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FYI

Withholding for the 1% income tax **does not begin until January 1, 2006.** More information concerning this will follow in future *Paw Print* issues.

Notes From the Superintendent

Thank You Voters - On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the Kalida Local Schools, I would like to thank the residents of Kalida for your continued support. Without spending a great deal of time talking about district finances, the 1% income tax will provide the necessary funds to stabilize the district indefinitely. I want to thank those of you who took the initiative to attend the public meetings, read the pamphlets, and asked the necessary questions to help pass the levy. I would also like to thank Sandy Roller and Denny Bruskotter for their efforts as chairpersons of the Kalida Citizens for Quality Education. Once again, the Kalida community has risen to the occasion!

Construction project - With the recent rash of good weather, the contractors have really stepped up the pace. They have finished laying the block walls and the roof over the media center/library and the science classrooms. All exterior walls of Phase One are now in place. The project is on budget, but significantly behind schedule for completion. The most recent completion date as of a meeting with the contractors last week is October 3. However, the Board of Education has not accepted this date as satisfactory, and is still in the process of negotiating with the appropriate contractors. Bill Rieman has been kind enough to provide the community with a brief Enhancement Committee update in this month's newsletter. I encourage you to read Bill's comments and contact any of the Enhancement Committee members if you have any questions pertaining to the project.

Where are we ranked now? - I recently spoke with the Treasurer/Comptroller of the Ohio School Facilities Commission regarding the timeline for the state funded portion of our project, and I was given the following information. Kalida is currently #63 on the list to be funded. 26 projects were funded in 2005-06. His estimate is that we are 3- 5 years away from beginning Phase II.

Year end - It is a busy time of the year in the school business as we just completed the Junior/Senior Prom, are in the middle of the spring sports season, and are rapidly approaching commencement. Staff members are quite busy wrapping up the school year and they have already begun planning for next year.

Retiring staff - I would like to recognize and congratulate Ms. Bonnie Loehrke for 28 years and Mr. Dick Schulte for 35 years of service to the Kalida School District. Both will be retiring at the end of the school year. The Board of Education will be meeting on May 11, 8:00 P.M. with a full agenda. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Summer scheduled meetings are June 8, July 13, and August 10.

Superintendent Mark K. Neal

Last day of School - May 27

Students will be dismissed at **2:00 PM**. All buses will run at that time.

Vantage Career Center- Senior students

all presented their Senior Projects to teachers, staff and community members on April 13. The Senior Project is a part of the student's final year at Vantage. The project integrates the skills, concepts, and data from the student's program of study into one culminating project. This is a three-part process: a research paper, a project or product needed to be created outside of school, and an oral presentation in front of a panel of judges.



Becky Hanneman shows off the 'biscuit tortoni' dessert she made for her Senior Project.

Becky Hanneman, a senior from Kalida in the Food Careers program, researched four different regions of Italy and then made a dessert – biscuit tortoni – from one of the regions. She even had samples for the judges. Kalida senior Andy Sarka had recently purchased a field sprayer with damaged booms for use on the farm. For his project, he rebuilt the booms, and in the process, discovered just how much he enjoyed using mig, tig and stick welding to make the repairs.



Vantage Industrial Mechanics senior Andy Sarka, from Kalida, shows the Senior Projects judge how he rebuilt the booms for his field sprayer.

Let Us Do Your Planting

The junior high *Cats Who Care* members are offering to plant your flowerbed for you on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 until 11 AM. You purchase the flowers and they will do the planting. Call Leah Gerding (532-2274), Lauren Fuller (532-2842) or Cats Who Care Advisor Connie Cleemput (532-3038) to arrange for students to help you.

Putnam County Art Show

Congratulations to the following students for receiving art award ribbons at the annual High School and Junior High Putnam County Art show: Samantha Schnipke, Samantha Recker, Chelsea Warnecke, Adam Unverferth, Abby Schroeder (2), Lisa Duling, Tim Beach, Brandon Stechschulte, Michele Remlinger, Kim Lammers, Krista Warnecke, Michael Hogsett, Angela Unverferth, Megan Jorrey, Josh Verhoff, Leah Gerding, Erica Schmenk, Dana Bruskotter, Kendra Kerner, Matt Schnipke, Matt Warnecke, Kasie Bellmann, Michael Turnwald, Kara Kaufman, and Alex Vorst.

Solo and Ensemble Results

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Superior, Excellent and Good ratings at the Junior High Solo and Ensemble contest in March.

Superior ratings went to:

Katie Kromer-trumpet solo
Lauren Erhart-voice and piano solos
Amanda Brinkman-voice solo
Trisha Horstman-trumpet solo
Bethany Smith-mallet percussion solo
Louisa Millott-trombone solo
Stephanie Verhoff-trombone solo
Kelly Kehres-baritone solo

8th Grade Gold Ensemble - Jess Knueve, Lauren Erhart, Dana Bruskotter, Makenna Basinger, Emily Selhorst, Cassy Schulte, Michelle Webken

Excellent ratings went to the following students:

Anna Tenwalde-voice solo
Louisa Millott-voice solo
Rachel Kahle-voice solo
Lauren Erhart-clarinet solo
Ben Ridinger-snare drum solo
Kim Berheide-voice solo
Michael Turnwald-voice and trombone solos

7th Grade Boys Ensemble - Michael Bockrath, Michael Turnwald, Jeff Gerding, Matt Honigford, Kyle Hoffman, Brandon Selhorst, Mark Schmitz

7th Grade Maroon Ensemble - Kelly Kehres, Kim Berheide, Kylie McIntyre, Stacie Heitmeyer, Abby Rampe, Jill Rieman, Aissa McVicker, Trisha Horstman, Amanda Brinkman, Amber Horstman, Steph Kortokrax

7th Grade Gold Ensemble - Devin Warnecke, Cassie Siefker, Margaret von der Embse, Kara Kaufman, Amy Hamburg, Abby Swihart, Emily Bendele, Julia Fuerst, Anna Tenwalde

8th Grade Maroon Ensemble - Rachel Kahle, Kendra Kerner, Leah Gerding, Ashley Remlinger, Bethany Smith, Alexis Hill, Brittany Bockrath, Louisa Millott

8th Grade Wildcat Ensemble - Kasie Bellmann, Nicole Nordhaus, Jenna Kahle, Megan Jorrey, Amanda Meyer, Erica Schmenk, Lauren Fuller, Amy VonderEmbse

A Good Rating was awarded to Kyle Hoffman for his voice solo.

New Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Austin Barnhart and Chris Miller who both have achieved the honor of *Eagle Scout* in the Boy Scout program. Austin's Eagle Scout project included various maintenance chores at the Paradise Oaks Nursing Home including rebuilding a garden plot for the residents for them to enjoy. Chris cleaned and repaired 28 picnic tables for the village of Kalida and the Kalida Lions.

Girl Scout Gold Award

Congratulations to KHS senior Jen Wehri on the completion and achievement of her *Girl Scout Gold Award*. For her project, Jen made turbans for patients undergoing cancer treatments. Jen also is the recipient of the Girl Scout's *Rose Marie Duffy Scholarship*. Congratulations, Jen.

Kalida Students Honor Roll-3rd Quarter

All A Honor Roll

Seniors - Ryan Smith

Juniors - Ryan Hoffman, Eric Schnipke, Julie Schroeder, Brad VonderEmbse, Lindsay Westbeld

Vantage Junior - Adam Schumaker

Sophomores-Angela Hanneman, Rachel Knueve, Kari Schroeder, Katie Unverferth, Ashlee Warnecke

Freshmen - Robert Gerding, Abigail Schroeder, Brittany Schroeder, Trent Smith

8th Grade - Kasie Bellmann, Dana Bruskotter, Leah Gerding, Megan Jorrey, Jenna Kahle, Louisa Millott, Erica Schmenk, Gina Verhoff, Matt Warnecke

7th Grade - Michael Bockrath, Julia Fuerst, Amy Hamburg, Trisha Horstman, Brant Kahle, Kara Kaufman, Stephanie Kortokrax, Katherine Kromer, Michael Niemeyer, Michael Turnwald, Stephanie Verhoff, Margaret von der Embse

AB Honor Roll

Seniors - Nicole Brinkman, Nathan Goedde, Kenzie Hanneman, Kristen Heitmeyer, Leah Hermiller, Amanda Kortokrax, Kimberly Lammers, Elizabeth Mack, Gregory Recker, Heather Schnipke, Angela Unverferth, Danielle Vorst, Jennifer Wehri

Vantage Seniors - Dustin Fortman, Becky Hanneman, Ashley McElwain, Ryan Miller, Andrew Sarka, Jonathan Schindler, Dustin Schroeder, Kyle Schroeder, Alex Wurth

Juniors - Ryan Buss, Ross Ellerbrock, Amber Erhart, David Gerdeman, Shane Hill, Stacy Hunter, Ashley Kerner, Alisha Knueve, Kelly Knueve, Austin Kruse, Ben McIntyre, Jared Siebeneck, Autumn Snyder, Jared Stechschulte, Megan Unverferth, Melissa Verhoff, Jeremy Wehri, Laurie Westbeld, Jessica Winkle

Vantage Juniors - Steve Becker, Jesse Gerding, Ryan Hamilton, Evan Peck, Renee Schroeder, Randy Webken

Sophomores - Rachel Cygan, Renee Cygan, Kevin Erhart, Megan Hamburg, Brent Heitmeyer, Christopher Kahle, Emily Kahle, Justin Kahle, Dana Phillips, Shawn Smith, Sarah Wurth

Freshmen - Jeffrey Beach, Adam Berheide, Karri Clementz, Alyssa Frey, Megan Heitmeyer, Jiill Hoffman, Kayla Kromer, Sara Mack, Craig Miller, Megan Miller, Samantha Recker, Stacy Reindel, Dean Schnipke, Adam Unverferth, Bryant Warnecke, Chelsea Warnecke, Nicole Warnecke, Ashley Wehri

8th Grade - Makenna Basinger, Derek Birkemeier, Brittany Bockrath, Brandon Closson, Preston Ellerbrock, Lauren Erhart, Lauren Fuller, Kyle Kahle, Kendra Kerner, Jessica Knueve, Neal Lammers, Darcy Langhals, Ashley Remlinger, Matthew Schnipke, Scott Schnipke, Emily Selhorst, Bethany Smith, Amy VonderEmbse

7th Grade -Emily Bendele, Kimberly Berheide, Jeffrey Gerding, Stacie Heitmeyer, Kelly Kehres, Nicholas Kersh, Kylie McIntyre, Jill Rieman, Katelyn Schumaker, Cassie Siefker, Abigail Swihart, Brittney Trentman, Ryan Unverferth, Devin Warnecke, Stephanie Wilson

National Honor Society Induction

Congratulations to the eighteen students who were inducted on April 7, 2005, into the KHS National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is a prestigious organization that is restricted to only students who strive and excel in school. Membership is only granted to distinguished students who demonstrate character, service, leadership, and scholarship.

Sophomore students inducted were Renee Cygan, Angela Hanneman, Justin Kahle, Rachel Knueve, Brandon Kortokrax, Dana Phillips, Kari Schroeder, Katie Unverferth, and Ashlee Warnecke. David Gerdeman, Kelly Knueve, Austin Kruse, Jared Stechschulte, Melissa Verhoff, and Lindsey Westbeld were the Juniors that were inducted. Seniors inducted were Andy Rampe, Heather Schnipke, and Angela Unverferth.

CATS WHO CARE



Students honored in March were Jess Winkle, Amanda Kortokrax, Sara Heitmeyer, Bryant Warnecke, Margaret von der Embse, Emily Bendele, Megan Unverferth, and Alisha Knueve. Mrs. Bonnie Brooks and Mr. Dale Liebrecht joined our students for lunch as the staff representatives to the Lunch Bunch.

Special Honor Awarded

Congratulations to Kalida Elementary first grade teacher Patricia Broecker who was named recipient of the International Reading Association Mary L. Sheeley Council Literacy Award for 2005.

Signs to be Posted

National Blue Ribbon School recognition signs will be soon posted near roadways coming into Kalida. Kalida High School was awarded this honor in 2003.

Presenting the Graduating Class of 2005

Sunday, May 29, 2005, St. Michael's Gymnasium, 2:00 PM

Meredith K. Bash
 Brandon M. Brickner
 Nicole L. Brinkman
 Jennifer E. Darby
 Dustin J. Fortman
 Kayla E. Fortman
 Nathan M. Goedde
 Becky C. Hanneman
 Kenzie M. Hanneman
 Kristen L. Heitmeyer
 Sara M. Heitmeyer
 Jacob W. Hermiller
 Leah M. Hermiller
 Michael J. Hogsett
 Holly A. Horstman
 Judith J. Johns
 Bobbie M. Kleman
 Andrew D. Knueve
 Amanda L. Kortokrax
 Jessica A. Krouse
 Elizabeth M. Mack
 Ashley E. McElwain

Ryan M. Miller
 Wesley A. Moening
 Andrew J. Rampe
 Gregory A. Recker
 Leah M. Remlinger
 Brad J. Rieman
 Peter W. Roehrig
 Andrew J. Sarka
 Jonathon W. Schindler
 Heather A. Schnipke
 Melissa A. Schnipke
 Travis S. Schnipke
 Amanda S. Schroeder
 Barry E. Schroeder
 Brianna K. Schroeder
 Dane M. Schroeder
 Dustin A. Schroeder
 Kyle M. Schroeder
 Nicole L. Schroeder
 Allison K. Siefker
 Jenna M. Siefker
 Ryan S. Smith

Angela C. Unverferth
 Craig R. Unverferth
 Neil A. Verhoff
 Danielle R. Vorst
 Krista M. Warnecke
 Rachel E. Webken
 Jennifer M. Wehri
 Ashleigh E. Winstead
 Alex J. Wurth

Class Motto: "Being grown up isn't half as fun as growing up. These are the best days of our lives."
 ~The Ataris



Class Colors: Maroon & Silver
Class Flower: White Calalily
Class Song: *Chance of a Lifetime*

It's Physical Time

The tentative date for sports physicals to be held at KHS for the 2005-06 school year is **Thursday, May 26, at 6:00 PM.** A physical is mandatory in order to be eligible to play any sport. Students will be given more detailed information as the date nears.

Student Council Food Drive

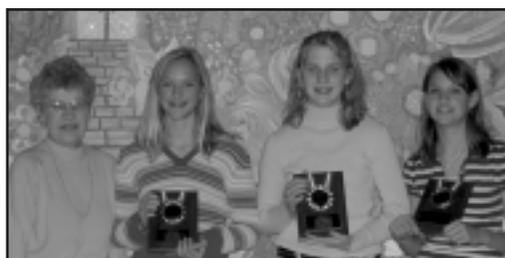
Our KHS student council sponsored a food drive in March. The drive was a huge success with 2,200 pounds of food collected and donated to the Trinity United Methodist Food Pantry in Ottawa.

Band Calendars Anyone?

Orders for the new **2005-06 Band Calendars** are being taken. Please call Sue Fuerst (532-3268) or Mary Hoffman (532-3978) to place your order.

Learning the Art of Public Speaking

The *Modern Woodmen Oration Contest* was recently held in both the elementary and junior high. The topic for this year's competition was "*A Great Time in American History.*" First and second place winners are now eligible to participate in the district contest held at the Ottawa-Glandorf High School Auditorium on May 7. Congratulations to all the contestants.



Esther Goebel, local Modern Woodmen of America representative, is shown with the junior high winners: Kara Kaufman, first place; Trisha Horstman, second place; and Stephanie Kortokrax, third place.



Elementary Principal Karl Lammers congratulates second place winner Emily Turnwald, first place winner Megan Erhart and third place winner Nicole Kaufman.



Music Boosters'

April Special Drawing

- \$150-Sarah Hovest
- \$100-Dennis/Denise Blankemeyer
- \$100-Rachel Knueve
- \$ 75-Liz/Roger Warnecke
- \$ 75-Martha Berheide
- \$ 75-Mary Jane/Gene Stechschulte
- \$ 60-Larry Unverferth
- \$ 50-Jim/Pat Hanneman
- \$ 50-Dennis/Darlene Hanneman
- \$ 50-Wilma Kramer
- \$ 50-Ron Knueve
- \$ 50-Jerry/Mary Hoffman

Superintendent:
Mark Neal

419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
 8:00 PM - High School Library

School Board

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VFW Patriotic Art Awards 2005



1st Place Winner Kristen Heitmeyer



2nd Place Winner Niki Brinkman

Congratulations to Kristen Heitmeyer for winning 1st place in the VFW Patriotic Art Awards and Niki Brinkman for placing 2nd. Kristen's art will move on to the district level and if selected will move on to compete in the state level, and maybe even the national level.

State Essay Winner

Congratulations Louisa Millott! During a special luncheon reception at the Statehouse in Columbus, Louisa was awarded second place for her essay entry in the "There Ought to be a Law" contest. She was given a \$150 savings bond and earned a resolution from the statehouse. Louisa's essay can be viewed on the KHS website.

State FFA Degree Awarded

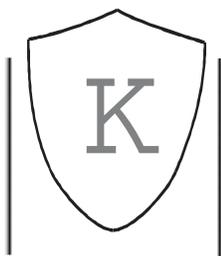
Justin Barnhart, a KHS junior, recently received his State FFA Degree at the Ohio State FFA convention on May 7, 2005. Justin is currently secretary of the Kalida FFA Chapter and in the past he has placed third in the creed contest at the subdistrict level his

Freshman year. He was on the parliamentary procedure team and the state livestock judging team. Justin is currently the Vice-President of the Kalida Go Getters 4-H group and he was King of the 2004 Putnam County Fair.

Wildcat Basketball Camp

June 6-10 8:00AM -1:00 PM
St. Michael's gym - Grades 4-8.
Cost \$65 - For more information
contact Jeremy Stober 419-532-2009

KALIDA SCHOOLS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT



As a member of the Kalida Schools *Enhancement Committee*, I have been asked to give an update on our activities. Approximately one year ago, a group of Kalida School District residents formed this committee to assist the Kalida Schools in funding items that would not qualify for *Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC)* funding. The committee immediately set out to identify what those items might be. Upon consultation with the administration and staff of KHS, a “wish list” of possible enhancements was prepared.

While **OSFC** does generally fund Academic needs fairly well, the *Enhancement Committee* identified needs in that area, as well as in the Arts and Athletic areas. For example, in the area of Academics, several technology items were identified for possible funding. A popular item in many schools is *Smartboards* in each classroom; however, these are not funded by **OSFC**. The staff of KHS is presently evaluating different Smartboard technologies and will be making a recommendation as to what will work best for Kalida Schools. Another item the *Enhancement Committee* is planning to fund is a complete computer lab with approximately 20-25 computers, since computers are not part of **OSFC** funding.

In the Arts area, the new auditoria will be used for concerts, musicals and other school programs. A very minimal sound system was allowed under **OSFC** guidelines. Through a very generous anonymous donation, a state of the art enhanced sound system will now be included in the project. Other enhancements in the Arts area include risers and chairs, which will be portable and can be used throughout the school. A folding acoustical wall for the backside of the stage is another enhancement to be funded. In the Athletics area, bleachers, scoreboards, media catwalk and up-graded volleyball equipment will be funded with enhancement funds.

It is important to note that ALL of these enhancements are being funded by private donations and NO tax dollars are being used. It has been extremely gratifying to see the response from the community to fund these enhancements. In some cases, donors designated their money for a specific item, while other donors simply contributed to the fund.

As you are probably aware, Donor Bricks were also sold to raise money for enhancements. Over 200 bricks have been sold to date.

It is the intent of the Committee to continue to help fund enhancements through all phases of the building project, not just the current Phase I part of the project. If you, or your business, is interested in considering a donation to the Enhancement Fund please contact the Superintendent's office (419-532-3529) and a member of our committee will be happy to schedule a presentation at your convenience. Business donations include donor panel signs, which will be displayed at both indoor and outdoor activities.

Thank you,

Bill Rieman

Enhancement Committee Member