

Fort Recovery FFA Chapter:

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Fort Recovery Holds 94th Annual FFA Banquet

FORT RECOVERY, OH – The Fort Recovery FFA recently held its annual banquet at the Fort Recovery Middle School Auditorium with approximately 370 members, parents, and agribusiness leaders in attendance. The banquet serves as public display of all the hard work done by the members in the past year. Fort Recovery Chapter President, Lucas Acheson, called the banquet to order. Chapter Sentinel, Owen Knapke, gave the invocation and the buffet-style meal was served.

With 157 members, the Fort Recovery FFA participates in numerous events, including career developmental, fundraisers, and community service projects. This year, seven members will receive their State FFA Degree, which includes Drew Backs, Cassidy Dues, Evan Evers, Matthew Romer, Allison Knapke, Zach Schoenlein, and Mara Wenning. Six other members Elizabeth Alig, Ethan Evers, Emma Keller, Alayna Laux, Megan Metzger, and Miranda Metzger will receive their American FFA Degree. Only half of a percent of all members receive their American FFA Degree.

Many other awards were given out to members for dedicated service and commitment to the chapter and all its activities. The Star in Agribusiness Placement Award was given to Liz Hartings, Star Greenhand, Carter Fortkamp, Star Farmer, Lucas Acheson, and the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award was awarded to Allison Knapke. The chapter also awarded Kristi Post as Honorary FFA Member for her dedicated service to the chapter, serving as this year's Equine judging team instructor.

Among other events at the banquet, the chapter held its annual Pie Auction that raised \$5,225. The proceeds from the auction are returned to the students to allow them to

participate at the State FFA Convention, FFA Camp, and National FFA Convention. The Pie buyers were Fortkamp Foam, ESB Farms, Gilbert Station, Green's Quality Meats, J & M Manufacturing, LeFevre Farms, Carl Link, North Star Hardware, Party Tents N-More, The People's Bank, Prenger's Inc., Wendel Poultry Service, and the WOW. A special thanks to the other individuals who made a contribution after the auction and to all those that supported the FFA chapter.

Many area businesses donated money to support the awards program and table flavors. Those Platinum businesses were American Legion Post 345, Chris Shoemaker Farms, Cooper Farms, Fort Recovery Insurance, Hull Brothers, J&M Manufacturing, K&L Tractor Sales, Mercer County Electric, Mercer Landmark, Miracle Lanes, NAPA, Post Excavating & Landscaping, Ted Homan Auto Repair, Wenning Poultry, Wuebker Construction. Those Gold businesses include Cheeseman Trucking, Mercer County Farm Bureau, and Midwest Rebuilds. The Silver businesses were Faller Mechanical, Fort Recovery Lumber, Green's Quality Meats, Kleinhenz Brothers Livestock, Metzger Oil, Park National Bank, Truland Equipment, Vore's Welding & Steel, and Werling & Son's Stockyard. Finally the Bronze businesses were Hastings Auto Sales, Inc., Lefeld Welding & Supplies, and Wrangler Ace Hardware.

A special thanks goes to the Fort Recovery school board and administrators for making this event possible.