



Graduation - May 24, 2015 2:00 PM
Kalida High School Gymnasium



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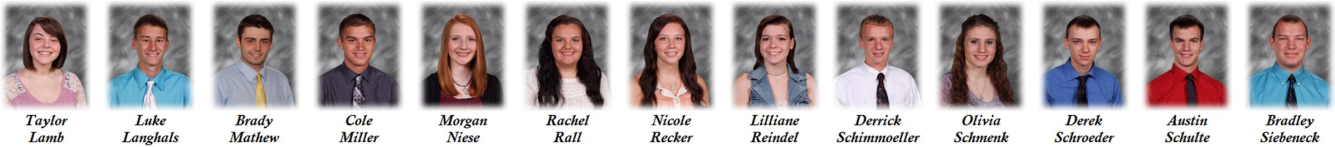
Kalida High School
Class of 2015



Mariah Doepker
Jacob Dunn
Molly Ellerbrock
Lindsey Erhart



Zachary Erhart
Colton Farrell
Jacquelyn Gardner
Victoria Gerding
Kennedy Hoffman
Trevor Holtkamp
Auston Hosler
Brent Hovest
Melissa Jorrey
Ericka Kimball
Erin Knueve
Erin Kohls
Devin Kortokrac



Taylor Lamb
Luke Langhals
Brady Mathew
Cole Miller
Morgan Niese
Rachel Rall
Nicole Recker
Lilliane Reindel
Derrick Schimmoeller
Olivia Schmenk
Derek Schroeder
Austin Schulte
Bradley Siebeneck



Ryan Siefker
Richard Snawley
Caitlin Stechschulte
Aaron Tenwalde
Kimberly Verhoff
Megan Vine
Alexis Vorst
Austin Vorst
Makema Vorst
Spencer Vorst
Blaine Warnimont
Casey Wehri
Grant Zeller



Valedictorians: Mariah Doepker, Erin Knueve, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke **Salutatorian:** Kathryn Buss

Motto: "Learn as if you were to live forever, live as if you were to die tomorrow."

Class Flower-Gladiola **Class Song-** *It's Time* by Imagine Dragons

Parting Words ~ Every day, students entering Kalida High School near the entrance by the art room walk past the Class of 2010's inspirational poem "*Watch your actions, for they become your habits.*"

The Class of 2015's actions have exemplified the qualities of Kalida High School and the community. Our actions have been diversified in volunteering, academics, extra-curricular activities, and much more. We have embodied the tradition of "excellence" and will pass the torch to the next class. We have set the bar high and hope that our example will become a habit for future classes.

As our class is dismissed from school, our bonds with one another will not dissipate and we will spread the illustrious qualities of Kalida to the rest of the USA and maybe the world.

Thanks to all of the people in this tight-knit community, school officials, teachers, and especially our parents, who have prepared us for the next stage as we are ready to flourish in our new environments!

Logan Roebke, President
Class of 2015

Kalida FFA Members Receive State FFA Degree

Two Kalida FFA members received their State FFA Degree on May 1 at the Ohio State FFA Convention in Columbus. Brad Siebeneck, son of Gary and Sharon, and Ryan Siefker, son of Roger and Mary, met the requirements to obtain their State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree takes a great deal of time and effort for students over the course of their years in the FFA. Students must earn a minimum amount of money from their Supervised Agricultural Experience and participate in several FFA activities. This year, State FFA Degrees were earned by only 3.2% of all Ohio FFA members. Congratulations to Ryan and Brad!



KHS Juniors Selected to Attend Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State

Kalida High School would like to congratulate the following juniors who were selected by the Ottawa American Legion Post and Van Wert American Legion Post respectively to attend Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State in June. Nathan Meyers, son of Scott Meyers and Jennifer Sheaks, and Zac Chamberlin, son of Gina and Brian Chamberlin, were selected to attend Buckeye Boys State June 14-21 on the campus of Bowling Green State University. Nathan Vorst, son of Gerry and Kathy, was chosen as alternate. Brooke Lucke, daughter of Dan and Becky Lucke, will be attending Girls State June 14-20 at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio.

The main objective of the Boys' and Girls' State programs is to train young men and women, who have completed their junior year, in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship by providing each attendee the opportunity to actively participate in a mock democratic form of government. It is also a great opportunity for juniors to meet young people their age from all across the state of Ohio. We would like to express our appreciation to the Ottawa Legion for sponsoring Nathan and Brooke and the Van Wert Legion for sponsoring Zach.

New Eagle Scouts

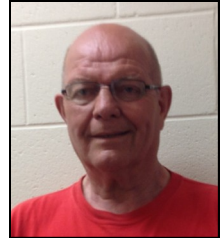
Congratulations to Kalida seniors Derrick Schimmoeller, Ryan Siefker and Ben Burkhart for achieving their Eagle Scout Award through the Boy Scouts this school year. As part of the Eagle Scout Award, the boys were responsible for planning the projects, obtaining funds, gathering volunteer workers and completing the projects in a timely manner. Derrick, son of Jackie and John Schimmoeller, planned the Kalida Four Seasons Park brick signage along State Route 115. Ryan's project was to establish a disc golf course at the Kalida Four Seasons Park. Ryan is the son of Mary and Roger Siefker. Ben, son of Joseph and Shelly Burkhart, had picnic tables constructed for Cascade Park near Cloverdale.

Modern Woodmen Oration Contest

Modern Woodmen's School Speech Contest is one of many free Youth Educational Programs Modern Woodmen offers to schools nationwide. More than 100,000 students compete in the contest each year. The winners of this year's Kalida junior high Modern Woodmen Oration contest were Clara Elkins (1st), Kyla Fortman (2nd) and Kamryn Wurth (3rd). Kyla then competed at the Putnam County Civic Oration contest and placed third there. This year's theme was "An Interesting Landmark". Other participants in the contest were Alexis Meyer, Megan Schulte, Trevor Vorst, Ethan Schmenk, Carlie Rampe, Owen Niemeyer, Brayden Recker, Mason Kerner, Michael Cox and Aden Fersch.

Retirements Announced

Congratulations to **Dick Hoffman** who is retiring after 15 years as bus driver and yard custodian for Kalida Schools. His plans? "When it gets cold in Ohio," says Dick, "I plan to go somewhere warm and sunny!"



Pam Schroeder was hired by the school in 1985 and will be retiring at the close of this school year.



"Thirty years is a long time and I am amazed at how fast this time has passed," says Pam. "Teaching in Kalida has allowed me to stay connected to my alma mater, family and

friends and has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Working in a community with such drive and dedication is an opportunity for which I will be forever grateful.

"If life is a book, I am ending this chapter but look forward to living the next chapter. Thanks to all of you who have touched my life and for sharing this rewarding and memorable experience with me."

Congratulations Pam!

Jan Schroeder will also be retiring from the bus driving fleet at the end of the month. She began driving for Kalida Local in August of 1989.



"After 26 years, I have decided to retire," says Jan. "I have been so lucky to work with such amazing people. I have watched students grow into fantastic, caring adults. It's been a *Wonderful Ride!!!*"

Congratulations Jan!

School Board Vacancy

Have you ever considered being a Kalida school board member? The terms of three members on the board of education expire at the end of 2015 and one board member has decided not to seek reelection. We are looking for a dedicated replacement and that could be you!

What does a school board member do?

Once a person has met the qualifications, been properly nominated, duly elected and officially sworn in, his or her real job begins. A school board sets educational goals and establishes policy for the school system based on state laws and community values. Perhaps the most important responsibility of a school board is to employ a superintendent and treasurer and hold them accountable for achieving those educational goals and managing the day-to-day affairs of the district in accordance with the school board's policies. Board members make decisions on a wide range of issues, such as hiring and evaluating a superintendent and treasurer; setting district policy; being good fiscal stewards; acting in the best interest of the school district and within the scope of their legal authority; and creating community relations programs. The school board serves as a link between schools and the public.

Eligibility requirements

In order to run for the board, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen
- at least 18 years old
- a resident of the state for at least 30 days preceding the election
- a resident of the school district for at least 30 days preceding the election
- registered to vote in the school district for at least 30 days preceding the election

Filing your petition

A candidate must file a petition to run for election to a board of education. This petition must be filed by 4 p.m. on August 5, 2015, the 90th day before the November 3 general election (RC 3513.254, 3513.255). As of March 2015, the filing fees are \$30.

The number of registered voters' signatures needed varies. Kalida Local School district petitions must have 25 valid signatures (RC 3513.254). Candidates may obtain the petition forms and discuss questions about filing with their county board of elections or the Ohio secretary of state.

Election

Members are elected on a nonpartisan ballot on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd numbered years. The term of office is four years, although in certain instances, two-year terms must be filled to complete an unexpired term. Your term begins on the first day of January after the election and expires on December 31.

Cafeteria Passes Coordinated Review Effort

Every 3 to 5 years the school's lunch program gets a thorough examination by the Ohio Department of Education's Food Service program. Café manager Mrs. Sarah Neidert is pleased to announce our school's successful completion of this year's review. She tells us that the examiner was very pleased with our high rate of student participation that buy school lunches on a daily basis.

Baby, Oh Baby!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly Siefker and her husband, Jay, on the birth of their son Charles Warren Siefker. Charlie was born on April 2. Mrs. Siefker is a first grade teacher in the Elementary.

All Sport Passes

All Sport Passes will be available in the Treasurer's Office beginning August 1. Passes admit you into all home games except for tournament games.

Prices are:

Family Pass - \$325

Individual Adult Pass - \$115

Senior Citizen Pass (60+) - \$85

Student Pass - \$85

Library Donations

A sincere "Thank You" to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools' libraries this past 2014-15 school year.

Memorial Donations were received from:

Carl & Ruth Vorst

Dwayne & Annie Ketcham

Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff

Kalida Board of Education

Dick & Angie Schroeder

Walmart Human Resources Department

Julie Recker & Brooks Kahle

The Class of 1974

KHS Faculty & Staff .

Other donations include:

Joe & Linda Hovest gave a monetary donation for the KHS Library. Andrea Burgei donated in honor of her teacher Mrs. Birkemeier. The Kalida Fire Department and Bob Unverferth also donated to the Kalida Elementary Library.

A complete listing with book titles donated for this school year will soon be posted to the Kalida School website.

Prom 2015

"Thanks to all who helped make the 2015

Roaring 20's prom a great success.

Many community members loaned items from their homes and businesses to the prom decorating committee to create a fantastic display. Thanks to all the parents who donated time and fed us great meals during decorating week too!"

Lisa Webken, Prom Advisor

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

High School Principal Chris Pfahler

Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff

School Board Members

- Gerry Vorst - President
- Nicole Niemeyer-Vice President
- Sue Gerdeman
- Emily Peck
- Greg von der Embse

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM
Kalida School Board Room

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April Music Booster Winners

- \$100 Jason & Erin Hoffman
- \$75 Todd & Traci Miller
- \$75 Jim & Joni Unverferth
- \$75 Chris Pfahler
- \$50 Ed & Marge Verhoff
- \$50 Maddison Edelbrock
- \$50 Scott & Rose Langhals
- \$50 Mark & Mary Gerding
- \$50 Amanda Kuhlman

May winners

- \$100 Eric & Denise Recker
- \$75 Gary & Nancy Erhart
- \$75 Ron & Nancy Knapke
- \$75 Al & Barb Fortman
- \$50 Dick & Judy Bockrath
- \$50 Mark & Tammy Wurth
- \$50 Tricia Loveland
- \$50 Deb Bockrath
- \$50 Joan Schnipke



Plow On!

KHS Art and Agricultural Education Departments recently completed painting a snow plow for the *“Paint the Plow”* contest sponsored by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The ODOT plows were painted by many high schools in the eight counties that make up District 1 of the Ohio Department of Transportation. Winners of the contest will be announced Memorial Day week. Thanks to Bruce Dennison and Kalida Truck Equipment and for donating materials and their expertise in completing the plow painting project.

The Fourth Quarter Honor Rolls will be published on the school website soon after final grades are handed out. Check the site for our academic honor students!



HOBY Leadership Conference

Congratulations to Bailey Eickholt and Jeffrey Knueve who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer’s Hugh O’Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University. Bailey is the daughter of Patrick and Deb Eickholt. Jeffrey is the son of Joe and Stacy Knueve. All sophomores were invited to submit essays in November which were, then, anonymously judged by faculty members. These two students were then chosen to attend the conference. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion’s Club and Principal Mr. Chris Pfahler for funding the fee to attend the conference.