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Last Call

Dear Class of 2010 Parents,
If you want to put a **We're Proud of You, Congratulations, or any** kind of a message to your graduating Senior, it **MUST** be submitted to the Yearbook Staff by **Friday, April 9, 2010**. We will design the message, just give us the pictures and information. All ads will be in color. You can call (419) 375-4111 ext. 318 if you have any questions.

PROUD TO BE PURPLE

Jack Staugler, Board President

As a member of our local board of education, some might not be able to fully relate to the sense of pride that filled me as I attended the Regional Championship game in Dayton last Friday. For some reason, as a board member, it is more emotional, touches me to a greater degree and heightens my awareness to the specialness of our situation and school system. To see so many people dressed in the "Purple and White" of Fort Recovery, and the amazing turn-out that we had for that game was simply awesome. I heard we sold about 1700 pre-sale tickets and I am sure there were several hundred more sold at the door.

It was great to see such a large number of graduates of Fort Recovery, many of them former players who attended from Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati and surrounding areas. As you glance over the crowd it was almost evident that in each section there was a mini-reunion going on of classmates, teammates, or simply long-time friends. How great to be able to come together as a community to support our youth!

It is also important to remember that our sense of pride should not be measured simply by wins and losses on the court or on the field, or by how far we go in any tournament. Each day, we see accomplishments from students and staff that will never make it to the trophy case, but are no less impressive. Our academic, music, and choral achievements are well documented. The success of our students, parents, staff and administration has enabled us to measure our achievements by the **decade** and not just by the year, as signified by our Excellence in Education accomplishment for over 10 years!

We do not know what the future holds for us on the basketball court, football field, or any other venue. What we do know is as long as parents, staff and community provide the support for our students in the classroom as well as in the performance areas, we will always have successes to be proud of. Thanks for your continued support. Always be **PROUD TO BE PURPLE!!**

"The Big Top 10"

2010 Chant

Final Sale *This School Year*

April 12th-16th

Cost is \$43.00

Books can be purchased from any yearbook staff member, from the high school office, or from Mrs. Kathy Jutte.

(419) 375-4111 ext. 318

Delivery will be in September

Fall price will be \$45.00

NEW 3 Hour

Delay Schedule

For the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, Fort Recovery Schools will be using a 3 hour delay schedule if needed. **The school day will be extended by an hour.**

11:00 AM Arrival Time

11:15-11:45 (30) 1st period

11:48-12:20 (32) 2nd period &

Announcements

12:23-1:02 (39) **LUNCH**

*One **LUNCH** period/ no Channel One

1:05-1:35 (30) 3rd period

1:38-2:08 (30) 4th period

2:11-2:40 (29) 5th period

2:43-3:12 (29) 6th period

3:15-3:44 (29) 7th period

3:37-4:16 (29) 8th period

Village Construction Update

The Village of Fort Recovery has begun the Combined Sewer Separation Phase I Project. As previously stated, this project will consist of the total street reconstruction of both South Wayne Street and a portion of South Elm Street. Beginning the week of March 15th, South Wayne Street was closed to through traffic. Any local traffic can still use the road to get to the businesses on the south edge of town or to get to any of the homes along this street. There will be times that the crews will be completing underground digging that will make sections impassable for short periods of time. Please be considerate and careful while driving through any construction areas. We want to keep everyone safe. We will try to maintain updates on areas that are closed, along with pictures of the project, on a new Facebook page set up for the Village of Fort Recovery. It can be accessed through the Village website at www.fortrecovery.org. Any return comments are welcome.

Also, as part of this project, the Village Council is planning to do repair work on the brick street. There has been some discussion regarding how to most effectively maintain this surface while taking into consideration the costs, the impact of the brick street to the community, and any other factors worthy of consideration. Please take an opportunity to give the council members, mayor, or village administrator any feedback that you have on the future of the brick street. Your feedback is a big part of what council will consider when making a final decision. Any questions can be directed to Randy Diller at the village offices.

On a final note, the 10th Annual Park Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. Please mark your calendars and look for additional information about times and locations.



FORT FACTS



March 15, 2010

Board Meeting Summary

A work session was held discussing the facility issues and the permanent improvement lists.

Administrative Report

No Principals' or Treasurer reports because of work session.

Mr. Niekamp:

* Discussed upcoming dates of the Franklin B. Walter dinner on April 7, summer inservice days for teachers, July 26-28 and the Capital Conference which will be held from Nov. 7- 10. Emily Bauer was nominated for the Franklin B. Walter award from Fort Recovery.

* Announced that July 4 through July 11 would be designated as Family Week – no school activities.

* Discussed the use of a 3 hour delay schedule. Information will be sent to parents and this schedule will be implemented for the rest of the 2009-10 school year.

* Updated the Board on recent changes with health insurance coverage.

* Discussed the *Ohio Race to the Top* initiative.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved minutes of prior February meeting.
2. Approved the monthly financial reports for February 2010 and payment of bills.
3. Approved the Open Enrollment Policy with no changes.
4. Accepted and thanked the following groups for their donations:
 - Cooper Family Foundation – Band – for Uniforms
 - Jim & Mary Wenning – Volleyball Fund
 - New Knoxville/New Bremen Rotary Club – STEM Program (to be shared with St. Henry & New Bremen)

Agenda Action Items

1. Permanent Appropriations motion tabled.
2. Executive Session.
3. Approved the following supplemental contracts for the 2010-11 school year: Football: HS Head Coach - Brent Niekamp, Asst. Coaches - Dave Blockberger, Joe Bruns, Steve Trobridge; JH FB Head Coach - Ryan Thien, JH Asst. Coaches - Jose Faller, Chris Buckley, Toby Metzger; Volleyball: HS Head VB Coach - Diana Rammel, JV Coach - Laureen Bruns, Freshman Coach - April Bihn, JH Asst. Coach - Tammy Post; Boys' Golf Coach - Brad Evers; Cross Country: HS Coach - Michelle Stammen, JH Head Coach - Jerry Stammen.
4. Motion tabled.
5. Granted an administrative contract to Shelly Vaughn.

Addendum

6. Approved the FCCLA State Leadership Conference trip to Columbus from April 15, 2010 through April 16, 2010.
7. Employed Ryan Bihn as a Substitute Bus Driver pending proper ODE certification.
8. Meeting adjourned.

MAKE-UP DAYS

Fort Recovery Schools will be in session

Wednesday, March 31st Thursday, April 1st Monday, April 5th

2010 Buckeye Girls' State

Buckeye Girls' State will be held at Ashland University in Ashland, OH. It will be held June 13th-19th, 2010. The three junior girls representing Fort Recovery are Abby Huelskamp, Tami Link, and Kelly Brown. They are being sponsored by the American Legion and V.F.W. Auxillaries, the Sons of the Legion, and the PSI IOTA XI Sorority.

PreSchool Registration

April 20, 2010

7:00 PM

Elem/MS Auditoria

If your child did not attend preschool at Fort Recovery, you will need to bring along his/her birth certificate, social security number and vaccination records.

STEM Conference

by Tami Link

Two students, Ethan Scheon and Trevor Vaughn, had a great opportunity to attend the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Conference on Tuesday, March 2nd, at COSI in Columbus, Ohio. While there, the boys stood by their booth and people that walked by could ask questions about what they were presenting, which was how to make play-dough. They had to present it in the way of the scientific method that they studied.

“It’s a good opportunity network to share what we were doing and what other schools were doing” said Shelly Vaughn, Elementary School Principal.

Through the STEM program, Fort Recovery Schools have been able to purchase equipment like smart boards and engineering units to put in most of the classrooms.

If you would like to see all of the projects the kids do with STEM, you can check it out at the STEM Open House on April 15, during parent teacher conferences.



Congratulations to the Middle School February Pride Winners! (L to R) – Julie Wendel and Brook Acheson, both students are in the sixth grade.

Mr. Brown Opened Minds and Touched Hearts

By Marissa Brunswick and Nichole Sheffer



On June 1, 2010, Mr. Jeff Brown is retiring from Fort Recovery Local Schools. He has taught here for thirty-four years. Mr. Brown attended Celina Senior High School and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Wright State University. He says his mom, who was a teacher in the St. Henry and Coldwater school districts, played a role in his decision to go into education as a career. "My parents were always stressing the fact that my sister and I get a good education."

In July, he will be celebrating thirty-eight years of marrying his wife, Marcy, his junior high/high school sweetheart. They have two daughters. His oldest daughter, Courtney, lives in Denver, Colorado. She was married last August and is a structural engineer specializing in bridges. Megan, his younger daughter, is a Lieutenant, Junior Grade in the Navy and is part of the intelligence division. She is stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Brown began his educational career by being an aid at the Cheryl Ann Workshop. He started teaching in Fort Recovery back in 1976, when the school was known as Southwest Local. "When I started teaching, our technology was a mimeograph machine and a 16mm film projector. The advancement of technology is by far the most drastic change in education since I began." He has taught all of the elementary subjects except for art and music. "If you saw me draw or heard me sing, you would understand why I haven't taught those," he said.

In addition to being a teacher, Mr. Brown has coached junior high boys' and girls' basketball, as well as junior high track and field during his tenure here at the Fort. One of his girls' basketball teams went undefeated. He says, "I take full credit for that team because I was also the bus driver. If I hadn't gotten them to the game, they would have lost. They didn't really need me as a coach; they were so good. We had great kids, but I didn't do a very good job of helping them win." He has had the opportunity to coach some very good track and field athletes, too. One of his favorite athletes was Christy (Roessner) Diller. "Christy had class. She was a gracious winner and the few times she lost she was a gracious loser. Bob Leverette and Rick Heitkamp were also team leaders."

Mr. Brown has loved teaching at Fort Recovery mostly because of the parents. "I think the parents are the most unique thing in Fort Recovery because they are so willing to help me make sure their kids are successful. We also have a close relationship between the administration and staff. Everyone works together for the benefit of the students." When asked what he will miss the most, Mr. Brown said that it would definitely be the kids he has worked with because they are a lot of fun to be around.

STEM Open House

Thursday, April 15 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Elementary-Middle School Building



Director of Bands, Margaret Underwood, from Otterbein College, in Columbus, Ohio works with a combined band of Fort Recovery HS Band students and Otterbein College's top musicians. The Otterbein musicians visited Fort Recovery on Friday, March 19th. **The Fort Recovery Bands, grades 5-12, will be holding their Spring Concert on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 3:00 PM, at the Elem/MS Auditoria.**

Congratulations !

**Kayla Pottkotter &
Sylvia Schwieterman**

They were members of the Tri-Star, Med Prep, Health Knowledge Bowl Team that place 1st in its region. Teams are judged on speed and accuracy answering questions in nine categories: Academic Foundations; Communication; Systems; Employability Skills; Legal Responsibility; Ethics; Safety Practices; Teamwork; and Health Maintenance. They will now compete at the state contest on April 23rd & 24th in Columbus.
Good Luck Girls!



Photo L to R: Kayla is 2nd from left and Sylvia is 3rd from the left.

2010 Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee Plans Underway

The committee for the upcoming 2010 Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee is busy making final plans for another fun-filled and successful Jubilee. Presale tickets will go on sale in early May and will be the same price as they were in 2009. A strip of 10 tickets will be available for \$6.00. Rides will take two or three of these tickets, depending on the type of ride. All tickets at the Jubilee will be \$1.00 each, also requiring two or three tickets per ride. Presale ride tickets will be available for purchase at the three Fort Recovery banks, Big Al's, and Wayne IGA.

This year's event will begin with the "Jubilee Kickoff" on Thursday, June 17th. A softball tournament, a tug-of-war challenge, as well as live music by the band *Angelic Evasion* will be at the Fort Site Park. Food and beverages will be available. The popular "Kids' Movie Night" will be held at Van Trees Park in the amphitheater. Otterbacher Rides will be offering a Jubilee Kickoff Armband for \$10 good for unlimited rides from 5-10 PM on Thursday night only.

As in the past, the 2010 Jubilee will have many of the same activities, attractions, and events to entertain those of all ages. Otterbacher Rides and Amusements will be returning again with the same great variety of rides they provided last year. Entertainment will include *Country Mile*, featuring one of our locals, Dean Zehringer. Saturday night will bring back a crowd favorite, *Grove Hill*. On Sunday, a kiddie tractor pull will take place on the midway. Registration for this event will be at 3:30 PM at headquarters. Juggler Crazy Craig Muhlenkamp will be performing after the tractor pull in the entertainment tent. Some of the activities that will be returning include the "Red Cross Go-Kart Races", the "Second National Bank Antique Tractor Display and Pull" (including a garden tractor group), "Cooper Farms Kiddie Day" on Saturday afternoon, and the Business Exhibitors Tent. One new activity this year will be "America's Best Frisbee Dog Show" on Saturday at 2 PM and 6:30 PM near the State Route 49 entrance. Jumpin' Jack the Frisbee dog has made national appearances at NFL and NBA half-time shows.

The "Hot Dog Eating Contest", "Pie Baking Contest", and the "World Famous Fort Recovery Racing Ducks" will also return. As always, the "Firemen's Parade" will be held on Sunday at 2 PM, followed by a BBQ chicken dinner and the Jubilee raffle. The raffle will wrap things up at 8:30 PM. Look for the full brochure to be coming out in the next month with a full list of activities and times.

Jubilee meetings are held in the Fort Recovery Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. Please feel free to attend and bring your ideas to help make our Jubilee as successful and enjoyable as possible for everyone who attends.

"Enchantment under the sea"

By Julie Knapke

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 following the prom.

The big night that every high school student dreams of is just around the corner. The 2010 prom at Fort Recovery High School will be on April 23rd. The public is invited to the promenade at the Fort Site Fieldhouse starting at 6 PM. After promenade, all of the students will travel to St. Henry for the prom's dinner and dancing to be held at Romer's Banquet Hall.


The theme of the 2010 prom is **Enchantment Under the Sea**. Under the supervision of Mrs. Kim Grube and Mr. Jeff Hobbs, are the four junior class officers putting it all together. This year's junior class officers are Shelby Alig, Colton Metzger, Lindsey Schroer and Stacy Will.

"Prom will be a good turn out and I hope that everyone will enjoy themselves on this very special night," says junior class officer, Shelby Alig.



Fort Recovery has welcomed four new students to the high school since the beginning of 2010. They are (L to R) Richard Daugherty, Stephany Fontanini, Pamela King, and Caleb DeLong. Welcome to FRHS!

2010 AFTER PROM

WHAT: After Prom 
WHERE: Miracle Lanes Bowling Alley
WHEN: April 23, 2010
TIME: 11:30 PM to 2:00 AM
Need to be signed in by 12:30 AM
WHO: All Fort Recovery High School juniors and seniors and dates

There will be free pizza, breadsticks, snacks, and pop. Enjoy bowling, games, and chances to win money and great prizes. The drawing for prizes will begin at 1:45 AM. **You must be present to win.**

After Prom is sponsored by parents and community businesses and is organized by junior and senior parents.

PSI IOIA XI

Bulk Food Pick-Up

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Vo-Ag Room located at the
High School

Call (419) 375-2312 or (419) 375-4956
with any questions.

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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4-H News

By Claire Pottkotter, 4-H Reporter

On March 9, 2010, the Fort Pioneer 4-H Club had a meeting in the Elementary/Middle School Auditoria. At the meeting, we had a lot of good speeches and they were as follows: Natalie Pottkotter-dog safety, Kyle Timmerman-snow safety, Dustin Alig-go-cart safety, and Austin Pohl-bike safety. Logan Ranly taught her fellow 4-H'ers the volleyball violations, and Isaac Wenning informed us on how to safely take care of chickens. Kristen Keller led us off for our demonstrations, and she taught us how to braid hair. Sabrina Schmitt demonstrated how to make a Rosary, Eddie Siefring showed how to plant broccoli, Adam Schoelein demonstrated castrating, and Travis Sutter showed us how to shoot a basketball. Kruse Ranly performed a card trick to finish up the demonstrations. After the meeting was over, we decorated cupcakes, did some different activities, and colored St. Patrick Day pictures. One of the activities was making a tower out of cups, straws, paperclips, and rubber bands without cutting or damaging anything.

Students

"Wash Out Germs"

On Friday, February 5, 2010, three FCCLA members from Fort Recovery High School went to the Elementary/Middle School to teach Kindergarteners how to prevent sickness such as the flu and H1N1. Janel Hein, Xaiven Overton, and Maleia Fullenkamp are competing in the regional FCCLA STAR Events. They wanted to make a difference in the community and address an issue that is a concern to the public. The groups' concern was that too many young students at Fort Recovery Elementary didn't know the proper steps to prevent sickness. The girls went into three of the Kindergarten classrooms and taught the children how to properly wash their hands, taught them the importance of staying healthy, did an activity involving "glow germ" where the students rubbed lotion on their hands and held them under a black light to show the presence of germs, and sang a fun song the group made up called "The Germy Song".

FCCLA Members Bring Home GOLD!

The Fort Recovery FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Members of America) chapter has had the opportunity to celebrate many accomplishments recently. On Thursday, Feb. 26, 2010, Jessica Heitkamp, chapter president; Nichole Kaiser, chapter vice president; Holly Thien, chapter public relations officer; and Katelyn Jutte, chapter historian participated in the Ohio Outstanding FCCLA Chapter competition held at the Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua. Using the theme, "Fort Recovery FCCLA is Celebrating Leadership," these officers presented a power point for judging that showed the many projects completed over the past year. Our chapter received the highest recognition possible, receiving a GOLD medal! The chapter will be recognized at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference to be held in Columbus this April. On Saturday, March 13, 2010, sixteen members of our chapter competed in Regional STAR Events at Vantage Vocational School in Van Wert. STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events allows members to develop a project, carry it out, and present it for competition. The projects developed provide a service to the member's family, school, community or country. The Fort Recovery chapter had many successes with the following results:

- In the event, Teach and Train, member Krista Schmitz received a SILVER rating in the junior division for her "Special Education Teacher" project. In the senior division Jill Post received a GOLD rating for her "Middle School Math Teacher" project, with the highest qualifying score and will compete at State STAR Events in April.
- The National Programs in Action junior team of Emily Kahlig, Grace Roessner and Amber Wendel presented their project, "Addition Nutrition: It All Adds Up to a Healthier You" and received a SILVER rating. They received the highest score in their event and will compete with their project at State STAR Events.
- In the Focus On Children event, the junior team of Elizabeth Wendel, Taylor Wendel, and Sydney Wilson received GOLD with their project, "Pass It On, We're Not That Different." Obtaining the highest score in their event, they will also compete at State STAR Events. The senior team of Maleia Fullenkamp, Janel Hein and Xaiven Overton received GOLD for their project, "Wash Out Germs" and also qualified for State STAR Events.

- In a new event for 2010, Food Innovations- junior division, Emily Metzger and Elle Schoenherr presented their project, "Trial Mix Treats." They received a GOLD rating and will compete in State STAR Events.

- The senior division Interior Design team of Jessica Heitkamp, Nichole Kaiser and Holly Thein received a GOLD rating for their scaled drawing and interior design of a great room, office and nursery designed for their "clients." They also received the highest score in their event and will participate in State STAR Events competition.

We wish all of these FCCLA members good luck as they participate at the state competition in Columbus on April 15, 2010. Each team or individual participating in STAR Events is required to consider concerns in their own lives, in our school or in the community that they'd like to address. They then set goals, conduct research, plan and carry out the project, organize visuals and their presentation, and finally use their oral communication skills to present the project to a team of judges. Mrs. Cheryl Perkeybile, Fort Recovery chapter advisor states, "When beginning the project, the students are instructed to consider something, a concern, they have a passion for and feel strongly about. This helps them choose a project they are interested in and allows them to help fellow students and community members. I am very proud of each of their accomplishments! Their time and effort working on their projects has been rewarded with outstanding results at our regional competition."

Pork Chop Dinner

Thursday, April 15th

(Same night as Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Fort Recovery Elem/MS

STEM Open House

4:30-6:30 PM

\$7 a meal (Carry-outs only)

Dinner Includes: pork chop, baked potato, applesauce, and a roll.

Sponsored by the

Academic Booster Club

Tickets are available from any high school student council member or the high school, middle school, and elementary offices.

FR Students Return to TEAMS Competition

The Fort Recovery High School TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) teams competed on February 24 at Ohio Northern University. The test is made up of 8 engineering-type scenarios with 10 multiple choice questions for each scenario. Students work as a team to answer the questions in 90 minutes. After a 15 minute break, students are back to work answering 8 free-response questions on the same 8 scenarios in another 90 minutes block.

FRHS Varsity team of Erika Muhlenkamp, Emily Bauer, Jacob Backs, Amber Heitkamp, Brent Link and Beth Muhlenkamp finished 10th of 19 schools our size. The JV team of David Tobe, Brandon Stammen, Gabe Riegel, Brian Bauer, Craig Hart, Tyler Hart and Adam Pohl finished 2nd of 7 teams and received a plaque. Both teams' scores will advance to the state level to be scored against other teams from Ohio. High scores will then advance to national level to compete with teams from all over the US.

The Ohio Northern is the 5th largest regional testing site with 54 individual teams, 500+ students representing 24 different schools from northwest Ohio. This is the 15th year FRHS students have competed.



TEAM Members L to R: Zach Guggenbiller, Tyler Hart, Adam Pohl, Brandon Stammen, Craig Hart, David Tobe, and Gabe Riegel

The Fort Recovery High School Guidance Office would like to thank all businesses and families who will be presenting a scholarship to the class of "2010". Senior Scholarships were passed out To The Students during their social studies Class.

Spring Into A New Season

Finishing the Ohio Graduation Test last week is a huge relief for 9th and 10th grade students. Fort Recovery students have perennially done a terrific job on these state tests and hopefully this year will be no different. Our freshman students took the practice OGT, which we will evaluate to help our students prepare for next year's OGT.

As we head into the final nine weeks of the year, I would like to remind you of our next Parent Teacher Conferences Tuesday, March 30th and Thursday, April 15th from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. If you would like to set up an appointment, please call the high school office. The Academic Booster Club does so many tremendous things for our students both in and out of the classroom. They are hosting a pork chop dinner on the same night as our PTC (April 15) to supplement the activities they sponsor. I would encourage you to attend this worthwhile event.

The Jr.-Sr. Prom is right around the corner. It will be held on April 23rd. Festivities begin at 6:00 PM in the HS gymnasium with the annual promenade and the crowning of the king and queen. The meal and dance will again be held at Romer's in St. Henry and the After Prom will follow at the Miracle Lanes.

The High School Awards Banquet is scheduled for Monday, April 26th in the Middle School Auditoria. This banquet recognizes many of Fort Recovery's finest students for their academic prowess.

As the year winds down, the high school calendar is overloaded. This includes spring sports that are in full bloom. As the weather improves, I would welcome you to see a baseball, softball game or stop by the track to take in a home meet. As always, I would encourage your to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Jeff Hobbs, High School Principal

Parks Work Day

The Fort Recovery Park Board will be holding their 10th Annual "Parks Work Day" on Saturday, May 1, 2010. The Park Board is requesting anyone that can provide volunteer work that day to stop in and help out doing various jobs such as mulching, dirt work, small paint jobs and general clean-up. Work will begin at 9:00 AM and continue through 12:00 PM and those coming to work should report to the Community Park / Ambassador Pool parking area. Volunteers may work any hours that fit their schedule that Saturday. The Park Board will provide food and refreshments at noon for all those participating. Please show your community pride and come out and volunteer your services for a few hours to keep our local parks an asset to the Fort Recovery community. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th. Any questions can be addressed to the Village offices at 419-375-1056.

Fort Recovery Community Garage Sales

sponsored by

Psi Iota Xi

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
June 3rd, 4th, & 5th

(Times & dates may vary per individual garage sale preference)

\$30.00 registration fee

Deadline to Sign up
April 30, 2010

Contact:

Michelle Buckley
(419)375-4140

or

cmb1361@BRIGHT.NET

Q & A With Coach Summers

Coach Chris Summers will be leading the high school track team for a third year as head track coach. Along with coaching high school track, he has also coached girls' basketball for four years at Fort Recovery. The assistant high school track coach for this season is Mindy Bubp.

Q (FSJ) : When did the team start practicing?

A (Coach Summers): Official practice began March 8th.

Q: Who are the senior athletes on this year's high school track team?

A: Jordan Bechtol, Kelsey Brockman, Lindsay Fullenkamp, Amber Heitkamp, Perry Hull, Mark Mattraw, Jacob Pohl, and Paige Pottkotter.

Q: What do you think are some of the team's greatest strengths?

A: We have a great group of athletes this year. They are motivated to improve and are very competitive.

Q: In what areas has the team been working to improve?

A: Our team has been working hard to improve in individual races and field events.

Q: What should the Fort Recovery community expect to see from the high school track team this season?

A: We are a young team this year made up on mostly underclassmen. We hope to gain experience this year and improve in our individual events.

By Natalie Rohrer

Here's the Deal!

By Hilary Pottkotter

What comes to mind when you think about Easter? Some may think of dressing in their "Sunday best", others may think of spending time with their family, and young children usually think of the Easter bunny putting candy in their Easter baskets. Many people celebrate Easter by spending time with their family, having Easter egg hunts, and eating a lot of food.

There is also history behind the Easter holiday, for example the Easter egg. Before Jesus walked the earth, the egg was a symbol of rebirth and new life by pagans in several Eastern and Middle Eastern cultures. There were many beliefs from the ancient pagan mythology that the earth was hatched from a giant egg. Others believed that heaven and earth were formed from two halves of an egg. The early Christians adopted the dyed egg as a symbol of Jesus' Resurrection and the rebirth of man. They saw the egg as a symbol of the tomb from which Jesus rose.

When asked what their normal Easter celebrations were students said going to their grandparent's houses, having Easter egg hunts, coloring eggs, getting candy in their Easter baskets, and going to church with their family on Easter Sunday. When asked what comes to mind when she thinks of Easter Marissa Brunswick said, "When Jesus rose from the dead and gave us hope."

PATRIOT'S PEN WINNERS



The winning essays for the Patriot's Pen Contest, sponsored by the Fort Recovery VFW, were written by Abigail Grube and Josh Pohl. They will both receive a \$100 savings bond at the middle school academic awards banquet. Both of their essays have been forwarded to the district level for further judging.

April Events



District

- 1 & 5 - Make-up Days
- 2 - Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
- 15- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21- Psi Iota XI Bulk Food Delivery
- 24- Sat. School - 8:00 AM -12:00 PM
- 25- Spring Band Concert - 3:00 PM
- 26- 4th Nine weeks interims go home

High School



- 8th- FFA Banquet
- 8- FFA District Outdoor Power Contest
- 9- FFA State Ag Mechanic Skills Contest
- 10- Alum.Drive - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
- 12- Sports Medicine Club Mtg.-7:30 PM
- 13- Mock Crash for Jr.& Sr./ 9:00 AM
- 14- Student Council Blood Drive
- 15-16th- FCCLA State Convention
- 19th- Band Banquet
- 20- FFA Spring District Meeting & District Officer Training
- 22-Assembly-Stephen Dixon - 10 AM
- 23- Prom / Promenade - 6:00 PM
- 26- H.S. Academic Banquet
- 29-30- FFA State Convention

Middle School

- 5-10- 8th Grade D.C. Trip
- 7-14 - Parent Survey Begins
- 15- STEM Open House 4-7:30 PM
- 19th-22nd- OAT
- 24- Junior High Solo & Ensemble 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM



Elementary

- 7-14 - Parent Survey Begins
- 17 - Cup Stacking Tournament
- 20 - Book Club - 3:30 PM
- 20 - Preschool Registration - 7:00 PM
- 22 - Student Council Meeting - 3:30 PM
- 23- Early ID Screening
- 23- 1st Grade Field Trip / Garst Museum
- 23 - 2nd grade Grandparents' Program
- 26 - Parent Advisory Council - 11:00 AM
- 28 - DARE Graduation - 2:00 PM



After School Weightlifting

Open to any High School or Middle School students

Workouts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

After school until 4:15 PM

Supervised by Brent Niekamp



April Sports Schedule

High School Track

- 1 – Crestview (A) 5:00 PM
- 6 – National Trail Blazer Relays (A) 4:30PM
- 9 – FM, Jackson Center, Russia (H) 4:30 PM
- 13 – Spencerville (A) 5:00 PM
- 15 – Marion Local (A) 4:30 PM
- 20 – NB, NK, SH (H) 4:30 PM
- 22 – Versailles (A) 4:30 PM
- 29 – Jay County (A) 5:00 PM



Varsity Baseball

- 5 – Ansonia (H) 5:00 PM
- 6 – Fairlawn (H) 5:00 PM
- 10 – Riverside (DH) – (A) 2:00 PM
- 12 – Franklin Monroe (H) 5:00 PM
- 13 – Parkway (A) 5:00 PM
- 16 – Versailles (A) 5:00 PM
- 17 – Arcanum (DH) – (H) 11:00 AM
- 20 – Coldwater (H) 5:00 PM
- 22 – Minster (A) 5:00 PM
- 27 – New Knoxville (H) 5:00 PM
- 30 – St. Henry (A) 5:00 PM

Varsity Softball

- 2 – Mississinawa Valley (H) 5:00 PM
- 3 – National Trail (DH) - (H) 11:00 AM
- 5 – St. Mary’s (A) 5:00 PM
- 6 – Houston (H) 5:00 PM
- 9 – Franklin Monroe (H) 5:00 PM
- 10 – Van Wert (DH) - (A) 2:00 PM
- 12 – Parkway (H) 5:00 PM
- 15 – Versailles (H) 5:00 PM
- 16 – Fairlawn (H) 5:15 PM
- 17 – Celina (A) 12:00 PM
- 20 – Coldwater (A) 5:00 PM
- 22 – St. Henry (H) 5:00 PM
- 29 – Minster (H) 5:00 PM
- 30 – Botkins (H) 5:00 PM



JV Softball

- 2 – Russia (A) 5:00 PM
- 3 – St. Henry (A) 11:00 AM
- 5 – St. Mary’s (H) 5:00 PM
- 10 – Van Wert- (DH)– 11:00 AM
- 12 – Parkway (A) 5:00 PM
- 15 – Versailles (A) 5:00 PM
- 16 – Coldwater (Orange) – (A) 5:00 PM
- 17 – Tri County North - (DH) – 11:00 AM
- 20 – Coldwater (Black) - (H) 5:00 PM
- 29 – St. Henry (A) 5:00 PM
- 30 – Jay County (A) 5:00 PM



Junior High Track

- 1 – Parkway, Russia, Anna (H) 4:30 PM
- 10 – Fort Loramie Inv.– (A) 9:00 AM
- 12 – East Jay (A) 4:30 PM
- 16 – FM, Russia, New Knoxville, (H) 4:30PM
- 20 – Franklin Monroe (A) 4:30 PM
- 23 – New Bremen Inv. (A) 4:30 PM
- 27 – Ansonia, Bradford, Ft. Lor (H) 4:30 PM
- 30 – Coldwater Relays (A) 5:00 PM

Fort Recovery senior, Perry Hill, recently qualified for the YMCA National Championship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Perry is one of the 7 swimmers on the Auglaize/Mercer Family YMCA swim team who qualified for Nationals this season. He will be swimming the third leg of the 200-meter freestyle relay and will time trail in the 50-meter freestyle. The meet will take place April 4-10th at Fort Lauderdale, FL

Good Luck, Perry!

Ready to Run

By Natalie Rohrer

Mrs. Diane McClung is head coach of the boys’ and girls’ junior high track teams this season. This is her third year coaching junior high track at Fort Recovery. She also has experience coaching the boys’ and girls’ high school track teams for two years, and drove the bus for the team during those years. Mrs. Michelle Stammen is the assistant coach for the junior high track teams, and this is her first year coaching track. She has served as Fort Recovery’s high school cross country coach for the past two years.

The team began conditioning on February 22nd. The junior high track team is made up of 46 athletes, 18 boys and 28 girls, and is assisted by three managers. Although the seventh graders have never participated in track before, Coach McClung says that they have shown excellent work ethic and enthusiasm in their work so far. The team also gained some additional eight graders this year that complement the group well.

The eighth grade girls’ and boys’ teams had great success last year as seventh graders. “We are expecting great things from them. With an added year of maturity, plus work ethic, they will again be very strong this year. This group actually looks solid in all events,” says Coach McClung of the team, “We expect the boys’ and girls’ teams to achieve many PR’s (personal records), and the potential for broken records is also a goal.”

The Fort Recovery junior high track athletes will be participating in their first meet on March 30th at home versus Arcanum, Houston, and New Knoxville. “The athletes would love to see a big group of supporters,” says Coach McClung.

Tournament Wrap-Ups

Varsity Boys’ Basketball Sectionals At Coldwater

Fort Recovery vs. New Knoxville 60-56
SECTIONAL CHAMPS!

Districts At Wapakoneta

Fort Recovery vs. Ottoville - 57- 44
Fort Recovery vs. New Bremen 44-32
DISTRICT CHAMPS

Regionals At Kettering

Fort Recovery vs. Lockland - 61-57
Fort Recovery vs Dayton Jefferson 51-55
REGIONAL RUNNERS-UP

Varsity Girls’ Basketball Sectionals At Napoleon

Fort Recovery vs. Lima Central - 49-34
Fort Recovery vs. Archbold – 55-56

Congratulations to all the teams on their great seasons!

Basketball Honors

- Kendra Brunswick**
Honorable Mention All-MAC
- Cody Fiely**
2nd Team All-MAC
- Greg Kahlig**
MAC Player of the Year
District 8 Player of the Year
Northwest Player of the Year
1st Team All-State for Division VI
- Chelsey Leuthold**
First-team All-MAC
3rd Team District 8
- Nicole Pottkoter**
1st Team All-MAC
Honorable Mention District 8
- Craig Tobe**
Honorable Mention All-MAC
- Coach Brian Patch**
MAC Co-Coach of the Year
District 8 Coach of the Year

Fort Recovery Summer Swim Team Registration

Parent Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2010
7:00 PM Elem/MS Auditoria

New Members Welcome

For questions call

Leslie Muhlenkamp (419)375-4280
Summer Swim Team begins June 1st