



FORT LORAMIE FFA

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Fort Loramie FFA's Greenhouse Sale
- Get to Know the FFA Chapter Reporter and Sentinel
- Calendar of Events for the Fort Loramie FFA
- A Look Into the Classroom
- FFA Support Group Meeting Planned
- New FFA Website



# FFA in AG-tion

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## Greenhouse is Open!

**The Fort Loramie FFA Greenhouse opened Tuesday!**

**Sale Dates :** Tuesday, April 26th until Thursday, May 26th.

**Sale Hours :** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10am – 4pm

Wednesday : 10am - 6pm

Saturday: 8am - 12 pm

**Bulk Black Mulch will also be available select Saturdays from 8 am - 12 pm:**

May 7th, May 14th, May 21st

### Hanging Baskets

\$12.00 Supertunia : *Red, white, yellow, raspberry blast, bordeaux*  
 Combo Baskets : *White bacopa with yellow supertunia*  
*Vinca wine with white supertunia*

\$9.00 Bronze Sweet Potato Vine  
 Lime Sweet Potato Vine  
 White Bacopa

### 1 Gallon Pot

\$4.00 Asparagus

### 6" Pot

\$4.00 Geraniums: *red, white, bright pink*

\$3.00 Bacopa: *white*

### 4" Pot

\$5.00 Drancaena (Cordylena Ruby): *pink*

\$3.00 Draceaena (Spikes): *green*

Ipomoea (Sweet Potato Vine): *lime, black*

\$2.00 Wave Petunia: *red, white, lavender, blue, pink, purple*

### Flat (18 plants)

\$2.00 each Coleus: *Kong Rose*

Asparagus Fern

Vinca Vine

"Fort Loramie" Variety Strawberry

\$1.50 each/\$25 per 18 count flat

Wave Petunia: *red, white, lavender, blue, pink, purple*

### Flat (36 plants)

\$0.50 each/\$1.00 per 3 pack/\$12.00 per 36 count flat

Flowers

Salvia: *red, blue*

Petunias: *midnight, pink, red, white*

Double Petunia: *mix*

Marigold: *gold*

Begonias: *red, pink, white*

Snapdragon: *mix*

Impatiens: *lipstick, red, orange, violet, white*

Fruit/Vegetables

Tomatoes: *Beefmaster, Betterboy, Roma, Cherry*

Peppers: *Red Bell, Green Bell, Sweet Banana,*

*Jalapeno*

Broccoli Cabbage

Cucumbers Pumpkins

Melons

We can also fill orders for planter pots!  
 Cost is determined by plants as list price and soil cost...no charge for labor!  
 Please schedule early so we can have them to you as requested!

2.6 Ft<sup>2</sup> bag  
 Metro Mix Potting Soil  
 \$15.00

# Officer Spotlight - Reporter



## Katelyn's Quick Questions

**Favorite Color**  
Pink

**Favorite Movie**  
The Notebook

**Last Book You Read**  
The Last Song

**Favorite Food**  
Orange Chicken  
Chinese Food

**1st Pet's Name**  
Casey

Informing others that FFA is a national organization is a main goal of an FFA Reporter. Katelyn Seger surpassed her goal of informing others about Fort Loramie FFA events with her numerous newspaper articles and updates. As incoming President, Katelyn has new goals we are certain she will reach.

### What is your SAE?

I actually currently have 4 SAE's this school year, which tends to keep me extra busy all year around. In the winter, I help my dad with the farm's accounting work which includes filing important papers, sending out mailings, and also balancing the books. In the spring, I spend several hours during school and after school working in our chapter's greenhouse. Everyday after school I am able to water and debut the plants as well as work

on a personable level with the customers helping them choose their plants. In the summer, my SAE's include preparing my 2 market hogs for the Shelby County Fair and also taking care of my large tomato patch. I stay busy working on my SAE's and I have learned a lot with each one.

### Favorite FFA memory

My favorite FFA memory would definitely be our trip to National Convention. Whether we were listening to the officers go through opening ceremonies, touring Indianapolis or at the Lady Antebellum concert, we had a great time and made lots of new friends and memories that will last a lifetime. I would encourage any member to take the time to go and see what the National FFA Convention is all about. The vast amount of blue and gold corduroy jackets flood the city and make for an unforgettable trip.

### What is your greatest accomplishment in FFA?

I believe my greatest accomplishment so far in the Fort Loramie FFA has been being voted and inducted into

the office of President of the chapter for the 2011-2012 school year. I will only be a junior and I feel very privileged to be selected as President. I will work extra hard in order to make our chapter proud. I feel we can grow to even higher heights and I hope we can achieve a top rating as a chapter.

### Tips for Next Year's Reporter

Always stay on top of your pictures and articles, and always think about what needs done next. Hopefully you won't run into as many problems and computer issues as I did; but if you do, just make sure to smile and give me a call. I will help you if I can.

### Goals for chapter next year

I have several goals for chapter next year all centered around striving for success. I believe that this year all members will be given a chance to shine as well as plant their seeds for success. As I said in my Challenge Speech at the banquet, "Striving for success without hard work is like harvesting where you haven't planted."

## Calendar of FFA Events

- April 26** - Greenhouse Opens
- May 2** - Grain Merchandising CDE
- May 3** - Area IV Envirothon Contest
- May 5-6** - State FFA Convention
- May 7** - Mulch Sale
- May 10** - FFA "Support Group" Planning meeting
- May 13** - Spring Cook Out
- May 14** - Mulch Sale
- May 18** - Officer Meeting, 7:15 am
- May 19** - FFA meeting, 7pm
- May 21** - Mulch Sale
- May 24** - QA Make-up, 6:30-8pm, Extension Office
- May 26** - Last Day of School!!!



# Officer Spotlight - Sentinel

As a prime example that FFA is more than just sows, cows, and plows, Ashley Holthaus balances being an FFA officer and a State FCCLA officer. Ashley may not live on a farm, but her knowledge, talents, and involvement in the industry has blossomed into a great success.

## What is your greatest accomplishment in FFA?

My greatest accomplishment in FFA has been competing in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE. Last year, our Parliamentary Procedure team competed at sub-districts and advanced to the district level. Although we fell short of making it to the state competition, we still accomplished one of our goals and that

was to advance to the district level. I learned a lot about Parliamentary Procedure and have been able to apply my knowledge through various other meetings and events.

## What is your SAE?

My SAE is my market rabbits. My sisters and I have taken rabbits to the fair for several years. This project requires great responsibility. Each morning, my sisters and I get up early to take care of the rabbits. This includes feeding and watering them, as well as training them for show at the Shelby County Fair.

## Favorite FFA memory

My favorite memory of the FFA would have to be FFA Camp. I attended Camp the summer of my sophomore year. I had the opportunity of meeting other FFA members from across the state. Although camp had a lot of structured activity, we also had plenty of free time. During free time, Stacie and I decided to shoot claybirds. I had never fired a gun before, so I was definitely a little nervous. I ended up hitting one! It was the

most exciting feeling!

## Capstone Progress

My capstone is all about composting. I have been collecting food waste from the cafeteria along with scrap paper, sawdust, and greenhouse waste. All of these ingredients have been in the process of developing compost. I constructed composting bins by using wood and field tile. The goal is to produce rich, organic matter after all of the added materials are broken down.

## What are your plans for next year?

I will be attending Bowling Green State University next fall. I will major in Middle Childhood Education. I am looking forward to starting the next chapter of my life at Bowling Green. I was also recently selected to be a member of the 2011 Cohort of the Sidney A. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy, which is a great opportunity that I have to be an active student on campus.



## Ashley's Quick Questions

**Favorite Color**  
Pink! :)

**Favorite Movie**  
Titanic

**Last Book Read**  
The Kindness of Strangers

**Favorite Food**  
Lasagna

**1st Pet's Name**  
Whiskers

# In the Classroom

***Under the instruction of Sarah Heilers, the Fort Loramie Agricultural Education classes are busy learning about many facets of agriculture.***

## Senior Capstone

With the end of school year quickly approaching, capstone projects are reaching completion. As students are finishing up their projects, they are also looking for underclassmen to take on the project next year. The goal is to continue the success started this year as well as expand on the ideas that were started.

## Animal & Plant Bioscience

In a Plant Science unit, students have learned how plants can be classified and have been working on group presentations regarding the following plant functions: germination, photosynthesis, reproduction, respiration, and transpiration. Students have also been working in the greenhouse transplanting vegetable seedlings and trimming plants to prepare them for the upcoming greenhouse sale.

## Plant & Horticulture Science

Students have learned about types of small engines used in the horticultural industry including 2 cycle, 4 cycle, gas, and diesel. They created presentations on the 4 strokes of a 4 cycle engine and learned the components of a small, air-cooled engine. Next they will learn to use specialty tools that will be required to disassemble and reassemble a small engine, such as valve spring compressors, torque wrenches, and piston ring compressors.

# Fort Loramie FFA Banquet



**State Degree Recipients**  
Ben Barhorst  
Dustin Schemmel  
Doug Seger



**American Degree Recipients**  
Nathan Holthaus, Tyler Magoto,  
Jake Meyer, Beth Poeppelman,  
Guy Meinerding, Kyle Poeppelman



**Honorary Chapter Member**  
Aaron Heilers



**Exceptional Service Award**  
Pam Meyer and Sam Schulze

On Sunday, April 10, 2011, over 150 FFA members, parents, and community members gathered for the Annual Fort Loramie FFA Banquet. Attendees enjoyed a catered meal, video slideshow of activities, and the presentation of awards. Students were awarded for CDEs, scholarships, and outstanding participation in chapter activities.



**Proficiency Awards**  
Brandon Barlage - 2nd at districts  
Doug Seger - State finalist



**Gold Rated Officer Books**  
Dustin Schemmel - Treasurer  
Brandon Barlage - Secretary  
Katelyn Seger - Reporter



**FFA High Point Award**  
Logan Schwartz, Brandon Barlage,  
and Stacie Seger



**Star Committee Chair**  
Dusty Hickerson  
Chair of Agriculture Awareness  
Committee



The Elementary Cafeteria was decorated with programs, placemats, hanging baskets, and a slideshow of the year.



Posters of the Senior Capstone Projects were displayed along with the gold rated officer books and Fort Loramie FFA bumper stickers and window clings.

### Additional Awards Presented

- Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment** - Pam Meyer
- Star Greenhand** - Andy Meyer
- Star Chapter Farmer** - Katelyn Seger
- Star in Agriscience** - Doug Seger
- Star in Agribusiness** - Stacie Seger
- Star Committee** - Citizenship Committee



Greenhand, Meghan Bruns, recites the FFA Creed before the Greenhand Degree Ceremonies.



Four FFA Seniors were presented scholarships at the banquet. Stacie Seger and Pam Meyer received the FFA Scholarship. Ashley Holthaus and Dustin Schemmel both received the Raffle Scholarship

### 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Officer Teams



### The 2011-2012 Officer Team



- Sentinel** - Laura Poeppleman, daughter of Dan and Diane Poepplem
- President** - Katelyn Seger, daughter of Ken and Janice Seger
- Reporter** - Meghan Bruns, daughter of Jeanie Bruns
- Treasurer** - Taylor Broerman, daughter of Randy and Crista Broerman
- Advisor** - Sarah Heilers
- Student Advisor** - Andy Meyer, son of Bill and Deb Meyer
- Vice President** - Doug Seger, son of Dan and Yvonne Seger
- Secretary** - Brandon Barlage, son of Brain and Denise Barlage
- Parliamentarian** - Ben Barhorst, son of Don and Becky Barhorst

# Starting an FFA Alumni Support Group

Passion for the agricultural industry and the FFA organization is deeply rooted in the area. Full time farmers, past FFA members, and people who just want to see the current FFA Chapter thrive are coming together to organize a group to support the Fort Lo-

ramie FFA chapter. The direct mission and goals of the group is still in the brainstorming stage. There will be a meeting held May 10th to share ideas and join the group. The meeting will be held at the Seger Farm's Office at 5167 Fort Loramie-Swanders Road.

If you have ideas for the group or would just like to be a part of a support group for the Fort Loramie FFA, please attend this meeting. Questions can be directed to Nick Seger at 937-538-1460.

## Ohio Ag Net FFA Site



As a component of her senior agricultural capstone project, Stacie Seger has obtained an onsite reporting job with Ohio Ag Net. After a video application, Stacie and 3 other youth from around the state earned positions to work with Heather Hettrick, a

radio host and sales director for Ohio Ag Net, on a few special projects. The other reporters include Devon Alexander from the Anna FFA, Spencer Williams from Upper Scioto Valley/Ohio Hi Point Career Center FFA, and Eileen Gress from the Triway FFA Chapter.

The youth reporters are spotlighting outstanding and unique chapters and members from across the state. The reporters have enjoyed conducting the personal interviews and then writing articles that are displayed on the FFA portion of the Ohio Ag Net website.

The Youth reporters will also serve as reporters at the upcoming State FFA Convention. They'll be covering the event from the members point of view, providing updates, photos and videos to the FFA section.

The FFA section of the Ohio Ag Net website was developed to allow chapters to display pictures, contest results, and news releases. The website's goal is to connect chapters and allow them to share ideas.

*Interested?*  
Visit [www.ocj.com/ffa](http://www.ocj.com/ffa)

### The 2011-2012 Officer Team

**President** - Katelyn Seger  
**Vice President** - Doug Seger  
**Secretary** - Brandon Barlage  
**Treasurer** - Taylor Broerman  
**Reporter** - Meghan Bruns  
**Student Advisor** - Andy Meyer  
**Sentinel** - Laura Poeppelman  
**Parliamentarian** - Ben Barhorst

## Follow Us On Facebook!

Search "Fort Loramie FFA Chapter" and "Like" us to stay informed about chapter happenings, fundraisers, community service activities, and ways to support the program!



*Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Sewe.*