



The Paw Print



Gene Stechschulte Award

On February 4, Lynn Czubik awarded Annette Gerding with the 2023 Gene Stechschulte Award.

Annette (Trenkamp) Gerding has devoted much of her time to coaching and mentoring the youth of Kalida while also ascending in her professional career. She is currently president of Schnipke Precision Molding. Her oldest daughter, Tara, recognized Annette’s selflessness and nominated her mom for the Gene Stechschulte Award. The committee agreed with Tara and named Annette the recipient of the 2023 award. Annette has served the youth of Kalida in many capacities; including coaching little league softball, CYO Basketball and volleyball, AYBT basketball, JH volleyball and currently she coaches the KHS JV volleyball team. She is also a religious education instructor for St. Michael’s.

Annette and her husband, Mike, are parents to Trent, Tara, and Maria. Tara mentioned both her parents’ involvement in the lives of Kalida youth, and pointed out, “My parents have not only taught students how to improve in athletics, they have taught them valuable life skills; like believing in themselves, teamwork, respect for others, sportsmanship and hard work.” She feels their contributions will benefit those student-athletes and the Kalida community for years to come.

Annette is honored to receive this award, stating, “I personally experienced Gene’s words of encouragement during my sports career, and decades later, I witnessed him still offering words of encouragement and wisdom at basketball games played by my son. Gene’s commitment to helping others in this community and his positive outlook have inspired me, and I strive to pay that forward!”

Annette is the 8th recipient of the award, joining Ken Buss, Fr. Mark Hoying, Roger Hanneman, Greg Knueve, Mary Grote, Roger Luersman and Richard Kortokrax.



“My name is Emily Range, and I am a Teacher of the Visually Impaired through Midwest

Regional Educational Service Center. I have been serving students with special needs for the past 22 years. I graduated from Bowling Green State University where I played in the inaugural season of the Women's Soccer program. I was born and raised in the Toledo area and have 2 teenaged daughters. We enjoy spending our free time outdoors or taking short trips when we are not at tournaments or horse shows. As a family, we run a successful honey business that keeps us busy year-round.” *Emily is pictured above with Carson Kahle.*

Calendar Notes

- 4/4 & 4/5 Kindergarten Screening
- 4/6 Spring Break Begins - NO SCHOOL
- 4/11 Classes Resume
- 4/14, 15 & 16 High School Musical—”Grease”
- 4/25 Spring Band Concert 8 p.m.
- 5/4 Spring Choir Concert 8 p.m.
- 5/6 Prom
- 5/10 Academic Awards Ceremony
- 5/24 Last Day for Students
- 5/28 Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony
- 8/22 1st Day of Classes for 2023-24

2023-24 School Calendar is posted on the website, www.kalidaschools.org.

ACT Prep Camp—For interested sophomores and juniors. Cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms available on the school’s webpage. **Registration is due Friday, April 14.** The dates/locations of the camp are listed below.

At Kalida High School

Thursday, May 25 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Friday, May 26 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Tuesday, May 30 7:45-9:45 a.m.

At Ottoville High School

Wednesday, May 31 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Thursday, June 1 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Friday, June 2 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Monday, June 5 7:45-9:45 a.m.

At Ft. Jennings High School

Tuesday, June 6 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday, June 7 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Thursday, June 8 7:45-9:45 a.m.
 Friday, June 9 7:45-9:45 a.m.

Third Quarter Honor Roll

Middle School All "A" Honors

5th Grade — Erica Basinger, Makenzie Bendele, Carley Birkemeier, Avery Bruskotter, Lorelei Goedde, Jagger Klaus, Anna Kline, Owen Langhals, Zachary Lucke, Anna McVey, Ava Meyer, Ava Niemeyer, Andrew Potts, Riley Ricker, Ivan Schroeder, Nora Schumacher, Lawson Strauer, Melanie Wannemacher, Lillian Wehri.

6th Grade — Rebekah Bendele, Hayden Birkemeier, Avery Bockrath, Matthew Foppe, Collin Horstman, Easton Michel, John Recker, Raelyn Schnipke, Jack Schulte, Eli Selhorst, Lyla Siebeneck, Mallory Unverferth, Rylee Unverferth.

7th Grade — Tobin Anspach, Brant Bockrath, Corinne Brinkman, Ella Brinkman, Owen Grime, Grady Houck, Kendyl Klima, Brylie Krouse, Olivia Landwehr, Leo Parisi, Christopher Rall, Lucas Schroeder, Emma Shiningier, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff, Olivia Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke.

8th Grade — Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Sophia Meyer, Amber Moore, Cody Recker, Aubree Sickles, Carlie Siefker, Kennedy Simon, Isabelle Swyers, Zachary Unverferth, Maya Wehri.

Middle School "AB" Honors

5th Grade — Hayden Bockrath, Gabriella Burgei, Lucas Hammond, Tyler Hanneman, Spencer Horstman, Ryan Houck, Shayla Krouse, Evan Leis, Easton Meyers, Eyon Miehl, Cooper Rampe, Owen Schnipke, Kayden Sickles, Abby Stechschulte, Jackson Vorst.

6th Grade — Aydin Askins, Aiden Bockrath, Brock Bockrath, Griffin Dettrow, Ethan Dickman, Sophia Fersch, Toby Goubeaux, Calvin Hovest, Charlie Hutchins, Emma Jerwers, Alyssa Kahle, Hunter Klausung, Katelin Knueve, Annaleice Maag, Madelyn Miller, Valarie Romes, Tyler Rosenbauer, Grant Sehlhorst, Zachary Siefker, Gwen Stechschulte, Landon Unverferth, Braden Wagner, Mason Warnecke, Nolan Wurth.

7th Grade — Kallie Bockrath, Addelyn Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Isabelle Buss, Maddie Cattell, Chloe Chalklin, Gavin Leis, Avery Miller, Taylor Nienberg, Sophia Potts, Logan Rampe, Lillian Schnipke, Aubrey Simon, Leah Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Ross Zeller.

8th Grade — Carson Buss, Bryn Casper, Cody Decker, Cooper Horstman, Jax Horstman, Riley Horstman, Enna Meyers, Jagger Miller, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Kenzie Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Kendall Schultz, Anna Schumacher, Nicole Siebeneck, Ruby Vandercook, Nathan Wannemacher.

High School All "A" Honors

Freshmen — Faith Feldman, Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Logan Kerner, Claire Nartker, Isabel Recker, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shiningier.

Sophomores — Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Madelyn Houck, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, Connor Nartker, Grace Rall, Emerson Schnipke, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Reese Strauer, Madison Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff.

Juniors — Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Kyle Lammers, Noah Recker, Sara Siebeneck, Ethan Wehri.

Seniors—Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Ella Hoffman, Wyatt Lehman, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Kenzie White.

High School "AB" Honors

Freshmen — Lauren Bockrath, Cole Goubeaux, Lana Grime, Gage Hammond, Karlie Heitmeyer, Ethan Hundley, Nathan Kahle, Grady Kuhlman, Kara Lammers, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Owen Siebeneck, Landon Verhoff, Camdyn Warnecke.

Sophomores — Alexandria Gardner, Carson Kahle, Adyson Miller, Haley Miller, Reese Miller, Makenna Peck, Lane Rellinger, Jack Stechschulte, Avrie Unverferth, Drake Zeller.

Juniors — Brady Fersch, Raegan Gerdeman, Kadon Gray, Cassidy Hipsher, Audra Hovest, Erica Kahle, Jace Karhoff, Aiden Killion, Jonathan Luersman, Maddalyn Nienberg, Riley Nienberg, Olivia Olzak, Camryn Recker, Carson Remlinger, Emerson Ricker, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Aden Siefker, Ella Schumacher.

Seniors — Paige Broussard, Garrett Decker, Andrew Fersch, Nick Foppe, Grant Helmke, Joel Horstman, Camille Hovest, Alayna Hundley, John Kaufman, Jeret Landwehr, Haley Looser, Chloe Mitchell, Adam Moore, Andrew Peck, Leonardo Rafaniello, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Kierstan Remlinger, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Jaden Smith, Aric Snipes, Allison Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabriel von der Embse, Ethan Warnecke.

Academics

JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

Putnam County Science Fair Awards—February 4

Earning a Superior and a perfect score: Emma Shininger and Madison Verhoff.

Superiors were also awarded to Chris Rall, Leo Parisi, Logan Rampe, Grady Houck, Luke Siefker, Andrew Bowers, Olivia Landwehr, Olivia Verhoff, Grace Verhoff, Taylor Nienberg, Landon Warnecke, Corrine Brinkman, Emerson Burgei and Madelyn Cattell.

Northwest Ohio Science & Engineering Fair—March 4

Congratulations to the seventh graders who participated and presented six projects representing Kalida Junior High. Grady Houck, Luke Siefker, and Andrew Bowers earned a Superior Rating and brought home a couple of awards. Chris Rall, Leo Parisi, and Logan Rampe earned an Excellent and 'A' award.

Olivia Verhoff earned an excellent and received an award in Animal Science. Landon Warnecke earned a Superior and a couple awards in Plant and Ag Science. Olivia Landwehr earned a Superior, brought home several awards and was nominated as one of the top 10 junior high projects.

Emma Shininger and Madison Verhoff also earned a Superior, brought home a handful of awards and were nominated as one of the top 10 junior high projects. Emma and Madison also scored a perfect 50 out of 50 for their team project on the affect of wing length on the flight of a paper airplane.

Academic Bowl Champions



On Wednesday, March 8, the Varsity Academic Club participated in the Scholastic Bowl Tournament. With a 15-1 season record and a 8-0 tournament record, the team became the 2022-23 Scholastic Bowl Champions!

Congratulations to their advisor Dale Liebrecht and members (l-r) Lilly Sheaks, Wyatt Lehman, Ryan Verhoff, Heath Miller, Emerson Schnipke, Kayla Nartker, Haley Looser and Gabe von der Embse.

Thank you to the JV Academic Club Team members: Connor Nartker, Maddie Houck, Drew Meyer, Kyla Grime, Grace Schroeder, Emma von der Embse along with Ethan Hundley and Alex Shininger and the the JV advisor Neil Gerding for helping run the tournament.

A Special Visit from Brookhill Industries Day Hab

On Thursday, March 16 the Brookhill Industries Day Hab visited Kalida High School to share with Mr. Dean Brinkman and Mr. Jeff Clement what they do each day. The public is invited to an Open House and Easter Egg Hunt at Brookhill on Thursday, April 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bring your family for a tour and meet some great people. The Easter egg hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions please call 419-876-3932.



Fine Arts

PC Art Show News

Kalida was represented very well at the Putnam County Art Show on March 5. Award of Merit winners include Grant Helmke, Jordyn Vandemark, Camille Hovest, Ella Hoffman, Elyse Romes (2), Riley Nienberg, Hannah Basinger (3), Paige Verhoff (3), Katelyn Roof, Gabi Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Faith Feldman. Congratulations to all the winners and those who participated.



Laura Doepker



Camille Hovest



Paige Verhoff



Riley Nienberg



Gabi Brinkman



Grant Helmke



Hannah Basinger



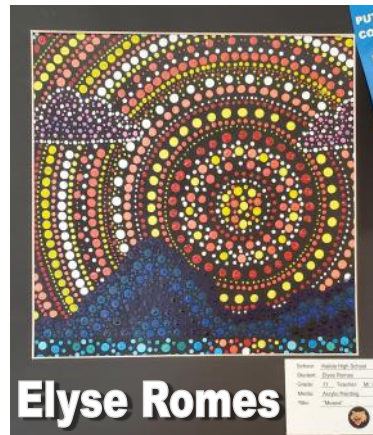
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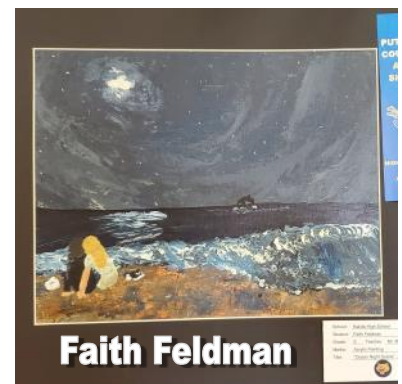
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Elyse Romes



Faith Feldman



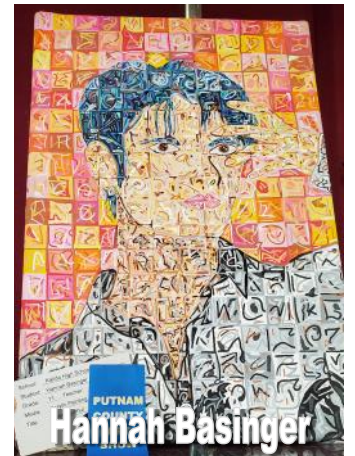
Elyse Romes



Jordyn Vandemark



Katelyn Roof



Hannah Basinger



GREASE

Mrs. Gracyn Schwieterman will direct her first Kalida High School musical this year with a large cast of very talented and energetic students.

Mrs. Wendy Stechschulte is in her 7th year as the Assistant Director. The performances will take place at the Kalida High School Auditoria on:

Friday, April 14 7:30

Saturday, April 15 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16 2:30 p.m.

\$ 7.00 for general admission

\$ 8.00 for reserved seating

Tickets can be purchased at the Kalida School Administrative Office (419-532-3534) April 3-6 and April 10-14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will also be sold prior to each show while supplies last.

Winter Sports News

- **7th Grade Boys Basketball PCL Champions and 7th Grade Tournament Champions**
- **8th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament Runners-up**
- **Freshman Boys Basketball PCL Champions and Freshman Tournament Champions**
- **Girls Basketball - District Runners-up**
Camille Hovest – PCL Scholar Athlete
1st Team PCL
1st Team District 8
District 8 All-Star Game
Brooke Erhart – PCL Scholar Athlete
Honorable Mention PCL
2nd Team District 8
Liv Recker – PCL Scholar Athlete
Honorable Mention PCL
- **Boys Basketball - PCL Champions 7-0 and Sectional Champions**
Ryan Stechschulte – PCL Coach of the Year
Jaden Smith – 1st Team PCL
1st Team District 8
District 8 All-Star Game
Evan Stechschulte – 1st Team PCL
District 8 All-Star Game
Drew Fersch – Honorable Mention PCL
Ethan Warnecke – Honorable Mention PCL
Joel Horstman – PCL Scholar Athlete
- **Swimming**—Sophomore Haley Miller qualified for District tournament in the 100 meter backstroke

Congratulations to our 2023 Homecoming Court



Seated is the 2023 Queen Allison Stechschulte and 2023 King Joel Horstman. The court, standing behind, from left to right are Sophomore Attendants - Katherine Krouse and Jack Stechschulte, Senior Attendants - Hanna Rampe, Logan Travis, Jordyn Vandemark and Evan Stechschulte, 2022 Queen Kenzie Fortman, 2022 King Nathan Schroeder, Junior Attendants - Audra Hovest and Aiden Killion, Freshmen Attendants – Malia Romes and Jamie Bowers. On Sunday, February 20 the students gathered to celebrate at Kalida High School with a dance.



Rafael Flemmons participated in a food competition against his peers at Vantage utilizing MRE rations provided by SGT.

James M. Shetler SFCCom of the Lima Army recruiting office. The students made appetizers, entrees and desserts. The students enjoyed the competition and the time constraint. It really gave them a good look at what is expected from presentation, efficiency and flavor profiles. These chop-style competition in the lab challenges the students and they have fun doing it.



SkillsUSA

Nick Foppe placed 1st Place in CNC Milling at the Northwest Ohio SkillsUSA Regional competition. He will be moving on to the State Competition.

Senior Mock Interviews

Vantage seniors put their interview skills to the test during the annual Mock Interview day! They highlighted their certifications, licenses, current work experience, knowledge of their career field, future plans, extra curricular activities, and more. For some of these students, it was their first interview, but for most it was not, and a few stepped away with some amazing job offers.



Breakfast from Staff



In celebration of Career and Technical Education Spirit week the Vantage Staff put their chef hats on and came together to provide students and bus drivers with a special breakfast in appreciation of all of their hard work.



Americanism Test Results

Students in grades 10-12 at Kalida High School took the Americanism test sponsored by the American Legion Post 63. The test features questions related to American government, history, and citizenship. High score honors were awarded to Senior Andrew Fersh and Sophomore Connor Nartker.

Boy Scouts Advance to Eagle Scout Rank



On Sunday, March 26, Leo Rafaniello, Garrett Decker and Nick Foppe advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout. After years of earning over 21 merit badges and completing their Eagle Scout projects they appeared before the Eagle Scout Board of Review and were approved.

Each boy planned, coordinated and completed a project as the final part of their journey to Eagle Scout. Leo installed a 25 foot Gaga Ball pit at Kalida Four Seasons Park, Garrett planted 75 trees for the Kalida Fish and Game Club and Nick updated the outside of the Dairy Barn with steel siding at the Putnam County Fairgrounds.

Kalida FFA Chapter News

The Kalida FFA Chapter has had a busy 2023. If you are interested in following the activity of the chapter on a day-to-day basis follow them on Facebook at “Kalida FFA Chapter”. You will see footage from FFA week, Strawberry Sales, Greenhouse projects and shop projects from students in grades 7 through 12 and their new broadcast of the FFA Today Show!

The public is invited to support the local FFA at the:

FFA Project Auction
Sunday, April 2
Kalida High School
Auditeria
Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
Auction begins at 1:30 p.m.

Items up for auction: Vintage Ohio sign, floating pond table, two double benches, night stand, folding picnic table/bench in one, double seat porch swing, metal frame coffee table with a wood interior, crate coffee table, raised garden bed, dog house and more. A few of the items are pictured below. More items are still being completed!



Greenhouse Floriculture Project



The Plant & Animal Science class are growing and maintaining a variety of flowers in the greenhouse. A portion of the plants will be sold to Ottawa True Value. The FFA students will hold a sale for the remaining plants in early May. Follow “Kalida FFA Chapter” on Facebook for up-to-date details.

Superintendent Karl Lammers 419-532-3534
High School Principal Dean Brinkman 419-532-3529
Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte 419-532-3845
Treasurer Michelle Buss 419-532-3556

School Board Meetings
Second Wednesday 7:00 PM
Kalida School Board Room

School Board Members
Emily Peck, President
Brad Niemeyer, Vice President
Brent Helmke, Craig Schmenk, Greg von der Embse

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Music Booster Drawings

February Winners

\$50 Winners

Stacy Knueve	Beth Rieman
Lori Schmearsal	Chris Miller (Emily)
Ed Knueve	David Unverferth
Lisa Karhoff	

March Winners

\$50 Winners

Tristine Bockrath	Ron Knueve
Casey & Jeff Kahle	Regan Hanneman
Alexis Verhoff	Al Miller
Kelly & Randy Buss	

Attention Parents of Current 6th and 11th Grade Students

Vaccinations need to be up-to-date in order for your child to attend the public school. Certificate of proof of these vaccinations must be submitted to the high school office. Students not in compliance will not be able to attend school until the immunizations are completed.

Incoming 7th graders (23-24 school year) are required to have one dose of both the Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine for entry into the 7th grade. Incoming 12th graders (23-24 school year) are required to have two doses of the Meningitis vaccine for entry into their senior year.

Please consider scheduling an appointment early at the Putnam County Health Department (419-523-5608) or with your family physician. A letter from the Putnam County Health Department will be sent home soon outlining these mandates.

Welcome Baby



Megan and Kevan Westenbarger welcomed Ella Joy on February 1. Megan is our Speech Therapist.

Paige and Rob Sarka welcomed baby Ellianna on March 9. Paige is the Intervention Specialist for the 5th and 6th grades.



KES PTO

Spring Flower Sale

Elementary students will be selling vouchers starting April 3 through April 23 for hanging baskets.

There will be no cash-n-carry this year.

Hanging baskets can be picked up at The Greenhouse on Main in Columbus Grove from May 1 through June 3. Vouchers will also be on sale at the elementary office.

