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# MAUMEE CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOLNOTES

A newsletter for the residents of the Maumee City School District



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## President's Column

By Mike Wiley,  
Board of Education President



### Explanation of Financial Realities Faced by Maumee City Schools

On January 29, the Maumee City Schools Board of Education voted to put a 5.9 mill school levy on the May 8 ballot. The board decided, after many meetings and deliberations, that this levy is needed to continue to fund the quality education our children receive.

The Board saw a deficit coming two years ago, and at that time, directed Superintendent Todd Cramer to make cuts. Dr. Cramer was able to cut \$1.5 million from district expenses, which allowed us to stay off the ballot one additional year. However, even with those cuts, we will be in the red in fiscal year 2020. The Board then directed Treasurer Paul Brotzki to communicate with the County Auditor's office to see what a 4.0, 4.9, 5.5, and 5.9 mill levy would raise. The board chose a 5.9 mill levy because it was the only amount that will put the district in the black until fiscal year 2022.

The reason schools must continue to come back to the voters every few years is because a voted levy can never raise more money than what the original levy was designed to raise. For example (and we'll use small numbers here), if a 5.9 mill levy was calculated to raise \$100/year, that levy can never generate more than \$100. So, no matter how well the economy grows, or how high property values go up, that 5.9 mill levy can never raise more than its intended amount (in this case \$100). So, as your property values do go up, the money you pay toward a previously voted levy actually goes down. In the 1990s, Maumee voters approved levies for the district in the amount of 5.5, 4.9, and 4.9 mills. But because of property value increases, those levies now only raise 3.31, 3.28, and 3.58 mills.

Besides property taxes, our school district receives money from the State of Ohio. The State calculates that each school district should receive \$6,010 per student in order to educate that student. However, due to a complicated funding formula, the State only provides Maumee with \$2,529 per student and says school district residents need to make up the rest. We receive less per pupil than many districts around us because we are considered a "wealthy district."

It is always a difficult decision to ask voters for money to fund our schools. But, as you can see, the funding situation Maumee faces is not ideal. Our requested 5.9 mill increase is designed to keep the excellent programs we have functioning for our next generation of leaders.

I, along with the rest of the Board of Education, teachers, and administrators, hope you see the value of voting on May 8.

## 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame and Athletic Hall of Excellence & Contribution Inductees Named



2018 Inductees (L-R) Kendall Karchner, Karen Brebberman, Angie McEwen, Ray Foreman, Bob Boyles

**Angela (Williams) McEwen** ('93) earned 11 varsity letters at MHS and was highly honored in volleyball, basketball, and softball. In volleyball, Angie was 1<sup>st</sup> team all-NLL and 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-district in both her junior and senior seasons and the team's MVP her junior and senior years. In basketball, she earned honorable mention all-league and all-district honors both junior and senior year. During her time on the softball diamond, Angie was chosen for league honors three out of four years. This is what coach Marty Kalmbach says about Angie, "Her main attribute was that she was extremely competitive, and one of the strongest girls I've ever had play for me . . . she was intimidating, and girls on the other team did not like playing against her." Angie continued her basketball career at Notre Dame College of Ohio and was honored as a small college all-American for two years. Today, she is the Regulatory Compliance Director at USAA and lives in Perrysburg with husband John and sons Tommy and Matt.

**Kendall Karchner** ('06) is one of finest swimmers in Maumee High School history. She is a three-time district champion in the 100-yard backstroke and qualified for States all four years at MHS; placing 8<sup>th</sup> as a freshman, 11<sup>th</sup> as a sophomore, 9<sup>th</sup> as a junior and 4<sup>th</sup> as a senior. While the 100-yard backstroke was Kendall's strongest event, she also was a competitor in the 200-yard freestyle. She placed 3<sup>rd</sup> sophomore year, 2<sup>nd</sup> junior year and 1<sup>st</sup> as a senior at the district championships. These wins qualified her for the state meet those three years as well. To this day, Kendall still holds multiple Maumee High School records. After her MHS career, Kendall swam for the University of Akron and attained numerous All-MAC awards including 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-MAC in 2007 and 1<sup>st</sup> team all-MAC in 2010. She set the 100-yard backstroke record four times; the 200-yard backstroke record three times; and the 400-yard medley relay, 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard medley relay once. Kendall teaches kindergarten at Fairfield Elementary School in Maumee.

**Karen (Snyder) Brebberman** ('83) was a cross country and track & field standout at MHS. Her teams won five out of eight possible opportunities to be NLL champions and Karen earned 1<sup>st</sup> team NLL honors all four years in both cross country and track & field. At the OHSAA State Championships, Karen finished 25<sup>th</sup> her junior year. Karen also played on the basketball team for three years. In cross country, Karen was a two-time all-league champ, state qualifier and earned league and district honors. She was also named individual runner up while on the cross country team. In track & field, Karen earned all-league honors and individual NLL championships in the 400m, 1600m,

and 3200m relay. Karen still holds the MHS record in the 1600m relay (4:09.5) and held the 3200m relay record until 2010, when her daughter Kelsey broke that record. Karen is the media specialist at Maumee High School, coaches the Gateway Middle School track & field team, is a middle school intramural advisor, and manages the Rolf Park Pool in the summer. She has two daughters, Kelsey ('13) and Morgan ('14).

**Robert Boyles** was hired as a teacher and head football coach at Maumee High School in 1973. He retired in 2001, after 28 years of service at Maumee High School. Bob was Maumee's head football coach for 11 years and guided the Panthers to three NLL championships and four runner-up finishes, compiling an impressive record of 68-39-3. He also served as an assistant football coach to both Hal LaFontaine and John Boles for an additional nine years. Prior to his time at Maumee High School, Coach Boyles was the head football coach at Bucyrus High School for six seasons, compiling an outstanding 104-60-6 overall record. His 1970 team was undefeated and finished as state runner-up in Class AA. Bob also served in several assistant coaching positions at the high school and collegiate level. He earned a bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College and his master's degree from The Ohio State University. Bob taught health, physical education, and art at MHS. Today, he resides in Perrysburg with his wife, Arlene. They have two children, R.L. and Shannon, both MHS grads, and five grandchildren: Gabriella, Hans, Chase, Grace and Liam.

**Ray Foreman** attended Bucyrus High School and was a talented and decorated athlete. He attended Bowling Green State University and enlisted in the Army, where he became a medic in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. After his military service, Ray attended The Ohio State University and earned a degree in science education, with a minor in physical education. He returned to Bucyrus, teaching and coaching at the high school level. During that time, he earned two National Science Foundation awards which allowed him to attend North Carolina State University for a summer of study, followed by an academic year of study where he earned his master's degree. Ray coached with Bob Boyles as part of the 1970 undefeated Bucyrus High School football team. Ray ultimately made his way to Maumee High School as a teacher and football and boys tennis coach, where his tenure lasted for 25 years. Today, Coach Foreman and his wife, Sara, enjoy splitting time between Ohio and Siesta Key, Florida. They are the proud parents of two children, Renee and Brad, both MHS grads, and have two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Buy a Brick for Kazmaier Stadium & Leave a Lasting Legacy

Thanks to fundraising efforts from the Panther Pride Foundation (PPF), it won't be long before Phase I of the Kazmaier Stadium Renewal Project will be complete. Fundraising efforts are now underway for Phase II of the stadium project.

**Donor naming opportunities still exist for Phase I and Phase II. PPF is selling BRICK PAVERS for a permanent display walkway into the renovated stadium.**

The community is invited to support the project through the purchase of a Brick Paver. Pavers purchased now will be installed in the new Stadium entryway by Fall 2018. Each paver is 8" x 8" and allows for six lines with 12 characters/spaces per line. They cost \$150. For more information about donor opportunities and pavers, visit [www.pantherpridefoundation.org](http://www.pantherpridefoundation.org) or contact Sarah Otis @ 419-893-8778 ext. 20260.

Maumee City Schools is fortunate to have 15 community volunteer members of the Panther Pride Foundation Board of Directors and



Cabinet who are raising \$2 million in privately donated funds to pay for renovations and improvements at Kazmaier Stadium. Operating revenue from Maumee City Schools is not funding this capital improvement project. The school district will pay \$600,000 from its permanent improvement fund for the portion of renovations necessary for routine maintenance, upkeep, and increased A.D.A. accessibility of the stadium which is an important community resource that hosts in excess of 10,000 visitors every school year.

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**Vision:** Proactively engage and inspire student learning, involvement and service

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# Financial Q & A from Maumee City Schools Superintendent & Treasurer

## Why District Must be on May 8 Ballot

by Todd Cramer and Paul Brotzki

We have received a number of questions from community members about why the district has placed a 5.9 mill operating levy on the May 8 ballot. You will find answers to some of the questions below. If you have questions that are not answered here, please join us at an upcoming Community Coffee Chat or email your questions to tcramer@maumee12.org or pbrotzki@maumee12.org.

### Q: WHY DOES THE DISTRICT NEED A LEVY NOW?

**A:** Property taxes are levied and collected in arrears. With successful passage of a levy in May 2018, the school district will not receive full funding from this levy until fiscal year 2020. The longer the district waits to ask voters to approve a new operating levy, the further out full funding is pushed. Our operating budget is balanced only until 2020.

### Q: WHO PAYS PROPERTY TAXES TO MAUMEE CITY SCHOOLS?

**A:** School district boundaries were set before many neighborhood streets were constructed. This created an "oddly" shaped district. Most homes and apartments on the south side of Heatherdowns Blvd. between Key Street and Byrne Road are part of the Maumee City School District, even though they are located in Toledo (43614). There are also several streets off Heatherdowns between Cheyenne and Holland Perrysburg Road that are within the district. These home and apartment

complex owners pay their school property taxes to Maumee City Schools, not Toledo Public Schools.

### Q: DOES THE DISTRICT GET PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM ARROWHEAD PARK?

**A:** There are both residential and commercial properties that are within the city limits of Maumee (43537) but are not in our school district. A large portion of Arrowhead Park is physically located in the Springfield School District or Anthony Wayne School District. Commercial property tax revenue is paid to those respective school districts. The same is true for property west of Interstate 475/23 (ie. Dana, The Mall at Fallen Timbers, restaurants & businesses on Briarfield). None of that property tax revenue comes to Maumee City Schools.

### Q: WILL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GET MONEY FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT FORD ST. & THE ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL?

**A:** While we are excited about this proposed development, to date there are no signed contracts in place, so the school district cannot count on revenue from infrastructure and buildings that do not exist. We hope this development does happen because it would mean we are able to extend the amount of time for a levy request in future years.

### Q: WHY DOESN'T THE STATE OF OHIO FULLY FUND OUR SCHOOLS?

**A:** The state expects taxpayers to significantly fund their

community's schools. It is mandated that districts with a higher capacity to pay (wealthier communities as determined by the state) are expected to generate more revenue from local property taxes. Maumee receives less state money per student than many other school districts in our area and has seen a revenue loss of \$12,383,632 since 2014.

### Q: CAN'T THE DISTRICT CUT EXPENSES RATHER THAN PASS A LEVY?

**A:** Approximately \$1.5 million has been cut since 2014, which includes the reduction of 15 positions. Also, staff pay more for health care benefits, received a zero percent base salary increase this year, and building and departmental budgets have been frozen or reduced for the past five years. Making more cuts would mean eliminating or scaling back programs and services provided to our students. Many expenses are state mandated. One such expense is for children who reside in the district, but attend school elsewhere: perhaps a school for special needs, community or charter school, online school, or take college courses while still in high school (college credit plus program). During the 2016/2017 school year, the district spent approximately \$972,500 for this mandate. We recently surveyed families who made another educational choice for their children. In many cases, it is because Maumee City Schools does not have a specific educational or extracurricular program that another school offers. **This means we MUST continue to innovate and expand our educational and extracurricular options to retain current students and attract back others who have left.**

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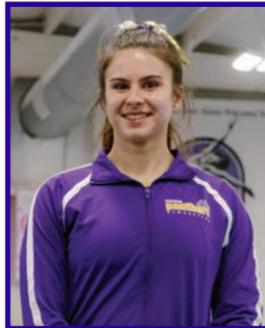
## MAUMEE HAS GREAT WINTER SPORTS SEASON

### 4 Athletes Qualify for State Competition

Congratulations to Maumee's 2018 state qualifiers: **Alyssa Delffs** (gymnastics) 21<sup>st</sup> bars, 29<sup>th</sup> beam, 30<sup>th</sup> floor, 27<sup>th</sup> all-around; **Brandon Phillips** (wrestling) 2<sup>nd</sup> place Division II, 220-pound weight class; **Ryan Haas** (wrestling) 8<sup>th</sup> place Division II, 182-pound weight class; and **Matt Lucas** (Indoor track & field) 11<sup>th</sup> place 3200-meter run.



Ryan Haas, Board of Education President Mike Wiley, Matt Lucas



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## IT'S KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP TIME IN MAUMEE

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All resident children who will be five-years-old on or prior to August 1, 2018 are eligible to attend kindergarten in Maumee City Schools. Unless a child successfully completes a kindergarten program, he/she is not permitted to enter the first grade in Ohio. Maumee City Schools offers half-day and full-day kindergarten options.

Parents should go to the Maumee City Schools website: [www.maumee.k12.oh.us](http://www.maumee.k12.oh.us) and select the PARENTS & COMMUNITY tab and then NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT to find detailed information and use the electronic enrollment system to self-schedule a convenient kindergarten enrollment appointment. Questions should be directed to our elementary schools: Fairfield Elementary School at 419-893-9821 or Fort Miami Elementary School at 419-893-2201.



## SAVE THESE DATES



### APRIL 17: COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT

MAUMEE SENIOR CENTER • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Stop in for a few minutes or stay the entire time and get your questions answered by Superintendent Dr. Todd Cramer and Treasurer Paul Brotzki. No agenda, just open discussion.



### APRIL 18: SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES COMMUNITY GATHERING

MAUMEE LIBRARY • 6:30 – 8 p.m.  
Stop in for a few minutes or stay the entire time and get your questions answered by Superintendent Dr. Todd Cramer and Treasurer Paul Brotzki. No agenda, just open discussion.



### MAY 9: ARTS FEST 2018

MAUMEE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Community is invited to see hundreds of fine arts pieces from middle and high school students. Attend band, orchestra and choir performances throughout the evening.



### JUNE 4: RICHARD KAZMAIER MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

SOUTH TOLEDO GOLF COURSE • Shotgun start 11:30 a.m.  
Please join us for this scramble format, charity golf outing. \$85 entry fee includes: cart, dinner & prizes. Sponsorship opportunities available. 100% of proceeds fund annual scholarships awarded in Dick Kazmaier's name to MHS student athletes. For more information about playing in the outing: Matt Szyndler ([mszyndler@maumee12.org](mailto:mszyndler@maumee12.org)) Sponsorships: Nancy Sayre ([nsayre@maumee12.org](mailto:nsayre@maumee12.org)).

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