

2023

FORT LORAMIE SCHOOLS



WALL of HONOR



Eleventh Induction Ceremony

Sunday, October 15, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Fort Loramie Schools Wall of Honor

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The Fort Loramie Schools Wall of Honor was a concept discussed in the Fort Loramie community for many years and finally became a reality in 2009 through the efforts of the Fort Loramie Education Foundation. The idea was to publicly honor graduates, school staff and community members who have made a profound impact on, or have been a positive reflection of the Fort Loramie Schools since its founding in the mid-1800's.

With the support of the community and school board, the Fort Loramie Education Foundation approved a set of bylaws, established the Wall of Honor committee and initiated the nomination process, all within 2008. In July of 2009, the Wall of Honor committee had selected the first three inductees before planning the inaugural induction ceremony on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Since the 2009 ceremony, twenty-nine individuals have been added to the Wall of Honor.

The Fort Loramie Schools Wall of Honor is guided by a set of by-laws which will continue to evolve over time but always reflect on its fundamental mission statement:

The purpose is to recognize and honor those persons living or deceased, who, through their performance, achievements and contributions, reflect credit on Fort Loramie Local Schools so that present-day students may find identity with the past and establish goals for the future. The Wall of Honor will reinforce and enhance a positive image inside and outside of the Fort Loramie School District, as it also strives to foster an increased sense of pride among students, faculty, administration, alumni and residents.



2023 Wall of Honor Induction

Welcome to the Fort Loramie School Wall of Honor induction ceremony. I would like to take a moment to thank all of the Wall of Honor committee members and the volunteers helping with today's induction ceremony. Without their support and initiative, this celebration would not be possible.

Today we will induct two new members into our Wall of Honor. Congratulations to Mr. Larry A. Ludlow and Mr. Dave Ross as our newest members. Through their contributions, service to others, and positive support of our school and community, they have distinguished themselves as outstanding inductees.

Thank you for your attendance and support of the Fort Loramie Wall of Honor. On behalf of the Fort Loramie Board of Education, staff, students and the Wall of Honor committee, we want to congratulate the 2023 Wall of Honor inductees.

In Education,

Daniel B. Holland

Superintendent

PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRELUDE - HIGH SCHOOL BAND
“ABOVE AND BEYOND”

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS - PHIL SEGER
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

SLIDE SHOW HONORING INDUCTEES

INDUCTION OF RECIPIENTS

2023 INDUCTEES:

Larry A. Ludlow

INTRODUCTION BY: JOE TURNER

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

ACCEPTED BY: LARRY A. LUDLOW

DAVE ROSS

INTRODUCTION BY: PHIL BARHORST

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

ACCEPTED BY: DAVE ROSS

CLOSING COMMENTS - JAMIE BORCHERS, F.L.E.F. SECRETARY

**PUBLIC RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE FLHS CAFETERIA
PLEASE JOIN US TO CONGRATULATE THE INDUCTEES**

LARRY A. LUDLOW



Larry A. Ludlow was born and raised in Champaign County. He graduated valedictorian from Graham High School in 1972, where he had been active in band, serving as Drum Major for the marching band, wrestling, Student Council and National Honor Society.

After high school, Larry attended college at Ohio University in Athens where he was a Music Education major and a member of the Ohio University Marching Band. After graduating *summa cum laude* from OU in 1976, Larry was employed by Highland Local Schools as Director of Bands.

He earned his Master's Degree in School Administration at The Ohio State University. Larry was the Director of Fine Arts at the Newark City Schools, during the 1985-86 school year. The following summer he was selected as principal at Southeastern High School. After five years at Southeastern, he was selected as high school principal at his alma mater, Graham. He completed his school superintendency licensure at Wright State University during his years as a principal.

Larry began his tenure as Fort Loramie school superintendent in August of 1992. The board was clear upon employment that the district was facing challenges, both financially and with the size and condition of facilities. Over the next seventeen years, Larry would work with the board, district treasurer and numerous community volunteers to pass two operating levies and two bond issues that would stabilize the district's operating budget and provide top-notch facilities.

When Larry arrived in Fort Loramie, there was minimal use of computers and other technologies in the classroom or for administrative functions. He worked with staff members from the county educational service center and the Fort Loramie Library-Media specialist to author two technology grants. These grants would bring thousands of dollars to Shelby County schools to provide the foundation for computer networks and new technology-based curriculum resources into high school science classrooms. Larry left the superintendency after two years for what became a one-year stint as Executive Director of the Miami Valley Educational Computer Association.

Larry returned to the superintendency at Fort Loramie in the fall of 1995 where he remained until his retirement. In January of 1996, he became aware of a potential pilot program with the Microsoft and Toshiba Corporations involving the use of laptop computers in the classroom. The district would pursue this opportunity and developed a plan that allowed the district to become one of only twenty-three school districts in the country to pilot a "Laptops for Learning" program. Fort Loramie's efforts over the next several years to implement technology was boosted by Mr. Ludlow, the technology staff,

and teacher grant writing efforts, which brought over \$1.5 million dollars to the district. The network infrastructure and classroom technology capabilities that were included in the Jr/Sr High School classrooms in the 2000 addition to the original high school building became the design that is now prevalent in the Ohio Facility Construction Commission School building projects throughout the state. Larry's leadership efforts in school technology resulted in him being recognized twice with the Southwest Ohio Educational Technology Association Leadership Award. In 2005, he was named the Ohio SchoolNet/BASA Technology Leader/Administrator of the Year.

The tradition of outstanding athletic programs and facilities continued and expanded. Early on, Larry worked with the Track Boosters to complete the installation of the all-weather track and track bleachers. The softball program was added in 1998. The 1998 Bond Issue provided the tax dollars for the construction of the new high school gym and Larry worked with various organizations to coordinate additional enhancements to the building. Beginning in 2003, he worked with the Board of Education and the Football Committee to develop plans for the implementation of football.

Facility improvements were extensive. In the 1990s, grant programs were accessed to replace the boilers and improve electrical access and network connectivity to prolong the life of the 1885 school building. The addition to the original high school building was completed in the late 1990s. The design and construction of the new elementary and renovation of the Jr/Sr High School through the Ohio School Facility Program occurred from 2006-2009. Throughout all these projects, Larry spent countless hours soliciting input and assistance from numerous community and staff committees, reviewing design drawings, coordinating classroom and equipment moves as necessary and coordinating community volunteer efforts.

After his retirement from Fort Loramie and public education in 2009, Larry joined Freytag & Associates, Inc. Architects/Engineers, as an Educational Planner. In this role, he has been involved in the planning and design of school facility improvements at many school districts in the area.

Larry has been involved with Kiwanis, where he served as organization president and chaired the committee that transitioned the group to the Fort Loramie Community Service Club. He assisted the Fast Cash Bash Committee with technology needs in the late 1990s. He was a member of the Dugout Club that raised over \$200,000 for the Redskin Park. Larry works in the press box at football games and keeps the scorebook for Girls Basketball and Baseball.

Larry has been married to Gwen for 42 years. Together they have raised two children, Kyler and Kenleigh. The Ludlows are proud grandparents to Keegan and Mara. Larry is a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church where he has served on many committees.

The life that Larry has lived in Fort Loramie reflects the tremendous support and cooperation received from family, Board of Education members, school staff, students, parents and community members. As he was known to say in his newsletter messages, together we kept Fort Loramie "A Great Place to Learn and a Great Place to Live!"

Dave Ross



Dave Ross is a 1972 graduate of Sidney High School. He graduated from Urbana College in 1976, and the University of Dayton in 1978. Though he moved to Lake Loramie in 1995, he has remained very visible and active in his hometown area.

Dave was inducted in the Sidney City Schools Hall of Honor in 2010. His induction plaque cited multiple areas of philanthropy and service including local and Ohio Sports, Hall of Honor, local history, Sidney Memorial Stadium, University of Dayton, Urbana University, YMCA, and social outreach. He is also saluted as an accomplished sports announcer.

The Fort Loramie area first got to know Dave through his radio broadcasts of Redskins basketball beginning in 1976. Shortly thereafter, he began a two-decade run as the voice of the Fort Loramie Old Time Fourth of July parade.

Dave moved to Fort Loramie, as he wanted to live on the water, but knew he could not be far from Sidney. In addition to Lake Loramie's proximity to Sidney, Dave has many friends around Fort Loramie, making Fort Loramie the logical site to relocate.

Dave is active and supportive of his adopted hometown. He has helped with football stadium upgrades and Redskin Park fundraising, including his sponsorship of the Jared Hoying Field, and he continues in his role of public address announcer for the Fort Loramie girls basketball program.

Dave has provided matching financial support for many worthy causes around the county through the Shelby County Community Foundation, including Fort Loramie Schools, as a benefactor to support our community.

Dave's nomination to this Wall of Honor emphasized his commitment to volunteer his time to the community, his philanthropist support of Fort Loramie schools for the development and design of the school facilities and a mental health program, which will continue to provide students opportunities which might not otherwise been given. Dave has participated in several interview committees to select personnel and was a key member in the establishment of the Fort Loramie Wall of Honor committee.

Members by Induction Year

2022

Gerald "Gary" Bensman

2021

Donald F. Bensman

2019

James M. Hoehne

Diane R. Meyer

2018

James F. Schulze

2016

Jane E. Poeppelman

2015

James J. Bornhorst

Kenneth R. Sowards

2014

Irene E. Boerger

Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Patrick Hoying

Shirley A. Larger

2013

Paul A. Bollheimer

James L. Dillehay

Sr. Marge Eilerman, OSF

James Wehrman

2012

Ferd Fleckenstein

Donald Wehrman

Our War Dead:

Grover Cleveland Cox, Louis Henry Daniel, Staff Sergeant Edward John Gaier,

Private Ralph J. Rieger, Corporal

Herbert J. Aselage, Private Linus Francis

Broering, Ensign Harry F. Raterman,

Private Jerome Raymond Frilling

2011

John "Bucky" Albers

John Westerheide

2010

Paul "The Rock" Amann

Marie Quinlin

Frank Turner

Sister Constance Zimmerman, MD

2009

John "Coach" Kremer

Madeline (Albers) Maurer

Urban "Turp" Ratermann

Previous Inductees

Gerald “Gary” Bensman 2022 Inductee, is a 1963 graduate of Fort Loramie High School. After graduation, Gary enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Army Reserves for 8 years. For 21 years, he worked at Midmark Corporation and was involved in the family bridal business. Gary served as a village councilman from 1981-1987 and as Mayor from 1987-1999. As Mayor there were many improvements to the Village, such as the industrial park. He was the Regional Planning Director from 1999-2011 where he worked to make Shelby County a better place to live, work and raise families. He was also on the Board of Trustees for Edison State Community College. Gary was involved with many of the community organizations of Fort Loramie, as an officer, or a volunteer. Gary, and his wife Emmy, are parents of two children.

Donald F. Bensman 2021 Inductee, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1956. Don began his career at Sidney Tool & Die, which was owned by Bob and John Sargeant. He eventually became co-owner and President of the company. Over the years, Don and the Sargeants provided financial assistance and management expertise to other entrepreneurs that lead to the creation of many local businesses. Don was active with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in McCartyville, as well as the Knights of Columbus. He served on the Franklin Township Board of Zoning Appeals and Community Reinvestment Board. Don was a leader on numerous fundraising and levy committees for the Anna Local Schools. He supported the Anna Branch of the Shelby County Libraries, and was a long-term leader on the boards for the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and the Community Foundation of Shelby County. Don was married to Evelyn, and together they raised four children.

Previous Inductees

James M. Hoehne, 2019 Inductee, a 1958 graduate of Russia High School and served in the Air Force Reserves. Jim was a charter member and past Treasurer of the GYM Committee and a member of the Fort Loramie Booster Club. Jim was a Fort Loramie Football Field Crew volunteer. He was a charter member of the Fort Loramie Community Improvement Corporation. Jim was also a volunteer for St. Michael Church, serving as President on the Education and Finance Commissions. Jim is an avid blood donor and actively involved with the Community Service Club, holding charter member status, as well as with the Fort Loramie American Legion Post 355. Jim retired from the banking industry after 41 years. Jim and his wife, Mary, have three daughters.

Diane R. Meyer, 2019 Inductee, graduated from Ft. Loramie High School in 1969. She went on to The Ohio State University where she achieved a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1973. In 1977, she earned a Masters Degree from Wright State University in Curriculum and Supervision. Diane taught at both Botkins and Fort Loramie High School. After leaving education, Diane worked at Medical Home Care (now known as Apria), the company she and her husband Tom started. After selling the business, Diane pursued a career as a Motivational Speaker for businesses, schools and various groups. Throughout her life, Diane has been very involved in the community and school district, where she served on the school board from 1982-1995 and various church projects. Diane and her husband, Tom, are parents of three children.

Previous Inductees

James F. Schulze, 2018 Inductee, was born and raised in Ft. Loramie. After he graduated in 1957, Jim attended Sinclair Community College and completed an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1959. He began his working career with Rockwell International in Bellefontaine before moving on to Minster Machine. Jim's civic duty began as the Village Clerk. He also held positions of councilman and eventually Council President. Jim was involved in the formation of the Community Improvement Corporation which encouraged industry development in the village. Jim was a charter member of the GYM Committee, which led to the building of the high school gymnasium. Jim was very involved in community and church projects. Jim and his wife, Marcia, raised seven children.

Jane E. Poeppelman, 2016 Inductee, was a 1967 graduate of Fort Loramie High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree in Education from Bowling Green State University before returning home to begin her 35 year teaching career in Physical Education and Health. Jane made a significant impact in her 22 year tenure as the Lady Redskin basketball coach. Her teams earned a 74.7% win percentage and garnered seven district championships, two regional championships, and two appearances at state. Jane's success was recognized in 1988, when she was the first woman inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Jane was a member of numerous sports and education associations, and coached golf, volleyball and track at Fort Loramie. Jane resides in Fort Loramie and has remained active in both community and church activities after her retirement.

Previous Inductees

James J. Bornhorst, 2015 Inductee, graduated from Fort Loramie in 1951. He was born and raised on a farm west of Fort Loramie. After the passing of his father in 1951, Jim became the third generation owner of that family farm. In 1950, while still in high school, Jim started the Fort Loramie Livestock 4-H Club, which is still in existence today. Jim served two years in the U.S. Army and while still farming, worked at Minster Machine for eight years. He served two terms on the Fort Loramie School Board from 1976-1983, serving as president of the board in 1979 and in 1982. He has served as a member of the Shelby County Fair Board, the advisory board of Wapakoneta Production Credit Association, the St. Michael Catholic Church's Parish Council, and as clerk for McLean Township. Jim and his wife, Carol (Buehler), have six children.

Kenneth R. Sowards, 2015 Inductee, was raised in Middletown, Ohio. He graduated from Middletown High School in 1969, from Miami University in 1973, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history, and from the University of Dayton in 1990, with a Master's Degree in Secondary Education. He began his teaching career at Fort Loramie School in 1975, where he taught history, economics, and government, and also coached cross country from 1975-1980. He retired in 2005, after 30 years of service with Fort Loramie Schools. His involvement with several projects throughout the area has benefited other Ohio historians and community residents with a better understanding of our past. Ken garnered numerous awards. He and his wife, Monica (Amann), reside in Fort Loramie.

Irene E. Boerger, 2014 Inductee, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1945, and from Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton in 1948, as a registered nurse. She spent 38 years as the Shelby County coordinator for the Community Blood Center, until her retirement in 2008. She propelled Shelby County as the leader of all 88 Ohio counties in percentage of blood donations per capita and in 1995 was recognized by the Ohio House of Representatives for her exemplary service to the Shelby County Blood Bank. She served as a volunteer for Compassionate Care, Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, and St. Michael's St. Vincent de Paul Society, Worship Commission and Pastoral Council. Irene and her husband, Frank, were the parents of five children.

Previous Inductees

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Patrick Hoying, 2014 Inductee, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1978 and from The Ohio State University in 1982. He joined the United States Air Force in 1983, and graduated from Embry Riddle University in 1989, with a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science. While serving in the Air Force, Jeff served in several officer positions and received a number of awards. He flew thirty-two missions over Iraq in Operation Southern Watch and trained many pilots who flew missions in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. For ten years he flew as a pilot for American Airlines. Jeff passed away at the age of 39, leaving behind his wife Pam and twin daughters. He is interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

Shirley A. Larger, 2014 Inductee, graduated from Coldwater High School in 1953. She holds an Associate's Degree in Radiology and has worked at area hospitals. She served on the Fort Loramie Board of Education, the Shelby County Board of Health, the Fort Loramie Library Board and the St. Ann's Sodality. She has volunteered at local soup kitchens, nursing homes and blood drives, has provided residents transportation to doctor appointments, and served as a crossing guard for Fort Loramie Elementary School. She has been on several mission trips and has been very active in her church. She regularly attended school sporting events, concerts, plays, science fairs, etc. Shirley and her late husband, Jim, are the parents of eight children.

Paul A. Bollheimer, 2013 Inductee, a Fort Loramie native, graduated in 1937 from Fort Loramie High School. He served in the US Marine Corps for six years during World War II. While enlisted, he scored first overall on the mechanical aptitude test and achieved the rank of warrant officer. After the war, Paul attended Long Beach City College and Colorado Schools of Mines, earning a degree in Geophysical Engineering. He spent 40 years in the oil industry, playing a major role in the discovery of three super giant oil fields in Tripoli, Libya, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska and Venezuela. Paul was married to his wife, Jane, for 52 years. He had one son and two step-children.

Previous Inductees

James L. Dillehay, 2013 Inductee, graduated in 1923 from Crooksville High School, in Crooksville, Ohio, and received a college degree from Ohio University. He was an educator and administrator at Fort Loramie from 1929-1954. He taught social sciences and industrial arts, coached track and baseball and was Fort Loramie's first basketball coach. He served as principal and was named superintendent in 1936. He served in that capacity until his death in 1954. Mr. Dillehay was a strong supporter of interscholastic and intermural sports and created the "Interclass Tournament" In 1942, he participated in the National Defense Program, and in 1947, he was given the Award of Merit from the American National Red Cross. James and his wife, Mildred, were the parents of four children.

Sr. Marge Eilerman, OSF, 2013 Inductee, a 1954 graduate of Fort Loramie High School, has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio, since 1957. She received college degrees from Mary Manse College in Toledo. From 1960-1968, she taught at several Ohio schools and was a principal from 1968-1971. She served as a missionary in Mexico and Kentucky and was imprisoned for a year for participating in an act of civil disobedience intended to draw attention to atrocities inflicted upon poor people. After her release from prison, she continued her missionary work. She received numerous awards for her contributions. She considers one of her greatest accomplishments the formation of a Catholic Faith Community in the poorest county in the United States.

James Wehrman, 2013 Inductee, was the salutatorian of his 1969 Fort Loramie High School class. He went to The Ohio State University and graduated *cum laude* in 1973 with a degree in education. After teaching for one year, he entered the business world, and rose to the position of Senior Vice-President of Honda of America Manufacturing, where he had responsibility for all three auto and engine plants in Ohio. He served on the Honda of America Board of Directors, the Urbana Rotary Club, the Urbana University Board of Trustees and the Champaign County Schools Foundation. He has also been active in church activities. Jim and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of three daughters.

Previous Inductees

Ferd Fleckenstein, 2012 Inductee, was valedictorian of the first graduating class from Fort Loramie High School in 1932. He was a lifetime farmer, held a strong interest in sharing local history and served the community and surrounding area in leadership positions. He was a charter member of both the Shelby County Board of Education and Kiwanis Club. Ferd was Fort Loramie School Board Treasurer for fourteen years. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and was active in parish committees. Ferd was married to Marie (Kuether) and they had eight children.

Donald Wehrman, 2012 Inductee, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1945. He served the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a Master Sergeant. Don earned many military honors, including the Silver Star and Purple Heart. After the war, he became the owner of Regal Trophy and Awards. Don remained active in the community, Fort Loramie Schools, and with his membership of St. Michael Catholic Church. In May, 2010, he was posthumously inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame. Don was married to Betty (Bensman) and they had four children.

In Loving Memory of Our War Dead **2012 Inductees**

Grover Cleveland Cox
World War I—U.S. Army
Staff Sergeant Edward John Gaier
W.W. II—U.S. Army
Corporal Herbert J. Aselage
W.W. II— U.S. Army
Ensign Harry F. Raterman
W.W. II—Air Corps of U.S. Navy

Louis Henry Daniel
World War I—U.S. Navy
Private Ralph J. Rieger
W.W. II—U.S. Army
Private Linus Francis Broering
W.W. II— Air Corps of U.S. Army
Private Jerome Raymond Frilling
Vietnam—U.S. Army

Previous Inductees

John “Bucky” Albers, 2011 Inductee, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1956 and went on to attend the University of Dayton in the School of Journalism pursuing his dream to become a journalist. He spent most of 43 years with Dayton newspapers covering UD Flyers, Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals and other area football, basketball, baseball and golf events. Through the years, Bucky covered the Cotton, Orange and many Super Bowls. He received numerous awards such as UD Alumni Achievement Department of Communications, Ohio Golf Hall of Fame, Dayton Hockey Hall of Fame, Dayton Speedway Hall of Fame and Southern Ohio PGA Lifetime Achievement Award. He and his wife, Judy, have two children.

John Westerheide, 2011 Inductee, a graduate of Fort Loramie High School in 1940, was awarded an academic scholarship at the University of Dayton in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for General Electric, but was recruited as one of five people for full time research at UD for Wright Patterson and was selected to head the project Delta. In 1956, he was appointed Director of the UD Research Center. John's presentations and published articles helped to make UD known throughout the world. He was an active member of St. Charles Parish in Dayton while also supporting St. Leonard Franciscan Seminary, Athenaeum of Ohio and Maranist Community. John and his wife, Gertrude, had two children.

Paul “The Rock” Amann, 2010 Inductee, was born in Dayton, and graduated from Dayton Chaminade in 1936. After graduation he entered the army, was awarded the Purple Heart and other special medals. A graduate of the University of Dayton, he came to Fort Loramie High School in 1953 to teach English courses for 24 years, direct high school plays and was a golf coach. Paul was Village Clerk, Councilman and active in organizations. He served St. Michael Catholic Church in many ways. His hobby was stamp collecting. In 1990, he was Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade. Paul and his wife, Ruth (Snyder), ran the Hodge Podge and together raised five children.

Previous Inductees

Marie Quinlin, 2010 Inductee, a native of Fort Loramie, who traveled to Sidney to go to high school where she graduated in 1908. Marie taught school for 62 years. Many of those years she taught grades one and two, along with music. Former students remember the band she had of sticks, triangles and tambourines. In order to teach following graduation, she took the Boxwell test, but Marie continued her education for many summers. At St. Michael Catholic Church, she directed the choir for 20 years. The National Honor Society was named in her honor and a scholarship is given in her name by the Fort Loramie Education Association. Marie was involved in local and educational organizations.

Frank Turner, 2010 Inductee, a Fort Loramie native, graduated in 1960. After graduating from Bowling Green State University, he returned to Fort Loramie High School as a teacher of English, instrumental and vocal music. Frank started the Pop Concert and his marching band was very successful. After retirement, he became the Director of Secondary Religious Education at St. Michael Catholic Church and is a choir director. He is involved in local and educational organizations and is a blood donor. In 2009, Frank and wife, Bonnie (Puthoff), were Grand Marshals for the Liberty Days Parade. They are the parents of five children.

Sister Constance Zimmerman, MD, 2010 Inductee, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1948 as the valedictorian and then joined the Medical Mission Sisters. She earned her medical degree from Georgetown University. After her residency, at City Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, she left for Patna, India, as a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. Being highly specialized in surgery, Sister was elected Medical Staff Coordinator for all the Medical Mission Sisters Hospitals in India. She died at the age of 38 of a rare paralyzing disease.

Previous Inductees

John “Coach” Kremer, 2009 Inductee, grew up in Dayton, Ohio and graduated from Randolph High School in 1942. During WWII, he was a T-4 sergeant in the Pacific Theater. After graduation from the University of Dayton with a BS degree, John came to Fort Loramie High School. Coach taught nearly all subjects during his 31 year teaching career, but was best known as the varsity basketball coach, baseball coach and athletic director. He served on St. Michael Church parish council, was a life-time member of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association and Shelby County Retired Teachers Association. John married Marcella (Coffits) and had three sons.

Madeline (Albers) Maurer, 2009 Inductee, was valedictorian of her class at Fort Loramie High School in 1958. She originally was in the Cadet Teaching Program and went on to earn a BS and MS Degree in Education from the University of Dayton. Madeline taught in Fort Loramie touching the lives of thousands of young people as an elementary teacher, elementary principal and director of religious education. She was named 1979-80 Fort Loramie Teacher of the Year. Madeline served on numerous community and county service clubs. She and her husband, Jim, raised six children.

Urban “Turp” Ratermann, 2009 Inductee, was a graduate of Fort Loramie High School in 1943. He served as a US Army Air Force Staff Sergeant in WWII. After college at the University of Dayton and Ohio Northern University, he became owner of Ratermann Insurance Agency. Turp was mayor of Fort Loramie, served on the St. Michael Church parish council, finance committee, was a mass server, charter member of Kiwanis Club, active participant in other service clubs and was a member and president of Fort Loramie Board of Education. He married Pauline (Cole) and they raised eight children.



On behalf of the Wall of Honor Committee and the Fort Loramie Education Foundation, we wish to welcome you and thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the Wall of Honor inductees. My fellow committee members include Melissa Bertke, Diane Berning, Vicki Fullenkamp, Nancy Luebke, Julia Moore, Matt Ratermann, Kris Stang, Fort Loramie School Board member, Brad Rethman, and Scott Rodeheffer, Elementary Principal of Fort Loramie Schools. I wish to thank this highly professional group for their commitment to make this event as special as possible.

We also wish to thank the Fort Loramie Education Foundation Board of Directors for their support, along with Vivid Manufacturing, and the Sidney Daily News for their contributions to this event. Special recognition and thanks must also be extended to the Fort Loramie School employees and students for their assistance with today's ceremony.

Each ceremony has left a positive impact on those in attendance. Each inductee demonstrates his or her own characteristics of leadership, courage, perseverance, and commitment to helping others. As an alumnus of Fort Loramie Local Schools, I feel great pride in all of our inductees, current and past, for their achievements.

Sincerely,

Phil Seger

Phil Seger

The Fort Loramie Education Foundation

The *Fort Loramie Education Foundation* (FLEF) is a non-profit organization established in 2002 to solicit and receive charitable contributions and in return, apply those contributions back to the community in the form of scholarships and educational programs.

Ways To Contribute:

Cash: Gifts of cash or checks are welcome at any time and may be made payable to the Ft. Loramie Education Foundation.

Appreciated Stock or Real Estate : Contributing stock or real estate enables you to maximize a charitable donation and lessen your tax burden.

Will or Trust : Make a charitable gift part of your will or estate plan. Your attorney can add a line to your will to make a gift after your expenses and distributions to loved ones are settled.

Life Insurance: An easy way to give is to designate the FLEF as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Benefits:

Tax Exempt – 501(C)(3) – All contributions are tax deductible to the highest amounts allowed by law.

Your gift will help students for years to come and may create a legacy for your family's name.

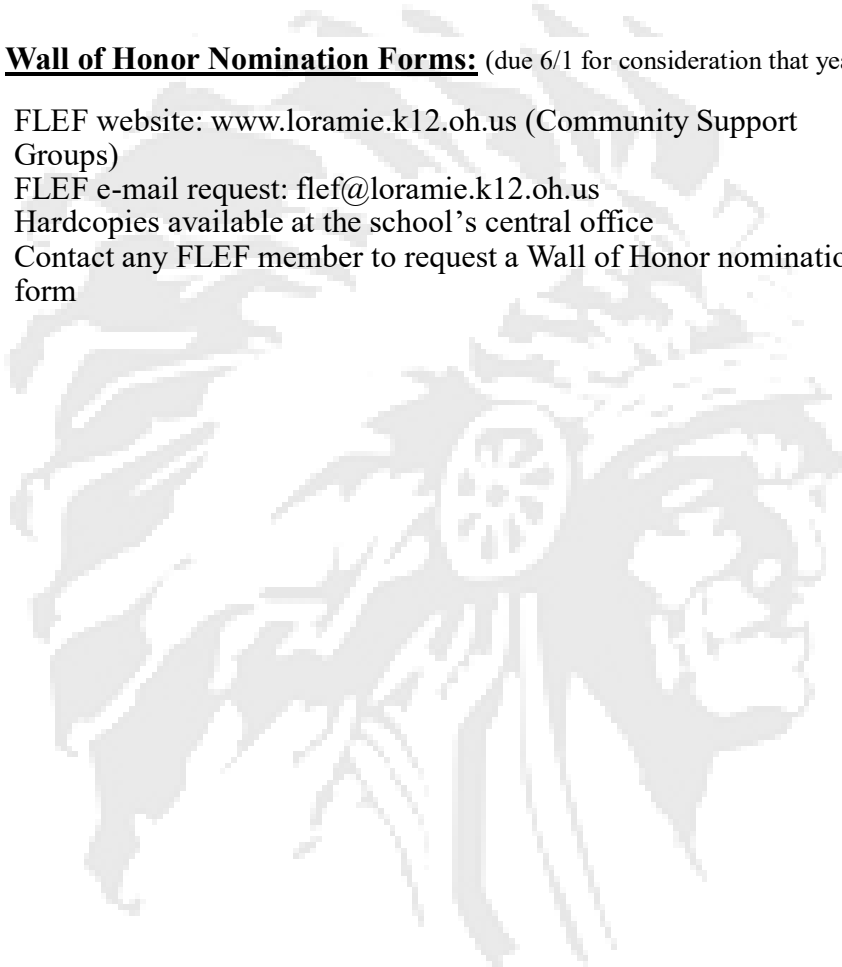
Our Funds are professionally managed, enabling your gift to grow (if that is your intent) and do more.

Fort Loramie Education Foundation Members:

Ty Salisbury	President	Julia Moore	Director
Rachel Barhorst	Vice-President	Sam Young	Director
Jamie Borchers	Secretary	Vern Siegel	BOE Rep.
Melissa Bertke	Treasurer	Dan Holland	Superintendent
Nichole Bertke	Director		

Wall of Honor Nomination Forms: (due 6/1 for consideration that year)

- 1) FLEF website: www.loramie.k12.oh.us (Community Support Groups)
- 2) FLEF e-mail request: flef@loramie.k12.oh.us
- 3) Hardcopies available at the school's central office
- 4) Contact any FLEF member to request a Wall of Honor nomination form



Fort Loramie

A great place to learn ~ A great place to live

