



# The Fort Site Journal

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## High School OSFC Project Decided

Patrick Niekamp, Superintendent

The Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution to notify the OSFC of their intention to pursue a High School facility project. The option that will be present to the OSFC is a plan to add a high school wing onto the current PK-8 building. After nearly six years of deliberations, numerous OSFC updates, and more recently, two community input sessions, the decision was made. In making the decision, the Board was very specific in terms of addressing the questions and issues that came up in the community groups. The intention will be to carefully take those issues into consideration as the actual plans for the building project are being developed with Garmann/Miller Architects.

The following options were considered:

<u>Option #1: (OSFC Co-funded)</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>State Cost</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
Convert PK-8 to PK-12	\$10,731,555	\$5,142,619	\$5,588,936
Save HS gym, shops, commons			
Demolish remainder of HS			
<u>Option #2: (OSFC Co-funded)</u>	\$11,036,522	\$4,998,581	\$6,037,941
PK-8 unchanged			
Total renovation of HS			
Demolish '35 section			
<u>Option #3: (100% Local Funds)</u>	\$4,833,422	\$0	\$4,833,422
Do not use OSFC			
PK-8 unchanged			
Minimal renovations HS			
Save '35 section			

Given the input from the community, the cost of the options, the long-term operating cost of the district, and the educational advantages, the entire Board felt that the best option for the future was building new on the PK-8 site. In terms of what was discussed about keeping the High School building and doing the major renovation, there was a lot of heartfelt appeal to keeping the present arrangement. This was not a quick decision based on a couple of meetings, but the result of many discussions with community members, family, and friends over the years. Thanks to the community input groups for sharing their opinions and questions. This decision will mean continuing to look at how other schools have worked out their traffic issues, cafeteria arrangements, athletic facilities, etc., and making sure the solutions that are developed will work here.

We have posted the information presented at the community meetings on the school's web site. A report on the High School Facility Update, Garmann/Miller's extensive PowerPoint, the survey results, and an example of the millage were all part of the information used in meetings. We invite you to look over that information and, certainly, if you have any questions or concerns, be sure to contact the superintendent, treasurer, or any of the Board members.

## Friends of the Library News

Thanks to all of you who renewed or joined the Friends of the Library. Student in grades K-4 received forms for our Back to School shopping. If you dread the hassle of back to school shopping in August, let the Friends do it for you! Send completed forms to school with your child or to the library (P. O. Box 309) by June 12. The Friends of the Library's Used Book Sale will be held again at the Jubilee. If you have any paperback or hardback books, videos, or DVDs to donate, please drop them off any time at the library. And remember, Friends' members receive special prices at the book sale. Membership forms may still be returned to the library.

## Pride of Fort Recovery

Jack Staugler, Board President

On May 23, 2010, another class will graduate from Ft. Recovery High School. Soon their pictures will hang in the hallway of the high school, and they will join a very proud "band of brothers and sisters" as alumni of Fort Recovery. If you take the time to roam the hallways and look at the pictures that adorn the walls, you will be humbled by the tradition and success of those who preceded you.

I wonder who out of the class of 2010, will be the next Nancy Meiring Knapke from the Class of 1961, and will come back to Fort Recovery to establish education excellence for future students of Fort Recovery. Who will pour his/her heart and soul back into the community in every way imaginable, like Norbert Metzger from the class of 1943? Who will be the person who represents all Fort Recovery alumni like Jim Faller, from the Class of 1947, has done for so many years? Will there be a young man who goes on to further education and then return to Fort Recovery to start a new business that endures for generations like Cy Brockman from the Class of 1943 did? Is there a judge in the making, like the Honorable Jon Hein from the Class of 1974? What about a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, like Brad Brewer from the class of 1991. The list could go on and on.

I have great confidence that each of those roles will be filled by a member of this class. That confidence stems from knowing that these kids come from outstanding backgrounds, with great work ethics, and the staff and teachers of Fort Recovery nurtured those talents into very capable, caring, young men and women.

In the future, we will have many discussions about Fort Recovery High School and these hallowed, honorable walls. The pictures that adorn these walls will always have a place at Fort Recovery Schools. They are a visual commentary to our history, our success, and our small-town pride. If the community decides such, the bricks and mortar of Fort Recovery High School may change. The pride and success will definitely continue.

## 2010 Prom Buddies a Great Success

Forty-four juniors and seniors attending prom participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Prom Buddie program this year. These students personally selected an elementary student to serve as their "buddy." The juniors and seniors made and kept a promise to their buddies that they would stay alcohol and drug free for prom and afterprom. Each student signed a contract with his or her "buddy" on Tuesday prior to the big event. At promenade, the little buddies were given special seats to watch their big buddies. At the end of the walkway, the little buddies were able to join their big buddies and pose for pictures. The juniors and seniors did a fabulous job of being role models for their little buddies.

Once again, FORT was able to continue the "Prom Buddy Rewards" program. Chelsey Leuthold and Sylvia Schwieterman were the two seniors selected as \$100 scholarship winners. Four \$40 cash awards were given to Emily Bauer, Cody Fiely, Craig Tobe, and Marissa Brunswick. FORT would also like to thank the High School Student Council, the Junior Class, Prom Advisor Jeff Hobbs, Kim Grube, and Fort Recovery Police Department for assisting with the program. FORT, Focusing on Responsible Teens, continues to support programs involving Fort Recovery students. Without the donations received through Combined Charities, this event, along with others, would not be possible. A big thank you to Maggie Hartings, who organizes this prom event and thanks to all who support FORT!

*(Big Buddies listed first, Little Buddies listed last)*

### Seniors:

AJ Backs – Riley Dilworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 Emily Bauer – Anjelica Rameno, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 Nikki Beyke – Kennedy McEldowney, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Kelsey Brockman – Makenna Laux, kindergarten  
 Kelsey Faller – Brian Bihn, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Cody Fiely – Ian Homan, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 Lindsay Fullenkamp – Macy Brunswick, kindergarten  
 Michael Gaerke – Ben Grieshop, kindergarten  
 Elizabeth Gagle – Audrey Homan, kindergarten  
 Stephanie Heitkamp – Nikki Ontrop, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Greg Kahlig – Regan Martin, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Chelsey Leuthold – Lilie Leuthold, kindergarten  
 Beth Link – Brianna Pottkotter, kindergarten  
 Beth Muhlenkamp – Sarah Siefiring, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Erika Muhlenkamp – Cade Wendel, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Stacy O'Dell – Aiden O'Dell, kindergarten  
 Paige Pottkotter – Natalie Pottkotter, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Sylvia Schwieterman – Hannah Weigel, kindergarten  
 Carly Staugler – Max Klingshirn, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Craig Tobe – Rachel Acheson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 Brandon Wilker – Maria Hartings, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Mallory Wood – Rebecca Wood, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Junior Class Officers/Stacy Will, Shelby Alig, Lindsey Schroer, & Colt Metzger – Faith Grube, kindergarten

### Juniors:

Shelby Alig – Sydney Alig, 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Laura Braun – Daniel Braun, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 Holly Brunswick – Carissa Evers, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Kendra Brunswick – Macy Shinabery, kindergarten  
 Marissa Brunswick – Chloe Showalter, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 Shane Brunswick – Cody Shinabery, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Nicole Dilworth – Ashlyn Dilworth, kindergarten  
 Shannon Garman – Kendall Evers, kindergarten  
 Stacy Gehle – Lauren Gehle, 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Deana Hemmelgarn – Matt Hemmelgarn, 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Abby Huelskamp – Rick Knapke, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Colt Metzger – Cashaus Metzger, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Heather Pottkotter – Briget Pottkotter, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Megan Rammel – Jessica Wendel, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Kyle Schmitz – Clay Schmitz, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Ethan Sheridan – Aiden Sheridan, kindergarten  
 Alexis Sutter – Chloe Will, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
 Olivia Thien – Grace Thien, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Claire Wendel – Anna Wendel, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
 Kelly Wendel – Jackie Homan, kindergarten  
 Stacy Will – Owen Sheridan, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

### A Note From the Historical Society...

The Fort Recovery Historical Society is featuring a children's area in the basement of the state museum. Various activities can be enjoyed by children of all ages. Period clothing is needed for the dress up section. If you have a soldier, Indian, or pioneer costume left over from the bicentennial celebration and are willing to donate it for this purpose, drop it off at the museum or call Helen at 419-375-2308. In May museum hours are weekends 12-5.

### Sutter Pitches Perfect Game

On Saturday May 15, 2010, Andrea Sutter pitched the first perfect game in Fort Recovery High School history.

Congratulations Andi!



Village of Fort Recovery's  
National Night Out 2010

Join us on Sunday, July 25, 2010, from 5-8 PM at the Ambassador Pool and Park for a fun family event that is free to Fort Recovery area families! (Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

### Notice of Emergency Notifications

This is a required announcement for the 2010-2011 school year that the Fort Recovery Schools will once again utilize the One Call system for notifying parents in the event of an emergency or a serious threat to safety. This will be used in lockdown situations, evacuation situations, and natural disasters. If you have any questions, please call the superintendent's office.

### School Year Comes To A Close

Another school year is nearly complete! Several noteworthy items should be added to you calendar depending on the age of your children. The schedule for summer reading times, when tests can be taken in the buildings, will be sent home with your child. The spring OGT results were released earlier this week and results will be mailed to you in the near future. Fort Recovery has become accustomed to great success on the OGT and this year is not any different. However, we still have a few students who did not pass in certain areas. The district will offer Summer OGT testing in Science and Social Studies between June 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. You will be contacted if your child needs this opportunity. The state mandates that students must have study time prior to the tests which will be provided at FRHS.

Other items of interest for your schedule include the summer **Family Week of July 3-11**. During this week the school holds no activities and encourages vacations and positive family time. The Freshman Orientation for new students to the high school for next school year will be held Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12:30PM. This will be a day to get to know each other better and grow as a class.

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> was a fantastic graduation day highlighted by seventy terrific seniors. The class of 2010 has left an impressive legacy and will be a tough act to follow for the class of 2011.

Have a great summer and feel free to call or email if you have concerns,  
 Jeff Hobbs  
 Principal

## Students Visit Water Treatment Plant



Fourth graders have been reviewing the water cycle through an engineer unit. Students became environmental engineers and followed the design process to design a water filter that would best clean dirty water. To help the students make the best possible water filter, students visited our water treatment plant on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. There, Ryan Thien taught the students how the town cleans the water. Although the process that the town uses to clean the water is extremely complicated, students still enjoyed seeing how the operation was completed. The best part for the students was to see how the filters were cleaned using aeration. Overall, the students were able to draw conclusions about how to improve their filter at school, and even more so, they learned that with the materials we have available in class, their water will never be perfect. They also realized how grateful we are to the men who make it possible for us to have clean drinking water in town!

The Fort Recovery Athletic Department is currently looking for **two junior high cheerleading advisors**, one for football and one for basketball. If interested, please contact athletic director, Mrs. Barb Sautbine at 419-375-4111.

### REMINDER!

For FRHS students interested in being inducted into National Honor Society next year...

Be sure to keep track of service hours over the summer for use in completing the NHS survey next fall.

### 2010-2011 MS Cheerleaders

#### Football

Kelsey Evers	Samantha Garke*
Sheyann Moore*	Abby Timmerman*
Marah Kinder*	Jaclyn Heiser*

Shawna Dugger\*

#### Basketball

Kady Ellenberger	Monica Fullenkamp
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\* = also basketball

## Fort Recovery FFA Attends 82nd State FFA Convention

Twenty-eight members, one parent-chaperone, and two advisors of the Fort Recovery FFA Chapter attended the 82nd State FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio from April 29-May 1. Over 6,200 members representing 320 FFA Chapters across the state of Ohio were in attendance at the convention. The three-day trip was packed with convention sessions, skills contests, educational tours, and good fun. During the convention sessions, members heard from keynote speakers Judson Laipply and Dan Thurmon, as well as state and national officers and other supporters of agricultural education and the FFA. Between convention sessions, members could participate

in a career show that featured nearly 50 exhibitors from agriculture, business, and education. Members participated in the following skills contests: Agricultural Engineering and Poultry Judging.

The Fort Recovery FFA Chapter was fortunate to receive many awards for great success this past year at the State FFA Convention including being named a Gold Chapter in the state of Ohio. The chapter was also recognized for donating to the Children's Hospital. Fourteen members including 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, and Stacy Will received the prestigious State FFA Degree, a degree received by only 2% of Ohio's 23,000 members each year.

Graduate member, Chris Gehret, placed 2nd in Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency. Senior member, Cody Kaiser, placed 4th in Landscape Management Proficiency. Junior member, Aaron Sutter, placed 4th in Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication.

The Fort Recovery FFA Chapter brought home four state winning banners for top five performances in skills contest this year. Including banners from the Poultry Team placing 3rd in the State, the Agricultural Engineering Team placing 2nd in the State, the Agronomy Team placing 5th in the State, and the Dairy Cattle Team placing 5th in the state.

The Chapter also brought home three plaques for the top ten written CDE's in the State of Ohio this year. Including plaques from the Greenhand team placing 6th in the State, the Grain Merchandising Team placing 9th in the State, and the Cooperative Education Team placing 6th in the state of Ohio.

Fort Recovery FFA members attending the convention included **SENIOR**-Cody Kaiser; **JUNIORS**-Michelle Brackman, Laura Braun, Nathan Fortkamp, Craig Fullenkamp, Caitlin Gehret, Zach Guggenbiller, Dustin Homan, Barbie Link, Amanda Pottkotter, Heather Pottkotter, Sam Schoenherr, Abby Sudhoff, Aaron Sutter, Alan Vogel, and Stacy Will; **SOPHOMORES**- Taylor Guggenbiller, Nicole Hart, Andrea Lennartz, Natalie Lennartz, Kelly Nietfeld, and Emily Siegrist; **FRESHMEN**- Austin Brackman, Eric Brackman, Randy Braun, Logan Jutte, Jessica Kaiser, and Gusty Link. A special thanks to Ginny Gehret for being our parent-chaperone.

A special thanks goes to Fort Recovery school board, administrators, and staff, and support staff for making this trip possible.

## FFA Wildlife Management Team Competes at State

The Fort Recovery FFA Wildlife Management Team recently competed in the State Wildlife Contest held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds and placed 27<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 76 teams. The wildlife team had to identify mammals, game birds, fish, food and cover plants, equipment common to the industry, as well as take a written exam on the wildlife management. Wildlife Management Team members were Stephanie Heitkamp, Brian Keller, John Link, Adam Pohl, and Aaron Wilker. The Fort Recovery FFA Chapter would like to congratulate the Wildlife Management Team on a job well done.



## Who Should Stand for Ohio?

## Vote at the Museum!

President James Garfield and former Governor William Allen have represented Ohio in the Statuary Hall in Washington since the 1880's, but that is about to change! President Garfield will remain, but who should replace Governor Allen? These are the candidates: James Ashley, Thomas Edison, Ulysses S. Grant, Jesse Owens, William McCulloch, Judith Resnik, Albert Sabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Taylor Upton, or the Wright Brothers?

An 1864 act of Congress allowed each state in the Union the opportunity to provide two statues to the US Capitol. These statues stand to commemorate historical figures who have lived in the state and distinguished themselves through their civic or military service. The honorees must be deceased and their statues composed of bronze or marble. A bi-partisan committee from Ohio has decided it is time to replace Allen. This committee wants to know what people around Ohio think, so they are gathering input of historians, students and any Ohioan who is interested. In February, the committee narrowed a list of more than 90 nominees to the 10 finalists.

Here's where you come in! The committee hopes you will learn more about these 10 important Ohioans listed above and will vote for the one you think should represent Ohio in Statuary Hall in the nation's capitol. You can get a ballot at the Fort Recovery State Museum and vote there. An Ohio Historical Society affiliate, the Fort Recovery Museum is only one of four places in the entire Dayton area to be designated an official voting site. (The other three are: Dunbar House, Dayton; National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, Wilberforce; and Fort Ancient, Oregonia.) Voting ends June 12. Stop by to vote at the museum from 12:00-5:00 any weekend in May or any day in June until the election concludes.

The Athletic Department and meet managers would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the MAC Meet that was hosted at Barrenbrugge Field on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. If we did not have a community willing to help with big events such as this, we would not even be able to run them. Thank you again for all of your help!

**CORRECTION**

In our last issue, several seventh grade students were chosen to have their work published in the anthology, A Celebration of Poets. Of those students, not listed was **Nathan Lochtefeld**.

**FORT RECOVERY HARVEST  
JUBILEE 2010**

This year's event will begin with the "Jubilee Kickoff" on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. As with last year, all of the events will be scheduled at the Fort Site Park as the softball tourney begins. A hog roast takes place, and food and beverages will be available, along with live music by the band *Angelic Evasion*. There will also be a Tug-of-War Challenge at the Fort Site Park. The popular "Kid's Movie Night" at Van Trees Park will be playing Alvin & The Chipmunks, The Squeakquel. Also this year, Otterbacher Rides will be offering a Jubilee Kickoff Armband for \$10 good for unlimited rides from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. on Thursday night only.

This year's entertainment will include Country Mile, featuring one of our locals, Dean Zehringer, on Friday night. **New this year, will be a Wing Eating Contest at 8:00 on Friday evening with cash prizes awarded!** Saturday evening, another Fort Recovery Native, Rick Heitkamp, will be performing from 7-9 PM. A crowd favorite, Grove Hill, will return again this year from 9:30 – 12:30 PM on Saturday night. On Sunday, after the parade, a kiddie tractor pull will take place, followed by a juggling performance in the entertainment tent by Crazy Craig. Some of the activities that will be returning include the "Red Cross Go-Kart Races", the "Second National Bank Antique Tractor Display and Pull" (which will also include the garden tractor group this year), "Cooper Farms Kiddies Day" on Saturday afternoon, and the Business Exhibitors Tent.

A few new activities this year will be "**America's Best Frisbee Dog Show**" on **Saturday at 2:00 and 6:30**, and the Amazing Portable Circus Stilt Walkers from 12:30 – 8:30 PM on Saturday. *Jumpin' Jack the Frisbee Dog* has made national appearances as NFL and NBA halftime shows, so be sure to come out for this highly entertaining Frisbee dog show. Presale ride tickets are on sale NOW! A strip of 10 tickets will be available for \$6.00, and it will take 2 or 3 tickets per ride, depending on the type of ride. All tickets at the Jubilee will be \$1.00 each, and will also take 2 or 3 ride tickets per ride.

Some returning events and activities include the very popular "Kiddies Tent", "Pie Baking Contest", and the "World Famous Fort Recovery Racing Ducks". The races will take place on Sunday, so be sure to bring your luck! As always, the "Firemens Parade" will be held on Sunday at 2:00 PM, followed by a BBQ Chicken Dinner. The Jubilee Raffle will bring the Jubilee to a close at 8:30 PM.

**Real World Math**

On May 11, 2010, Mrs. Jan Brockman from Second National Bank came into the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math classes to introduce a unit on how to open and handle a checking account. Mrs. Brockman explained how to open an account, how to write checks, how to use a register, and how to reconcile the account. She also explained how to use the ATM machine and debit cards and how they are connected to the checking account. Then, using materials supplied by Second National Bank, the students had the chance to practice writing checks and balancing their accounts. This activity was very useful in helping the students realize that Math is not just problems in a book, but is an important part of their real life experience. Thanks to Mrs. Brockman and Second National Bank for providing this fun, worthwhile unit to study.



Congratulations to the April  
Middle School Pride Winners!  
Morgan Dues (8th) and  
Kasey Vogel (6th)

*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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**St. Clair 5K Run**  
**Mercer Health 5K Challenge**  
**Saturday, July 17, 2010**  
**Fort Recovery, Ohio**  
**7:30 a.m. registration**  
**8:30 a.m. race begins with**  
**cannon fire!**

**Entry Fee:** Make check payable to: *Fort Recovery Historical Society*  
**\$15.00 pre-registration includes St. Clair 5K t-shirt (above right logo on grey shirt)**  
**\$8.00 pre-registration - no T-shirt**  
**\$10.00 registration on race day - no T-shirt**  
*Early registration must be received by June 27. Mail to:*

St. Clair Run, 865 Watkins Road, Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

**Age divisions: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 and over**

*Any questions call or e-mail Kathy Gonzalez 419-375-2123/ kkg@bright.net*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 7/17/2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (circle) S M L XL XXL

Signature of participant or parent if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this form, I hereby release and discharge the Fort Recovery Historical Society, Mercer Health, and the race committee from any liabilities which may directly or indirectly result from participating in this race. I have sufficiently trained to participate.**

**Thanks to the following local businesses that donated to the Annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast**

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| Carr Chiropractic                   | Les Wenning Motors, Inc.           |
| Cheeseman LLC                       | Mays TV                            |
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| Jutte's Self Storage                | Wayne IGA, Inc.                    |
| Kahlig Dozing and Excavating, Inc.  | Wendel Poultry Service, Inc.       |

**"THINK PINK DAY"**

Friday, May 21st, was "Think Pink Day" in all the schools at Fort Recovery in honor of kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Diane Burke. Mrs. Burke is battling cancer and the students wanted to show their support for her. Pink wrist bands were sold in her honor. At the end of the day, all students and staff that wore pink went to the football field where a picture was taken that will be send to Mrs. Burke



**St. Clair 5K Run** 

FR residents can mail in this coupon with your pre-registration form & take **\$2.00** off the t-shirt + race combo price.  
 \*Only one coupon per form  
 \*Valid for pre-registration only.  
 (Coupons received after June 27th will not be accepted.)

**2010-2011 HS Cheerleaders**

<b>Football</b>	
Shellby Alig	Deanna Crouch
Maleia Fullenkamp	Jessica Kaiser
Alison Koch	Nicole Sieftring
Becca Tobe	Kelly Wendel
Taylor Wendel	Courtney Wilker
<b>Varsity Basketball</b>	
Shelby Alig	Tana Hart
Jessica Kaiser	Alison Koch
Nicole Sieftring	Kelly Wendel
Taylor Wendel	Andrea Zumstein
<b>Junior Varisty Basketball</b>	
Deanna Crouch	Emily Metzger
Alex Shelton	Courtney Wilker
	Sidney Wilson

## Brockman and Potkotter Awarded

Tuesday evening, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Seniors, Kelsey Brockman and Paige Potkotter, were both given a distinctive award from the U.S. Marine Corps. Sergeant Alexander J. Church presented Brockman and Potkotter with the NROTC-Marine Option Scholarship valued at \$150,000.00, at the May school board meeting..

The Marine Corps's selection process for this scholarship was: must have gained admission to NROTC college (there are over 80 colleges applicants can choose from); qualifying SAT or ACT scores (SAT 1000 composite ACT 22 composite). Entrance requirements include: US citizenship or national; not less than 17 or have reached 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday; high school graduation or equivalency certificate; no moral obligations or personal convictions that prevent conscientious bearing of arms and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic or taking an oath to perform such acts; physically qualified by Navy or Marine standards. The scholarship includes four year - full college tuition, all educational fees, stipend for text books, provide all uniforms, three summer cruises, and subsistence allowance each academic month.

Kelsey and Paige's requirements for receiving this scholarship include: completing requirements for a bachelor's degree; complete certain courses specified by the Navy; emphasis on academic success; normal course load required by the college or university; Naval Science course each semester; weekly drill instruction periods; four-six week training period each summer. After completion of education, they are required to serve at least four years on active duty. (and four years inactive).



Left to right: Kelsey Brockman, Sgt. Church, and Paige Potkotter.

## Fort Pioneers

### 4H News

Claire Potkotter, 4H Reporter

To start off the meeting, we had vanilla ice cream with the choice of chocolate or carmel syrup, sprinkles, and/or Cool Whip. The meeting was held in the Middle School Gym from 3:30 till 5 PM on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. We had a number of speeches, and they were as follows:

- Taylor Greise - Bus Safety
- Emily Bruns and Alyssa Post - Kitchen Safety
- Noah Homan - Cat Safety
- Kayla Lennartz - Lightning Safety
- Aaron Homan - Tractor Safety
- Corey Will - Saw Safety

Rachel Moorman started us off for the demonstrations, and she taught us how to take a picture. Miranda Petit showed us how to braid hair, and Kyle Fullenkamp taught us how to take care of a guinea pig. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, we are going to go on a field trip from 12:45 till 4:00 PM to tour the Center for Neurological Development in Burkettsville, OH, and the choice of bowling or putt-putt golf in Coldwater, OH.

### Sports Update!

#### Softball

Varsity: 13-14 Sectional Champs!

JV: 4-17

#### Junior High Track

Boys: 1-1<sup>st</sup>; 2-2<sup>nd</sup>; 1-7<sup>th</sup>; 1-8<sup>th</sup>; 1-9<sup>th</sup>

Girls: 1-1<sup>st</sup>; 1-2<sup>nd</sup>; 1-3<sup>rd</sup>; 1-7<sup>th</sup>; 1-8<sup>th</sup>; 1-9<sup>th</sup>

#### High School Track

Boys: 2-2<sup>nd</sup>; 2-3<sup>rd</sup>; 1-4<sup>th</sup>; 1-9<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Baseball

Varsity: 3-18

Good Luck to...

**Holly Brunswick**                      **Sam Tobe**

**Aaron Vagedes**

who will be competing in the regional track meet in Troy this week.

## MAC All League Teams for 2010

Olivia Thien was named to the softball first team for 2010. Named to the softball second team were Andrea Sutter and Kendra Brunswick. Josie Guggenbiller, Carly Staugler, Shelby Brunswick, and Janelle Schwieterman were named as honorable mentions. Named to the baseball second team was Cody Fiely.

Track MAC included Ryan Heitkamp, Josh Pohl, Aaron Vagedes, Holly Brunswick, Amber Heitkamp, Abby Huelskam, Olivia Schwieterman, Alexis Sutter, and Alison Tobe. Congratulations on being named to the **MAC All Conference Teams**.

## Co-Lab News

### Webcasts

Co-lab now offers webcasts! Co-lab broadcasts, school, and community productions can be now be viewed on the Fort Recovery home page.

(fortrecoveryschools.org) and then choose home. From the drop down box click 'Co-Lab'. That particular page will give instructions and choices of productions to view.

### Order Now!

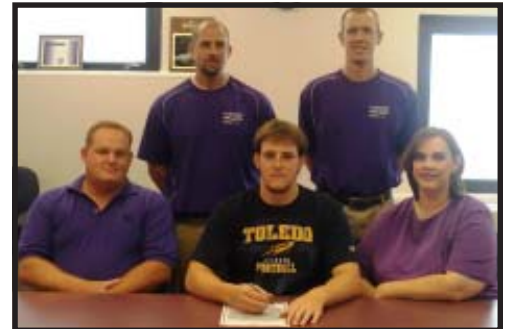
Video of senior graduation ceremony and senior graduation presentation

On sale for \$15

Forms are available in the FRHS office, money to be included with order May be picked up on June 28<sup>th</sup> in the HS office

1st and 4th grade productions can also be ordered from the Co-Lab

## Fort Athlete Signs at Toledo



Pictured: Back (L to R) - Asst. Football Coach Dave Blockberger & Head Football Coach Brent Niekamp; Front - Senior, Mark Mattraw, with his parents, Scott and Eva Mattraw.

Senior Mark Mattraw recently accepted a walk-on position on the University of Toledo football team. During the summer, Mark went to one of Toledo's football camps, where he was first noticed by the UT coaching staff.

A preferred walk-on spot allows Mark, who is eligible for scholarship assistance, to skip try-outs and work with the team right away. After a year or two, they can upgrade Mark to scholarship status.

Mark, who had an honorable mention for the All Midwest Athletic Conference selection for football, was the extra point kicker for the Fort Recovery Indians. He will most likely focus on the offensive line, which means his first year at Toledo will consist of adding to his 6' 3", 230 pound frame.

From all of Fort Recovery, good luck at the University of Toledo!

## Middle School Academic Award Winners

The Fort Recovery Middle School Awards Banquet was held in the Auditoria on Monday, May 3rd. Sixty-six middle school students, along with their parents, were honored at the banquet. Congratulations to the students whose achievements were recognized with the following awards:

### Mrs. Fullenkamp

Joshua Pohl- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science  
Jennifer Klenke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science

### Mrs. Weigel

Chelsea Timmerman- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science/Health  
Courtney Wilker- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Yearbook Staff  
Emilie Sheridan- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Yearbook Staff  
Isaac Keller- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Yearbook Staff

### Mr. Patch

Morgan Dues- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class Officer  
Ashley Homan- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class Officer  
Alexandra Shelton- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class Officer  
Breanna Jutte- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class Officer

### Ms. Beavers

Isaac Siegreth- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band  
Melissa Knapke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Band  
Hannah Kaup- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band

### Mrs. Hein-Evers

Corinne Stone- 6<sup>th</sup> grade General Music

### Mrs. Kahlig

Haley Knapke(1<sup>st</sup>)- 7<sup>th</sup> grade STEM  
Cole Wendel(2<sup>nd</sup>)- 7<sup>th</sup> grade STEM  
Melissa Knapke(3<sup>rd</sup>)- 7<sup>th</sup> grade STEM  
Neil Link(4<sup>th</sup>)- 7<sup>th</sup> grade STEM

### Mrs. Kahlig

Chelsea Timmerman- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Keyboarding

### Mr. Jutte

Stewart Alig- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Assistant  
Cody Grube- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Assistant  
Alex Wenning- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Assistant

### Mrs. Staugler

Isaac Keller- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Jacqui Kruger- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Hannah Kaup- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Jessica Vogel- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Melissa Knapke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Monica Fullenkamp- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Jennifer Klenke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Samantha Gaerke- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Caylen Rockwood- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council  
Rachel Kaup- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council

### Mr. Triplett

Abigail Fullenkamp- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Kayla Fullenkamp- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Samantha Garke- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Caitlyn Huelskamp- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Corinne Stone- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Chelsea Timmerman- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Victoria Vaughn- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Juliette Wendel- 6<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Michaela Fullenkamp- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Christy Gaerke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Katherine Homan- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Jennifer Klenke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's

Haley Knapke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Melissa Knapke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Debra Link- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Lauren Rammel- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Cole Wendel- 7<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Hannah Bihn- 8<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Ashley Homan- 8<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Elijah Kahlig- 8<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Joshua Pohl- 8<sup>th</sup> grade All A's  
Derek Sutter- 8<sup>th</sup> grade All A's

### Mr. Triplett

Anthony Jutte- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Citizenship  
Brook Acheson- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Citizenship  
Grant Hull- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Citizenship  
Samantha Kaiser- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Citizenship  
David Trobride- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Citizenship  
Kate Fortkamp- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Citizenship

### Mrs. Walter

Caitlyn Huelskamp- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies

### Mr. Patch

Lauren Rammel- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies  
Joshua Pohl- 8<sup>th</sup> grade History  
Ross Homan- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Geography Bee  
Juliette Wendel- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Geography Bee

### Mrs. Ranly

Caitlyn Huelskamp- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts

### Mrs. Kaup

Melissa Knapke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts

### Mrs. McClung

Ashley Homan- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts  
Stewart Alig- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Co-lab

### Mrs. Ranly

6<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Counts  
Evan Link and Trisha Thien

### Mrs. Kaup

7<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Counts  
Haley Knapke and Seth Riegler

### Mrs. McClung

8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Counts  
Danielle Sutter and Elizabeth Hipple

### Mrs. Ranly

6<sup>th</sup> grade Psi Iota Xi Sorority Writing Contest  
Abigail Fullenkamp  
Emily Alig  
Hallory Leuthold  
7<sup>th</sup> grade Psi Iota Xi Sorority Writing Contest  
Melissa Knapke  
Haley Knapke  
Michaela Fullenkamp  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Psi Iota Xi Sorority Writing Contest  
Ashley Homan  
Sierra Pugh  
Trent Dues

### Mrs. Link

Chelsea Timmerman- 6<sup>th</sup> grade VFW Essay  
Ethan Muhlenkamp- 6<sup>th</sup> grade VFW Essay  
Abigail Grube- 7<sup>th</sup> grade VFW Essay  
Joshua Pohl- 8<sup>th</sup> grade VFW Essay

### Mrs. Link/McClung

Derek Sutter- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee  
Jesse Buckley- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee  
Joseph Gonzalez- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee  
Makayla Grover- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee

### Mrs. Link

Debra Link- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math  
Mitchell Lennartz- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math  
Derek Sutter- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra I

### Mrs. Heitkamp

Chelsea Timmerman- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math

### Mrs. Perkybile

Hannah Bihn- 8<sup>th</sup> grade F.C.S

### Mrs. Sautbine

Chase Bruns- 6<sup>th</sup> grade P.E.  
Haley Knapke- 7<sup>th</sup> grade P.E.  
Joshua Pohl- 8<sup>th</sup> grade P.E.

### A Note From the Fort Site Journal Staff..

The Fort Site Journal will not be published during the months of June, July, and August. Next year, the publication of the FSJ will be released on the 1st of each month.

If you are, or know of, an out-of-town resident who does not receive the Fort Site Journal, but would like to be put on the mailing list, you may contact advisor Mrs. Kathy Jutte at 419 - 375 - 4111 ext. 318 or at [jutte@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:jutte@fortrecoveryschools.org). Out-of-town residents who were mailed the FSJ during the 2009-2010 school year will continue to be on the mailing list for the 2010-2011 school year.

Comments? Questions? Suggestions?  
E-mail to [fsj@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:fsj@fortrecoveryschools.org)

OR

Mrs. Kathy Jutte at the above address  
Thanks for reading!

FSJ Staff

## "We Have Issues"

Kathy Jutte, Fort Site Journal Advisor

"We Have Issues," was the saying on the t-shirts worn by the 2009-2010 FSJ staff this year. Producing 10 newspapers for the community was quite an undertaking for me. This being my first year in the newspaper business, I was very hesitant when told that I would be teaching the Creative Writing 1 Class or the newspaper class. I remember telling my students on the first or second day that they were *historians*. They would be writing the history of Fort Recovery Schools and Community during the 2009-2010 school years. All said and done, I have enjoyed the class very much, and I hope that everyone enjoyed reading the paper and were kept updated on the events at Fort Recovery Schools and the community.

I would like to take this time to recognize my staff for the 2009-2010 year. I knew very little about producing a newspaper and they taught me a lot. I did a lot of research on what I should teach in a "journalism class." It was my goal to teach them new things about interviewing, writing newspaper articles, and meeting deadlines. I could not have survived without my 7 students. Each student was responsible for writing 1 article per issue plus other assignments given in class.

*Marissa Brunswick* was a staff member who was always willing to write an article. When I would ask, "Who would like to write about....?" and no one would volunteer; I knew that I could count on Marissa.

*Julie Knapke* took on an important role this year by learning how to "lay-out" the paper. There were times when it was getting close to printing and extra help was needed to finish up the paper. Julie was there. She was also responsible for the calendar column of school activities.

*Tami Link* was probably the quietest in the class, but she produced some good articles this year. She was in charge of the monthly contact for "Students of the Month" at the middle school.

*Hilary Pottkotter* was the writer this year who did some articles that required some research. She did the research and then put together information that she thought would be of interest to our readers. She too was always willing to step in where needed.

*Nichole Sheffer* was another student that I could count on when I needed a volunteer to write an article, run an errand, or just help out in any way she could. She never grumbled about it.

*Alexis Sutter* took on the role of our business manager. Before each mailing, paper work had to be completed, turned into the administration office, and a check had to be cut for us to take to the post office with the papers. Alexis was also in charge of keeping track of our sporting teams, their scores, and their wins and losses. Besides writing articles, she also was in charge of the sports column.

*Natalie Rohrer* was editor of the Fort Site Journal this year. Natalie spent many hours after school and during her study hall to meet our "lay-out" deadlines. She was a very creative writer and editor. She taught me the most about how the paper is to be written. Her talents, along with others, helped to make, what I think, 10 outstanding Fort Site Journals this year.

I am very fortunate to have Marissa, Julie, Tami, Hilary, Nichole, and Alexis returning next year. I know that they will do a great job in helping the new students that will be in the class. As the song goes, "*Thanks for the memories*," and I am looking forward to the 2010-2011 FSJ year.



Back: Rohrer, Pottkotter, Sutter, and Link. Front: Brunswick, Knapke, and Sheffer

## Highlights of the 2009-2010 Year

### August

- \* Mr. Jeff Hobbs, new high school principal - "Looking Good In Purple" - theme for the year.
- \* Mr. Matt Triplett, new elementary principal.
- \*Fort Recovery sophomores competed at National FCCLA Leadership Conference.
- \*New band director, Megan Beavers
- \*2009 Jubilee a success

### September

- \* 2008-2009 School Year Report Card - **Excellent with Distinction**
- \* \$600.00 donated to Dayton Children's Hospital Family Center from spring play
- \*Dan Brackman national finalist for FFA Award
- \*Community Foundation Lends A Helping Hand

### October

- \*3 running for school board
- \*3rd Grade Poetry Cafe'
- \*Project Lead the Way and STEM
- \*\*"Techno" Homecoming
- \*Emily May and Craig Tobe, homecoming queen and king

### November

- \* 35 students inducted into NHS
- \* 4th Grade visit Piqua Historical mound
- \*Volleyball Team Sectional Champs
- \* Greg Kalig signs with Findlay

### December

- \*3 teachers recognized as "Master Teachers"
- \*FCCLA Gingerbread Houses
- \*2nd Grade visits Aullwood
- \*\*"Spelling Bee Winners
- \*HS/MS Play

### January

- \*District Faces Facility Decision
- \*New PA System to honor Big P "Voice of the Indians"
- \*Children's author at the Fort
- \*Mark Matraw and Ryan Heitkamp honored as Eagles

### February

- \*Boys and Girls State Participants
- \*S.M.A.R.T.'s Game Night a success
- \*Tess Kaup honored as "Citizen of the Year"
- \*STEM Fair winner
- \*Tournament Time

### March

- \* Village Construction Update
- \* Mr. Jeff Brown to retire
- \*FCCLA brings home the GOLD
- \* T.E.A.M. members compete
- \*Varsity Boys' Basketball - Sectional Champs, District Champs, and Regional Runners-up

### April

- \*Mrs. Kathy Thobe to retire
- \*Board Seeks Input on Building Issue
- \*Bauer receives Franklin B. Walter Award
- \*High School Academic Banquet held

### May

- \*8th Grade Annual DC Trip
- \*7th Grade Celebration of Poets
- \*HS Presidential Fitness Awards
- \*Mark Matraw signs with Toledo
- \* Brockman and Pottkotter get Marine award
- \*Prom Buddies
- \*May wins art contest

## *Congratulations to Emily May!*

Emily, a senior, was chosen as the local VFW Patriotic Art winner sponsored by the Golder Pottkotter VFW of Fort Recovery. Her artwork will now go on to district competition.

