



**Graduation**  
**Sunday, May 28, 2017 2:00 PM KHS Gymnasium**



Mr. Karl Lammer, Superintendent  
 Adam von der Embse, President  
 Abby Langhals, Vice President  
 Dana Knueve, Secretary  
 Carlee Miller, Treasurer  
 Mr. Chris Pfahler, Principal

**Class Flower**  
 Lily



Danica Basinger, Kage Bockrath, Bryce Brinkman, Derek Buss

*Kalida High School*  
 Class of 2017



Kelly Doepker, Erica Edwards, Bailey Eickholt, Ryan Ellerbrock

**Class Song**  
 If Today Was Your Last Day  
 by Nickelback



Kristen Fortman, Reed Fuller, Logan Gerding, Lucas Gerding



Brianna Good, Kelsi Hipsher, Keara Hopkins, Hannah Kahle



Layne Keefer, Brooke Kimball, Morgan Knapke

**Class Quote**  
 Together we have experienced life. Separately, we will pursue our dreams. Forever, our memories will remain.



Jeffrey Knueve, Noah Lambert, Marcus Landin, Samantha Langhals



Tyler Lehman, Corey Miller, Austin Nartker, Collin Nartker



Alysse Schnipke, Alexis Schroeder



Sierra Siebneck, Caleb Siebneck, Trent Siebneck, Jenna Siefker



Isaac Smith, Makenzie Smith, Aubrey Stechschatte, Angela Tenwalde



Claire Warnicke, Collin Wurth, Jade Zeller

**Valedictorians:** Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Knueve, Trent Siebneck

**Salutarian:** Jade Zeller

**Honor Grads:** Kelly Doepker, Erica Edwards, Bailey Eickholt, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Brianna Good, Brooke Kimball, Dana Knueve, Jeffrey Knueve, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Tyler Lehman, Carlee Miller, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Caleb Siebneck, Trent Siebneck, Adam von der Embse, Jade Zeller

**Parting Words**—Our class will soon be making a great change in our lives. Graduating and leaving high school will be a turning point that we will remember forever. Although this journey is ending, we have picked up endless lessons along the way. Through guidance given to us by our coaches, teachers and parents, we have learned how to be the best people we can be. The confidence that has been bestowed in us has given us the courage to embrace the coming change, and enter our new world with an open heart and mind. Because of the impact that our community has made on us, we now too will impact our future homes in the same way. What we have learned in our pasts will shape our future. Our experiences in high school, and more importantly what we learned from our experiences, will stick with us as we journey through our new lives.

~ Adam von der Embse, Class President 2017

## Reflections on Retirement



“As you know by now, I will be retiring from public education and my current role as principal of Kalida High School at the conclusion of this school year. It is with mixed emotions that I write this note of thanks to each and every one of you for helping to make Kalida Local Schools such a pleasant and satisfying work environment over the last nine years.

Although I am looking forward to moving onto the other exciting challenges in life, I cannot help but be a bit sad that I will no longer be a part of this wonderful organization.

Over my time here I have had the pleasure of working with many board members, community members, support staff, teachers, coaches, administrators, parents, and especially students who are truly “world- class”. In particular, I had the pleasure of learning from several first-rate teachers, some of whom chose to retire on my watch. Finding top-notch

replacements for these teachers, I feel, is one of my most notable contributions in my time here.

Some of my most significant memories are the construction of the new high school building, the implementation of the 1-1 iPad initiative along with the use of our learning management system (Schoology), the successful addition of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008 and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in 2017 to this building, the growth of our Advanced Placement and Project Lead the Way programs, and the addition of the high school track program.

A few weeks ago I commented to Mr. Brinkman, our new principal, that ‘what I lack in creativity, I make up for in organization’. I have confidence that the creativity that

Mr. Brinkman brings to the table, combined with the organization that I am leaving, will result in an improved experience for our students moving forward. My hope and prayer as I turn over this building, is that God will continue to keep the students and teachers safe both mentally and physically and they will all be able to continue our *Tradition of Excellence*.”

## Introducing Our New Principal

Mr. Dean Brinkman was named the next Kalida High School principal at the April board of education meeting. Mr. Brinkman is a 1996 Ottawa-Glandorf graduate and is currently the principal at Ottawa Elementary. Prior to that, he spent seven years at Lima Central Catholic, including two years as director of academics. Mr. Brinkman resides outside of Glandorf with his wife, Allie, and his two sons. Welcome Mr. Brinkman!



*Superintendent Karl Lammers and Mr. Dean Brinkman*

## Happy Retirement to Ms. Pat Broecker !

“I have enjoyed my time at Kalida Elementary.” says Ms. Pat Broecker. “I have found something to smile about each and every day. I’ve worked with lots of dedicated faculty and staff, and lots of loving parents along the way. (Oh my... too many to name them all!) I am very grateful for the educational opportunities I have had and for the friends I have gained.

I am truly blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful children. They will always have a special place in my heart!!!! Thanks for the memories!”  
~ *Pat Broecker*



## Happy Retirement Bill !

Bill Schulte is retiring from his daily bus route at the end of this school year. He started driving as a substitute driver in 2000 and became a full time driver in 2012. Bill will remain on the sub list and will be able to do extra-curricular trips as his schedule permits. Bill plans on escaping the Ohio winters and relaxing in the sunshine anywhere but in Ohio. Mike Unverferth will be taking over his vacancy on the full time bus drivers’ roster.



## Cafeteria Workers Retiring



Mrs. Mary Ann Hoersten was hired in 1985 to help in the cafeteria. She is excited about spending more time with her grandchildren when she retires. “I will miss my job of cooking here at the school,” says Mrs. Hoersten. “But I will have more time to take short trips with family and friends.”



Mrs. Sue Clementz was hired in 1995. She has been the American Sign Language class monitor, library aide, study hall monitor and the athletic secretary in former years and most recently assistant cook in the elementary. Sue plans on traveling with her husband Bill and family and spending time with her grandchildren.

*We wish both of these ladies a fun filled retirement.  
Congratulations!*

## Library Donations 2016-17

A sincere “thank you” to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools’ libraries this past 2016-17 school year.

### ***Kalida Elementary Library Memorial Book Donations***

Kalida Elementary School and Staff  
Ryan & Sara Brinkman & Family  
Wendy & Kevin Stechschulte & Family  
Lori & Austin Klaus & Family  
Amy & Ryan Schnipke & Family  
Anne & Jair Torres & Family  
Erin & Ryan Kerner & Family  
Sarah & Craig Metzger & Family  
Keith Fortman & Ann Rea Miller & Family  
Amanda Dettrow & Family  
Neighbors of the Craig & Linda Schmenk Family

Kalida Board of Education  
Joyce and Gene Wurth

### ***Kalida Elementary/Middle School General Donations***

Joe & Linda Hovest, Andrea Burgei

### ***Kalida High School Library Memorial Book Donations***

Joyce Wurth, Mary Phillips  
Chris & Amy Pfahler  
Kalida Board of Education



***The Fourth Quarter Honor Roll will be published on the school website soon after final grades are handed out.***

***Check the site for our academic honor students. Lists will also be in The Lima News, the Delphos Herald and the Putnam County Sentinel.***

## **Kalida FFA Member Receives State FFA Degree**

Trevor Wurth received his State FFA Degree on Friday, May 5 at the 89<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention. Trevor was one of about 900 FFA members in Ohio that earn this honor for 2017. The State FFA Degree requires that a student has a Supervised Agricultural Experience project that earns over \$2,500, volunteer at least 25 hours of community service, participate in a minimum number of FFA activities, hold a leadership position, have at least a 3.00 GPA, as well as meet other requirements. Trevor’s SAE project was baling straw during the summer and working on his father’s farm. He has served as Kalida FFA’s treasurer and vice president and competed in several FFA activities throughout his three years in the Kalida FFA chapter. Trevor is a Junior at Kalida High School and the son of Gery and Diane Wurth.

**Cheerleader Advisors**—Thanks to our the cheerleader advisors for a great season and for their years of service to Kalida Schools.

Ms. Kaylan Griffith, Mrs. Chelsea Recker and Mrs. Brooke Schroeder logged many hours with our cheerleading squads to get perfected performances. Now we are in search of new advisors as these ladies have decided to ‘retire’ from the cheer group. Contact the school office if you are interested.



**New Volleyball Coach**—Welcome to our new Volleyball Coach Ashley (Remlinger) Halker. Mrs. Halker is a 2009 graduate of Kalida High School. She is taking the position vacated by Mrs. Kristen Stechschulte who has been coaching at KHS since 2013. Thanks Mrs. Stechschulte for those years of service!



## **Putnam County Health**

### **Department Immunizations**

According to the Ohio Department of Health rules, incoming 12th graders for the 2017-18 school year are required to have one or two doses of the Meningitis vaccine (MCV4) for entry into the 12th grade. Students entering the 7th grade next school year are required to have one dose of both the Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) for entry into the 7th grade.

The Health Department has immunization clinics every Tuesday from 9:00 –11:30 AM and 1:00 –4:00 PM. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, the hours are extended to 6:00 PM. The 4th Wednesday of each month they hold morning hours 9:30—11:30 AM. Any questions? Please call the health department at 419-523-5608.



## **Spanish Immersion Day**

KHS Spanish teacher, Srta. Danielle Storey, and her Spanish III & IV students hosted a county-wide upper-level Spanish Immersion Day on Friday, April 28 at KHS. One hundred-twenty students and their teachers gathered for games, conversation, team building activities, crafts, lessons from a professional Latin dance instructor, and a Mexican buffet. Presentations were given by representatives from the University of Findlay, OSU, University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College, and BGSU! ¡Muchas felicidades chicos y chicas! ¡Deben estar muy orgullosos!

*Translation: Congratulations Spanish 3 & 4! You should be very proud of this accomplishment!*

## Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

## High School Principal Chris Pfahler

## Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff

## School Board Members

Emily Peck, President

Gerry Vorst, Vice President

Brad Niemeyer

Craig Schmenk

Greg von der Embse

## School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

Kalida Board of Education

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### Music Boosters

#### April Winners

Craig Guisinger	\$100
Bob/Sue Karhoff	\$75
Miriam Miller	\$75
Brian/Jill Smith	\$75
Don/Marcia Barnhart	\$75
Mark Remlinger	\$50
Jeff Blanford	\$50 (x 2)
Erin Knueve	\$50
Nate/Melissa Langhals	\$50

#### May Winners

Brian Buss	\$100
Robb/Jill Recker	\$75
Justin/Heather Bockrath	\$75
Steve/Carolyn Miller	\$75
Vickie Goedde	\$50
Jane/Mike Merschman	\$50
Greg/Lisa Siefker	\$50
Chas Myers	\$50
Travis Stechschulte	\$50

## Farewell to Mr. McMichael

Our current VoAg teacher, Mr. Ryan McMichael, has been hired by the Spencerville School District and will be relocating there at the end of the school year. While it is sad to see him go, we understand the pull of returning to your hometown and the family farm. Best Wishes to you Mr. McMichael! The search is on for his replacement to be hired prior to the new school year.

## Summer Food Programs

The Ohio Department of Education Summer Food Program informational map is available online at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Food-and-Nutrition/Summer-Food-Service-Program>  
Contact USDA National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE for more information. The hotlines are available 8:00 AM– 8:00 PM



## Kalida 2017 Graduate Summary -

It has been a great year for the Class of 2017. Now they will look forward to their future and have shared their plans with us:

One graduate will be entering the Marines.

Twenty graduates will be attending thirteen different colleges. Six graduates will be entering the workforce. To date, over \$657, 900 worth of scholarships have been earned by the seniors. Congratulations!

**Oration Contest**—The Modern Woodmen of America Oration Contest was held April 20 at the local level for 7th and 8th graders. Eight grader, Will Zeller, finished first in a speech about his grandpa, Jerry Miller. Second place went to 8th grader, Ryan Lucke, and finishing third was 7th grader, Kenzie Fortman. The topic for this year's speech was "What does it mean to be a hero". Junior High English teacher, Mrs. Emily Maag, oversees this project.



Students in the KHS Art Class recently took part in the ODOT annual **Paint the Plow** Contest. The plow is now painted in hues of dark blue, white and black. "When you look at it straight on it reads **Let it snow,**" says art instructor Mr. Steve Myers. "But when you look at it in your rearview mirror it reads **Now go Away.**" How unique!