



Polar Press



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Community Meeting Recap

On March 7th, community members had an opportunity to listen and ask questions on the possible new facility options.

Approximately 30 community members showed up and rotated between three different options where they could discuss the pros and cons of each option.

Fanning-Howey is the architect firm hired by the school district to present different options to the public if the district decides to move forward in the next few years with constructing new facilities.

Margaretta schools are projected to receive approximately \$6 million from the Nexus pipeline project. The board is deciding what would be the best scenario in constructing facilities in the district.

The three options the community viewed and commented on are:

1. Construct a building for middle/high school students behind the current school and maintain the current pool and gym facilities.
2. Maintain a portion of the elementary that was built in 2008 and add a two-story portion, while some of the older sections could be torn down.
3. Build one campus for middle/high school students on a plot of land by the bus garage. An addition could be added on for elementary students at a later time if necessary.



Spring Testing

With the arrival of spring upon us, that only means one thing....state testing. MHS middle and high school students will test in the areas of English, math, science and history. The English test will be given before Spring Break and the remaining tests will be given when students return.

Make sure to get a good nights sleep and eat a good breakfast to be ready to go!!

Testing Schedule:

April 9-10: 6,7,8 ELA
April 11-12: ELA I
April 16-17: ELA II
April 18: Make-up date

April 30-May 1: 6,7,8 Math
May 2: Algebra I
May 3: Geometry

May 6: 8th Grade Science
May 7: Biology
May 8: American History
May 9: American Government
May 10: Make-up date



Junior High Students of the Month

Logan Sessler



Family: Mom- Becky Sessler, Dad- Joe Sessler, Sisters- Tayler and Josey
Pets: Charlie- Dog
What do you want to be when you grow up? Diesel mechanic
Favorite Subject(s): Gym
Favorite Teacher(s): Mr. Pooch
Hobbies: Playing dartball, RC cars, 4H, sports, camping

Nominated by: Mrs. Smith: "Kindhearted, polite, and sincere. Goes above and beyond to help others in the classroom. Always gives her classwork 110%."



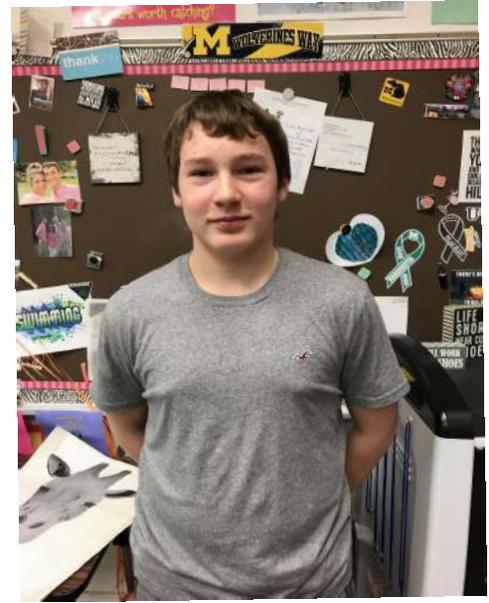
Isabella Tigges



Family: Mom, dad, brother Cooper
Pets: Two dogs- Thor and Lacey, cat- Henry, Guinea Pig- Bubbles
What do you want to be when you grow up? Nurse, aid teacher
Favorite Subject(s): Science, gym, math
Favorite Teacher(s): Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Yaussy
Hobbies: Making blankets, baking, basket, softball

Nominated by: Mrs. Yaussy: "She always helps another student in health. She works so well with him, she makes sure he gets his work done, helps him stay on task, and turns in his work. She does this on her own, I do not ask her. Whenever we do notes she helps him keep up and organized. She is truly amazing!!!"

Riley Cotner



Family: Brother, dad, mom
Pets: Dog
What do you want to be when you grow up? A sports player
Favorite Subject(s): Math, Social Studies
Favorite Teacher(s): Mrs. Szymanski
Hobbies: Baseball, football, basketball

Nominated by: Mr. Yantz: "Participates in class often. Answers questions correctly. Asks great questions on topic. Well-mannered. Works on other school materials when finished with assigned work. Overall does a nice job!!!"

Junior High Students of the Month

Chase Carter



Family: Krisnta Carter, Jason Carter

Pets: 2 dogs, 1 cat, 1 Guinea Pig

What do you want to be when you grow up? I wish to go into the airforce

Favorite Subject(s): Math, literature

Favorite Teacher(s): Mr. Novak

Hobbies: Bike riding, playing games, talking to friends

Nominated by: Mr. Manuella:

"Chase has shown improvement from the beginning of the year. He comes to class prepared every day with a willingness to work and get the job done."

Kylie Leibacher



Family: Mom- Amy, Dad- Chris,

Brothers- Nick and Jake

Pets: Parakeet- Midas

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Occupational Therapist

Favorite Subject(s):

English

Favorite Teacher(s): Mrs. Weller, Mrs. Kline, Mr. Weyer, Mrs. Yaussy, Mr. Schwan

Hobbies: Basketball, volleyball, softball

Nominated by: Mrs. Drossman:

"Respectful and very conscientious about her work. Always on task and helpful to others."

Elle Stephenson



Family: Mom- Randi,

Brother- Peyton,

Stepdad- Matt,

Stepbrother- Maddox,

Stepsisters- Raylynn and Jerzie

Pets: None

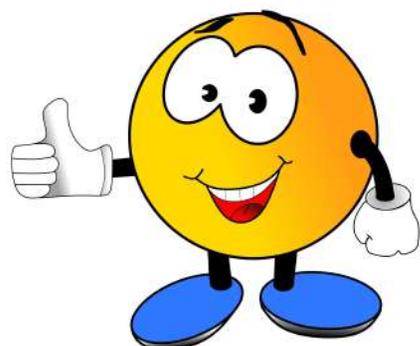
What do you want to be when you grow up? A Journalist

Favorite Subject(s): Art, history, literature, and English

Favorite Teacher(s): None

Hobbies: Cooking, baking, drawing, painting, learning new languages and random facts

Nominated by: "Although Elle is new to Margarett, it is obvious that she takes her education seriously and did not let being "the new kid" get in the way. She has been a great example to her peers both in and out of the classroom. Mrs. Weller and Mrs. Kline appreciate her interest and hard work in Literature and English classes."



Senior Bios

Olivia
Collingsworth



Birthday: 11-18-1999
Hobbies: Walking, gaming, reading
Siblings: 8
Food: BBQ Chicken
Subject: English
NBA Teams: N/A
Season: Fall
Person: My boyfriend
Sport: Basketball
Color: Blue
Place to be: Indiana
Book: *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Band/Artist: Witt Lowry
Quote: "Music saves peoples life's."

Childhood Toy: Doll
Cartoon Character: Scooby-Doo
Comedian: Jeff Dunham
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Animal: Cat/Dog
High School Memory: Changing schools and making new friends.

Could be someone for a day: My boyfriend to see his friend and his life without me.
Bad Habit: taking too long to clean.
Biggest pet peeve: When people yell at me because they are guilty
Biggest fear: Losing everything I've worked for.

Daniella
Neumeyer



Birthday: 06/29/01
Hobbies: Cutting hair
Siblings: 2
Food: BLT
Subject: English
NBA Teams: Cavs
Season: Fall
Person: My boyfriend
Sport: Football
Color: Blue
Place to be: Beach
Book: *Maze Runner*
Band/Artist: Bon Jovi
Quote: "Beauty begins the moment you decide to be yourself."

Childhood Toy: My Teddy Bear
Cartoon Character: Goofy
Comedian: None
Holiday: Christmas
Animal: Whale
High School Memory: Football games

Could be someone for a day: Beyonce
Bad Habit: Biting my nails
Biggest pet peeve: Scraping plates with forks
Biggest fear: Clowns

Dylan
Popke



Birthday: February 21st
Hobbies: Baseball, Hunting
Siblings: Dawson Popke
Food: Steak
Subject: Math
NBA Teams: Cavs
Season: Fall
Person: My Grandpa
Sport: Baseball
Color: Green
Place to be: Tennessee
Book: None
Band/Artist: Juice Wrld
Quote: "Live in the present not the past."

Childhood Toy: Baseball
Cartoon Character: Bugs Bunny
Comedian: Kevin
Holiday: Christmas
Animal: Dog
High School Memory: Don't have one

Could be someone for a day: LeBron James
Bad Habit: Laughing at serious moments
Biggest pet peeve: Fake People
Biggest fear: Dying

Senior Bios

Josh Gibson



Birthday: 11-6-01
Hobbies: Hunting
Siblings: Hunter Gibson
Food: Steak
Subject: English
NBA Teams: Cavs
Season: Winter
Person: Dad
Sport: Football
Color: Red
Place to be: Home
Book: None
Band/Artist: NBA Youngboy
Quote: "Work for what you want."

Childhood Toy: Matchbox Cars
Cartoon Character: Spongebob
Comedian: Kevin Hart
Holiday: Christmas
Animal: Flamingo
High School Memory: When Miss Melle's chair broke.

Could be someone for a day: Steve Harvey
Bad Habit: Biting my nails
Biggest pet peeve: Driving under the speed limit
Biggest fear: Death

Ian Randles



Birthday: June 2nd
Hobbies: sleeping, hanging out with friends
Siblings: Destinee, Parker, Bailee
Food: Pizza
Subject: Science
NBA Teams: Cavs
Season: Fall
Person: Joe Gibson
Sport: Football
Color: Blue
Place to be: Home
Book: None
Band/Artist: Juice Wrld
Quote: "Forget the ones that forgot you."

Childhood Toy: Hot Wheels
Cartoon Character: Blues Clues
Comedian: Jeff Dunham
Holiday: Christmas
Animal: Flamingo
High School Memory: None

Could be someone for a day: Dr. Phil
Bad Habit: Procrastination
Biggest pet peeve: Loud Eaters
Biggest fear: Spiders



Lady Bears Basketball



By Zoie Biecheler Credits to Sandusky Register

LADY BEARS VS WESTERN RESERVE

In the first quarter of the game, the Lady Bears started out slow with only 8 points. By the end of the second quarter, the Lady Bears headed into halftime leading 27-18. At the end of the third quarter, the Lady Bears led 49-25.

Opening up the fourth quarter, Jayden Moore shot a three for the Lady Bears. The Lady Bears had a 30 point difference when Senior Grace Bias threw in a pair of free throws. The Lady Bears won their first tournament game of the season by defeating Western Reserve, 65-38

Ellianna Schaefer paced the Lady Bears with 16 points, Rockell Kuns had 12 points on four 3's.

LADY BEARS VS SENECA EAST

In the first quarter, the Lady Bears were ready to get the title. The Bears led the first quarter with 19 points. In the second quarter, Kennedy Hilton went in for a 3 pointer and the Lady Bears headed to halftime with a 32-26 lead.

At the beginning of the third quarter, Faythe Smetzer and Kennedy Hilton both tossed in 3 pointers making it 40-30. With little time left in the third quarter, Faythe Smetzer stole a pass and brought the score to 46-34. Later in the game Faythe was taken out of the game for a technical foul. The girls struggled at the idea of Faythe not playing with them, but that didn't stop the Polar Bears.

In the fourth quarter, Taylor Malson went in for a layup then added in another 2 free throws to win the game.

Leading scorers for the game were Taylor Malson with 12, Faythe Smetzer with 11, and Kennedit Hilton with 9.

LADY BEARS VS HURON

Margaretta routed Huron 70-26 in the Division III sectional championship game at Willard High School

In the first quarter, the girls scored 21 points to the Tigers 3 points. In the second quarter, the girls score 18 points and the Tigers scored 16. By halftime, the Bears had a lead of 39-19.

After the break, the Lady Bears were 35 points ahead of the Tigers trailing behind with only 24 points.

In the final quarter, the Bears slowed down a bit, but still gained 11 more points while the Tigers only added 2 points. The Lady Bears were ahead in the end by 44 points which gave them the Sectional Championship!

Leading scores for the Lady Bears were Jayden Moore with 18, Taylor Malson with 16, Faythe Smetzer with 14 and Rockell Kuns added 10.

LADY BEARS VS AFRICENTRIC

In the first quarter against the Nubians, the Lady Bears struggled with only scoring 8 points. In the second quarter, the Bears still fell short, scoring another 6 points to the Nubians 14 points.

In the third quarter, the Lady Bears picked up the pace scoring 14 points that quarter. In the final quarter, the Bears fell short by only adding 7. The final score of the game was 66-35 Africentric.

The Bears tried their hardest. The girls put forth so much effort this season and this game will only push the girls further next year.

Taylor Malson lead the Lady Bears in scoring with 11 points followed by Jayden Moore with 9 and Devyne Eisenhaur with 8.





Boys Basketball

By: Alex Scott Credits to Sandusky Register



Margaretta VS St. Peter's

Margaretta had a great start against St. Peter's. Dylan Morris hit a triple, followed by a trio of deep balls by Nick Leibacher. That instant scoring burst became an inferno for the Polar Bears, who used an 11-0 start to rout Mansfield St. Peter's 57-39 in a Division IV sectional final played at Shelby High School.

Margaretta led 14-2 after one quarter, 27-14 at halftime, and 44-24 entering the fourth. Morris scored a game-high 18 points for Margaretta, which included four 3-pointers. Most of his scores came in the third quarter.

While Morris had five rebounds, Nick Leibacher finished with 14 points, five assists and two steals while Jake Leibacher had three assists.



Raifsnider had 12 points and 10 boards for a double-double. Defensively, he helped limit Spartans top scorer Jonah Ramey to 13 points.



Margaretta VS Trojans

The Polar Bears were leading 34-21 in the early stages of the third quarter of the Division IV district semifinal against South Central at Willard High School. But a stretch of five turnovers in a four-minute span allowed the Trojans to get new life — and eventually ride out a 57-53 win over the Polar Bears in overtime.

South Central trailed 10-2 in the first quarter and 26-13 with 3:21 left in the first half.

The Trojans were able to get the deficit to single digits, 28-19, at halftime with a driving layup with 20.1 seconds left in the half.

The Bears then went up 34-21 after a 3-pointer by Jake Leibacher with 7:01 left in the third quarter, but that is when the Trojans took over. David Lamoreaux scored just six seconds later, then after a steal in the backcourt, Isaiah Seidel scored two quick points for the Trojans. Lamoreaux then scored a deep two-pointer, and Blair was fouled after yet another Margaretta turnover. He made both free throws to bring the Trojans within five (34-29), then Seidel and Blair again went back-to-back to cap a 12-0 scoring run and bring their team within 34-33 with 2:51 left in the third.

Margaretta stopped the tide by scoring two of the final three baskets of the quarter to take a 38-35 lead into the fourth. However, the Trojans weren't done.

Trailing 40-37, South Central freshman Sam Seidel made his only shot of the game, a 3-pointer to tie the game with 7:13 remaining.

South Central trailed 44-42 with under five minutes left, but that is when their 1-2 punch ignited the Trojan fan base. Lamoreaux scored to tie the game, then Blair got a steal and made a sprint to the basket. The 47-44 lead was the first time in the game South Central had led.

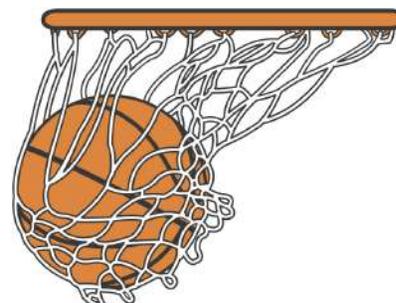
South Central led 48-44 with 1:10 left, and Coach Keller was issued a technical foul, shortly after he had received a bench warning.

Nick Leibacher hit a big 3 from the top of the key with 15.4 seconds left to tie the game, and a last-ditch play by the Trojans was short, forcing the overtime.

In overtime, the Bears eventually tied it with 1:17 left on two Nick Leibacher free throws Cooper — who had scored just 27 points in 23 games this season — bulled his way down low for a basket with 52.6 seconds left, which gave the Trojans a 53-51 lead.

After South Central stopped the Bears, they were fouled and made both free throws for a two-possession lead (55-51). Final score for the game was 57-53 South Central, ending the Polar Bear's season at 17-7.

Leading scorers for the Polar Bears were James Weaver and Nick Leibacher both with 13 and Dylan Morris with 9.





Upcoming Sport Previews

By Zoie Biecheler, Alex Scott and Hailey Bauman

Bears Baseball- Alex Scott

With Baseball season starting, we asked Mr. Hedden a few questions about how he feels about this season and about his team.

1. What are your expectations for this year?

It's baseball in northern Ohio, so we expect the weather to be windy and cold. We like to approach each season with the same expectations. The young and inexperienced need to figure out the game and get better at both mental and physical tolls it takes on the body and psyche. The older players need to use their experiences in the past and work at trying to be successful each and every day.

2. What do you expect from the players on the field?

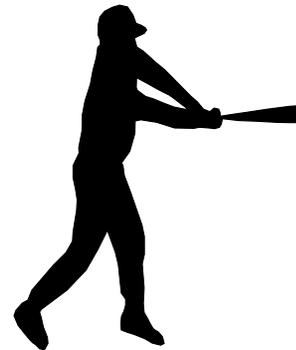
One of the things about baseball is that it is such a humbling game. If you fail 7 out of 10 times at the plate, you are considered good at the game. Not many young student-athletes deal with failure very well. Our expectations are simple. Deal with failure, get over it, move on to the next play, and give yourself and opportunity to succeed at the next pitch. Failure will either destroy you as a player, or make you a better person learning how to deal with it.

3. Who are the returners from last year?

Seniors: Zach Luma, 2 year starter and DH'd as a sophomore on the District Runner-up Team; Tim Schaffer, started every game last year and will take over catching duties; Bryce Graffin, turning into an outstanding fielder and started every game last year; Cameron Brace, filled in nicely last year and earned his first baseball letter. New to the team is Dylan Popke, a transfer from those nasty Pirates up north. He has blended well with the group.

Juniors: Tallen Kennedy, was a 1st team All-SBC Performer and the top vote getter in the outfield. TK was also 2nd Team All-District 9. Brycetyn Hedden, was a 2nd Team All-SBC Performer and is a 2 year letter winner; Dane Smith, earned his 1st letter last year.

Sophomore: Carson Kennedy, earned his 1st letter as a Freshman last year.



Lady Bears Softball- Zoie Biecheler

The Lady Bears softball season has officially started! This year they have 27 girls between the Varsity and JV teams. The Head-Coach is Scott Dickman and his assistants are Denny And Derrick Bailey, Abby Yates and Mike Williamson.

To start off the season, we asked Coach Scott Dickman what his expectations were for his players this year. Coach Dickman replied with, "The varsity is a veteran team so the sky's the limit this year"! He would like to break the school's record for team wins, win the SBC and advance as far in the tournaments, at least to district finals.

Out of the 27 girls. 12 of them are returning letter winners which are: Tori Miller, Jennah Yost, Rockell Kuns, Jayden Moore, Taylor Pemberton, Ashley Stanley, Logan Bush, Cassidy Smith- Fields, Hannah Wiedenheft, Elliana Schaefer, McKenna Fowler and Sierra Frantz. These girls all made Varsity again this year.

The JV team consists of: Kaylee Wagner, Shelby Gibson, Sammi Wobser, Audrey Watson, Elizabeth Patrick, Paige Dillary, Angela Palmucci, Madyson Morris, Brooklyn Thomas- Schref.

Track & Field- Hailey Bauman

The Polar Bears are welcoming back track season with 25 girls and 25 boys on the team. There several new kids this year too, which is really exciting !

There are several returners this year; Taylor Malson who ran in the 4x100, Kylee Cheek who ran in the 4x400, Grace Bias in Shotput and Discus and Daltyn Weidbrauk in the High Jump. These amazing athletes were Regional Qualifiers.

Returners that went to state in the 2018 track season were Kylee Cheek and Taylor Malson who are also returners for he 2019 season.

Coaches that will be helping out this season will be Kelsey Parkhurst, Scott Leher, Luke Weyer, and Brian Stimmel. The Polar Bears first official meet will be on March 26th at Huron High School. Coach Polk's goals for his team this season is to " Win the Day ".



GO BEARS!!!



Happening Around MHS



Rotary Speech Contests

MHS Senior Sidney Gleis participated in the Sandusky Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest on March 7th at the Sandusky Yacht Club and walked away as the winner with her speech *A Broken Home Doesn't Always Have to Mean a Troubled Child*. Schools from Sandusky, Perkins, Margaretta and St. Mary competed in a prepared speech contest in which their speeches had to answer questions of: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to ALL concerned? Will it build GOOD WILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL concerned?

Sidney's win allowed her to compete at the District 6600 competition in Van Wert, OH on March 23rd along with 19 other contestants who presented their speeches they won with at their local levels. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 placers and all participants received a certificate for their hard work and participation.



National History Day

The middle school students participated in the National History Day District 2 competition on March 2nd at Terra State Community College. The theme for this year's competition was "Triumph and Tragedy".

The students could choose how they wanted to complete the project-individually or in a group. They had to select a topic and collect research to put their project together in one of four ways: Visually, Documentary, Performance or Create a Website (4 minute presentation).

The students did very well and took home the majority of awards for the day. Great job!!



FFA Speech Contest

Josie Stark became the State Champion in the FFA Beginning Prepared Public Speaking Contest that was held on March 2nd. Josie will now represent Ohio at the National contest in October in Indianapolis, IN.

Josie competed in the Beginning Prepared Speech Contest, which required her to do research, write and memorize a speech to give to a board of judges. Her speech topic of *Green Roofs, Green Walls and Aquaponics* emphasized ways to increase food production on occupied land, for the ever-growing world population.

Josie started the season with a win at the Sub-District contest at Plymouth High School. A week later, she took another first at the District Contest at West Holmes High School. Finally, on March 2nd, she traveled down to the State Contest in Marysville, Ohio. There, she qualified for her finals. After the finals, and a long wait, she emerged as a State Champion. Now, she will prepare to represent Ohio at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. Congratulations Josie !!!



State Powerlifting Champion

By Zoie Biechler credits to Sandusky Register

When James White first started lifting, he couldn't even bench 135 pounds. What pushed him to go further was watching all the upperclassman lifting 500 plus pounds. James spoke of how he felt embarrassed when he dropped the weights on his chest with everyone watching.

As the years went by, his junior year came into play on March 16, 2019 when he entered a 155 pound small school weight class at the Ohio High School State Powerlifting meet in Kenton. James squatted 385 pounds, benched 225 and had a 365 pound deadlift. He missed two lifts on the day- they were the 405 squat and the 400 deadlift. He only had two minutes between each lift which made it difficult to recover.

James stated that he thought he should have been able to do the lifts and make that class if he would have had more time.

His advice for people that are skinnier freshman coming into football and powerlifting was to "grind and to have patience because it takes a lot of time and hard work".



Junior: James White



Impact Leadership

Impact Leadership 2019 was a leadership series that helped youth understand and appreciate the true art of Leadership. Students from Edison, Huron, Margaretta, Norwalk, Perkins, Sandusky, St. Mary's, St. Paul, and Vermilion participated in the series.

During each Wednesday session, students were put into groups of 8-10, with 2-3 mentors and a different "pillar" was discussed for the day. Some of the different pillars that were talked about were: Teamwork, Being Yourself, Confidence and Being a Hero. A discussion was led to understand how each pillar affects our lives and those around us.

Students also listened to guest or keynote speakers where they heard stories of information and inspiration to help with life situations or scenarios.



High School Mentors: Spencer Flick, Mark Miller & Dane Smith



7th Graders: Jenna Bauman, Gage Bodey, Aubree Camp, Gracee Camp, Lilly Edwards, Sierra Kastor, Tim Kelly, Jordan Luzader, Eden Palomo, Avianna Pickle, & Cooper Tigges

NHS Blood Drive

On March 21st, NHS sponsored a final blood drive for the year and had 15 students donate blood to be used by the American Red Cross for anyone in need.

Thank you to all who made the donation to help out those in need.



Band District Contest

On Friday, March 15th, the Margareta High School concert band received a superior rating (I) on their three contest songs. Their three selections were: *Bunker Hill*, *Canto*, and *Tangents Angular*. They also had to perform a piece they had never seen before as part of the sight reading process. The band got a

superior rating on sight reading as well. Receiving a superior rating (I) for the overall score means they advance to the state contest on May 4th at North Royalton High School.

The band has a lot of hard work ahead of them, but hopefully it will pay off!



Photos courtesy of Krista Hall and Ann Foreman

Artistic Masterpiece!!

MHS Senior Mark Miller has created an art piece that has landed his work to be displayed at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus.

From 11,500 regional entries from 15 different regions, approximately 2,500 were selected to enter the state judging. State jurors then selected 300 for the actual exhibition, with 25 of the 300 chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence.

The exhibition opens at the James A. Rhodes Office Tower across from the State Capitol in April and closes at the end of May. Mark will take part in the exhibition opening, where each student will receive their Awards of Excellence.

Congratulations Mark!!



Job Fair!!

**1st Inaugural
MARGARETTA SUMMER
JOB FAIR**

JOB FAIR

Cedar Point
McDonald's
Wendy's
Toft's Dairy
CIC
Applebee's
and More...

WHEN: April 9th 3pm-7pm
WHERE: Margareta High School Gym
WHO: Erie County High School Students

The poster features a logo at the top left with four arrows pointing in different directions, labeled 'JOB', 'CAREER', 'WORK', and 'OPPORTUNITY'. Below the logo is a graphic of stylized human figures in various colors. The text is bold and clear, providing all necessary details for the event.

The Margareta Leadership Class will be hosting a Job Fair on April 9th from 3-7 P.M. in the MHS Gym. The Job Fair is for students currently in grades 9-12 who are in need of a summer job. All Erie County students are welcome to attend.

The businesses attending will be from areas in Port Clinton, Castalia, and Sandusky.

We hope to see you there and assist you in finding your perfect summer job!!