

Mogadore Schools Review

Spring 2019

Strong foundation at f eld house



The walls and foundation of the new f eld house are going up quickly.

Courtesy of Dave Quillen

Facility, track, f eld should be done in time for fall sports

This spring, Mogadore has watched the school district's new field house rise from the ashes.

Although the May 5, 2018 fire claimed the field house, the School Board and Superintendent John Knapp had been contemplating upgrades to the stadium complex early that year, so the board decided to take on the project after the fire.

When the work is done, hopefully by July, weather-permitting, the district will not only have a new field house; it will also have a new lower concessions stand, new ticket booths, a new turf field and a new track. The work totals around \$5 million.

Within the field house, there will be visiting and home locker rooms, space for officials, and a lobby area which will feature the Mogadore Hall of Fame and public restrooms.

Mogadore High School Football Coach Matt Adorni said he and Mogadore High School Principal Russ Swartz estimated 75 to 80 percent of high school students stand to benefit from the improvements. The field house also will include a larger weight room, wrestling room, as well as pitching and batting cages for the softball and baseball teams to use during the season.

Upcoming events

May 22-24: Sixth-grade Outdoor Education Trip

May 21-24: The eighth-graders travel to Washington, D.C.

May 26: Mogadore High School graduation from 2-3 p.m. in the gym at Mogadore High School

May 28: Sixth-grade Farewell

May 27: Memorial Day. Remember the fallen who've served our country.

May 31: Last day of school for students! Have a fun and safe summer!

Aug. 15: Orientation schedule:

- Somers Elementary, grades 1-6 at 10 a.m.
- Junior and Senior High School grades 8-12 at 11 a.m.
- Orientation for 7th-grade students 11:00 a.m.

Aug. 22: First day of school for students



OH Somers News

Happy Pi Day!



On March 14, the 7th- and 8th-grade math classes celebrated Pi Day by learning about area and circumference of circles. Students looked at different circles and worked together to calculate their area and circumference. The day was “as sweet as 3.14 (Pi) since our very generous parents donated over 50 pies for a snack. After a full class of learning, our brains were full of Pi (3.14) while our stomachs were full of delicious pie,” said Mogadore Middle School School teacher Crystal Lasure.

Some 'Pawsome' kids



O. H. Somers Elementary School is proud to share its "Pawsome Kids" with the community. The school has many students who consistently show respectful, responsible, kind behavior, and the faculty is proud of them. Every grading period this school year, each teacher has chosen one student who has shown character traits that go above and beyond expectations. Somers honors these students with a light celebration of doughnuts and milk from the PTSO. They also received a certificate documenting their excellent efforts, as well as a coupon for a treat at Applebee's and a bracelet to remind them how proud the school is of them.

Greeting from Mrs. Isabella ...

Hello!

Many exciting things are happening at OH Somers Elementary School this spring. The students competed in Jump Rope for Heart during their physical education classes and raised an astounding \$6,616.50 for the American Heart Association. A big thank you to Mrs. Shelley Pollock for her efforts with this very worthy cause.

We began our fourth quarter of school concentrating on completing state testing for 3rd-through 6th-grades. Most testing concluded by the end of April.

May began with Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10) sponsored by PTSO. Also during May, many fun activities are planned for our students including trips to Hale Farm, the zoo, Mogadore walking tour, bowling and 6th-grade camp. PTSO's "Pastries with Parents" took place May 8-10 from 8-9 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Mr. Cameron's classes have spent time building our derby cars for the Gravity Racing Challenge to be held May 18 at Derby Downs in Akron. Good luck teams!

The school year ends Friday, May 31st. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,
Sandie Isabella
OH Somers Elementary School Principal

Summer hours at OH Somers

For the first few weeks of June, the hours at OH Somers Elementary School are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday.

For urgent matters during July, please contact the district administration office at 330-628-9946. All district offices are closed on Fridays.

REPORT CARDS will be sent home with the students on the last day of school, May 31, for grades K-6.



Girls Gala celebrates Mardi Gras



The PTSO organized the Girls Gala, which is always a great opportunity for girls to bond with their dads and other men in their lives.

The event took place March 15 at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church as it has for the past several years.

The theme for the evening was "Mardi Gras." The girls and their dads had fun trying on masks and enjoying the hors d'oeuvres, and, of course, almost everyone took a turn on the dance floor.

Breakfast with Easter Bunny



Students at OH Somers Elementary School enjoyed having "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" April 13, an event organized and supported by the Parent Teacher Student Organization.

New newsletter takes content online

This publication marks the first edition in a redesign of the old School Bell newsletters. In an effort to modernize the newsletter and make it more appealing online, the district is planning to post PDF versions of the newsletter online.

The district will be able to include links to additional content not available

in the print edition. Future videos and galleries are planned which readers will be able to launch from the PDF.

Those who are unable to access the newsletter online should contact Denise Lutz, Executive Secretary, at 330-628- 9946.

Special Olympians excel at Nordonia

On May 9, three OH Somers Elementary athletes competed in the Special Olympics at Nordonia HS against 19 other schools. They practiced for many hours with Coach Shelley Pollock and were ready to compete in three different track events. The Mogadore athletes won their heats, outrunning most of their competitors. MHS student athletes were the athletes' buddies and cheerleaders for the day. Between events, the Special Olympians spent time with the MHS athletes, tying balloon animals and playing cornhole.

Creating a friendly rivalry with another superintendent, Mogadore Superintendent John Knapp predicted (correctly!) the Mogadore athletes would defeat those from the other school. All of the athletes, volunteers and adult chaperones received free Special Olympics shirts. Athletes also received special backpacks, medals and a trophy for the school.

Cheering the athletes were their teachers, parents, occupational and physical therapists, as well as the directors of special services, business manager, and superintendent. Congratulations and good luck next year!



Middle & High School

Busy schedule ahead for Class of 2019

Graduation is a wonderful and prestigious time in life, and students should be proud of all they've accomplished to earn the right to be called high school graduates.

Mogadore High School and its staff has planned activities for the culmination of the Class of 2019's senior year, and students can expect them to be memorable and pleasant experiences they will cherish for many years to come.

It is the district's hope that seniors participate fully and enjoy each of these activities while keeping in mind that they are all school-sponsored events, which are governed by school rules. For these events to be safe and enjoyable for all, rules must be established and enforced.

On May 24, two days before Commencement, the senior class has a required breakfast and Commencement rehearsal. If seniors do not attend the rehearsal, they cannot participate in Commencement on May 26. School dress is required for the rehearsal.

Commencement itself also has a special dress code befitting the ceremony:

- Men must wear a pressed white dress shirt and tie (no bow ties), plain dark dress pants (no jeans), dress shoes, and dark socks (no sandals, tennis shoes or

flip flops), cap and pressed gown.

- Women must wear dresses, suits, or skirts which should be shorter than graduation gowns, white or black dress shoes (no flip flops), cap and pressed gown.

The dress code will still be required as it relates to body piercings and hair.

Students should report to the gym at 12:30 p.m. Gowns should be pressed before arriving, and students should not add any accessories to the gown or mortarboard cap. The caps should be worn on the top of the head with the point centered in the middle of the forehead. Tassels are worn on the right until the appointed time in the ceremony.

Graduation takes place at Mogadore High School's gym at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. for family and guests. Those who need any type of accommodation should contact the school as soon as possible.

Audience members are asked to act with dignity and respect during the ceremony. Although family members have every right to be enthusiastic and proud of their new graduates, clapping, whistling, shouting or any other loud, disruptive behavior is inappropriate during the ceremony. After graduates'

names are read, a short biographical statement will be read about each one. Please help make this a day to remember for the graduates and their families.

Spelling champ!



Congratulations to 8th-grader Landon Wicks! Landon has won the Mogadore Junior High Spelling Bee the last two years and has gone on to compete in the Portage County Bee. The County Bee has been held at Maplewood Career Center in Ravenna. Both years Landon has competed against spellers from all over Portage County. Mogadore is proud of Landon's accomplishments!

May event schedule for graduating seniors

May is here, and with it, Mogadore High School's seniors are thinking about and planning for the rest of their lives.

In the meantime, however, there are lots of events, deadlines and testing dates

to consider before May 26, which is graduation day.

Upcoming events for seniors include:

- May 17: All fines must be paid

- May 18: Prom

- May 21: Senior final exams for periods 6,7 and 8

- May 22: Senior final exams for periods 3,4 and 5

- May 22: Cats Count Awards, 7 p.m. MHS gym

- May 23: Senior final exams for periods 1 and 2

- May 23: Senior Awards Assembly, noon, MHS gym

- May 24: Senior Breakfast and Graduation Practice

- May 26: Commencement



High school drama club presents 'Cinderella'

This spring, Mogadore High School's Drama Club produced the enchanting musical "Cinderella" March 21-23 at Mogadore High School.

Under the direction of Mogadore High School Art and Drama teacher Jonas Lawrence, students from grades 7-12 put their skills on display, thrilling the whole community with the musical version of this beloved fairytale.

With new opportunities, students programmed and operated the lighting, projections, and the brand-new digital sound system.

Supervised by Art Teacher Matt Beresh, the crew constructed, painted, and assembled the multi-level set while actors worked with Mogadore High School's new Vocal Music Teacher Angelica Weichman to sing memorable show tunes. For the first time ever, a live orchestra



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full of Mogadore's own students accompanied the vocalists with Instrumental Music Teacher Stephanie Bonitz conducting.

Mogadore High School Alumna Maddie Higgins ('18) returned to

choreograph many of the musical numbers.

To find out more about upcoming productions or to revisit previous ones, visit their website at www.MogadoreDramaClub.weebly.com.

Pick up report cards June 10-20 at high school

Parents can pick up report cards starting June 10-20 in the main office at Mogadore High School. Pick up for report cards will be from 8 a.m. until noon Monday through Thursday.

After June 20, report cards will be available for pick up at the

administrative office. They will only be available June 20 until Aug. 2, Monday through Thursday at the administrative office.

The school policy states that all fees must be paid up to date in order for the report card to be released. These fees include:

- School Fees
- Library Fees
- Lunch Fees
- All Uniforms must be turned in.

For more information, contact Mogadore High School at 330-628-9843.



Middle & High School

Band marches along at Magic Kingdom

The Mogadore High School Marching Band spent several days this spring in "The Happiest Place on Earth" — Disney World.

The band marched along Main Street USA, in the shadow of Cinderella's castle, the focal point of Walt Disney World, on April 5. Chosen as one of just two bands to perform in the afternoon parade, the band represented Mogadore well during the parade and the rest of the trip, as well.

Director of Bands Stephanie Bonitz directed and marched with the band, and Color Guard Instructor Emily Blaumann also accompanied the group on the trip, along with several parent chaperones. The students also had a chance to spend time visiting The Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, and Epcot Center during the trip.



The Mogadore Marching Band entertained the crowd at Main Street USA, the center of The Magic Kingdom in Disney World on April 5.

Wrestling team wins f rst sectional title in history



The 2018-19 Mogadore Wrestling team celebrates its section title, the f rst in the program's history. Tyler Knight was the f rst freshman since 1979-80 from Mogadore win a state match, and Nick Skye placed sixth in the state.

In by far its most successful season in history, The Mogadore High School Wrestling Team finished as the regional runner-up in duals, the highest place ever for a Mogadore wrestling team.

This year's team also won its f rst sectional title.

Although the team was stock full of strong wrestlers from top to bottom, Tyler Knight and Nick Skye distinguished themselves as few in Mogadore wrestling have.

Tyler was the f rst freshman since 1979-80 to win a state match for Mogadore, and Nick placed sixth in the state.

The team also placed second in the Chippewa Invitational, third at the Waterloo Division 3 Tournament, and third at the Coshocton Classic. The team took third place in the PTC Tournament.

Wildcat Sports



Basketball takes historic trip to regional championship

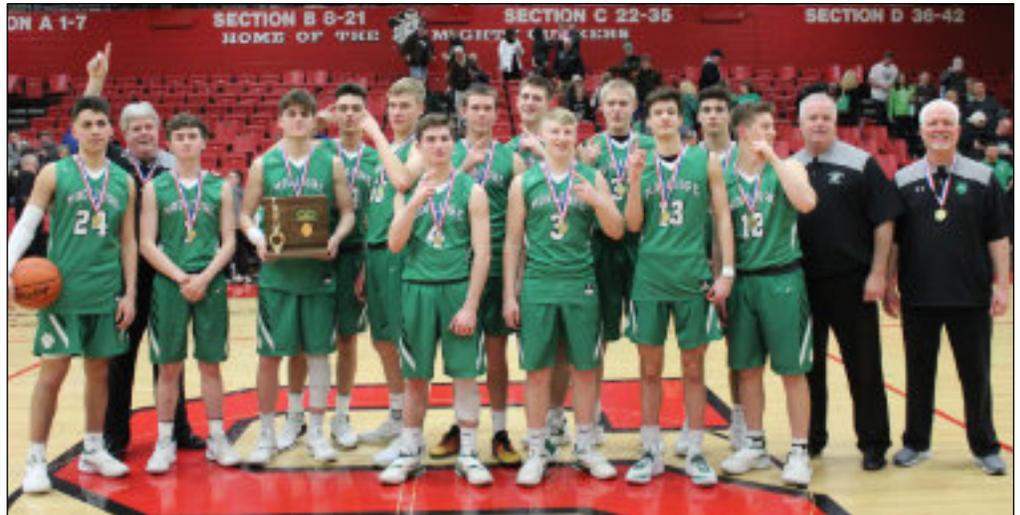
The 2018-19 basketball season was as fun, exciting, and successful as any in the history of Mogadore basketball.

The team won its fifth consecutive league championship and its ninth overall district championship — the third since 2012 and first in Division 3. Also the team was only the fourth in school history to play in a regional championship which is the Elite 8 in the state. The other years the team made the Elite 8 include 1964 (Mogadore's only team to reach the state semifinals), 1977, and 1983.

At season's end, Mogadore basketball had recorded an impressive 1,101 wins throughout its history.

Listed are the members of the 2018-19 team and some of the awards earned, due to the success of the team:

Seniors: Kyle Coffman (First Team All PTC, Second Team all NEO Inland District Division 3, Honorable Mention All State Division 3, PTC All Star Game)



Connor Kerr (Second Team All PTC, school record 84 blocked shots, PTC All Star Game); Camden Ramirez (honorable mention all PTC, PTC all star game); Eli Robertson (Honorable Mention All PTC, PTC All Star Game);

Juniors: Lukas Swartz (two-time PTC

Player of the Year and First Team All PTC, First Team all NEO Inland District Division 3, Second Team All Ohio Division 3); Nathan Stephenson; Dylan Jones; Aaron Morris; David Wolverton; Marcus Dillon; Nathan Fisher; Jordan Fisher; and Quintin Hiney.

Record setter!



Connor Kerr has set school records this spring in both the 300 hurdles and the 110 hurdles.

Girls basketball



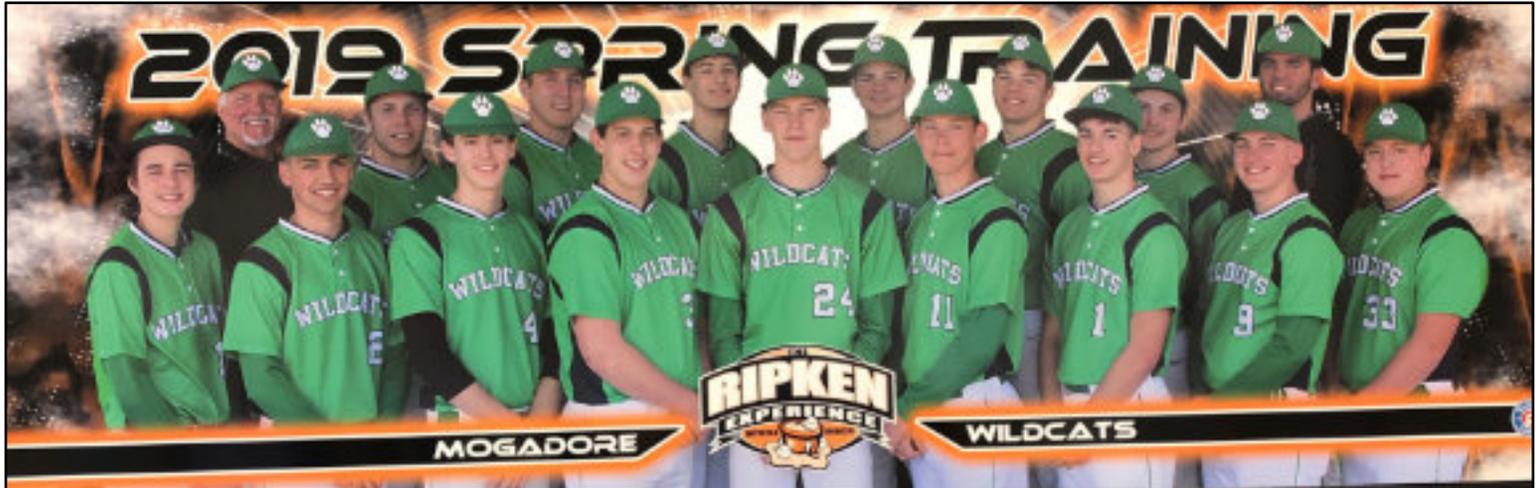
The Mogadore Girls Varsity Basketball team was in a year of rebuilding and growth for the 2018-19 season. In a season focused on building a foundation for the future, sophomore Carly Hickle and junior Hope Murphy earned Honorable Mention All-PTC honors, as well as Honorable Mention from the WTCBCA for the season.



Wildcat Sports



Baseball squad trains in Myrtle Beach



Headed by Coach Steve Lutz, left, this year's boys baseball team trained in Myrtle Beach this spring.

They are currently 13-5 overall and ended PTC County League play in second place with a 7-3 mark. Led by a great senior class, the Wildcats have had one of their best seasons in recent years.

Softball team bonds in Volunteer State



The Mogadore High School varsity softball team spent their spring break in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The trip provided more than just an opportunity to play some early spring ball; it was a time for some team bonding before the regular season began, and it proved to be a great thing.

The team played five games over a period of three days and finished the trip with a successful 4-1 record. Most importantly, the girls arrived in Tennessee as individuals and left as a team. That same team continues to gel even more with every practice and game it plays. The team finished with a 21-4 record, including 9-1 in the PTC.