

# **Fort Recovery FFA Chapter:**

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## **Fort Recovery Holds 95<sup>th</sup> Annual FFA Banquet**

FORT RECOVERY, OH – The Fort Recovery FFA recently held its annual banquet at the Fort Recovery Middle School Auditorium with approximately 350 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, Gabe Acheson, called the banquet to order. Chapter Sentinel, Georgia Wenning, gave the invocation and the buffet-style meal was served.

With 154 members, the Fort Recovery FFA participates in numerous events, including career developmental, fundraisers, and community service projects. This year, seventeen members will receive their State FFA Degree, which includes Gabe Acheson, Ella Bechtol, Wes Bechtol, Kylia Dues, Luke Fortkamp, Alex Gaerke, Eli Hawk, Evan Keller, Wes Keller, Brylee Kremer, Autumn Leuthold, Keegan Muhlenkamp, Aleigha Overman, Kylie Post, Hayden Siefring, Clete Timmerman, and Tyler Wendel. Lucas Acheson, Wes Bechtol, Alex Dues, Elizabeth Hartings, Evan Keller, Allison Knapke, Owen Knapke, and Liberty Pohlman will receive their American FFA Degree, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization.

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 Kyle Huntsman and Cody Klenke, the Star Greenhand Award was given to Jackson Dues and Hoyt Schmitz, the Star Farmer Award went to Jake Fortkamp, and the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award was awarded to Kassidy Dues and Zach Schoenlein. The chapter also

awarded Carl Link as Honorary FFA Member for his many years of dedicated service to the chapter.

Among other events at the banquet, the chapter held its annual Pie Auction that raised \$7,925. 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 Tim Barman, Fortkamp Foam, Fort Recovery Ambassadors, Green's Quality Meats, J & M Manufacturing, Carl Link, Party Tents N-More, Wendel's BBQ, WOW, and Wuebker Construction. A special thanks to the other individuals who made a contribution after the auction.

Many area businesses donated money to support the awards program and table favors. The Platinum Sponsors included Fort Recovery Insurance, Home Idea Center, J & M Manufacturing, K & L Tractor Sales, Mike Kahlig & Son, Mercer Co. Electric, Mercer Landmark, NAPA, Skully's Automotive Detailing, Skully's Speed Shop, and Wuebker Construction. The Gold Sponsors included Buschur's Custom Farm Service, Cheesman Trucking, Fort Electric, Green's Quality Meats, and Wendel Poultry Service. The Silver Sponsors included B & F Rental, Cheesman Trucking, Faller Mechanical, Metzger Oil, Vore's Welding & Steel, and Werling & Son's Stockyard. The Bronze Sponsors included businesses were DC Welders, Farm Credit Services, and Lefeld Industrial & Welding Supply.

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