.  
Mercer County Chronicle  
Midwest Poultry Services  
Nature's Green Nursery  
Pottkotter Construction  
Purple Post  
Romer's Catering Service  
St. Joe Store

The Commerical Review  
The Home Place  
The MR Shoppe  
Thien Snipps  
Wayne Oil  
Westgerdes Floor Covering

### Patrons

Bake Shoppe  
Big Al's  
Calico Café'  
Fashionette  
Fort Recovery Car Club  
Fortkamp Foam  
Home Idea Center  
Reinhard Dairy Products, L.L.C  
Schlarman Health Center  
Mrs. Jutte and the staff wish to say,

## "THANK YOU"

to the 2009-2010  
Chant Yearbook Sponsors



### 2009-2010 Chant Staff

Front (L to R): Shelby Alig (Editor), Nichole Kaiser  
Abby Backs, and Andrea Zumstein  
Back (L to R): Michael Cotterman,  
Ryan Gray, Craig Tobe,  
Leah Grieshop (Asst. Editor),  
and Olivia Thien

## "SHOWTIME"

### MS Yearbook Theme

On January 21, the Fort Recovery Middle School yearbook staff got together and made progress on the middle school yearbook as they added pictures, articles, and captions to the layouts on their assigned pages. The theme of this year's yearbook is "Showtime." Courtney Wilker is editor and Emilie Sheridan is assistant editor. The cost of this year's book is \$17.00 for those interested in purchasing yearbook. Make all checks out to: Fort Recovery Local Schools. The yearbooks will be on sale from February 1<sup>st</sup>-February 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions feel free to contact the secretary, Maggie Hartings, or advisor, Marcia Weigel, at the middle school, (419)375-2815.

## FRHS Taking 2010 By Storm

Ten years ago the world was worried about the new millennium and if all the computers were going to crash! Where did the ten years go? It is amazing how time flies when you are having fun. I'm excited about 2010 and all the good things that are in store for Fort Recovery High School. Students returned to classes on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January refreshed and renewed to take 2010 by storm. Students recently completed their 1<sup>st</sup> semester and took semester exams. The block exam schedule was exceptionally student friendly from the stand point of fewer tests in a given day and a review session prior to each exam. Students were given a little more freedom in this schedule as well.

Winter sports are off to a very nice start at FRHS. The boy's varsity team is 8-1 in the early going and the varsity girls have a 7-2 record. Both basketball programs are thriving at all levels and have a lot to look forward to the rest of the season and in the future. The Fort Site Field House is a great place to see a game this season because of the talent on the court. That being said it is a better place now as new state of the art scoreboards were recently installed. These boards were bought by local donations and not from the general fund. The district is quite fortunate as the boards were originally headed to a small college who decided not to buy them. Thus, FRHS got upgraded boards at a reduced price. Please make a point to stop in and see the exciting action and the new scoreboards later this season! We know they work well as the girls' varsity team recently broke the school record by scoring over 100 points against a good Franklin Monroe team. We are also quite proud of the students who are involved in our club swimming and bowling programs. They are both having excellent seasons as well.

The seniors at FRHS keep a count board of the number of school days remaining in their hallway. I was shocked to see the total at 85 which means the year is beyond half over... I remember telling those same seniors at the first day of school meetings that graduation will be here before you know it! Please feel free to contact me or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Information regarding book fees that have not been taken care of yet this year can be acquired in the high school office. If you have questions or concerns regarding the schedule or fees please feel free to call myself or Kim Grube.

Jeff Hobbs  
H.S. Principal

## Friends of the Library News

The People's Choice award for the Fifth Annual Fort Festival of Trees went to Ted and Lisa Romer and family for their unique tree, "A Classic Toy Christmas." It was made entirely out of tinker toys. Thanks to all who entered a tree or came to the Festival of Trees and also to the Sisters of the DisOrder who donated their tree for silent auction with the proceeds going to the Friends of the Library.

Be sure to watch Miss Ohio, Erica Gelhaus, in the Miss America pageant on Saturday, January 30. The show will be live on the TLC station at 8:00 PM. Erica, who visited the Fort Recovery Library in November, promoted her platform, "Turning the Page for Children's Literacy".

The Fort Recovery Book Club will meet on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 PM to discuss the book, [A Thousand Splendid Suns](#) by Khaled Hosseini, author of [The Kite Runner](#).

## Fort Recovery Community Foundation News

The Fort Recovery Community Foundation is now taking requests for distributions for the year 2010. The purpose of the funds being distributed is to enhance recreational and/or cultural experiences of the Fort Recovery residents and anyone attending one of the various public or private parks or institutions in the Fort Recovery area. The request can be made for equipment, maintenance, facilities, future construction, entertainment, or performances that are projects of non-profit organizations.

To be considered for funds, requests must be submitted in writing by March 31, 2010. Please send submissions to the Fort Recovery Foundation, P.O. Box 52, Fort Recovery, OH 45846. Questions can be directed to Mary Ann Badgett at 419-375-4317.

## Annual Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame Banquet

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce will again honor the individuals of our community who have rendered outstanding service to the Fort Recovery community. The presentation of awards will be held during a banquet on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at the Fort Recovery Middle School Auditoria. The banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 PM followed by a dinner and program. The Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations from the community for both "Citizen of the Year" and "Hall of Fame" awards. The Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to the person who has given outstanding service to the Fort Recovery community during 2009. The Hall of Fame Award(s) will be presented to a citizen(s) who has given outstanding service to the Fort Recovery community in past years. Nomination forms will be accepted through February 15, 2010, and are available at the following locations: Fort Recovery Library, Post Office, Mercer Savings Bank, Second National Bank, and First Financial Bank. Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from any chamber member or by calling

(419) 375-2530.



On December 18, Mrs. Kaup's 7<sup>th</sup> grade students read Christmas stories they had written to Mrs. Jamie Alber's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.



# FORT FACTS

## Board of Education Meeting Held January 12, 2010

teachers. This is part of the ODE licensure program. A handout was also distributed.

### Mr. Triplett

\* Discussed the winter Olympic Games that will be held in the Middle School in February.  
\* Informed the Board that 31 – 7<sup>th</sup> graders have had their writings published. That is 47% of the class.

### Mr. Hobbs

\* Updated the board on the semester exam schedule and the score boards.

### Mr. Niekamp

\* Commended the Board members for their continued work on the behalf of the students of Fort Recovery. January is Board of Education recognition month.  
\* Andy Smith, Superintendent of Mercer County Schools, gave a presentation on procedures for a superintendent search.  
\* Reviewed the school committee list.  
\* Discussed the date of the next Board work session.  
\* Distributed a draft calendar for the 2010-11 school year.  
\* Updated the Board on the recent OSFC assessment done at the high school.  
\* Reminded Board members of the upcoming Aug./Mercer County Boards' workshop and banquet.

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### Consent Agenda

1. Approved minutes of prior December meeting.
2. Approved the monthly financial reports for December 2009 and payment of bills as presented.
3. Approved advance draw on 2010 Mercer & Darke County tax collections.
4. Approved membership renewal with OSBA.
5. Approved resolution accepting the amended amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
6. Accepted and thanked The Fort Recovery Industries for their donations to the Elementary, MS, and HS to be used for mini grants.
7. Accepted an anonymous donation for the FCCLA & HS Student Council Adopt a Family Christmas Project.
8. Accepted and thanked Tom & Mary Pat Zitter for their donations to the Elem., MS, and HS Funds, the Show Choir Boosters, Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, and the Academic Booster Club.
9. Accepted and thanked the Brittani Young Memorial Fund for a donation to the MS & HS libraries.

### Organizational Meeting

Meeting called to order by Pres. Pro Tem, Jack Staugler.

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### Agenda Actions

- 1 & 2. Results of Election of Officers: Board President -Jack Staugler, Vice-President - Dave Hull.
3. Bonds for the President of BOE & Superintendent were set in the amount of \$50,000.00 each.
4. The Treasurer's bond was set in the amount of \$100,000.00.
5. Set time & day of 2010 regular board meetings - 2nd Tuesday of month - 7:30 PM - HS Board Room, with exception of Nov. board meeting which will be held on Nov. 16, 2010.
6. Appointed Ginny Fortkamp as the 2010 OSBA Legislative Liaison and Dan Kahlig as the Alternate Legislative Liaison.
7. Appointed Dave Hull as the 2010 Student Achievement Liaison.
8. Authorized the Treasurer to pay invoices soon after they are received and to invest available funds.
9. Established a Board of Education Service Fund not to exceed \$5,000.00.
10. Authorized the Superintendent to attend such meetings as he deems necessary.
11. Granted the Superintendent permission to employ casual labor for work in the school district during the school year and during the summer.
12. Approved Kurt Wendel as the public records officer for Board members Dan Kahlig and Ginny Fortkamp.
13. Adjourned organizational meeting to go into regular board meeting.

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### Regular Board Meeting

#### Staff Reports

Brian Patch reported to the Board the details of the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip.

John Jutte, Technology Coordinator, reviewed the technology budget for the coming year.

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### Administrative Reports

#### Mrs. Koch

\* Distributed a handout and updated the Board on the 5 Year Forecast, the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, and the review of fund balance to revenue & expenditures.

#### Mrs. Vaughn

\* Explained the new ODE Resident Educator Program for entry year requirements for new

10. Approved the contract with the Mercer County Health Department for services of the Public Health Nurses.

11. Approved the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip from April 5, 2010 through April 10, 2010.

12. Employed Michelle Stammen as JH Asst. Track Coach.

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### Agenda Action Items

1. Approved the Permanent Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
2. Approved the calendar for the 2010-11 school year pending approval of ODE.
3. Board work session set for February 9, 2010, at 6:00 PM before the regular Board meeting.
4. Executive session.
5. Employed Mindy Bulp as HS Asst. Track Coach.
6. Approved 2010-11 & 2011-12 Classified Salary Schedules.
7. Meeting adjourned.

### Legion Auxiliary Breakfast

Fort Recovery American Legion

March 21, 2010 - 8 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost: \$6-adult

\$3-children (4-10)

3 and under- free

**All You Can Eat!**

*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.*

*Staff:*

*Editor Natalie Rohrer*

*Marissa Brunswick*

*Julie Knapke*

*Tami Link*

*Hilary Pottkotter*

*Nichole Sheffer*

*Alexis Sutter*

## New PA System to Honor "Voice of the Indians"

By Mrs. Kathy Jutte



Friday, February 5, 2010, the new sound system in the Fort Site Field House will be dedicated in honor of the "Voice of the Indians", "Big P", Paul Staugler. This dedication will take place at the half time of the Fort Recovery vs. St. Henry game. The system was recently purchased by the Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters and monies from the Paul Staugler Foundation.

When I talked to Kathy, Paul's wife, about writing this article, I asked her some things that she might remember about Paul being an announcer at the games. Kathy said, "Paul loved announcing the Fort Recovery basketball games. I'm not sure exactly when he started, but he did this for over 20 years." Some of the things she and I recall are:

- \*He had an unusual style to announcing. We had many people from out of town tell us they came to the game just to be entertained by him...even when their team was not playing.
- \*He could make the FR players feel very special. He loved them all. And of course, some grew taller when he announced (Most of the Bihns were over 6'8" on any given night—even Lynn). He was also known to give a few pointers to a player who was having an off night shooting. And his advice was always listened to.
- \*And as Jack said, Paul taught us that "it really does take 6 seconds to announce the name Guuuuuuugennnnnnbillier."
- \*He loved half-time shoot offs. He could get away with announcing "you have NO chance" to many shooters.
- \*He also enjoyed the 50-50 drawings. He had many young helpers who drew the names, but Carolyn Snyder was one of his favorites. He always called her "Sweet Pea." And when an opposing team fan would win the 50-50, he waited until they were headed down to get their prize money before announcing that people who were not from Fort Recovery could not win the money.
- \*When he came to the game, he seemed to think he could park anywhere, even on the road if he had to. And then if the night was cold, he would let his car run for the whole game so it would be warm to drive home.
- \*He also enjoyed taking some of the older fans to out of town games, like Uncle Ralph, Doc Knapke, and Father Paul. They had trouble seeing in night driving, but what they didn't know was that Paul's eyes weren't any better. But he never let on to them.
- \*And taking Ricky to a game meant he could park in a handicapped spot close to the door, even if Rick forgot his placard. Paul seemed to have his own rules for some of these things, but no one ever seemed to say anything.
- \*He also enjoyed Senior Night. I think it was because, as a parent, he knew how proud these parents were. So he tried to make this extra special."
- \*His last time to announce was at the 2009 Sports Hall of Fame. He wasn't very strong, but he was determined to not let his voice get weak for this event.
- \*The all-time favorite thing he announced was at the end of the game when he told people to drive home carefully because there was 6 inches of snow since the game started...most of the FR people knew better, but some of the out-of-town fans really thought they would see a pile of snow when they got outside.
- \*He also enjoyed announcing other events in Fort Recovery. He had quite a following at the Jubilee parades. "Now here comes a bunch of sheep." Somehow it was just funny the way he could deliver it.

When planning Challenger Baseball games at Fort Recovery, I would always make sure that Paul would be available to announce the games. After the games, parents would come up to me and say what a great job he did. He always wanted to make special needs players feel extra special. Matt always got a kick out of Paul announcing his name over the PA about something trivial, but to Matt, it was important.

Paul Staugler was an asset to our athletic department by being the "Voice of the Indians." He is truly missed!



Children's Author at the Fort

The elementary and middle school students received an early Christmas present thanks to the support of Cooper Farms and Fort Recovery Industries. These local businesses sponsored a visit from local author Richard Stein and illustrator Mary Coons on December 21st. The pair shared information with the students about the writing process and the importance of perseverance.

### **Lions Club Fish Fry**

**Saturday, January 30th**  
**Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club**  
**St. Peter Road**  
**4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
**Pre-sale tickets \$6.50**  
**(\$7.00 at the door)**  
**Children 10 and under \$4.00**  
**Tickets from Lions Club members or**  
**Roger Broerman - (419) 375-4738**

Profits go to providing improvements  
to the Fort Recovery Community!



Emilie Sheridan, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader had her Christmas story selected from hundreds of entries to be published

in the Commercial Review's special holiday edition of the newspaper. It was published on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Ft. Recovery FFA Plans for National FFA Week

The Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week February 22-26 with a number of activities and events to build awareness of Agriculture Education. National FFA Week is held each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture.

Greenhand Initiation will be held on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and will help to kick off the National FFA Week events. All first year FFA members will have their hands dyed green to signify earning the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Tractor Drive-In will be held on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members can drive in tractors to honor production agriculture and can win the following prizes: cleanest, newest, oldest, biggest, smallest, and most hours.

The Truck Drive-In will be held on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. For the Truck Drive-In, members can drive in trucks to win the following prizes: newest, oldest, cleanest, loudest, junkiest, and most miles.

The Elementary Petting Zoo and the Food For America Program, will be held on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The Petting Zoo will be held for preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to see and to learn more about agriculture. Anyone with young children in the community is welcome to attend. The viewing times will be from 8:30-11:15A.M. and 12-2:45P.M. in the agricultural shop. The Food For America will teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students about food, where it comes from, and how agriculture affects their lives.

An Agricultural Olympics will be held on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a high school assembly in which high school students will compete against one another in events promoting agriculture. Such events include a milk chug contest, a petal tractor race, an egg carry, a pudding-eating contest, and a tire-rolling race.

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**Annual NRA Foundation Fundraising Banquet**  
**Saturday, February 20, 2010**  
 Social Hour at 5 PM  
 Dinner at 7 PM  
 Dinner tickets are \$25 each  
 Pre-sale Only  
**To buy tickets contact:**  
 Mike Sessor (419) 586-6435  
 Todd Homan (419) 375-2515  
 Steve Vogel (937) 968-3712  
 Bob Hull (419) 375-4704

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The night will include a live auction, a silent auction, and special drawings.

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## Awarding the Scouts!

By Nichole Sheffer



**Senior Mark Matraw**



**Junior Ryan Heitkamp**

Two Fort Recovery students, Ryan Heitkamp and Mark Matraw, became Eagle Scouts in 2009. Both boys had to go before a review board in Wapakoneta, OH. Ryan received his on November 12, 2009, and Mark received his on December 10, 2009. A reception for the new Eagle Scouts was held Sunday, January 24, 2010, at the Fort Recovery American Legion.

To become an Eagle Scout is a long time commitment. The boys had to earn twenty-one merit badges. Only twelve of the badges were required and the rest were electives. The boys had to do a project to either help the community, a church or school. "Only 3% of scouts become Eagles, so it's a big accomplishment," said Mark Matraw.

The boys worked together and repaired the Ambassador Park sign on State Route 119 and State Route 49. Mr. Phil Wood helped them with their community service project. Ryan also repainted the flag pole in the Ambassador Park Arena.

Congratulations to Ryan and Mark on their achievement! This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Fort Recovery vs. St. Henry Boys' Basketball Team hosting Soup and Sandwich Supper Friday, February 5, 2010 Fort Recovery vs. St. Henry 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Menu includes:**  
 Soup: \$1.75 bowl  
 (Vegetable, Chicken, & Potato)  
 Sandwiches:  
 (Hot Dog \$1, Ham \$2, Turkey \$2)  
 Desserts:  
 (Pie \$1 & Cookies/Brownies \$.50)  
 Drinks:  
 (Pop \$1, Coffee \$.50)



**Congratulations to the Psi Iota Xi Middle School Writing Contest Winners!**

- 6th Grade  
 1st place - Abbie Fullenkamp  
 2nd place - Emily Alig  
 3rd place - Hallory Leuthold
- 7th Grade  
 1st place - Melissa Knapke  
 2nd place - Haley Knapke  
 3rd place - Michaela Fullenkamp
- 8th Grade  
 1st place - Ashley Homan  
 2nd place - Sierra Pugh  
 3rd place - Trent Dues

**HS Guidance News**

Feb. 1 - Tri-Star Open House  
 6:00-8:30 PM

Feb. 4 - Tri-Star Applications are due to Mrs. Kaiser

Feb.10 - Post Secondary Enrollment Option **Mandatory Meeting**  
 HS Commons 6:30 PM  
**HS students interested in taking college class next year.**

Feb.14 - College Goal Sunday - Wright State Lake Campus - 2:00 PM  
*get help filling your FAFSA*

Feb. 22 - HS Information Night  
 HS Commons - 6:30 PM  
 (for current 8th grade students/parents)  
*\*Any organization, families, or individuals wishing to award a scholarship this year, please contact Mrs. Amy Kaiser at 419-375-4111 by March 1, 2010*

## Fourth Graders Visit COSI

On December 3rd, the fourth grade students went to Columbus to COSI and the State House. Students began the day by touring COSI. At COSI the students reviewed many of the science skills they have been working on all year. The two major areas that were covered were weather and physical and chemical changes. The students had a chance to see two great shows to reinforce these key science concepts.

Students then continued their day by touring the State House. The fourth graders were extremely lucky to have Representative Jim Zehringer personally escort them through the building. It was an extra special trip because the State House was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The students enjoyed the Rotunda where they could view a 120 foot ceiling, the spot where Abraham Lincoln's body laid in state after his death, and the original painting of the Treaty of Greenville. The students were also impressed with the Atrium which was once known as "Pigeon Run" and the Grand Staircase which shows the architecture of the Senate Building. Mr. Zehringer spoke to the students from the floor of the House of Representatives and showed them how he votes while there. He was also kind enough to let the students go down on the house floor and get their picture taken with the flag of Ohio, which he gave each classroom. The students really appreciated the time Mr. Zehringer took to show them around the Capitol. December 3rd was a memorable day for our fourth grade students.



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## 4-H Update

Submitted by Claire Pottkotter, 4H Reporter

The new officers of the Fort Pioneers 4H Club were in charge for the first time at the November meeting. They are as follows: Paige Pottkotter, President; Andrea Lennartz, Vice President; Beth Muhlenkamp, Secretary; Brittany Lochtefeld, Treasurer; Claire Pottkotter, Reporter; Emily Siegrist, Assistant Reporter; Randy Braun and Ethan Muhlenkamp, Health and Safety; Elizabeth Hipple, Katie Fortkamp, and Kruse Ranly, Recreation Leaders. To assist the new officers, some FFA officers attended the meeting to help implement more parliamentary procedure. Recognized at the meeting were four people within the club that were selected to be CITs at 4H Camp: Kruse Ranly, Randy Braun, Elizabeth Osterloh, and Brenda Link. After this, the Fort Pioneers decorated gingerbread men, women, and houses for their tree in the Fort Festival of Trees.

The Fort Pioneers December meeting was kicked off with a meal of pizza, homemade cookies, and drinks. At the beginning of the meeting, the Fort Pioneers discussed future plans for making blankets for Project Linus, making care packages for the military, and selling pork chop dinners. After the formal meeting, the Pioneers held an optional gift exchange.

The club was very busy during the Christmas season. The Fort Pioneers helped little kids make all different kinds of crafts at the Fort Recovery Open House. The crafts included a turkey, a snowman, a bookmark, and many more. Also, the Fort Pioneers went Christmas caroling to the elderly and shut-in members of their community. Towards the end of December, those Pioneers went above and beyond expectations during the '08-'09 4H year by having a party at Miracle Lanes bowling alley for their outstanding achievements and involvement.



**Congratulations to the December Middle School Pride Winners, Sixth graders - Chelsea Timmerman & Adam Schmitz!**

## February School Events

### District

- 12 – No School - Staff Development Day
- 15 – No School
- 22 – Interim Reports
- 27 – Saturday School 8 AM - Noon

### High School

- 3 – District FFA Evaluation
- 5 – Basketball Moms Soup and Sandwich Supper 4:30 PM-7 PM
- 6 – Band & Choir Solo & Ensemble (St. Mary's H.S.)
- 7-13 – National FCCLA Week
- 8 – FFA Meeting
- 10 – FFA District Job Interview Contest
- 10 - Post Secondary Enrollment Option Meeting - HS Commons 6:30 PM
- 13 – FFA District Ag & Ind. Diagnostics Contest
- 14 - College Goal Sunday - Wright State Lake Campus 2 PM
- 20 – FFA Mt. Gilead Judging Contest
- 22- H S Information Night **for current 8th graders** - 6:30 PM - HS Commons
- 22-26 – FFA Week
- 22 – Sports Medicine Club Meeting 7 PM
- 23 – FFA District Public Speaking Contest

### Middle School

- 4 – STEM/Science Fair
- 5 – MS Incentive Movie & Ice Cream

### Elementary School

- 1- Smart Club - Elementary Game Night
- 1- Pennys for Patients Campaign Begins
- 1-Yearbook Sales Begins
- 11 - Pennys for Patients Campaign Ends
- 16- Book Club Meeting 3:30 PM
- 18 - Student Council Meeting 3:30-4:30 PM

### School Board

- 9 -Board Work Session – 6 PM
- Regular Board Meeting - 7:30 PM



## February Sporting Events

### Varsity/JV Girls' Basketball

- 2 - Greenville (A)
- 4 - St. Henry (A)
- 6 - Mississinawa Valley (A) 1:00 PM
- 11 - Marion Local (H)
- 16 - Celina (H)
- 18 - St. John's (A)

### Freshmen Girls' Basketball

- 1 - St. Marys (H)
- 6 - Celina (H) 11:00 AM
- 8 - Marion Local (H) 7:30 PM

### Varsity/JV Boys' Basketball

- 5 - St. Henry (H)
- 12 - Marion Local (A)
- 13 - Houston (H)
- 19 - St. John's (H)
- 20 - Mississinawa Valley (A)
- 26 - New Bremen (A)

### Freshmen Boys' Basketball

- 1 - St. Henry (A)
- 8 - Marion Local (H) 6:00 PM
- 15 - St. John's (A)

### Junior High Boys' Basketball

- 4 - St. Henry (H)
- 8 - Marion Local (A)
- 9 - Greenville (A)
- 13 - 7th Grade Tourney
- 13 - 8th Grade Tourney

### Junior High Girls' Basketball

- 2 - St. Henry (A)
- 9 - Marion Local (H)
- 11 - 7th Grade Tourney (H)
- 13 - 7th Grade Tourney (H)
- 13 - 8th Grade Tourney
- 15 - 7th Grade Tourney (H)
- 16 - 8th Grade Tourney
- 20 - 7th Grade Tourney (H)
- 20 - 8th Grade Tourney

## Setting the Record

By Tami Link

The varsity girls' basketball team started the New Year off with a record high score on Saturday, January 2, in our very own Fort Site Fieldhouse. They scored 103 points against Franklin Monroe. They beat the past record of 96 points set in 1990 with the high scorer, Lynn (Bihn) Hughes. Contributing to the team's high score victory against Franklin Monroe were Chelsey Luethold who scored 21 points and Holly Brunswick adding another 17 points. Congratulations lady Indians on setting a new school record!

## Strike!

By Hilary Pottkotter

The bowling team is up and running with the start of their season on November 14, 2009. Bowlers have already had seven matches with the record of 2-5 for the boys and 0-7 for the girls. The boy varsity players representing Fort Recovery are seniors Skott Burrows, Eric Widener, and Brandon Wilker, juniors Ryan Heitkamp, and Alan Vogel, sophomore, Doug Lennartz, and freshman, Nick Noggler.

We also have a girl's varsity team of six players, which include seniors, Lindsay Fullenkamp, Elizabeth Gagle, Amber Heitkamp, and Beth Link, sophomores, Nicole Heitkamp, and Andrea Lennartz. "We have fun no matter the result," the coaches added. It is hoped that the bowling team will lead the Indians in a successful season.



Boys Bowling Team



Girls Bowling Team

## It's a Classic!

By Marissa Brunswick

On December 30, 2009, the Fort Recovery boys' basketball team made a trip to Coldwater to participate in the annual Coldwater Classic Tournament. The Indians played both Fort Loramie and Coldwater at the event. Coach Brian Patch had a lot to say about each of the games. "I think in the first game our team played a good game. We executed our game plan on the defensive end of the floor. I was proud of our effort and our ability to execute defensively. Offensively we made good decisions and rebounded very well."

Patch continued to say that in the second game the team played well on defense, but the offensive part of the game let them down. "We didn't make good decisions in turning it over 20 times. We missed some shots in that game that we usually make, which will happen throughout a 20 game schedule. So, when that happened, we had to give ourselves a chance by playing defense and not turning the ball over. We did one of the two and lost by one."

This game was a great one for Greg Kahlig, not just in his playing, but also in receiving the Co-MVP Award. Greg played well on offense and defense in both games. He had two double doubles in two games with 38 points and 14 rebounds against Ft. Loramie and 19 points and 12 rebounds against Coldwater. "He was definitely our most valuable player and the best player on the floor in both games," said Coach Patch. "MVP doesn't have to go to the winning team; it's the Most Valuable Player." Greg received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Co-MVP award in a row. "It just would have been nice for us to win our third title in a row as well," stated Coach Patch.

## **Sports Update (as of January 25, 2010)**

### High School Girls' Basketball

Freshman: 5-2

Junior Varsity: 12-1

Varsity: 11-3

### High School Boys' Basketball

Freshman: 1-4

Junior Varsity: 3-7

Varsity: 11-1

### Junior High Girls' Basketball

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5-5

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3-7

### Junior High Boys' Basketball

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2-8

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8-2

**New Open Weight Room Times**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays  
After school until 4:15 PM  
Contact Coach Brent Niekamp with any  
questions.