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# Fort Site Journal

August 2024

Greetings! On behalf of the Fort Recovery Board of Education, administration, instructional, and support staff, I extend a sincere welcome to all of our students for the 2024-25 school year!

We are excited to get started and look forward to seeing them on Wednesday, August 21st. As the school year gets closer, I encourage you to check out our district website and social media pages to stay in the loop with upcoming events and important reminders.

As with every year, we do have some new staff members in a variety of positions that I would like to introduce and welcome to the district:

**Mrs. Taylor (Thien) Franck - High School Math Teacher**

**Ms. Sophia Homan - 3rd Grade Teacher**

**Mrs. Kasey (Vogel) Froning - 5th Grade Teacher**

**Ms. Hannah Siegel - Middle School English & Language Arts Teacher**

**Mrs. Lacey Tipton - Head Preschool Teacher & Grant Administrator**

**Mrs. Trisha Dues - Elementary/Middle School Cook & Custodian**

**Ms. Tanya Storie - High School Cook**

**Mrs. Kaylee Fishbaugh - Elementary Gifted Teacher**

**Mrs. Angie Stoner - Elementary Aide & Interpreter**

The summer is a busy time as our staff work to prepare our district for the coming school year. On top of their normal duties of cleaning, fixing, repairing, and painting items, our custodial, maintenance, and technology staff have been hard at work! Several additional projects completed this summer include: purchasing a new 10 passenger van for student transportation, installation of a new high school paging system, LED light installation in some of our high school facilities, new irrigation system installed on our practice fields, and some repaving projects around both buildings. Additionally, several community funded projects include additional speakers at the baseball/softball complex and the completion of the Joe Bruns Memorial Putting Green. We certainly thank the Community Club, Athletic Boosters, and members of the Bruns family for their generous donations and support of our students and school.

Thank you for your continued support of Fort Recovery Local Schools and go Indians!

Tony Stahl

Superintendent

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## District Notifications

### **Directory Information Policy of Fort Recovery Local Schools**

It is the policy of Fort Recovery Local Schools to release the directory information listed below unless a parent or an adult student requests us to withhold some or all of the directory information. Please notify the appropriate school building by October 15, 2024 if you wish to have any of this information withheld. If parents or adult students make no response to withhold the information, it will be released if requested. The board designates as student "Directory Information" : a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height, if a member of athletic teams; dates of attendance; date of graduation; or awards received.

### **Notice of Emergency Notification**

This is a required announcement for the 2024-25 school year that Fort Recovery schools will once again utilize the One Call Now system for notifying parents in the event of delays and closings, emergencies or a serious threat to safety. This will be used in lockdown situations and natural disasters. All alerts will be through One Call Now and managed by you through the portal. You can set up notifications by following these steps:

- Go to the Fort Recovery Local Schools website: [www.fortrecoveryschools.org](http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org)
- Click the "Parent/Student" tab at the top of the page
- Click on the One Call Now link, select "Sign Up" and follow step by step instructions

Once your account is set up, notification preferences will be maintained by you. You can add, delete and change your information on your own by logging in through our website.

### **Advisory of Pesticide Application in Classroom Buildings**

The district is providing you with the option to be informed prior to any application of a pesticide in a classroom building during this school year. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to control organisms that pose an immediate health threat, but you will be notified following any such application. If you would like to receive prior notification, please call 419-375-4139.

### **Attendance Reminder for All**

If a student is absent thirty-eight (38) or more hours in one (1) school month, or sixty-five (65) or more hours in a school year, that student is considered "excessively absent" from school. **Any time not in school will be documented and counted towards the student's attendance record. Tardies and/or early leave from school will be tracked and will be counted towards the attendance record.** Absences with a written medical excuse will not count towards a student's attendance record. It is strongly encouraged to obtain a medical note from your health care provider when appointments and medical needs take place during the school day.





# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello! Who would believe it? August is already here, summer break is nearly in the rear view mirror, Fall sports are well underway, and we are ready to welcome students back into the building on August 21st for the first day of school. I hope all have been able to enjoy the beautiful summer we have been blessed with. While the staff here at FRLS has had the opportunity to relax and reset for the new school year, that does not mean the school has not been buzzing with activity. The summer cleaning, technology, and maintenance crews have done a spectacular job of preparing the building for another school year; many projects have been completed to enhance the beautification and practicality of our facilities; and students have been active on the premises with FFA, Band Camp, and sports practices.

The high school staff will see just a few changes for this upcoming school year. Mrs. Taylor (Thien) Franck has been hired to fill the big shoes left by Mr. Joe Bruns in the high school math department. The kitchen crew will see a complete turnover with the retirements of Mrs. Norma Pottkotter and Mrs. Karen Schwieterman. Mrs. Kate Timmerman takes over as the lead cook, with Mrs. Susan Pugh coming from the EMS building and Mrs. Tanya Storie as a new hire filling the roles of cooks as well. We will also see Mrs. Chelsea Kahlig back in the high school building for part of the day as she will be splitting time between both buildings this school year. We welcome all of these amazing people to their new roles here at FRHS!

The 2024-25 school year will also see some exciting changes in our programming here at FRHS. Sports Officiating is now an official class option for all students, providing students with an opportunity to earn their officiating license in six different sports. Also, a new math class, titled "Mathematical Modeling and Reasoning", has been added as an alternative to Algebra 2. This course is designed to promote reasoning, problem-solving and modeling through real-world and relevant units focused on mathematical practices, including topics such as vacation planning, driving for gas, and loan calculations. Additionally, there will be more opportunities for students to earn relevant licenses throughout different classes that can be utilized post-graduation, including the possibility of drone flying! All students at the high school will have access to PLT4M, a K-12 wellness platform that will provide students with tools to improve their physical and mental well-being. Finally, the implementation of an incentive program based around student engagement will hopefully help us see an increase in the amount of activities students participate in throughout the school year. These encompass just a few of the many relevant programs we offer here at Fort Recovery.

Looking ahead, schedule pick-up for the students in grades 10-12 will begin on August 14th, with the high school office open from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each weekday. Freshman Orientation will take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 19th. Open building for the high school will also be held on August 19th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Students will begin school on Aug. 21st.

Please be sure to review the high school and district website for very valuable information regarding the school year. You can access these sites by going to [fortrecoveryschools.org](http://fortrecoveryschools.org). There are several helpful links and documents that may be of interest to everyone, whether you have students in school or not. Also, be sure to follow the school on Facebook (@FRHighSchool) and Twitter (@FRHSPrincipal) for additional updates as well.

I look forward to another great year here at Fort Recovery High School. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Ryan Steinbrunner, HS Principal  
[steinbrunnerr@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:steinbrunnerr@fortrecoveryschools.org)  
419-375-4111  
Twitter - @FRHSPrincipal  
Facebook - @FRHighSchool

## Dates to Remember

- Aug. 14** - Gr.10-12 Schedule Pick Up Begins, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. daily.
- Aug. 19** - Freshman Orientation, 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
- HS Building Open House, 3:30-7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21** - First Day of School
- Aug. 27** - HS Picture Day
- Sept. 2** - Labor Day, No School
- Oct. 11** - Homecoming Game
- Oct. 12** - Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 18** - End of 1st Nine Weeks

## FRHS Guidance News

College and Military Reps will be at FRHS throughout the fall. Check out the calendar outside the Guidance Office or on the school website for updates!



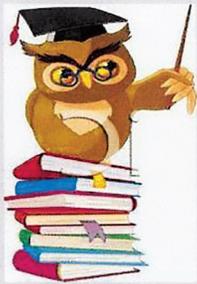
**SENIORS should apply to college in October.**  
(Some schools have a Nov. 1 deadline)

Senior college applications...

### What's the difference between Early Action and Early Decision?

Early decision plans are binding — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must withdraw all other college applications.

Early action plans are nonbinding — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1.



### Attention: Junior and Senior Parents

Mrs. Kaiser will provide students with a yearly checklist, schedules, handouts, info about college & careers, financial aid, college visits, and a copy of the monthly guidance/scholarship newsletter in September.

There will also be a **Financial Aid Night** in the fall. Stay tuned for details.

*All of these documents will be available on the school website (click on high school > guidance homepage)*

### HS Parents: Want to be informed?

Would you like to receive a copy of the emails that Mrs. Kaiser sends your students about future planning? (college and career info, jr/sr checklists, CC+ reminders, financial aid, scholarships, newsletters, etc.)

If so, simply send an email to [kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org) with the subject line "subscribe"



The ASVAB will be offered in September to any JR/SR interested in the U.S.

**Military**

Test will be given at the Tri Star building  
See Mrs. Kaiser in August for details

### 2024-2025 ACT Test Dates

#### ACT National Test Dates

September 14  
October 26  
December 14  
February 8  
March 11 (*Juniors at FRHS*)  
April 5  
June 14  
July 12

#### Registration Deadlines

August 9  
September 20  
November 8  
January 3  
*will register at school*  
February 28  
May 9  
June 6

Register at [myact.org](http://myact.org)

FRHS CEEB code is 362-165

We encourage ALL students to JOB SHADOW and take COLLEGE VISITS

These days do not count as absences (pending proper paperwork).  
Stop by the guidance office if you are interested.



**U.S. Service Academy Nominations are now being accepted**

See Mrs. Kaiser for details

~~~~ Any questions should be directed to Amy Kaiser, [kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org) ~~~~

## Transportation

There will be a transportation information table set up at Open Building Night on Monday, August 19th at the EMS building.

1. New this year: Full routes will not be posted on our website. Instead, beginning on Wednesday, August 14, after board approval, your child's bus number and pick-up/drop off times will be located on their transportation tab in FinalForms.
  - a. Log in to your child's page
  - b. Click on "Forms"
  - c. Click on "Transportation"
  - d. Information on Bus# and times will be at the top of the page
2. Please be sure to sign up for the Remind app for your child's bus. Information will be available at the open building.
3. If at any time in the school year there is a **PERMANENT** bus route change please update your final forms. This will notify us of the change and we will contact you when the change has been made. Any questions feel free to reach out to Stacy Laux at [lauxs@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:lauxs@fortrecoveryschools.org).
4. We will not be issuing bus passes for the 2024-25 school year. Students will not be permitted to ride any bus other than their own. If your child is having a friend over you will need to arrange Alternative Transportation. Please limit daily transportation changes unless it is an emergency. This creates confusion for the child/children, teachers, secretaries and bus drivers.
5. In-Town Stop locations will remain at Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home and at the Fort Recovery Visitor's Center.
6. If your child walks to the bus stop or to school, please practice with your child before school starts.

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# BUS RULES

1. Observe same conduct as in the classroom.
2. Be courteous, use no profane language.
3. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
4. Keep the bus clean.
5. Cooperate with the driver.
6. Do not smoke.
7. Do not be destructive.
8. Stay in your seat. Keep feet out of the aisles.
9. Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus.
10. Bus driver is authorized to assign seats.

## Fort Recovery Band Ice Cream Social

The band hosted a successful ice cream social on Saturday, July 27th. The band played their reveal show, "Industrial Revolution." Mr. Knuth and the band say thank you to all the helpers, donators, and those who came out to show their support.

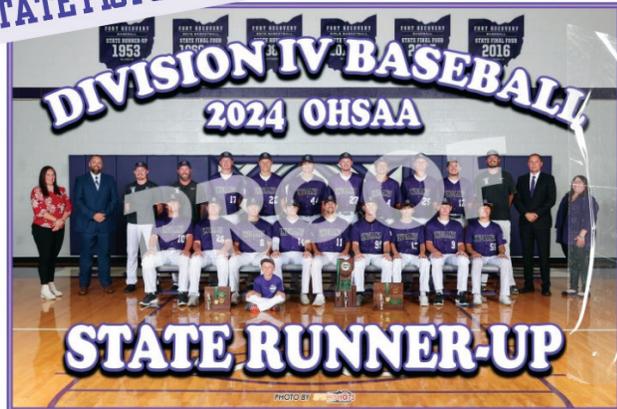




# FR ATHLETICS

## NEWS

### STATE PICTURE SALE



Visit [fortrecoveryathletics.org](http://fortrecoveryathletics.org)  
More-Indian Headquarters-2024  
State Baseball Picture Form,  
or the HS office.  
Deadline to order Aug. 31st

### STREAMING SERVICE



[www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com)  
\$11.99/month or  
\$79.99/year

### FRLS FACILITY USAGE

JEROME AND MAURICE GRIESHOP  
ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITY

**HOURS**

Monday-Friday:  
4:30 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.  
6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Saturday:  
4:30 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.  
12:00 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Sunday:  
4:30 A.M. - 10 P.M.

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SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
THE FACILITY CALENDAR

PLEASE CALL (419) 375-4111 TO  
REPORT ANY PROBLEMS OR TO  
SCHEDULE THE FACILITY.

Renew your SAC fob during August  
cost= \$20/year  
Non-renewed fobs expire on August  
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To apply to use a school facility visit  
[www.fortrecoveryschools.org](http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org)  
Community, FRLS facility rental,  
Usage form

### MERCHANDISE SALE



## MERCH DROP

JULY 22  
-AUG 9  
ONLINE OR  
IN STORE

SPREAD  
INDIAN  
SPIRIT!



OFFSET  
COST OF  
OFFICIALS,  
EQUIPMENT,  
TRAVEL, ETC.

[HTTPS://FRATHLETICS.SPIRITSALE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://frathletics.spiritsale.com/products)  
or visit Be You Apparel in downtown FR





## SEASON TICKETS

### 2024 Fort Recovery Athletics Season Tickets

Please note the Pass pickup date for each available type of pass!

| All-Sports (HS/JH):                               |                           | Adult           | Student  |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
|                                                   | Aug. 13, 8am-12, 1-3:30pm | \$ 150.00       | \$ 50.00 |
| JH Pass (Fall/Winter):                            |                           | Adult           | Student  |
|                                                   | Aug. 13, 8am-12, 1-3:30pm | \$ 25.00        | \$ 10.00 |
| Football:                                         |                           | Adult           | Student  |
| Varsity                                           | Aug. 13, 8am-12, 1-3:30pm | \$ 25.00        | \$ 15.00 |
| Girls Basketball:                                 |                           | Adult           | Student  |
| JV/Varsity                                        | Nov. 12, 8am-12, 1-3:30pm | \$ 55.00        | \$ 35.00 |
| Boys Basketball:                                  |                           | Adult           | Student  |
| JV/Varsity                                        | Nov. 12, 8am-12, 1-3:30pm | \$ 55.00        | \$ 35.00 |
| Senior Citizen: Does not include reserved seating |                           | 65+ FR Resident |          |
|                                                   | Aug. 13, 8am-12, 1-3:30pm | \$ 30.00        |          |

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sports Physicals

Must be turned in to practice/play

### Fall Senior Nights

September 20- Cross Country and Band

September 26- Boys and Girls Golf

October 10- Volleyball

October 18- Fall Cheer and Football

### Student Appreciation Nights

September 3, HS Volleyball

September 20, HS Football

### State Recognition Night

December 27- State Athletes

### Athletic Booster HOF Night

January 25-Ceremony and Booster Bash

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We continue to encourage and promote the attendance of the entire student body at FRLS. It is important to keep a safe and respectful environment for our home and away events.

1. During the singing and playing of our National Anthem respect should be shown. Students should remove their hats and stand respectfully facing the flag.

2. Good Sportsmanship should be displayed at ALL times. Please be respectful during both roster announcements (DON'T TURN YOUR BACKS).

3. School rules (including disciplinary consequences) apply at all after school events.

## HELP NEEDED

**-GRAPHICS/SOCIAL MEDIA**

**-PROMOTIONS**

**-GAMEDAY STAFF**

**-CLOCK/SCOREBOARD**

**-DJ**

**-MORE**

**POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR ALL SEASONS!**

**CONTACT AIMEE  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
TODAY!**



## FORT RECOVERY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS HALL OF FAME

Fort Recovery Athletic Booster Hall of Fame nomination forms are available now through September 1st!

Visit the HS Office or [fortrecoveryathletics.org](http://fortrecoveryathletics.org) More-Hall of Fame-Nomination Form to nominate someone today!

PAID Booster members will receive a ballot. Join the Athletic Boosters today!





# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy August! Wouldn't you know it, it's that time of the year again. The beginning of another new school year approaches rapidly. I can't wait to see all the smiling faces in the building.

We will be welcoming some new faces to the middle school! Hannah Siegel will be replacing Patty Lefeld in the 8th Grade ELA Classroom, and Trisha Dues will be filling the vacancy left by Susan Pugh's transfer to the HS kitchen. We are excited for our new additions to the middle school staff!

Schedule pick-up for the students will begin on August 14th. The middle school office will be open from 8:00-3:00 each day beginning on this day. Open building for the middle school will be held on Monday, August 19th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. We will also have an optional parent meeting that same evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditoria for parent(s) of any middle school child. Please feel free to stop into this meeting with your child to hear important information about the upcoming school year. I promise to keep it short and sweet.

A reminder that once the school year begins the school building will remain locked until 8:00 a.m. No students will be permitted to enter the school until 8:00. At the end of the school day, walkers will not be released until all buses have departed the back parking lot. **NO** students are permitted to be picked up in the church parking lot as well. Please be courteous and respectful of the safety of all our students when dropping off and picking up your children.

Also, a reminder that all incoming 7th grade students will need to have their adult TDap and Meningitis vaccinations prior to starting the 7th grade. You will need to provide a copy of your vaccination form to the middle school office. If you have any questions, or have had trouble getting an appointment scheduled, please contact the Mercer County Health Department or the middle school office for additional information.

I look forward to another great school year at FRMS. If you don't already, please follow Fort Recovery Middle School on Facebook to see the work of our students highlighted throughout the school year. And as always, do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Have a great rest of your summer,  
Holly Gann  
Middle School Principal  
(419) 375 - 2815 ext. 301  
gannh@fortrecoveryschools.org

## **Dates to Remember**

**Aug. 14** - Student Schedules Ready for Pickup in MS Office.

**Aug. 19** - Meet the Teacher Night, 3:30-7 p.m.  
- MS Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Auditoria.

**Aug. 21** - First Day of School

**Sept. 2** - Labor Day (No School)

**Sept. 10** - MS Picture Day



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer and that your kids are enjoying their time off. Our staff have been busily working preparing the building, classrooms, and curriculum over the summer, and we cannot wait for the kids to get back to school. Thank you to all of our custodians, technology department, and extra summer workers who have worked so hard to get the building ready for all of the staff and students!

We have a great school year planned for our students! New this year at Fort Recovery Elementary School is the addition of the *Purposefull People* program, which will help us teach the Indian Way. This program focuses on a positive character trait each month, and will teach students the importance of community, growth, and responsibility. Parents will get an update on this program monthly, and will find that there are lots of ways to support this work at home. We will start the year with a "kindness kickoff!"

Here are some information and reminders to keep in mind as the beginning of the school year approaches:

- The "Parents/Students" section of [fortrecoveryschools.org](http://fortrecoveryschools.org) is full of useful links that you might need throughout the school year, including information about lunch accounts and menus as well as how to sign up for our messaging system, "One Call Now."
- "Final Forms" should be complete for your students' registration already, but if not, please complete these as soon as possible. The link to Final Forms can be found at our district website under the heading "Parents/Students." Please make sure that the email address you enter on these forms is up-to-date, as we will be using it to send out newsletters and other important information.
- Current school supply lists can be found on our district website under the heading "Elementary Forms/Documents." Ohio's tax free holiday is July 30-August 8 this year and includes school supplies as well as clothes and shoes. This is a great chance to save a little money while doing your back-to-school shopping.
- Fort Recovery Local Schools will be hosting our Meet the Teacher Open house on Monday, August 19th from 3:30-7:00pm. Feel free to stop by and visit the Elementary School! You and your students can drop off any purchased supplies, pay fees and lunch accounts, check out bus routes and dismissal information, and most importantly, meet your child's new teachers.
- Grades 3-5 will be doing a canned meat fundraiser with Cooper Farms beginning Aug. 23 and running through Sept. 5. If you'd like to order and you don't know any students selling, feel free to call or stop by the office. We can help you get an order placed.
- Please "follow" the Fort Recovery Elementary School Facebook page so you can stay in touch with all of the great things happening this school year.

I can't wait to see everyone and get the school year started! It's going to be a great year!

Laura Brandt, FRES Principal  
brandtl@fortrecoveryschools.org  
(419) 375-2768 ext. 201

## Dates to Remember

- Aug. 19** - Meet the Teacher Open House, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21** - Students' First Day of School
- Aug. 23 - Sept. 5** - Cooper Canned Meat Fundraiser
- Aug. 26** - First day of PreKindergarten
- Sept. 2** - Labor Day (No School)
- Sept. 11** - Elementary Picture Day
- Oct. 7** - Teacher PD Day, (No School)
- Oct. 16** - Cooper Canned Meat Pick-up at the Bus Barn

Fort Recovery Elementary School hosted Camp Laffalot in June. Students participated in sports and fun activities, making new friends and great memories.



## **“John Denver” Comes to Fort Recovery**

At 2:00 p.m. on September 22, John Denver, in the person of Ted Vigil, will be performing in Fort Recovery at the Elementary School Auditoria, 865 Sharpsburg Road, 45846. The audience will hear popular Denver songs such as: Country Roads, Rocky Mountain High, Leaving on a Jet Plane, Thank God I’m a Country Boy, Annie’s Song, etc.

Admission for this Fort Recovery Opera House Fundraiser are \$20 for tickets bought in advance at either Kaup Pharmacy or Tin Cupboard Restaurant in Fort Recovery, (or from any Opera House Committee Member). Tickets can also be purchased by calling 419-375-3034. Those tickets (bought over the phone with a credit card) will be mailed to the purchaser. Tickets bought at the door the day of the concert will cost \$25. Concert profits will benefit the Morvilius Opera House renovation.

For more Information about John Denver, Ted Vigil, the Tribute Show or to hear a song from the show, go to [www.tedvigil.com](http://www.tedvigil.com) or the Ted Vigil Facebook page: Ted Vigil/John Denver. For more information on the Sept. 22, Fort Recovery Concert, call 419-852-6110. A sample ticket can be seen on the Morvilius Opera House Facebook Page.



# ONE-OF-A-KIND AUCTION

## November 3, 2024



The Fort Recovery Historical Society & Project Recovery will be holding their annual “ONE-OF-A-KIND AUCTION” on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School Auditoria. The theme of the auction this year is “AMERICANA”. This event has become the major source of funds to support the maintenance of Fort Recovery historical sites including the operation of the Visitor’s Center, and providing educational programs and literature.

We are currently collecting items for the auction that could be considered unique or one-of-a-kind, along with any other items that are Americana related. The committee is hoping for a collection of items associated with the culture and history of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and the United States. These can be historical in nature or new items! If you would like to donate an item you think is appropriate, you may contact Randy or Mary Diller at 419-852-3374, [marydiller@gmail.com](mailto:marydiller@gmail.com).

Mark your calendar and plan to come help us celebrate our “AMERICANA” for an enjoyable evening with great food, beautiful decorations, and unique and fun auction items.  
Sunday, November 3, 2024 Doors open at 5pm

**Fort Recovery Local Schools**  
**400 E. Butler Street**  
**Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846**