

# The Paw Print

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### A Visitor in the Fourth Grade

Senior Airman B.J. Romes recently visited with Mrs. Joyce Brokamp's fourth grade class and explained his mission in Iraq. While he was stationed overseas in Iraq, the students in 4A had corresponded with him.



Brandi Merschman, Kevan Unverferth, Cody Schnipke and Connor Schmenk were some of the students who asked BJ Romes questions about his mission.

Senior Airman Romes served in the United Arab Emirates from July 5, 2003 to November 13, 2003. His assignment was in *Security Forces*. His duties included

guarding the planes on ground or providing security while on board the plane. Presently he is stationed at the Wright Patterson Air Force base near Dayton as a member of the Ohio Air Guard. He continues his duties in Security Forces policing and is now guarding the base and air craft. Mr. Romes is a 1999 graduate of Ft. Jennings High School and is married to the former Kerri Unverferth of Kalida.

### 2004 - 2005 School Calendar

- Wednesday, Aug. 25** ----- First Day for Students
- Monday, Sept. 6** ----- Labor Day/No School
- Thursday, Oct. 7** ----- Staff Development  
1:00 PM dismissal
- Monday, Nov. 1** ----- Quarter Break/No School
- Tuesday, Nov.23 & Wednesday, Nov. 24**  
----- Parent Teacher Conferences/No School
- Thursday, Nov.25** ----- Thanksgiving/No School
- Friday, Nov. 26** ----- No School
- Monday, Dec.20 through Sunday, January 2**  
----- Winter Break/No School
- Monday, Jan. 3, 2005** ----- Classes Resume
- Monday, Jan 17** ----- Martin Luther King Day  
No School
- Monday, Feb. 21** ----- Presidents' Day/No School
- Thursday, Feb. 24** ----- Staff Development  
1:00 PM dismissal
- Friday, March 25 through Monday, March 28**  
----- Spring Break/No School
- Thursday, April 28** ----- Staff Development  
1:00 PM. dismissal
- Friday, May 27** ----- Last Day for Students
- Sunday, May 29** ----- Graduation *Class of 2005*

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Congratulations to Mrs. Debra Eickholt and her husband Patrick on the birth of their son, **Blake Edward, on February 7, 2004.** Mrs. Eickholt teaches the fifth grade at Kalida Elementary.

Congratulations to Mrs. Roxanne Schumacher and her husband Randy on the birth of their son, **Reed Joel, on March 15, 2004.** Mrs. Schumacher is a Kalida High School math teacher.



Don't be a party to teenage drinking. It's against the law.

The Putnam County Task Force for Youth has asked us to remind you that during this time of celebration, spring and graduation parties, that it is illegal to have alcohol available to underage persons. You can be prosecuted and your property can be confiscated if you are found in violation. Call 1-877-4-MINORS to report violations.

### Calendar Notes

<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>May 18 &amp; 24</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>August 25, 2004</b>
Spring Choir Concert 7:30 PM	KHS Art Show Noon-2 PM	Building Info. Sessions-8 PM	Academic Banquet-7 PM	Athletic Banquet 6 PM	Last Day of School 2 PM Dismissal	Graduation	Memorial Day	First Day "Back to School"

## Guns in School?

The Concealed Carry law came into effect on April 8 for the State of Ohio. Citizens of Ohio are now permitted, with the required license and proper training, to carry a concealed handgun. **There are, however, exceptions to this right.** School Safety Zones, including buildings, grounds, athletic fields, busses and any building being used for a school activity, are “no carry zones.” Most government property and facilities and any private property that is posted are also “no carry zones.” Law enforcement officials are the only people permitted to possess a firearm on or in school property.



## Let's Go T- E- A- M !

Cheerleading squads for next year have been formed. Listed below are the squads who will be leading us in cheers next basketball season.

### Varsity Cheerleaders

Sara Heitmeyer, Amanda Kortokrax, Krista Warnecke, Laura Burgei, Ashley Kerner, Emily Berheide, Dana Phillips, *Mascot-Ang Unverferth*

### Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Stefanie Schroeder, Kim Unverferth, Emily Kahle, Brooke Schroeder, Lauren Verhoff, Jenna Schroeder, Nicole Warnecke

### Freshmen Cheerleaders

Karri Clementz, Emily Erhart, Liz Foppe

### 8th Grade Cheerleaders

Jenna Kahle, Leah Gerding, Kasie Bellmann, Erica Schmenk, Lauren Erhart, Kendra Kerner

### 7th Grade Cheerleaders

Kelly Kehres, Stephanie Wilson, Katie Helmke, Abigail Swihart

## Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest

The contest was held on Saturday, April 24, at Lima Senior. The students performed very well.

Awards given were as follows:

### Superior Ratings

Trumpet Solo-Austin Basinger

Piano Solo-Lauren Erhart

Vocal Solos-Samantha Recker, Preston Ellerbrock,

Makenna Basinger, Lauren Erhart

Boys Ensemble I-Schuyler McVicker, Jason Hogsett, Ryan

Kleman, Jeff Miller, Preston Ellerbrock, Neal Lammers

Boys Ensemble II-Derek Birkemeier, Sean Fischnich, Jared

West, Josh Verhoff, Aaron Geckle, Ryan Richey, Kyle Kahle

8th Grade Ensemble-Stacy Reindel, Kayla Kromer, Ashley

Shultz, Alyssa Frey, Allyson Fortman, Megan Heitmeyer

### Excellent ratings

Clarinet Solo-Jill Hoffman

Vocal Solos-Ashley Shultz, Kayla Kromer, Kyle Kahle

7th Grade Ensembles-Makenna Basinger, Kasie Bellmann,

Brittany Bockrath, Lauren Erhart, Lauren Fuller, Leah

Gerding, Megan Jorrey, Jenna Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Jessica

Knueve, Darcy Langhals, Erica Schmenk, Ashley Remlinger,

Emily Selhorst, Michelle Webken.

## To Clarify School Funds Vs. Building Funds

The March finance article on school funding gave rise to a question concerning funds for operating schools vs. funds for building schools. A reader asked how the current funding crisis would affect the money being allocated for building school facilities, especially future money for Kalida's Expedited Local Partnership Program.

Funds to operate schools are generated from different sources than funds used by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) for the construction of schools.

The following information was given schools in the summer of 2003 and confirmed by an OSFC official on March 9, 2004.

▲ The majority of funds used for school construction come from the State of Ohio's bond pool. Twenty-five percent is tobacco money and a small amount comes from "cash on hand" and interest.

▲ At the current time, there has been no reduction in funds designated for OSFC projects. OSFC has continued to be funded at expected levels.

▲ OSFC expects all schools to have the opportunity to participate in this building program by the year 2012.

It is important to note that, while nothing is certain, there seems to be a great deal of confidence by OSFC and support by the legislature for the continuation of this program. Hopefully, we will see the same support for resolving the operational side of school finance.

## Questions Concerning the Building Project?

Informational sessions will be held at **8 PM on Tuesday, May 18, and again on Monday, May 24, in the high school's cafeteria** to update interested residents concerning the Expedited Local Partnership Program taking place at Kalida High School. Topics will include site work progress, an updated estimate for completion and the most recent drawings. All are welcome to attend.

## Jump Rope For Heart

"Kalida Elementary students in grades three through six participated in the *Jump Rope For Heart* on Friday, April 16. One hundred forty students raised \$7760.08 for the American Heart Association. *Jump Rope For Heart* is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Kalida elementary's top five money raisers were: Kevan Unverferth (\$350), Julia Vandemark (\$268), Aissa McVicker (\$200), Cotey Schoeff (\$200) and Brandi Merschman (\$165). The school will be rewarded by receiving \$400 to purchase new physical education equipment. Thanks to all!"

*Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht, physical education teacher.*

## Where Does The Schools' Money Come From?



Kalida Local Schools operate on money received from local sources, from the state government and from the federal government.

The majority of local money is from residential and commercial property taxes. Other local monies come from open enrollment funds, student bookbill fees, interest earned on investments, donations and other minor sources, such as rental of school facilities and sale of fixed assets. Most local money is accounted for in the general fund and used for general operating purposes.

The majority of state aid to Ohio's public schools is through the school foundation program which is based on student enrollment. Other examples of state money are the homestead & rollback receipts and miscellaneous grant money that is earmarked for specific purposes. Unless specifically earmarked, state money, like local money, is used for general operating purposes.

Kalida Local Schools receive a small portion of its total revenue from the federal government in the form of food commodities and grant money that is earmarked for very specific purposes. Federal money is rarely used for general operating purposes.

Kalida Local Schools received \$4,435,992.00 in the general fund for operating purposes during our last fiscal year, July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The breakdown of revenue received by percentage was as follows:

<b>Local:</b>	
Real Estate Tax	22.32%
Personal Property Tax	7.39%
Interest Earned	.50%
Other Local Sources	<u>8.04%</u>
	38.25%
<b>State:</b>	
School Foundation	57.86
Homestead/Rollback	3.08%
Other State Sources	<u>.80%</u>
	61.74%
<b>Federal:</b>	
Vocational Grant	.01%

Next month: Kalida's history of the breakdown of State and Local revenues received by percentage

## Open Enrollment

The Kalida Local School District is currently accepting applications for open enrollment students for the 2004-05 school year. Have you completed your form? Please call 419-532-3534 for further information.



## Musical Review

"Congratulations to the cast, crew and directors of **You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown** for a fine performance. It was truly an enjoyable evening."

*Mr. Robert Williams*

## The Art of Public Speaking

The Kalida Elementary *Modern Woodmen Oration Contest* was held on Friday,

April 16, in St. Michael's Gym. This year's theme was

**"An American Invention."** The top two finishers,

Megan Erhart and Emily Turnwald, now advance to the Putnam County competition at OGHs on May 1.



Congratulations to third place winner Stephanie Verhoff, and the other finalists Brandon Closson, Amanda Schulte, Kylie McIntyre, Ben Bockrath, Stephanie Kortokrax, Trisha Horstman, Alice Verhoff, Kara Kaufman and Katie Kromer for a fabulous job.



Modern Woodmen representative Mrs. Esther Goebel presented awards to the top three finalists Megan Erhart, Emily Turnwald and Stephanie Verhoff.

The Kalida Junior High held the *Modern Woodmen Oration*

**Contest** on Thursday, April 22, in the high school auditorium. Top finalist was seventh grader Darcy Langhals. Second place went to Jenna Kahle and third place was awarded to Lauren Erhart. On May 1, Darcy and Jenna will present their speeches at the Putnam County's competition. Congratulations, girls!



Mrs. Goebel presented the awards to the junior high winners Darcy Langhals (1st place), Lauren Erhart (3rd) and Jenna Kahle (2nd) on Thursday, April 22.

## KHS ART SHOW

Grades 7 through 12

May 16

12 noon -2 PM

High School Auditorium.

## Presenting the Graduating Class of 2004

May 30, 2004, St. Michael's Gymnasium, 2:00 PM

William B. Adams, III  
Courtney Ann Bellmann  
LeeAnn Rose Bruskotter  
Sarah Anne Buss  
Holly Marie Clementz  
Kevin John Cygan  
Lori Marie Duling  
Eric David Fischnich  
Jessica Catherine Fuerst  
Chad William Grote  
Derek J. Guisinger  
Russell William Hamilton  
Joshua Michael Heckman  
Jessica Marie Honigford  
Ashley S. Horstman  
Lindsey Marie Horstman  
Lauren Marie Janka  
Kent Joseph Jerwers  
Jason John Kahle  
Jennifer Ann Kahle

Heather Nichole Kimmel  
Ross William Kleman  
Carrie Amanda Kottenbrock  
Gregory William Luersman  
Cody Ryan Maxwell  
Andrew Michael Miller  
J. Nicole Miller  
Lindsey Marie Miller  
Kelly Elizabeth Nienberg  
David Richard Niese  
Tabitha Lynn Patton  
Kari L. Phillips  
Joseph Michael Rampe  
Kristen Leigh Rankin  
Becky Marie Recker  
Kyle Joseph Recker  
Lindsey Marie Remlinger  
David E. Ricker  
Erin L. Schnipke  
Megan Elizabeth Schnipke  
Neil Robert Schnipke

Richard Douglas Schnipke  
Amy Schroeder  
Jacqueline K. Schroeder  
Katrina Marlene Schroeder  
Stephanie Marie Schroeder  
Diane Lynn Schulte  
Jeremy Joseph Schumaker  
Kelly Marie Shartzter  
Shawn Sheaks  
Crystal Marie Siebeneck  
Katie Lyn Slusser  
Brian Michael Stechschulte  
Travis J. Stechschulte  
Brian William Unverferth  
Ross Allen Unverferth  
Ashley Marie Verhoff  
Emily Dolores Verhoff  
Tracey Jean Verhoff  
Heather Nicole Vorst  
Mindy Kay Vorst  
Audrey Lynn Whitehurst

**Class Motto:** *Special times and special places, special friends together, the moments pass so quickly, but the memories last forever.*

**Class Colors:** Navy & Iridescent

**Class Flower:** Lily

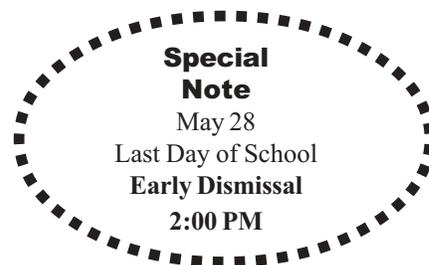
**Class Song:** "In This Diary" by The Ataris



### **Celebrating Right to Read Week**

The Kalida kindergarten classes were surprised on Wednesday, April 21, by **Clifford the Big Red Dog**. Students in both morning and afternoon sessions sang songs for Clifford and presented him with bouquets of flowers that they made for him.

**FYI from Coach Steve Fersch:**  
The Kalida Lady Cats Basketball Camp will not be held this summer.



### **Special Note**

May 28  
Last Day of School  
**Early Dismissal**  
**2:00 PM**

### *Music Boosters' April Winners*

Dan Kneuve, Sr. \$200  
Jim Kottenbrock \$150  
Larry Unverferth \$100  
Joe/Lori Recker \$75  
Dennis/Darlene Hanneman \$75  
Greg Kneuve \$55  
  
Denny/Rita Maag \$50  
Gladys Unverferth \$50  
Tom/Connie Miller \$50  
Tom Verhoff \$50  
Steve/Carolyn Miller \$50

**Superintendent:**  
**Robert Williams**  
419-532-3534

**HS. Principal Don Horstman**  
**Elem. Principal Karl Lammers**

**School Board Meetings**  
Second Wednesday  
8:00 p.m. - High School Library

**School Board Members:**  
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