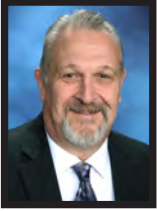




# THE BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

June 2017

## Futures Taking Flight



From The Superintendent

**Jeff Manthei**

Leslie Public Schools

### First Day of School August 28, 2017

Although the 2016-2017 school year just ended, it is not too early to start thinking about the 2017-2018 school year. One very important date you will want to mark on your calendar is August 28, 2017. That is the first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year.

For the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years, schools in Ingham County received a waiver to start school prior to Labor Day. If the state had not granted the waiver, the last day of school would have been June 14, 2018. However due to the waiver, the last day of school will be June 8, 2018.

As you plan your summer events, please be mindful of the August 28 start date. Have a great summer! See you on August 28.

## Construction

Next school year as you stop in or drive past Woodworth Elementary, you will notice a lot of changes. On June 12, construction started at Woodworth Elementary on the new student drop-off and pick-up area as well as the new bus drop-off and pick-up area. Construction on both areas will continue throughout the summer. If the summer weather cooperates, the two projects will be completed before the start of the 2017-2018 school year.



The new drop-off and pick-up areas at Woodworth were needed to help keep students safe from traffic. The changes should also help with traffic flow, especially in the mornings before school. This project was made possible by the passing of the Sinking Fund.

In addition to the Woodworth construction, the City of Leslie is doing construction on Race Street. As a result of both construction projects, access to the Woodworth building will be very limited this summer. Please call Woodworth at 589-5151 before trying to access the building. If you need to contact Woodworth and do not get an answer, call the district administration office at 589-8200.

## Congratulations 2017 Retirees!



**Tom Shafer**

*(high school math teacher, math department chair, middle school athletic director and boys varsity golf coach.)*



**Kitty Good**

*(bus driver)*

**Marlene Lovette**

*(Not pictured)*



### Moving on to New Opportunities

**Rachel Craddock**  
*(Not pictured)*

**Kerianne Forslund** *(left)*

**Andra Schrauben** *(middle)*

**Emilia Shipe**  
*(Not pictured)*

**Leah Tremaine** *(right)*





### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to East Lansing Aquatic Center



**Jim Dell**

Principal

Woodworth  
Elementary  
School



### Breakfast with the STARS

In May, S.T.A.R. students were celebrated at Woodworth's "Breakfast with the STARS." Selected S.T.A.R. students enjoyed donuts with their parents while Mr. Dell read their accomplishments. S.T.A.R. stands for Safe, Trustworthy, and Responsible students.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation



### Woodworth Live Animal Assembly

The Capital Area District Library, across from the elementary school, provides Woodworth students with two assemblies a year. This spring, Howell Nature Center presented a live animal program for preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.





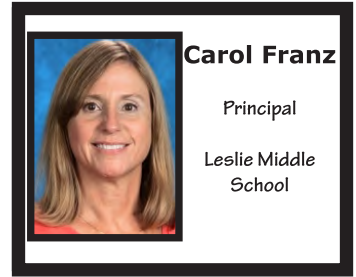
### Shelter Dogs

Written by Grace Barnett

Mrs. Fenger’s class read a book called *Shelter Dogs* by Peg Kehret. Some of the dogs in the book were Tracker, who was an animal actor in a lot of movies; Zorro, who became a flyball champion; and Bridgitte, who helped a woman who had seizures.

Jojo was very fun! The class loved him because he was very excited.

Masen Valdez said, “I really liked playing with JoJo.” Rylee Lennemann said, “I was surprised at how many careers there are with animals.”



After reading the book, students in the class held a donation drive for items, including toys and food, to give to the Ingham County Animal Shelter. They also had a hat day to raise money to give to the shelter. They even made posters to put up about the donations.



Kate Turner came out from the shelter and brought Jojo, a dog who was up for adoption. She told the class some of the jobs there are for people who like animals. For instance you can be an animal behaviorist, a vet, or even an architect who designs animal friendly buildings.

### Lansing Youth Startup Challenge

Written by Rylee Lennemann

Leslie Middle School went to the Lansing Youth Startup Challenge in March at the Lansing Center. The Lansing Economic Area Partnership created this challenge to teach students how to create their own business when they get older.

Judging was based on the completeness of the business plan, students’ ability to speak clearly and the table display.

Sarissa Jones, CFO of World Decor, commented, “It was fun but it was nerve racking because judges were coming and going and you don’t know how you did. That was scary.”

The Lansing Youth Startup Challenge is a business competition. Students in 5th through 12th grades created businesses to show the judges. Students worked alone or in a group to create a business plan and a display. They showed off their table display to the judges and other people who attended.

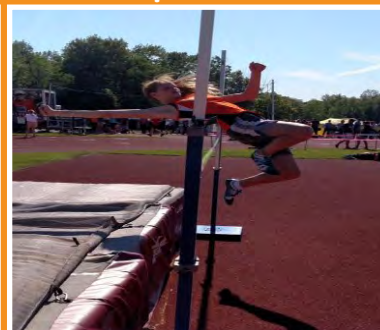
When the award ceremony came I got a tingle in my toes and butterflies in my stomach. Sometimes you won’t get an award but you know you made it there and you know you can improve on it.

Four LMS businesses won prizes: Lil’ Lemon Kids (Kyla Kralapp, Jahayza Choat and Hali Kailing), World Decor (Sarissa Jones and Briana Quinn), Leslie Community Art Center (Madelyn Beller and Olivia Thompkins) and DD’s Soaps (Derrick Ryan and Devin Waltz.)

When asked, Max Fourman, CEO of Mj’s Car Wash, said “I liked when the judges came by and judged me. It was scary but I’m looking forward to doing it again.”

### Middle School Sports

Leslie Middle School’s track teams performed well this season. The girls set four new school records: Hali Kailing set a new standard in high jump; Emma Stokes edged out the previous record in the 200 meter hurdles; the 800 meter relay team consisting of Paige Phelan, Paige Filice, Chantel Ries, and Tommi Fedewa smashed the previous record; and the 400 meter relay team consisting of Paige Phelan, Chantel Ries, Emma Stokes, and Tommi Fedewa set a new mark. The ladies took 2nd place at our own Blackhawk Invitational and at the GLAC conference meet.



The boys had a strong team, competing well in every event. They won the Blackhawk Invitational and also took 2nd at the GLAC conference meet.

Several track team members qualified for and participated in the Greater Lansing Jr. High Honor Roll Meet. Only the best athletes out of the nearly 50 schools in the Greater Lansing area are invited to compete. Representing Leslie were Kalex Dodge, Hali Kailing, Molly Klemmer, Samantha Orrin, Lily Robinson, Haley Ellis, Tommi Fedewa, Emma Stokes, Grant Weber, Brent Fourman, Gabe Weber, Hunter Carte, Hunter Schmelter, Connor DuBose, Nolan Frohriep, Ben

Smieska, Lucas Mooney, and Garrett Mays. Sign-ups for next fall’s middle school athletic teams have been held, but if you missed sign-ups or are new to the district, there is still time. To sign up, contact one of the following coaches:

Middle School Football (one combined team 7th and 8th graders), Jeff Manthei – [jeff.manthei@lesliek12.net](mailto:jeff.manthei@lesliek12.net)

Middle School Cross Country: (5th grades – 8th grade), Grady Doane – [grady.doane@lesliek12.net](mailto:grady.doane@lesliek12.net)

7th Grade Volleyball: Tammie Doane – [tammie.doane@lesliek12.net](mailto:tammie.doane@lesliek12.net)

8th Grade Volleyball: Erica Willard – [setewillard@gmail.com](mailto:setewillard@gmail.com)



**5th Grade** Allison Armstrong\*, Cassie Baker\*, Drakeinstine Baley\*, Mason Barbour, Dana Barnett\*, Nicholas Belknap, Harley Bliss\*, Marysa Bolin\*, Ada Bradford\*, Alayna Brown\*, Meanah Burke\*, Sahara Burley\*, McKalee Churchill, Abbigale Clark\*, Alexis Clark\*, Hunter Coltrain\*, Kaiden Craft, Lily Crawford\*, Kayla Creisher\*, Maddison Davis, Lily DeBruler\*, Logan Demaray, Nola Dexter, Brogan Dodge\*, Harmony Ellis, Caleb Feilert, Myah Fletcher\*, Katherine Foreman\*, Jalen Fossitt\*, Brooklyn Friese\*, Nicholas Good, Aliviah Gresh\*, Kaylie Hayner\*, Riley Henman\*, Logan Hile\*, Jacob Hodor\*, Brayden Holmes, Audianna Horton\*, Hailey Hubartt, Ian Hultberg\*, Jerry Jones\*, Heaven Karn\*, Hunter Knight\*, Reed Lamb, Leya Large, Savannah Leach, Cameron Lewis\*, Jeffery Lohrke, Anna Mangles\*, Kimberly Mathews\*, Brody Mays\*, Alaina McHaney, Elexus Meredith\*, Jordyn Messner\*, Alexander Moore\*, Layna Moore\*, Cheryl Morgan\*, Zackary Mossolle, Jerzey Muzzin\*, Keilah Neal\*, Brooke Nowicki\*, Olivia Omer\*, Georgia Palmer\*, Claire Peek\*, Isabella Procopio\*, Alexandra Ream, Christian Reed\*, Emma Rhines, David Ryan, Jalynn Schmelter\*, Bailey Schuen\*, Jocelyn Shuster\*, Brookelynn Smieska\*, Joshua Smith, Alexis Soderberg\*, Serenity St. John\*, Kirsten Stone\*, Tyler Strong\*, Miranda Swaenepoel\*, Malia Tello\*, Olivia Thompkins\*, Gabrielle Waldofsky\*, Victoria Warren, Emily Willard\*, Evin Yeomans

**6th Grade** Audrey Allard, Jayde Arnett\*, Hunter Back, Grace Barnett\*, Madelyn Beller\*, Alayna Berry, Savanna Bliven\*, Payton Boyer\*, Ella Bugbee\*, Tyler Burley\*, Brianna Carlson, Benjamin Casper\*, Madelyn Chamberlain\*, Kassy Cole\*, Siouxsandra Cruz, Maddox D'Lamater\*, Annabelle Dieter\*, Sara Fedewa\*, Max Fourman\*, Kailyn Friese, Shelby Frye\*, Kelsey Garner\*, Jayden Jensen\*, Sarissa Jones\*, Ethan Kaimon, Mallory Kintigh\*, Kathryn LaFeve\*, Jordyn LaGoe, Harmony Latoski\*, Kyra Lee\*, Rylee Lennemann\*, Ethan Lubahn\*, Naomi Mangles\*, Megan Maynard\*, Chandler Morrison\*, Myah Muscott\*, Lilyanne Nash, William Niblock, James Ousley, Noah Oxbrough, Jared Peck\*, Cameron Pierce, Alexa Plenda\*, Briana Quinn\*, Aaliyah Reynolds, Iris Robinson\*, Derrick Ryan\*, Domynik Skaggs, Caleb Smith\*, Samantha Smith\*, Emma Snelson\*, Samantha Snider\*, Rory Spencer, Sarah Sterle\*, Mason Tow, Malory Valdez\*, Masen Valdez, Zachary Vickers, Devin Waltz, Sage Wymer, Ginger Yang

**7th Grade** Adriana Blanford, Benjamin Burgess, Jennifer Bushey\*, Dana Coltrain, Benjamin Conner, Christian Cope, Lauryn Demaray, Hunter Doyle, Connor DuBose, Carlee Evans, Jonathan Garfield-Gray, Aubrey Gilman, Grace Hardesty, Tyler Hile\*, Alexia Hughes, Isabel Krabel, Alexander Lamb, Peyton Malady, Taylor Mishler, Tukur Mitchell, Cecilia Morrison, Aaron Norton\*, Samantha Orrin, Garret Penix-Bedell, Avery Schuen\*, Steed Scutt, Desirae Skaggs, Emma Smieska, Blake Stofer\*, Paige Thompkins\*, Brittney Williams, Aubrie Yager, Simon Yunke

**8th Grade** Sarah Burgess\*, Oliver Bush-Corr, Delaney Cardwell, Hunter Carte, Jahayza Choat, Mariah Clark, Adriana Clayton, Brandon Clesse, John Cranmore, Kalex Dodge\*, Tommi Fedewa, Tristan Feighner, Paige Filice\*, Nathan Foltz\*, Kalab Gauthier, Brianna Hanes, Alexander Hultberg\*, Ashlee Isaac, Kyla Kralapp\*, Alexis Kujala, Chase Lewis\*, Emma Lyons\*, Garrett Mays\*, Brandon McCrum\*, Lucas McDaniel, Kyle Medcoff, Carson Middaugh, Lucas Mooney, Joseph Nagel, Andrea Piper\*, Jacob Powers\*, Nicole Reynolds, Lily Robinson\*, Ayrn Rutan, Hunter Schmelter, Benjamin Smieska, Emma Stokes, Gabe Weber\*, Gavin Weber\*, Grant Weber\*, Sarah Wilkinson

*\*Denotes all A's*

## Middle School Choir Performs at High Tea



The Middle School Choir Sang at Ladies High Tea on Saturday, May 13 at Grace Lutheran Church.



**9th Grade** Jackson Arkles, Alicia Arnett\*, Savanna Baughan, Nathan Beachey\*, Jordan Beers, Audree Bell\*, Lorelei Berry, Lauren Boylan, Jarrett Brown\*, Jaylen Burlison, Caroline Bushey\*, Lukas Carlson\*, Kayliana Case, Jackson Casper\*, Brayden Cook, Nathaniel Courtney\*, Sydney Cowing\*, Alanna Cox, John DeBruler\*, Sarah-Renee DeToy, Autumn Dinsmore, Alexis Doherty, Austin Douse, Savannah Ellison, Ethan Fehrenbach\*, Sydnee Fletcher, Riley Fogg\*, William Fulmerhouser, Megan Greene, Delanie Harkness, Karlie Harrell, Haylie Holley, Savannah Huss, Trevor Huttenlocker, Rielly Johnson, Mitchell Kintigh\*, Ashley LaFeve, Kayla Mathews, Michael Maynard\*, MacGyver Nichols, Marissa Orrin\*, Connor Owen, Jessica Ramsey, Emily Rector, Kayla Reynolds, Haylee Rivera, Ashley Scott\*, Nicole Scott\*, Dakota Scutt\*, Parker Secord-Cripe\*, Katelynn Serrels\*, Elizabeth Sherfinski\*, Camille Shuster\*, Travers Shuster, Trenton Sibson, Jakob Sime\*, Mackenzie Stevens\*, Tessa Stevens, Dallas Torres\*, Kaelyn Torz, Kyle Weinstein, Wyatt Wiljanen\*, Chelsey Wiltse\*

**10th Grade** Shaun Burgan\*, Elizabeth Burgess\*, Emmaleigh Centeno, Thomas Coltrain, Shaylee Connelly\*, Ellen Coppennoll\*, Graci Dack, Drew DeBruler\*, Mason DeBruler\*, Robert Ellis, Kaily Feilert, Amaya Fox, Tyler Garner\*, Skylar Greenlee, Josie Heintz\*, Felicite Holley, Toria Jones, Simon Kailing, Scott Kanik, Grace Klemmer\*, Alexandra LaLone, Luke Lasky, Bri'Anna Lowry\*, William Lyons, Ashtin McCalla, Garrett McGuirt, Britney Medcoff\*, Madison Montgomery, Hunter Montroy\*, Caresse O'Hearon, Jacob Rector, Nicole Roback, Jolan Robinson\*, Solina Robles, Justice Rosier, Cheyann Scutt\*, Anthony Smieska, Amiah Vickers, Grant Walker, Abraham Weck, Trevor Willard, Dominic Wils, Hailey Wilson, Shannon Winright

**11th Grade** Kimberley Angeles, Carter Arnett, Hunter Arnett\*, Breydan Beaman, Julia Benavides, Jade Brown-Santana, Stefan Carlson\*, Jaycee Chappell, Zachary Coltrain, Brian Cox, Brandon Cripe, Rome Dornbush, Jessica Dunsmore, Michael Eaton\*, Gunner Fogg, Lyza Foltz, Alexander Garman, Devin Gibbs\*, Zachary Hanson-Chesney\*, Dalton Harrison, Daniel Haight, Haeden Heibel, Nicklaus Henman, Chase Hensley, Keely Herrick\*, Taylor Hetherington, Brooke James\*, Haily Kamradt, Megan Kelley, Cristin Kimbrell, Elaina Kimbrell\*, Lindsey Kincaid, Jeffery Lamb, Brooke Leinbaugh\*, Ethan Loch\*, Hailee Loch\*, Cheyenne Maier, Danielle McMullen, Jacob Mohr, Justin Monroe, Daniel Moulton\*, Ryan Nagel\*, Aurora Rangler, Francis Ratliff, Trevor Rodriguez, Parker Schiller, Hannah Sheathelm, Britney Sibson, Madison Snow, Devrik Sonnenberg, Cassandra Upton, Azlynn Warner, Sarah Williams, Rachel Wiltse\*

**12th Grade** Azatai Abylbekkyzy, Bailey Akers, Camden Austin, Tyler Ball, Kyle Beachey, Majel Berry, Breanna Blackford, Raelyn Boylan, Jeremy Cavender, Kyler Corts, Jonathan Courtney, Samantha Courtright, Andrew Cowan, Brooke Cowing, Jamison Cox, Bailey Craddock, Matthew Dolbee, Mackenzie Drumheller, Ankhtur Enkhbayar\*, Libby Filice\*, Amanda Fitts\*, Rachel Gilliland, Samantha Hampton\*, Aubrie Harrison, Katie Haydo, Kirk Haydo, Jordan Hill, Ryan Howland, Madison Jacob\*, Justin Kaimon, Chase Kakaley, Felix Krainer, David Latter\*, Sydney Leatherberry\*, Taylor Losey, Autumn Martin\*, Quinn McCrum, Sierra McDiarmid, Paige Melvin, Alvaro Morcillo Ruiz, Spencer Napier, James Nichols, Holly Olfier\*, Brandon Penix-Bedell, Thomas Peterson, Austin Pier\*, Brittany Pierce\*, Cameron Pohl, Steven Pratt, Austyn Pugh, Jacqueline Rhein, Zachary Robinson, Molly Robles\*, Jessie Ruiz, Rachel Scott, Alyssa Sebesky\*, Tristan Streeter, Cain Thornsby, Dylan Thornsby, Abigail Tiffany, Emily Tiffany, Victoria Tobin\*, Brooke Valdez, Trey Waldofsky, Julian Waterman, Emma Wilkinson, Nathan Wilkinson, Bryan Willett, Emily Wilson, Remington Wright, Kaelan Zalewski

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## New Senior Band Scholarship

The band program in collaboration with the band boosters have worked very hard to raise enough funds to begin a scholarship that will be awarded annually. It is called the "Leslie Band Program and Boosters Outstanding Musician Scholarship." The intent of the scholarship is to recognize band students who have contributed greatly not only to their own success, but to the band program as a whole. The students in our band program are often recognized at concerts and other public performances, but what is not

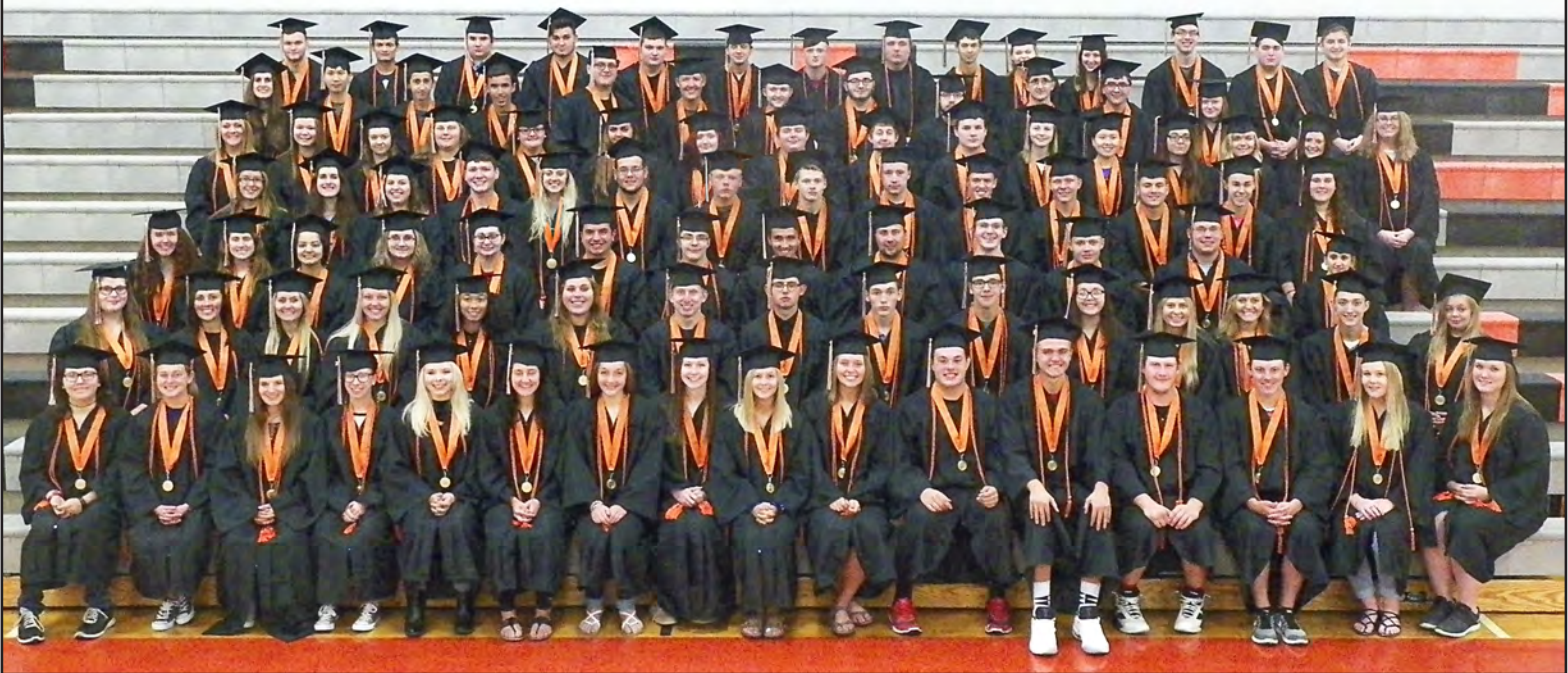
typically seen by the public is the countless hours of hard work, practice, and dedication to the continued improvement of their musicianship. It is this behind the scenes effort and commitment from students that truly makes a band program strong.

All senior band members are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Students fill out an online application which includes a list of their musical accomplishments over their four years in high school plus formal responses

about why they feel they should receive the award and how they intend to use the scholarship to achieve their future goals. These applications are then carefully reviewed by a panel of band booster members and the band director. This year, the following recipients were each awarded \$500: Kyle Beachey (percussion), Taylor Losey (trumpet), and Molly Robles (trombone). The band program and boosters look forward to continuing to offer this opportunity to our dedicated band members for years to come.



# CLASS OF 2017



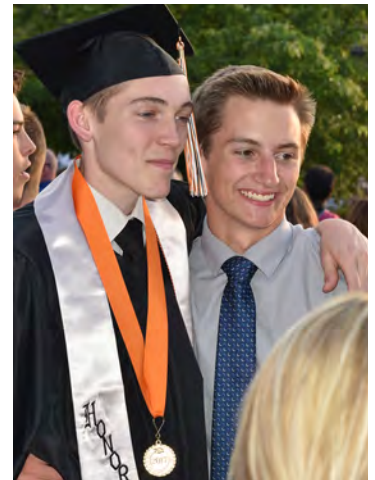
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| Bailey Jo Akers                | Kyle Andrew Dennis               | Brandon Wayne Huttenlocker  | Thomas Daniel Peterson      | Jamie Nicole Westers Teske      |
| Darian LaDell Graham Ali       | Jackson William Derr             | Madison Michelle Jacob      | Austin Robert Pier          | Cain Gordon Thornsby            |
| Mia Elizabeth Arkles           | Dayna Lee Dishman                | Patience Bryionna Judd      | Brittany Marie Pierce       | Dylan James Thornsby            |
| Camden James Austin            | Matthew Brian Dolbee             | Justin Tyler Kaimon         | Cameron Nicholas Pohl       | Emily Grace Tiffany             |
| Kyonna Brooke Marie Bacon      | Kimberly Alexis Driksna          | Chase Joseph Kakaley        | Steven Charles Pratt        | Abigail Marie Tiffany           |
| Tyler Joseph Ball              | Mackenzie Marie Drumheller       | Justine Allysandra Kassab   | Austyn Carl Pugh            | D. Victoria Lynn Tobin          |
| Kyle Wesley Beachey            | Ankhtur Enkhbayar                | John Michael Kenyon         | Jacqueline Désirée Rhein    | Brooke Ellen Valdez             |
| Cody Tyler Bergey              | Libby Christine Filice           | Felix Michael Krainer       | Zachary Ross Robinson       | Alexandrea Marie Van Valkenburg |
| Majel Raye Berry               | Amanda Mae Fitts                 | Kelsey Renee LaFond         | Molly Elena Robles          | Trey Joseph Waldofsky           |
| Breanna Ryle Blackford         | Miranda Ann Fritz                | David James Latter V        | Alexis Danielle Rogers      | Julian Marets Waterman          |
| Kamren Lynn Bodfish            | Rachel Erin Gilliland            | Sydney Laurynn Leatherberry | Jessie Santia Ruiz          | Emma Marie Wilkinson            |
| Raelyn Noel Boylan             | Amy Marie Gordon                 | Taylor Marie Losey          | Alvaro Morcillo Ruiz        | Nathan Melvin Wilkinson         |
| Donald Gene Carr III           | Eric Douglas Gorman              | Ryan Marie Maier            | Robert Dale Ruttan IV       | Bryan Lee Willett               |
| Jeremy Joseph Cavender Jr.     | Samanthia Murrissia Niki Hampton | Jeremy Charles Marshall     | Rachel Dianne Scott         | Emily Rose Wilson               |
| Jordan Allen Coatsworth        | Chloe Kianna Hanson              | Autumn Ann Martin           | Alyssa Ann Sebesky          | Remington James Wright          |
| Kyler Brittain Paul Corts      | Aubrie Michelle Harrison         | Quinn Nicholas McCrum       | Alexander Justin Sebesky    | Kaelan Mary Zalewski            |
| Jonathan Michael Courtney      | Whyatt Andrew Hart               | Sierra Louise McDiarmid     | Gage Jeremy Shaw            |                                 |
| Samantha Jeane Courtright      | Katie Ann Haydo                  | Paige Elizabeth Melvin      | Aaron Matthew Siegert       |                                 |
| Andrew Harrison Franklin Cowan | Kirk Michael Haydo               | Spencer Curtis Napier       | Tristin Donald Stierley     |                                 |
| Brooke Irene Cowing            | Keegan Perry Herrick             | James Ronald Nichols III    | Clayton Michael Stock       |                                 |
| Jamison Alexander Cox          | Jordan Lee Hill                  | Clorissa Marie Oberlin      | Tristan Lewis Streeter      |                                 |
| Bailey Kurt Craddock           | Danielle Lauren Hook             | Holly Jean Olfier           | Rashawna Starr Swichtenberg |                                 |

JUNE 2017

LESLIE HIGH SCHOOL



GRADUATION



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HONORS NIGHT

HONORS

**Valedictorian**  
Molly Robles

**Salutatorian**  
Sydney Leatherberry

**HONOR STUDENTS**

**(3.5 grade point average or higher)**

Bailey Akers	Autumn Martin
Mia Arkles	Paige Melvin
Tyler Ball	James Nichols
Kyle Beachey	Holly Olfier
Majel Berry	Brittany Pierce
Jonathan Courtney	Cameron Pohl
Samantha Courtright	Zachary Robinson
Brooke Cowing	Jessie Ruiz
Libby Filice	Rachel Scott
Amanda Fitts	Alyssa Sebesky
Samanthia Hampton	Tristan Streeter
Katie Haydo	Abigail Tiffany
Ryan Howland	Emily Tiffany
Madison Jacob	Emma Wilkinson
David Latter	Nathan Wilkinson
Taylor Losey	Emily Wilson

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

**(3.25-3.499 grade point average)**

Andrew Cowan	Spencer Napier
Bailey Craddock	Thomas Peterson
Jenny Davis	Austin Pier
Aubrie Harrison	Trey Waldofsky
John Kenyon	Kaelan Zalewski
Sierra McDiarmid	

**Rolly Olney Scholarship**

Kyle Beachey

**Leslie FFA Agriculture/Science Scholarship**

Autumn Martin

**Lori Fell All - Around Senior Scholarship**

Rachel Scott

**JAFTICA Scholarship**

Kyle Beachey

**Leslie Athletic Boosters Scholarships**

Bailey Akers  
Tyler Ball  
Matthew Dolbee  
Taylor Losey  
Autumn Martin  
Zachary Robinson  
Rachel Scott  
Trey Waldofsky

**Leslie Firefighters Scholarships**

Sydney Leatherberry  
Rachel Scott

**LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

**Girls State**

Mia Arkles  
Samantha Courtright

**Boys State**

Kyle Beachey  
Austin Pier  
Trey Waldofsky  
Nathan Wilkinson

**Blackhawk Merit Awards**

Bailey Akers	Ryan Howland
Mia Arkles	Madison Jacob
Tyler Ball	Chase Kakaley
Brooke Cowing	Sydney Leatherberry
Jenny Davis	Sierra McDiarmid
Matthew Dolbee	Brandon Penix-Bedell
Mackenzie Drumheller	Cameron Pohl
Libby Filice	Julian Waterman
Amanda Fitts	Bryan Willett

**Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Participant**

Molly Robles

**Daughters of the American Revolution Award**

Sydney Leatherberry

**Student Council Award**

Sydney Leatherberry

**Congressional Medal of Merit for Outstanding Youth Leadership**

Sydney Leatherberry

**Peer Assistance Listeners**

Kyle Beachey  
Amanda Fitts  
Sydney Leatherberry  
Nathan Wilkinson

**DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS**

**High School Awards**

Art: Emily Wilson  
English: Molly Robles  
Industrial Technology: Tyler Ball  
Instrumental Music: Taylor Losey  
Mathematics: Sydney Leatherberry  
Physical Education: Trey Waldofsky  
Science: Rachel Scott  
Social Science: Rachel Scott  
Vocal Music: Trey Waldofsky  
World Language - German: Paige Melvin  
World Language - Spanish: Sydney Leatherberry

**S.A.D.D. Members**

Dayna Dishman  
Libby Filice  
Rachel Gilliland  
Samanthia Hampton  
Sydney Leatherberry  
Brittany Pierce  
Kaelan Zalewski

**Quiz Bowl Members**

Katie Haydo  
John Kenyon  
Tristan Streeter

**Music Theater Scholarship**

Emma Wilkinson

**Theater Arts Scholarship**

Amanda Fitts

**Catholic Women's Scholarship**

Libby Filice

**Jean Ekins Memorial Scholarship**

Raelyn Boylan  
Miranda Riddle

**Jacque Lynn Adair III Memorial Scholarship**

Raelyn Boylan

**Carl Shepherd Memorial Scholarship**

Sydney Leatherberry

**Jenks Scholarships**

Mia Arkles  
Taylor Losey

**Grace Lutheran Church Scholarships**

Kyle Beachey  
Libby Filice  
Sydney Leatherberry

**Red Cross Scholarship**

Bailey Akers

**Norm and Helen Lantz McDonald's Scholarship**

Alyssa Sebesky

**Leslie School Employees Scholarships**

Bailey Akers  
Raelyn Boylan  
Libby Filice  
Molly Robles  
Rachel Scott  
Trey Waldofsky  
Emily Wilson

**Leslie Educational Support Personnel Association Scholarships**

Rachel Gilliland  
Brandon Penix-Bedell  
Thomas Peterson  
Tristan Streeter

**Aspire Program Scholarship**

Austin Pier

**The Legend Memorial Scholarships**

Madison Jacob  
Brandon Penix-Bedell

**#73 Bill Welhusen Memorial Scholarships**

Thomas Peterson  
Zachary Robinson

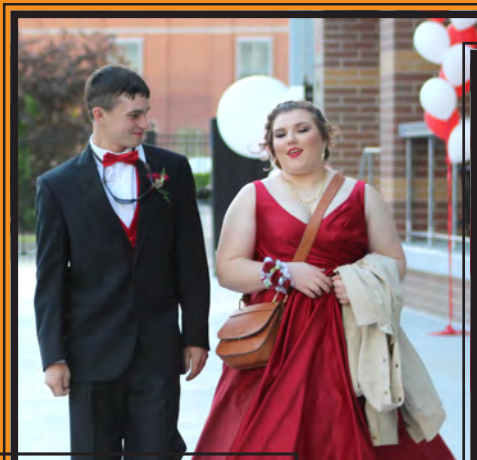
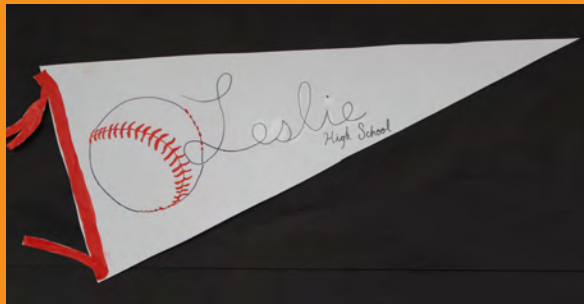




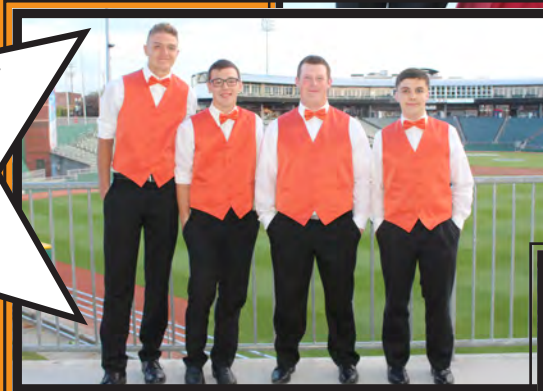
# BAND TRIP TO CHICAGO



APRIL 2017



Prom  
May 13, 2017  
Cooley Law School  
Stadium



## Take Me Out To The Ballgame

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The Leslie Equestrian Team has been a successful program here at Leslie Public Schools for many years. This program requires a year round commitment from each participant because the horses must be cared for all year. Participants' responsibilities include feeding the horses, trimming the horses' feet, and tending to the health concerns of the horses such as vaccinations and deworming.

This sport involves both horse and rider working together to show against the horse and rider teams of other schools. The classes that teams show in are based on how well the rider and horse work together to perform certain elements in the arena. They are judged on the quality of the performance. Other classes are based on how fast the horse and rider can complete certain obstacles.

For the past four years the senior and junior teams have been coached by April Kunkel and Kara Fleminger. In this short time, the senior team has made it into district play all four times. As Kunkel and Fleminger move into their fifth year of coaching this fall, they are expecting another strong senior team who will work toward another chance at that state title.





There were many fine performances this spring for the Leslie Blackhawks, but the highlight of the spring was the varsity baseball team. The team had a fine regular season, finishing 3rd place in a very competitive league this year. Even more impressive, however, was the team earning the Blackhawks' first district title since 2009. The team defeated Ovid-Elsie and Bath on the way to the title, before dropping a tough 2-1 decision to Michigan Center in the regionals. With most of the team returning next season, coach Mark Frohriep is looking forward to next spring. Earning all-conference honors this spring were juniors Gunner Fogg and Nick Henman who were selected 1st team. Fellow juniors Haeden Heibel and Clay Shroufe were also chosen to the 2nd and honorable mention teams respectfully. The JV baseball team, coached by 2nd year coach Jeremy Hatherly, showed great improvement and finished 5th in the GLAC.

The girls soccer team had another banner season, finishing 2nd place behind the Division 4 state champs Lansing Christian. The girls fought their way to the district title game, having defeated Onsted and Stockbridge, before dropping a heartbreaking 3-2 decision to Jonesville in a shootout. Earning all-conference honors were seniors Brooke Valdez, Taylor Losey, and Brooke Cowing who were all selected 1st team. Selected for the 2nd team were senior Bailey Akers and junior Madison Snow. Junior Julia Benavides was an honorable mention selection. Garnering all-district honors

were Valdez, Losey, Cowing, Akers, Snow, Benavides, as well as freshmen Samantha Shaw and Caroline Bushey.

Coach Lisa Lutchka led both the boys and girls track teams. The boys finished 5th and the girls 6th in the GLAC. Both teams had individual successes. Six boys qualified for the MHSAA state meet. Junior Cullen Cox led the way, earning all-state honors, finishing 4th in the 400 meters, and breaking the school record with a time of 49.61. He also qualified for the 4X400 meter relay along with fellow teammates junior Devin Gibbs, junior Stefan Carlson, and freshman Zach Borst. Gibbs was a double regional champ in the 800 and 1600 meters, just missing all-state honors by placing 9th at states in the 1600. Nate Wilkinson won the pole vault at regionals, qualifying for the state meet. Jack Derr also qualified for states in the discus, placing 2nd at regionals. Rachel Wiltse had the top girls' individual performance, winning the 3200 meters at the GLAC meet. Cox, Gibbs, and Derr were all-league champions as well.

The girls tennis team, under new head coach Dan Langeland, finished a very respectable 2nd place behind Battle Creek St. Phillip in the Southern Michigan Independent Tennis League. Leading the way were the 4th doubles team of Madison Montgomery and Lauren Boylan who were champions. First doubles team Britney Medcoff andolan Robinson, 2nd doubles team Brooke Leinbaugh and Lindsey Kincaid, and 3rd doubles team Jenny Davis and Abigail Tiffany were all runners-up. The girls also put in a good effort at regionals,

finishing a strong 5th place. The girls team also earned academic all-state accolades.

The girls softball team finished 6th in the GLAC and won two tournaments during the season under the direction of new head coach Tori Pierpoint. The girls were led by senior Autumn Martin who was 1st team all-conference, all-district, as well as all-region. Sophomores Hailey Wilson and Josie Heintz were selected 2nd team all-conference. Senior Emma Wilkinson was selected to the honorable mention team. The team was also recently chosen as an academic all-state team. The JV girls team led by Valerie O'Connor made great improvements throughout the season. The girls showed a lot of character and played hard each day.

Tom Shafer's boys golf team also improved through the season moving up from 5th to as high as 3rd during the season. The boys finished 4th in the GLAC, with junior Andrew Richards, seniors Davey Latter and Matt Dolbee all earning all-conference honors.

Another athletic year has come and gone, and we want to thank all athletes, coaches, parents, teachers, and fans for their support. We look forward to a big 2017-18 year and hope you will continue to support Leslie athletics.



**Scott Cousineau**

Athletic Director

Leslie High School

## Senior Athletes Moving on to the Next Level

Leslie High School will once again be sending some of its athletes on to compete at the college level next school year.

- Brandon Bedel**.....University of Northwestern Ohio, baseball
- Samantha Courtright**.....Alma College, track
- Jack Derr**.....Adrian College, football
- Aubrie Harrison**.....Olivet College, volleyball
- Jordan Hill**.....Olivet College, tennis
- Justin Kaimon**.....Lansing Community College, basketball
- Davey Latter**.....Spring Arbor University, bowling
- Brittany Pierce**.....Alma College, cross country and track
- Brooke Valdez**.....Siena Heights University, soccer

We want to wish all these fine athletes the best of luck at their new schools and with their new teams!



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### Leslie Public Schools Childcare

This year our summer childcare program is provided at our Jean Ekins Family Learning Center at 460 Kimball St. from 6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, beginning Monday, June 19. We offer childcare for children ages 3 through 12. Space is limited this summer so please call for availability at 589-8205.

Our Before and After School Childcare will begin on August 28. We will be accepting applications for new families during the month of August.

We offer competitive rates, per child, based on his/her daily attendance. Rates are as follows:

- 0 to 1.5 hours a day is \$8.00
- Over 1.5 hours up to 3 hours a day is \$12.00
- Over 3 hours up to 5 hours a day is \$20.00

Rates for over five hours per day are available as needed. For more information you may contact our Childcare Director, JoAnn Isham, at [joann.isham@leslie12.net](mailto:joann.isham@leslie12.net) or call 589-8205.

Save the Date for the  
2017 **Pink Hawk** game!

**Friday, September 22, 2017**

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## PINK HAWK PROJECT

Once again, our school and community will come together this September for the 6<sup>th</sup> Pink Hawk event. The mission of the Pink Hawk Project is to honor those who have fought and won their battle with cancer as well as to honor those who have lost their battle. Additionally, the Pink Hawk Project provides financial assistance to those receiving active cancer treatment. Funds for the project are primarily raised through the sale of t-shirts and jerseys. Pictured to the left is this year's t-shirt design, which will be available starting in August.

Over the last six years, the Pink Hawk Project has raised nearly \$100,000 and helped over 50 families in the Leslie community. Your purchase of these t-shirts has helped make this possible. To get information on t-shirt and jersey sales as well as event information, "Like" our Leslie Pink Hawk Project Facebook page. Let's make the Leslie community a sea of pink that day and continue raising funds to help those in our community!