



FORT LORAMIE FFA

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# FFA in AG-tion

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## Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board

With the passage of Issue 2 in November of 2009, Ohioans approved the creation of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board (OLCSB). The purpose of the board was to develop comprehensive livestock care standards that will promote safe and affordable food, help prevent the outbreak of both animal and human diseases, and will encourage local food production. The board hopes to strengthen the connection between Ohio's farm families and its consumers through an open and transparent process to hear from Ohio citizens regarding this issue.

After a rigorous fall schedule with many meetings and public conferences, OLCSB approved the following rules, which have received legislative approval through the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and are now in effect.

Effective since January 20, 2011, the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board approved rules re-

garding euthanasia and civil penalties. When euthanizing an animal with inhalant agents, "carbon dioxide is the only chemical to be used for euthanasia of animals

- Members of the Board**
- Director Zehringer**, *Chairman of the board, ex officio*
  - Tony Forshey**, *State Veterinarian*
  - Leon Weaver**, *Veterinarian*
  - Jeff Wuebker**, *Statewide Farm Organization Rep*
  - Bobby Moser**, *Agriculture Dean*
  - Jeffrey LeJeune**, *Food safety expert*
  - Harold Dates**, *County Humane Society Representative*
  - Jerry Lahmers**, *Statewide Farm Organization Rep*
  - Lisa M. Hamler-Fugitt**, *Consumer*
  - Robert Cole**, *Consumer*
  - Stacey Atherton**, *Family Farmer*
  - Bill Moody**, *Family Farmer*
  - Dominic Marchese**, *Family Farmer*

intended for human or animal consumption". Acceptable physical methods of euthanasia are outlined as penetrating captive bolt, non-penetrating captive bolt, blunt force trauma, cervical disloca-

tion, decapitation, electrocution, foam, maceration, exsanguinations, and gunshot. When using gunshot, ammunition for most animals must be of a minimum caliber .22 hollow point long rifle. For large mature animals, such as cattle and swine, the minimum caliber must be .22 magnum hollow point long rifle.

The standards on civil penalties outline the classification for violations and penalties.

The Board has also put into effect since April 28, 2011 standards regarding Care and Welfare Disabled and Distressed Livestock.

Rules explain acceptable usage of 50 voltage or less hand held battery-operated electric prods, proper transportation techniques of livestock in all stages or life.

For more information and to stay updated on newly effective standards visit: [ohiolivestockcarestandardsboard.gov](http://ohiolivestockcarestandardsboard.gov).



### Bens's Quick Questions

**Favorite Color**  
Orange

**Favorite Movie**  
Accepted

**Last Book You Read**  
Pet Sematery by  
Stephen King

**Favorite Food**  
Toaster Strudel

**1st Pet's Name**  
Mitsy

## Officer Spotlight - Student Advisor

Stationed by the owl, the student advisor is asked to advise us from time to time as the need arises. Ben Barhorst has advised the chapter with guidance and his sense of humor. Keeping the other officers laughing, Ben always lightens the mood at chapter events. He will bring his humor and hardwork to the chapter again next year as parliamentarian.

### What is your SAE?

I have two current SAE's that I keep records for. The first one is year round, 365 days a year, and it is working on our home dairy farm. I help my dad and grandpa feed, milk, and take care of our herd of mostly Holstein dairy cows, but we do have a couple of jerseys as well. My other SAE only

takes place during the summer and early fall and that is growing and tending a pumpkin patch. In the fall, I then sell these pumpkins alongside the road to make a profit.

### Favorite FFA memory

One of my favorite memories while being in the FFA was our officer retreat last year. It is my favorite memory because our past officer team was just a group of fun and funny people and we had a lot of fun in the woods planning the upcoming year for our chapter.

### What is your greatest accomplishment in FFA?

I actually have 2 pretty good accomplishments in my FFA career. The first one is probably being elected to be an officer on our officer team. Being an officer meant a lot to me because I wanted to help our FFA grow and I knew that I had a lot to offer. Another accomplishment of mine came quite recently, and that is earning my State Degree. The State Degree is the highest honor that the state FFA can

award a member and I was honored to receive it.

### What does FFA mean to you?

FFA means many things to me. The main thing though is that it is a group of smart young people trying to grow their knowledge in the field of agriculture. They then use this knowledge to better their lives because agriculture is everywhere around us and it helps us every day.

### What are your goals for the chapter next year?

I have one main goal as a senior officer. Our ag room walls are pretty bare compared to some other chapter's ag rooms that I've been in and that's mainly because those other rooms have banners from competitions won. We have none so far and I want to fix that by increasing member participation and get our members in more CDE's to increase our chances of winning some banners.

## Calendar of FFA Events

**May 24** - QA Make-up, 6:30-8pm, Extension Office

**May 26** - Last Day of School!!!

**May 28** - Bulk Mulch Sale, 10-12pm

**May 31** - Officer Retreat, 3- 9pm

**June 6 - 10th** - FFA Camp

**June 20** - Summer FFA meeting 7pm, Youth Park

**June 23** - Conservation Day Camp Kids Activity

**July 1- 3rd** - Liberty Days Ice Cream Stand and Petting Zoo

**July 24 - 30th** - Shelby County Fair

**Aug 14** - Summer Picnic, Katelyn Seger's House



# Officer Spotlight - Historian

Born and raised on a grain production farm and farrow to finish swine operation, Doug Seger has been deeply involved in agriculture since a young age. With an SAE that includes raising market hogs and working on his family farm, Doug has logged countless hours of hard work. As the 2010-2011 Vice President, Doug is excited for this upcoming year.

## What is your greatest accomplishment in FFA?

My greatest accomplishment in FFA is being awarded 2nd place in the state in the Swine Production Proficiency Award area. Although it took much time to fill out the application,

I had the honor to walk across the stage at State Convention in front of many other FFA members. I also received the State Degree this year, which is another hard working accomplishment. In addition, I feel honored to serve as our vice president for the next school year. All of these are major milestones in FFA and I hope there are many more.

## What is your SAE?

I have many different SAE'S. I currently have 6 sows that I breed and raise the offspring to market weight. Another SAE is working on the family farm in the evenings, the weekends, and the summer. I do daily chores, such as feeding, grinding feed, driving tractors in the field, shop work, and etc. I have a community service SAE as well. These SAE's keep me busy as well serves as a learning experience.

## Favorite FFA memory

My favorite FFA memory was when I went to National Convention last fall. It was a blast.

From being at the Lady Antebellum concert, sitting through the sessions, touring agribusinesses, and even the van rides places was a enjoyable time. Many memories were made from the trip to National Convention. I would definitely encourage any member to attend the National FFA Convention.

## What does FFA mean to you?

FFA means to me is that you can take different lessons that you learned in the classroom and apply it to real life. In FFA, we do many different hands-on- things for people to get real-life experiences instead of just hearing it in the classroom.

## What are your goals for the chapter next year?

My major goal for the FFA chapter next year is to increase member participation in activities and CDE's. CDE's are great and very beneficial because they help prepare you for your future career area whether or not it is an agriculture field.



## Doug's Quick Questions

**Favorite Color**  
Red

**Favorite Movie**  
The Hangover

**Last Book Read**  
Reading books is over rated

**Favorite Food**  
Chicken and Noodles and Fresh Peach Pie

**1st Pet's Name**  
Spike

# 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 the ideas that were started.

## Animal & Plant Bioscience

In a Plant Science unit, students have been working in the greenhouse deadheading and grooming plants for the greenhouse sale. Students have created online Wiki pages about plant functions, including photosynthesis, transpiration, respiration, absorption, and reproduction. Before the end of school, students will also learn about the basics of landscaping as they lay mulch around the school.

## Plant & Horticulture Science

Students are in the midst of re-assembling small air-cooled engines. In groups, students have completely disassembled engines down to the block and are now working to rebuild them. Throughout the process students have learned the parts of an engine, how they operate, and small engine specialty tools.

# State Convention

## Touring the Crew Stadium

While the Fort Loramie FFA members weren't attending sessions and participating in convention activities, the members took part in various tours throughout Columbus. One of these tours included a look inside the Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium. Here the members were able to learn the job of a turf grass manager, tour the field, and see the equipment used for the field's upkeep.



## Other Tours Throughout Convention

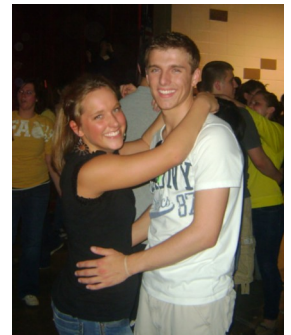


Members also took a driving tour of The Ohio State Campus while in Columbus. A third tour included "a behind the scenes" tour in The Bob Evan's Test Kitchen. Here members got the chance to see where all the recipes on the Bob Evan's menu are created and tested.



## Dance Party!

After Convention sessions concluded Thursday evening, the Fort Loramie FFA members put their dancing shoes on and jammed out with FFA members from across the state and the State Officers.



## Doug Seger Receives Top Honor



Growing up on a large, family-operated farrow-to-finish swine operation, it seemed from the second Doug became an FFA member he had plans for a strong SAE that would carry him through his high school career and beyond. Doug represented the Fort Loramie FFA well as he earned 2nd place in the state for his Swine Entrepreneurship Proficiency.



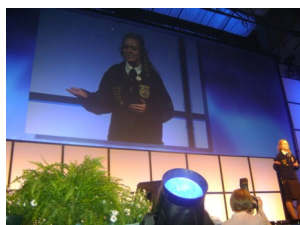
## Members Receive Individual Awards



Many members had the opportunity to walk across the stage at the State Convention to receive awards. Brandon Barlage, Katelyn Seger, and Dustin Schemmel were recognized for their Gold Rated Officer Books. Ben Barhorst, Dustin Schemmel, and Doug Seger received their State Degree at the convention. For Ben's SAE, he sells pumpkins in the fall and all year round he works on his family dairy farm. Dustin's SAE includes community service and working on a local dairy farm. Doug works on his family's swine farm and also breeds, farrows, weans, and feeds out market hogs. The Fort Loramie FFA was also recognized for their donation to CROP, an organization that works to fight world hunger. Fort Loramie raised money through a "Pie in the Eye" fundraiser during FFA week.



## Stacie Seger Advances to Nationals



With the goal of finding a solution to the Grand Lake St Mary's algae problem, Stacie researched and wrote an 8 minute speech for the Senior Prepared Speaking CDE. Receiving 2nd at sub-districts and 1st at districts, Stacie competed at the state contest on March 19th where she was named a top finalist. On Thursday of state convention, it was announced that Stacie received 1st place and will be advancing to the National Contest this fall in Indianapolis, IN. Directly after the announcement, Stacie had the honor of presenting her speech to the Convention attendees.



# Fort Loramie Ag Boosters

The "Support Group" for the Fort Loramie FFA is starting to develop. Officially deciding to be called the *Fort Loramie Ag Boosters*, the group will be holding their next meeting on July 13 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in the High School Chorus Room. At the meeting

attendees will elect officers and further decide the mission and direction of the group. Officers will include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you have ideas for the group or would like to be a part of the Fort Loramie Ag

Boosters, please attend this meeting. The meeting is open to all who want to support Fort Loramie FFA and agriculture. Questions can be directed to Nick Seger at 937-538-1460 or Sarah Heilers at heilers\_s@loramie.k12.oh.us or 937-489-9552.

## Pull Some Strings for John!

Last December, Franklin Monroe High School student John Warner died in a farm accident when the drawstrings of his jacket became caught and he was pulled into a piece of farm equipment.

At the start of this year, John's twin brother AJ started collecting drawstrings from his classmates to spread the message of farm safety.

AJ and his family are asking that with every string they collect, people donate a quar-

ter or more along with it for the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids organization.

Formed in 1987, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids was formed by Marilyn Adams when her son Keith suffocated in a gravity flow wagon of shelled corn on the family's Iowa farm. Farm Safety 4 Just Kids' mission is to promote a safe farm environment to prevent health hazards, injuries, and fatalities to children and youth. They strive to motivate and em-

power individuals, farm families, and communities to make positive changes regarding farm safety and health issues.

Visit [fs4jk.org](http://fs4jk.org) for more information about farm safety.



### 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

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