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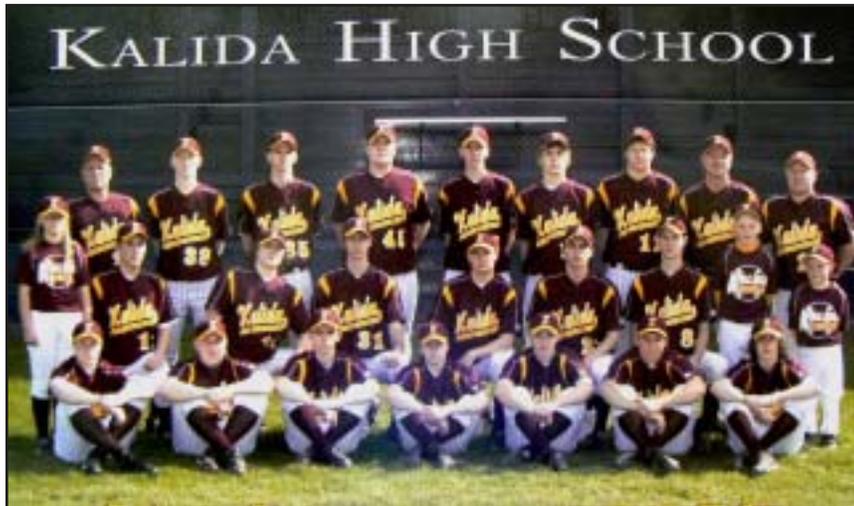
June 20
Putnam County Fair
Band Show 7:00 PM



July 17-20
Mini Cheer Camp
3:30-6:30 PM
KHS High School Gym

August 22
School Begins 2006-07

August 25
Back to School Blast
6:00 PM Meal
7:00 PM Intro. of Fall Teams & Events



S t a t e SemiFinalists!

Congratulations to the KHS Baseball team who played in the state finals at Cooper Stadium in Columbus. Thanks to all the coaches who helped mold this winning team. What a great season!

Notes from the Superintendent

Great Testing Results: I would like to start this month's newsletter by congratulating all of our students and staff members for their excellent academic performance on the statewide achievement tests this spring. I am proud to say that Kalida has the highest Ohio Graduation Tests scores in the county as was high-lighted in the (Lima News, June 10.) Success on these standardized tests is not the ultimate goal in providing a quality education to our students. It is merely a step in the process of preparing our young people for success as adults in whatever field they choose.

Congratulations: I would also like to recognize the achievement of our baseball team for their appearance at this year's OHSAA State Baseball Tournament. The boy's played hard through some adverse weather conditions and the fan support was consistent through the many delays and cancellations.

New Personnel: There are some new personnel developments that have recently occurred. *Mr. Karl Lammers* will be taking over as our new Varsity Girls Basketball coach for the upcoming school year. *Mr. Adam Huber* (new mathematics teacher) will be assuming the Reserve Girls Basketball position. *Mr. Scott Miller* has been hired as the new social studies teacher and will also be the Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant. *Mr. Kent VanDock* will be leaving the Kalida to teach closer to his hometown at Archbold High School. We are currently in the process of conducting a search for a new music teacher.

Bussing Details: We are currently in the process of evaluating all of our bus routes to determine whether or not bussing can be done more efficiently next school year. I will keep you updated if there are any changes before the start of the school year.

Have a safe relaxing summer season.

~ Superintendent Mark K. Neal

Baby News

Congratulations to KHS math teacher Mrs. Brenda Burgei and her husband, Jim, on the birth of their daughter, *Andrea Kay*, on April 2, 2006.



Ross Warnecke advances to National Competitor.

Vantage Robotics Automation Team

Congratulations to KHS Vantage junior Electricity students Ross Warnecke, from Kalida and Nathan Shobe, from Delphos St. Johns, on their first place finish in the state of Ohio SkillsUSA Robotics Automation contest. This talented team will compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference and Contest in Kansas City at the end of June. Congratulations - and good luck!

Thanks to All the Volunteers

Volunteers at the Kalida Elementary help with tutoring, testing and various jobs during the school year. We greatly appreciate the hours of time they have dedicated to the students. Volunteers for this year were Christi Stober, Valita Lammers, Angela Warnement, Joan Smith, Theresa Knueve, Sue Fuerst, Jen Warnecke, Mary Jane Aversch, Michelle Neal, Kay Unverferth, Abbie Nartker, Cindy Fitzgerald, Kelly von der Embse, Connie Krouse, Bev Berheide, Joanne Horstman, Denise Ellerbrock, Tammy Wurth, Jane Selhorst, Tannis White, Denise Recker, Tina



Mrs. Connie Krouse helps a student with the computer in Ms. Broecker's classroom.

Siebeneck, Sandy Fortman, Rita Iliff, Linda Honigfort, Jackie Schroeder, Nancy Utendorf, Kim Bockrath, Carol Erhart, Alice Adams, and Tina Cattell. Thanks to everyone for helping the students of Kalida succeed in their studies.



Mrs. Jackie Schroeder checks over papers with students in Mrs. Brokamp's room.

A special *10 Year Volunteer Service Award* was recently presented to both Mrs. Connie Krouse and Mrs. Jackie Schroeder for their service to the Kalida Elementary students.

Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Jared Stechschulte who is the first winner of the KHS American Red Cross \$250 Scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship seniors had to have given blood at least three times and/or be a member of the Kalida High School Bloodmobile Committee. The final



scholarship winner was chosen in a random drawing. The students eligible for the scholarship were all presented with red cords to wear for graduation symbolizing their dedication to the American Red Cross and the blood donation.

Note of Thanks - Thanks to Drs. Mansfield, Horstman and Klir for donating their time to administer the annual sports physicals to the students of KHS on May 22. One hundred ninety-two students took advantage of the free physical. Thanks also to the many nurses from the community that helped take blood pressure readings.

Prom 2006 was a success

"The students looked very dapper, the decorations were nice, and the food was delicious. I would like to thank everyone who helped make Prom night run smoothly. A special thank you to the following: Ron and Jackie Schroeder, Lisa Berheide, and Julie Hamburg who helped out in the evenings with decorating; Virgil Kahle for the construction of decorations; Scott and Sheryl Kahle for helping tear down on Saturday evening; Mary Lou Merschman for the delicious meal; Ted Verhoff for providing music for the kids to dance; the K of C Hall for the use of their facility; Mr. and Mrs. Horstman, Mrs. Grime, Mr. and Mrs. Liebrecht, and Mrs. Knueve for taking the time out to share the evening with the students. I would also like to thank the following juniors for helping with clean-up on Sunday morning: Kevin Erhart, Shawn Smith, Jason McCullum, Emily Kahle, Molly Verhoff, Lisa Duling, Brooke Schroeder, Sarah Wurth, Karrie Miller, and Amanda Patterson."

Deb Kahle, 2006 Prom Advisor

TESTING, TESTING, TESTING!

Final official results of this year's Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) and achievement testing program arrived in late May from the Department of Education. The preliminary results look very good for this district. Schools are evaluated by their Local Report Card (LRC). Schools receive a "passing mark" on the Local Report Card if 75% of the students taking a specific test earn a "proficient" or higher score on the test. Results are listed below:

3 rd Grade Reading	88%
3 rd Grade Math	81%
4 th Grade Reading	77%
4 th Grade Math	75%
4 th Grade Writing	77%
5 th Grade Reading	88%
5 th Grade Math	88%
6 th Grade Reading	95%
6 th Grade Math	81%
7 th Grade Reading	98%
7 th Grade Math	89%
8 th Grade Reading	94%
8 th Grade Math	93%
10 th Grade OGT Reading	98%
10 th Grade OGT Math	98%
10 th Grade OGT Writing	100%
10 th Grade OGT Science	98%
10 th Grade OGT Social Studies	92%

With two other factors of graduation rate and attendance figured in, Kalida should earn a passing score in 25 of 25 areas this year. This will make our school district an "Excellent" school for six consecutive years. Congratulations to the students, the teachers, and the community for this honor!

Next year's testing will take place March 12-16 for tenth graders, and April 30-May 5 for students in grades 3-8. More tests will be added for grades 5, 7, and 8.

New Band Recruits

On May 1, twenty-five future fifth grade students signed up for band for the upcoming school year. These students will begin summer instrumental lessons and be part of the elementary band next year. If your child missed the sign-up meeting, and wants to become a band member, please contact Mrs. Klausing at 419-532-3514.

Modern Woodmen Tree Donation

Recently local Modern Woodmen of America members gave a lasting gift to the community. Four flowering trees were donated in their name to the Kalida Local Schools. This donation project was part of the *Plant A Tree Program*. "This program ties Modern Woodmen



members to the roots of our organization," says Mrs. Esther Goebel leader of the local Modern Woodmen Camp 4415. "Today planting trees is an important way to create a secure future for families, communities and the environment," said Mrs. Goebel. Presenting the trees to Mr. Karl Lammers, Kalida Elementary Principal, is Mrs. Goebel along with her grandchildren Conner, Olivia and Erica Schmenk. The trees have been planted around the KHS grounds.

Accounting Results

Mrs. Doris Noffsinger's Accounting students participated in the University of Findlay's Accounting Contest late in April. There were thirty-six schools competing with over 450 students taking the two different tests. Abby Wilson placed in the top 20% in the Accounting I test. Ryan Hoffman placed 11th in the Accounting II test. Wes Czubik, Ashley Kerner, Casey Schnipke and Lindsay Westbeld all placed in the top fifty on the Accounting II test. Congratulations to all!

Color Guard Announced

The KHS Color Guard members for 2006-07 have been announced. They are: Kylie McIntyre, Jill Rieman, Julia Fuerst, Margaret von der Embse, Jenna Kahle, Kasie Bellmann, Leah Gerding, Erica Schmenk, Emily Selhorst, Nicole Nordhaus and Makenna Basinger. Drum major for this year is Dana Philips.



Perfect Attendance 2005-06

Congratulations to Brandon Closson, Jill Hoffman, Renee Schroeder, Matt Erhart, Jared Stechschulte, Steven Becker, Tony Wannamacher and Jessica Verhoff who all received Perfect Attendance Awards at the close of the school year. Jared Stechschulte, Renee Schroeder and Tony Wannamacher all had perfect attendance for the second year in a row.

Putnam County Art Show

Congratulations to the following students who won awards at the Putnam County Art Show on May 7, 2006.

Art I: Erica Schmenk, Scott Schnipke, Leah Gerding and Scott Schroeder.

Art II: Austin Basinger, Brittany Schroeder, Ashley Wehri, Abby Schroeder, Chelsea Warnecke, Molly Verhoff, Jenna Schroeder, and Aaron von der Embse.

Art III: Laurie Westbeld and Lisa Duling.

Junior High Art Awards: Samantha Edwards, Trisha Hortsman, Stephanie Kortokrax, Kara Kaufman, Rob Sarka, Emily Turnwald, Rachael Stechschulte, Katie Kromer, and Michael Turnwald.

Congratulations also to Aaron von der Embse whose artwork was accepted to be shown in the very competitive *Lima Kewpee Art Show*.

2006 Pioneer Queen Candidates

Time to buy those Pioneer Tickets from one of the six young ladies listed below. Monies taken in from ticket sales help fund several Lions/Firemen projects throughout the next year. Candidates include: Abby Wilson, Renee Cygan, Emily Berheide, Sarah Wurth, Rachel Knueve, and Amanda Patterson.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2007!!!

Kalida High School has chosen a new photographer for the upcoming school year. Lange Photographic has been chosen as our new photographer. **ALL** Senior Composite Pictures will be taken **IN SCHOOL** on August 31, 2006, beginning at 7:30 AM. Seniors are reminded that their composite picture for the yearbook must be taken at this time but you are free to use the photographer of your choice for your individual senior pictures.

Kalida Wildcat Mini Cheer Camp

Attention parents of girls from age 3 to grade 6. The KHS Varsity and Reserve Cheerleaders will be sponsoring a mini cheer camp at KHS on July 17-20 from 3:30-6:30 PM.

Cost is \$40 per participant. A camp t-shirt will be given to each participant as part of the camp cost. Call Cheer Coach Katelyn McBride at 419-523-4698 to register or obtain a flyer from the school office. Please have forms and payment submitted by June 30.



Junior High Spelling BEE

How do you spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S? Twenty-three students from the seventh and eighth grade at Kalida participated in a local spelling bee on May 18. The top three finishers won gift certificates for pizza or movie rentals from Kalida businesses. Congratulations to all the students on their spelling achievements.



*First place winner was Alyssa Verhoff
Second place-Aissa McVicker
Third place-Mike Peck*

Superintendent:
Mark Neal
419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers
School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School
Media Center

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2006 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS- Many scholarships are announced at this time of year. While some scholarship programs have not yet made final decisions, we are listing below the awards for this year's senior class that have been announced so far. Scholarships that are sponsored by local entities are listed first so that those organizations can be saluted for their efforts on behalf of our students.

Casey (Boomer) Roller was awarded the **Jeff Heitmeyer Memorial Scholarship** this year. Boomer is the son of Jamie and Sandy Roller. He will attend the Indiana University/Purdue University campus in Fort Wayne next year. He also hopes to play soccer there. The Jeff Heitmeyer scholarship was given for the third time this year. Friends of Jeff Heitmeyer and members of his extended family created the scholarship as a surprise for Jeff's parents, Ron and Sharon Heitmeyer. Members of the family attended the awards program at KHS on May 12 to present the award.

Justin Barnhart is one of the recipients of the **Edward A. Rieman** scholarship. Justin is the son of Don and Marcia Barnhart. He will attend Bowling Green State University next year where he plans to major in political science. The Rieman scholarship honors Edward Rieman who served many years as a respected school administrator here in Putnam County. Justin is the second KHS student to receive this award.

Brad VonderEmbse is the winner of scholarship created by the **Father-Son Golf Foundation of Putnam County**. Brad is the son of Gary and Mary Jo VonderEmbse. He will attend the University of Toledo next fall with a major in mechanical engineering. This scholarship was created a year ago to provide an award to students who regularly play on one of the Putnam County golf courses.

St. Michael's Parish has a scholarship program that recognizes two of the students from the parish. Recipients of this year's awards are *Kimberly Unverferth*, the daughter of Roger and Lisa Unverferth, and *Melissa Verhoff*, the daughter of Steve and Barbara Verhoff. Kimberly has chosen to attend Ivy Technical College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she will major in massage therapy. Melissa will attend the Ohio State University-Lima campus, where she will earn an education degree, with credentials for special education.

Melissa Verhoff is also the recipient of three other local scholarships—the **Kalida Alumni Scholarship**, the **Carter-Knott-Kortokrax** scholarship, and the **Chris Potts Memorial Scholarship**. The Kalida Alumni Association funds the first scholarship. When choosing the recipient each year, this group places its primary emphasis on future contributions that a student plans to make within the Kalida community. The Carter-Knott-Kortokrax scholarship was created in memory of three educators who lost their lives while employed as teachers in the Kalida Local School system—Karen Carter, Jan Knott, and Rob Kortokrax. The Kalida Education Association funds this scholarship. The Chris Potts scholarship was created several years ago by the Potts and Unverferth families in Chris's memory. He died in an accident shortly after his senior year. The scholarship is awarded yearly to a student at both Kalida and Continental high schools. Deb McIntyre made the presentation once again on behalf of the Potts and Unverferth families.

The **Joyce Hovest** scholarship is provided to cancer survivors. KHS grad *Megan Verhoff*, who is a nursing student at the Medical University of Ohio, earned this scholarship once again. Megan is the daughter of Ed and Marge Verhoff. Kendra von der Embse, granddaughter of Norman and Dorothy von der Embse, also qualified for this scholarship again. Funds for this scholarship were raised by the Hovest family and the Kalida community following Joyce's successful battle with leukemia while she was a student at Kalida. It is available to any student in Putnam County who has struggled with cancer. Recipients may reapply every year they are in college.

Ryan Hoffman and *Julie Schroeder* were winners in the **Paulding-Putnam Electrical Co-operative Scholarship**. All applicants for this scholarship must be served by this electrical co-op and must also go through an interview process to compete for their award. Ryan is the son of Mark and Joyce Hoffman. Next year he will attend the University of Findlay, majoring in physical therapy. Julie Schroeder is the daughter of Mark and Mary Ann Schroeder. She will begin her training as a future dentist at The Ohio State University-Lima campus next fall.

While the previously mentioned scholarships are the ones most closely associated with this community, we would like to thank other scholarship sponsors in the area who raise the money that helps our students with their college expenses such as the Ottawa Eagles Scholarship, the Putnam County Honor Guard Scholarship, the Greater Northwest Ohio Diabetes Scholarship, The Robert C. Stevens Scholarship (Vantage), the Elks Clubs of Lima and Van Wert, the Spencerville VFW, the Marathon Foundation, Varco-Pruden Buildings, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and General Motors. While we are fearful of overlooking some organization, we would still like to thank and recognize the above groups for their sponsorship of these programs over the years.

Justin Barnhart	Edward A. Rieman Scholarship, Gleaner Scholarship
Alan Bendele	University of Northwestern Ohio Tech-Prep Scholarship
Ryan Buss	University of Toledo Pride Scholarship
Ross Ellerbrock	Ohio State University Trustees Scholarship
David Gerdeman	University of Toledo Prestige Scholarship
Ryan Hoffman	Paulding-Putnam Scholarship
	University of Findlay Merit Scholarship

Kelly Knueve	University of Findlay Merit Scholarship
Austin Kruse	Ohio Northern University Dean's Scholarship ONU Academic Achievement Scholarship
Ben McIntyre	University of Dayton President's Scholarship
Casey (Boomer) Roller	Jeff Heitmeyer Memorial Scholarship
Eric Schnipke	University of Toledo Tower Prestige Scholarship
Julie Schroeder	Paulding-Putnam Scholarship Ohio State University Alumni Scholarship
Amanda Schumaker	University of Toledo Blue and Gold Scholarship
Jared Siebeneck	Rhodes Merit Scholarship Rhodes Teachers' Choice Award
Autumn Snyder	International Business College Scholarship
Cory Unverferth	University of Toledo Blue and Gold Scholarship
Kimberly Unverferth	St. Michael's Parish Scholarship
Megan Unverferth	University of Toledo Success Scholarship
Melissa Verhoff	Chris Potts Scholarship Carter-Knott-Kortokrax Scholarship KHS Alumni Scholarship St. Michael's Parish Scholarship
Brad VonderEmbse	Ohio Academic Scholarship University of Toledo Prestige Scholarship Putnam County Golf Foundation Scholarship
Jessica Winkle	Tiffin University Dean's Scholarship Tiffin University Academic Housing Scholarship

We will be happy to publicize any late-arriving scholarship information in the future. So far, these students have earned **\$313,820 in scholarship money**. Congratulations, Class of 2006!

KALIDA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This group continues to give yearly scholarship awards even though most of its other activities are on hiatus. Amy Recker, Ann Vorst, Dan Fanger, and Steve Unverferth are carrying the responsibilities for the group at this time. If you would like to become involved with the Alumni Association or contribute to its scholarship program, please contact either the school or one of the members listed here.

SENIOR PLANS

This year's senior class represents a broad range of career interests and talents—they will major in areas ranging from massage therapy to dentistry to graphic design. Some will be going straight into the labor force with widely recognized credentials and/or state licenses. Some will go on for more training; as a group, they have chosen 18 different institutions. Some will be moving to new locations, some will be staying close to home.

Here is the breakdown:

Five of our seniors have already landed jobs that they will keep after graduation. Three others are looking for different jobs, although two of those do have employment at the moment. Two of these will attend school part-time while working full-time.

Four students will be leaving Ohio for their training. One graduate will head to South Florida Community College and three others will to Indiana to attend Ivy Tech, International Business College, and Indiana University/Purdue University/Fort Wayne.

One student each will attend the following Ohio schools—Ohio Northern University, University of Dayton, Tiffin University, Columbus State Community College, and OSU Columbus.

Two students are bound for Wright State, and two others will attend the University of Findlay. Three seniors are heading to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima.

Four graduates will attend the Findlay campus of Owens Community College with four more attending the Toledo campus of Owens. Another four students will head to Bowling Green State University.

Six of this year's seniors will be at Rhodes State College when classes begin next fall. Eight more are moving to the University of Toledo for their classes next year. Finally, ten of the seniors will attend OSU's Lima campus next fall.

This year's senior class has handled many transitions very well. They are the first to graduate from our new facilities. They have set a high standard for the classes to follow. We wish them well in their next transition as they leave their high school days behind.

~ **Mrs. Beth Myers, Retiring Guidance Counselor**