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## Spirited Greeting

Our Oak Orchard students enjoyed a greeting from the Mustang Football team and Frankie the therapy dog during Homecoming Week. What a great way to start the day!



## Vision Statement

Exemplify excellence in education.

## Mission Statement

Educate to inspire all to reach beyond the expected and positively impact their communities.



## Fire Prevention and Safety Week

Oak Orchard students enjoyed their time with local firefighters during Fire Prevention and Safety Week (October 10-13).

Medina Fire Department firefighters spent time with the students as they talked about what to do in case of a fire at their home and toured the Orleans County Fire Safety House trailer. The house helps to teach children about fire prevention as it simulates smoke and firefighters talked about the dangers of household hazards.



Mrs. Chelsea Fischer's class with firefighter/EMT Schreder.





## First Day of School



Here is Xander Johnson on the first day of school! It is great having all the kiddos back!

## Powder Puff

Our Mustang girls certainly proved they can play just as hard! Here was our Powder Puff game. It was quite the nailbiter. Great job ladies and to our male cheerleaders!



## Medina FFA Represents at Event at WNY Energy

FFA advisor and teacher Todd Eick and student Maddie Farley represented Medina Jr.-Sr. High School at an event at Western New York Energy on August 30th.

They set up a table displaying literature and their alpaca products at the company's annual Corn Grower Appreciation event. Attendees enjoyed presentations, guided tours, exhibits and vendors related to ethanol production. "It is a great event for local farmers," says Mr. Eick. "It gives us a chance to talk about our program and what our students get out of it." "I am really looking forward to sharing with everyone all the great things we do in FFA," says Maddie. "It's a lot of fun to interact with everyone and see the various vendors that are set up."



## Two Medina Coaches Honored at NYSPHSAA Dinner

Congratulations to Medina coaches Eric Gross (Wrestling) and Gary Scholes (Unified Basketball) who were honored at the Section VI Sportsmanship Coaches of the Year Recognition Dinner.

The two coaches were given the Coaches Sportmanship Award because they treat all teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials with the utmost respect and within the standards set by the coach's code of conduct. Medina's Athletic Director Joel Reed spoke on their behalf at the award ceremony.



(LtoR) Eric Gross, Joel Reed and Gary Scholes.





## NY Times Bestselling Author Visits Medina Jr.-Sr. High School

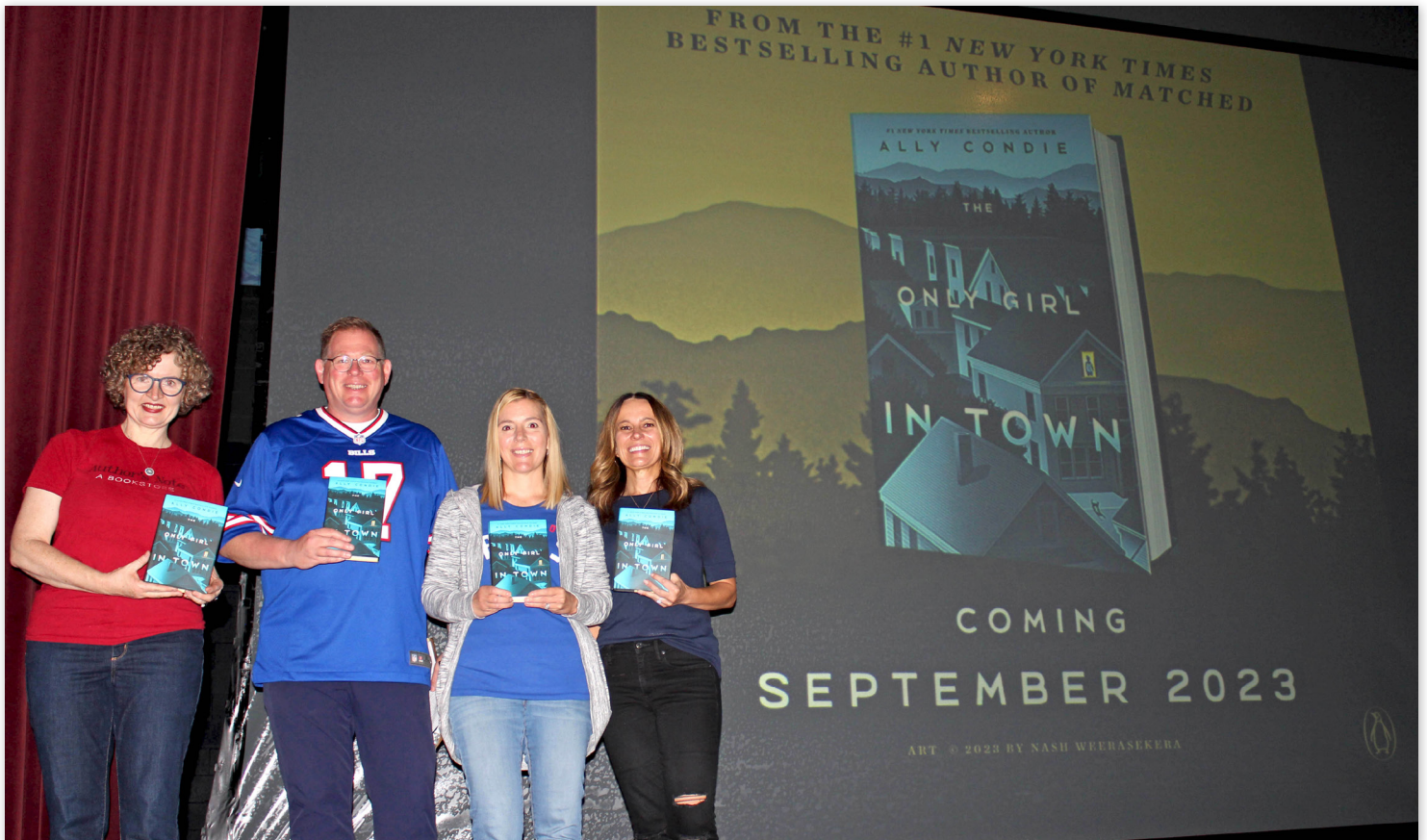
September 25th, Number One New York Times bestselling author Ally Condie visited Medina Jr.-Sr. High. Librarian Jennifer O'Toole, along with English teachers Mindy Hill and Kayla Rosenbeck and local bookstore owner Julie Berry (Author's Note), invited Ms. Condie to discuss her new Young Adult novel *The Only Girl in Town* with students and hold a writing workshop with the Creative Writing Class. "We are thrilled to have her visit our school and being able to engage with our students," says Principal Michael Cavanagh. "It is an amazing opportunity to hear about her writing process and have her inspire our students."

Ms. Condie is the author of the number one New York Times bestselling *Matched* and its companion novel, *The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe*. She has also authored the book *Summerlost*, which is an Edgar Award winner. *The Only Girl in Town* is a novel with a fractured reality twist about a girl named July Fielding. July finds nothing has been the same since the summer before senior year. She finds herself alone as everyone in her town disappears and she struggles to get them back.

She read a few chapters to her audience and took questions from students on everything from her personal life to events in the book. "It was wonderful having Ms. Condie here," says Mrs. O'Toole. "We are very grateful to Julie Berry for including us as one of the schools Ms. Condie is visiting in the area."



*Ally talking to Creative Writing Class.*



*Julie Berry (Author's Note owner), Principal Michael Cavanagh, Jennifer O'Toole (JSHS Librarian) and Ally Condie.*





## Medina Junior-Senior High School Honors Four Alumni

Medina Junior-Senior High School recognized four distinguished alumni on November 17th for their outstanding contributions to their community and/or their chosen career.

The award is given annually to honor alumni, promote school spirit, foster pride in the school and community and to serve as an incentive for the current student body.

This year's recipients are Mr. Horace Clark Bird (Class of 1956), Mr. Colin Huwyler (Class of 2002), Dr. Daniel Terryberry (Class of 1980) and Mr. Toby Williams (Class of 1991).

"Having worked in Medina for many years, I can definitely say that it is a blessing to be part of a community like ours," said Michael Cavanagh, the school principal. "The people that we honor today are proof that we are all capable of achieving greatness and truly making a difference in society."

Horace "Butch" Clark Bird graduated in 1956. After high school he attended Cornell University, playing saxophone in the Big Red Marching Band. After graduating with a B.S. and Master's degree in Electrical Engineering in 1961, he joined the US Air Force and piloted C-130 cargo aircraft. He flew over 178 combat missions in Southeast Asia and accumulated over 4,000 flying hours out of combat areas. He was awarded seven Air Medals and earned the rank of Captain.

He and his wife Dayle met in Tachikawa, Japan and moved to Rochester, New York where they raised their three children. Butch worked as an engineer at Eastman Kodak Company. He and his colleagues held patents for the first instant camera.

After retiring in 1995, Butch started teaching English while working at Minolta in Osaka, Japan. After earning an English as a Second Language teaching certificate, he taught English and Japanese in Bangkok, Thailand. Sadly, Butch passed away January 4, 2023.

Colin Huwyler is a member of the Class of 2002. After graduating, he went on to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and also earned a certificate in Entrepreneurial Leadership from Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business.

While a freshman in college, Colin experimented with biofuels on his Volkswagen Jetta. These experiments led him to create a biofuel system for passenger vehicles, and over the years, this drew interest from a number of private fleets who wanted to utilize the technology to reduce the emissions of the heavy-duty trucks. This led Colin to be a veteran of the renewable fuels industry and becoming the CEO

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**1st row (LtoR) Dr. Daniel Terryberry, Bobbie Huwyler (Accepting for her son Colin Huwyler), and Jeff Bird (Accepting for his dad Horace Clark Bird).**

**2nd row (LtoR) Medina CSD Athletic Director Eric Valley (Accepting for his friend Toby Williams) and Medina Junior-Senior High School Principal Michael Cavanagh.**





of Optimus Technologies. He also founded Fossil Free Fuel and was the Director of Research and Technology at Steel City Biofuels. He is the co-inventor on several Optimus Technologies patents.

In 2019, Colin was announced as the winner of NYSEDA's (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) 76west Clean Energy Competition. With his prize money, he plans to establish a company in the Binghamton/Ithaca areas.

Colin has consulted and given lectures on biofuels, product development, the low-carbon economy, and a variety of other topics for non-profits, government agencies, corporations and universities.

Dr. Daniel Terryberry was a member of the Class of 1980. During his time at Medina High School, he participated in JV and Varsity Football, as well as Varsity Tennis. He was also selected as the Boys' State representative his junior and senior years, representing the school for football in All League. He went on to Houghton College and then studied medicine at the University at Buffalo. After receiving a country-wide scholarship to encourage physicians to practice medicine in small, rural towns, he established roots in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. In a nod to his alma mater, the name of his practice is Mustang Medical!

Dr. Terryberry began his medical practice in the fields of gynecology and obstetrics and then later switched his practice to family medicine. He has been voted "Best Doctor" many years and has served as Chief of Staff, Chief Medical Officer, Medical Review Officer and Occupational Health Director throughout his career. He also managed the response to the COVID-19 crisis for the entire Vidant Hospital System.

During his career, he has completed two mission trips with Doctors Without Borders to assist patients in Belize and most recently supported a family from the Ukraine as they were fleeing their native country. Mustang Medical has also had a presence in Kabul and Mazur in Afghanistan and the embassy in Baghdad. His practice continues to support American defense contractors in Qatar, Israel and Burkina Faso.

He and his wife raised four daughters in Elizabeth City and remain a pillar of the community. He serves on several boards and his commitment to youth development as he funds multiple sports camps and development programs. He is active in his church and gives back every chance he can. Dr. Terryberry supports local Mustang athletes every year by generously donating to the Boice-Ossont Scholar Athlete Scholarship, which is awarded annually at the Medina Junior-Senior High School Block M Banquet.

Toby Williams is a member of the Class of 1991. During his time at Medina High School, Toby was a member of the National Honor Society and Ski Club. He also participated in Varsity Soccer and Baseball throughout high school. Both of Toby's parents were members of the faculty at Medina Central School District. He gives credit for his solid education foundation to his parents, along with many supportive teachers he had while at the district. He especially remembers the encouragement and support from Mr. O'Dea, who was his soccer coach.

Toby earned his Bachelor's Degree from Houghton College, where he majored in Political Science. Afterwards, he went on to pursue a Master's in Business Administration and a Juris Doctor Degree from Ohio State University. He started his career as securities and mergers and acquisition lawyer in Washington, DC and New York.

Toby later went on to become an investment banker at Citigroup, Inc. He later became the Director of Corporate Development at Paychex, Inc where from 2006-2011 he led all mergers, acquisitions and corporate development efforts. In 2017, he joined Paylocity as Chief Financial Officer and was promoted to President. In 2022 he was named Co-CEO. Paylocity is a leading provider of cloud-based human resources and payroll software and is recognized as one of the best places to work. It has been named one of Chicago's 101 Best and Brightest, along with being one of the best places to work in Illinois. Toby resides in Washington, D.C.

## Aplaca Days!

The Medina Central School District's FFA was part of the Alpaca Farm Trail Days with four other alpaca farms in Albion, Holley, and Brockport was on September 23rd-24th. The FFA students set up children's games, educational displays, and of course- showed off their alpacas while answering guest's questions! A great time was had by all!







## Homecoming Happenings!







Photo Courtesy of Orleans Hub/Cheryl Wertman.







## Mustangs Hang Onto Title

The Mustangs football team once again were declared the Section VI Class C champions after a spirited game against Newfane.

Thanks to the efforts of our team and their coaches Medina kept the title in Orleans County for yet another year! The score was 48-26 at Panther Field against the undefeated Panthers. "We are very excited to capture our 4th straight division title and are looking forward to finishing up the regular season with a strong performance against rivals Albion," says Coach Eric Valley.



## Conor Crandall Takes Part in Boys' State

Medina Jr.-Sr. High School student Conor Crandall recently had a unique experience to see how government works. He was one of dozens of students who took part in Boys' State, an American Legion program that immerses high school students in proper citizenship and leadership training. Held at SUNY Morrisville, students learned the practical aspects of government as it exists in New York State, and come to recognize that the individual is integral to the character and success of government.

"Mr. Cavanagh asked if anyone wanted to go and my mother thought it would be a good opportunity for me," says Conor. Students in their junior year of high school are eligible to apply for admission to the program. Initial selection is by history teachers and a high school counselor, based on students' academic success, class ranking, leadership qualities, character traits and faculty recommendations. Essays or individual verbal statements are also part of the selection process.

Conor was grateful to be interviewed and sponsored by the Medina American Legion Post 204 to represent the district at the week-long event. "It was interesting to see how the government operates and I was chosen to be a party chairperson. I was surprised how tedious the process was and it made me realize that it is harder than you think to be in government and try to get things done. I met a lot of cool people and made some new friends and I can put it on my resume."







## Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Good Food Production, Inc. Unleashes the Power of Young Scientists in Fifth Grade!

By: Jason Klein

In a whirlwind of excitement and curiosity, fifth-grade students at Clifford Wise Intermediate have embarked on a thrilling scientific adventure, all thanks to their brand-new science curriculum, Amplify Science. This amazing journey is taking them deep into the heart of the culinary world, where they are unraveling the mysteries of matter in ways that would make even the most seasoned scientists proud.

### **Decoding the Secrets of Food Dyes!**

Imagine being a food scientist for a day, delving into the intricacies of food coloring, and discovering why it separates into different dyes. Using the incredible power of paper chromatography, our young scientists uncovered the truth behind this fascinating phenomenon. With their newfound knowledge of the particulate model of matter, they explored, questioned, and experimented, ultimately cracking the code behind the separation of molecules. The classroom buzzed with excitement as students interpreted, created, and revised various models, becoming true experts in the field.

### **The Quest for the Perfect Salad Dressing!**

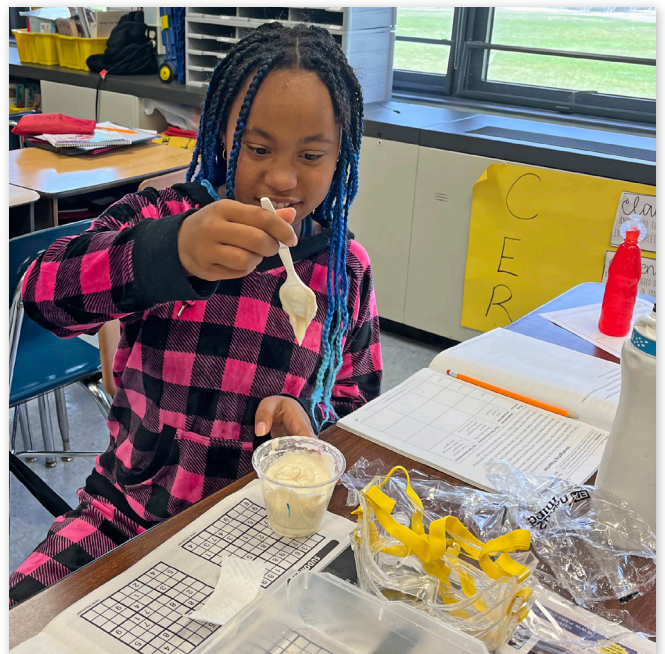
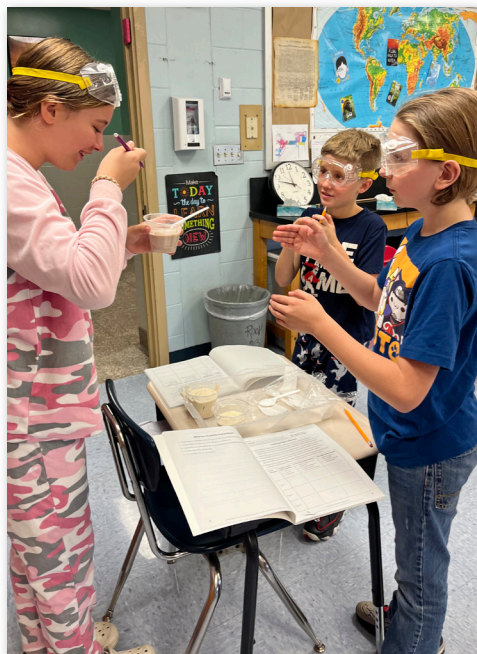
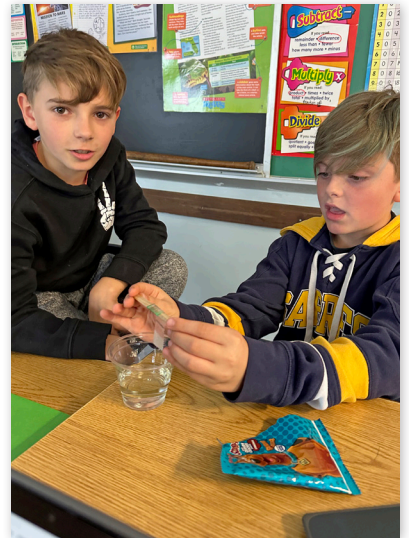
The adventure continued as our young scientists tackled the challenge of creating the ultimate salad dressing. Armed with the Chapter 2 Question: Why do some salad dressings have sediments, and others do not? Students dived deep into the world of dissolving. Through hands-on experiences, engaging texts, and the innovative Modeling Matter Simulation, they explored the science behind mixing liquids. Their journey led them to understand the intricate balance of ingredients, revealing the secrets to crafting a dressing that stays perfectly mixed, delighting consumers far and wide.

### **Cracking the Code of Salad Dressing Separation!**

In the final chapter of this scientific saga, students delved into the complexities of mixability. With the Chapter 3 Question: Why can salad-dressing ingredients separate again after being mixed? Guiding their way, they investigated the properties of different molecules. Through meticulous experimentation and the creation of nanovision models, they unlocked the secrets of emulsifiers—substances that work magic by making unmixable liquids blend seamlessly. The chapter concluded with our young scientists crafting scientific explanations, showcasing their newfound understanding of how different molecules behave and influence the observable world.

Under the guidance of their teachers, these budding scientists not only discovered the wonders of matter but also learned to think critically, ask questions, and explore the world around them. As they eagerly presented their findings to the president of Good Food Production, Inc., it was clear that the future of science is in very capable hands.

So, there you have it, folks! The young scientists of Clifford Wise Intermediate have cracked the codes of matter, one food dye and salad dressing at a time. Who knows what mysteries they'll unravel next? Stay tuned for more scientific adventures from these brilliant minds!







## Community Service Fair Encourages Students to Volunteer

Giving back to the community is part of a yearly tradition in Participation in Government classes at Medina Jr.-Sr. High School. Taught by Todd Bensley and Jennifer Ossont, students are required to do ten hours of community service with one organization so they can get a good understanding of what these organizations do and hopefully inspire the love of serving the community that will carry into their adult years. Once their service is completed, students will prepare a presentation of their experiences for class.

On Wednesday, September 20th, a Community Service Fair was held in the cafeteria for students to learn more about the organizations that they can volunteer for. "We had a great number of community organizations take part in our Community Service Fair," says Ossont. "It was great to see the students interact with community members and connecting with events and groups that they are interested in working with." Bensley adds, "We were very excited to have ten non-profit organizations join us for the fair. The representatives from organizations always appreciate being able to connect with the students." He also encourages anyone from a non-profit organization who would like to be added to next year's event, to contact him by email at [tbensley@medinacsd.org](mailto:tbensley@medinacsd.org).



*Padraigh Crowley signs up while Kadence Rossiter, Madelynn Rutledge and Aneesa Young listen to Robyn Watts of the Medina Area Association of Churches (MAAC).*



*Cecilia Farruglia, Will Prest, Henry Winters, and Julian Woodworth discuss opportunities with Robby Klino of the Friends of Boxwood Cemetery.*

## Orleans/Niagara BOCES' CTE Students Inducted into National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the students from the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center, who were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Out of all the high school students in the United States, the National Technical Honor Society students who receive this honor comprise 1.6 percent of that population. For staff at the Orleans/BOCES center, they represent the four pillars of the National Technical Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The students were honored in front of their teachers, families and school district representatives. The students had to maintain an 89.5 grade average in their career and technical education programs and an 84.5 average at their high schools, have superior attendance, exemplary behavior, be a member in good standing with SkillsUSA and have a recommendation from a faculty member.

Congratulations go to:

Adeline Castricone (Allied Health), Noah Cudzillo (Automotive Technology), Layne Hodgins (Allied Health), Kelsey Lemoi (Allied Health), Bryce Mathes (Computer Technology), Baileigh McAdoo (Allied Health), Brookelyn Nawotka (Allied Health), Lexoni Russo (Health Occupations Technician), Noah Soliday (Electricity & Electronics) and Addison Taylor (Allied Health).







## Medina CSD FFA Advisor Takes Part in International Agriculture Conference



DES MOINES, Iowa—Outstanding Educators from 18 states and four countries convened in Iowa last month to participate in a unique professional development experience called the Global Guides program. Hosted by the World Food Prize Foundation and the Global Teach Ag Network, the Global Guides brought educators together for conversations and innovative learning opportunities with scientists, policymakers, and hunger fighters from around the world.

Todd Eick, agriscience educator at Medina Central School District, was selected to join the elite program that included 40 hours of immersive programming as part of the World Food Prize and the Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue, the premier global agriculture and food security convening.

Eick engaged digitally for two months of preparation before attending the Borlaug Dialogue, and will continue applying concepts in their communities over the next five months through designing and implementing interdisciplinary global learning projects as an individual or team with other Global Guides. “Words cannot begin to convey the experience,” says Eick. “It was personally and professionally one of the most powerful and inspiring opportunities I’ve had in my career as an educator. The global network and direct connections I was able to make will bring a new level of global ag education to our program that we have never had.”

During the Borlaug Dialogue, Eick and other Global Guides interacted with experts in food security, including 2023 World Food Prize Laureate Heidi Kühn, author Roger Thurow, Australia’s Action For Agriculture Founder Lynne Strong, 2022 World Food Prize Laureate Dr. Cynthia Rozensweig, and 2018 World Food Prize Laureate Dr. Lawrence Haddad.

The World Food Prize Global Guides program was facilitated by faculty from the Global Teach Ag Network including Daniel Foster, Ph.D., Associate Professor at the Pennsylvania State University, Melanie Miller Foster, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the Pennsylvania State University, OP McCubbins, Associate Professor at Mississippi State University, and Tobin Redwine, Ph.D., Learning Strategist at Vivayic, Inc.

Foster, Co-founder of the Global Teach Ag Network explained the impact and importance of the Global Guides program. “Educators are an invaluable component of fighting global food insecurity,” Foster said. “By situating educators as part of the conversation among scientists and world leaders, we bring global action to local contexts and see direct change.”

To learn more about the World Food Prize Foundation Global Guides Program, visit the website at [tx.ag/GG23](http://tx.ag/GG23) or email Jon Wogman at [JWogman@Worldfoodprize.org](mailto:JWogman@Worldfoodprize.org).



*Global guides including Todd Eick (fourth from the left). Standing behind Eick in the white suit is Heidi Kühn, this year’s winning laureate. Ms. Kühn’s efforts to turn minefields into vineyards through her Roots for Peace non-profit earned her the 2023 World Food Prize Laureate sculpture and \$500,000 in prize money.*





## Oak Orchard Primary Brings Pumpkin Patch to Students

Some dedicated Medina Central School District staff were up bright and early Friday morning, October 27th, setting up a pumpkin patch at Oak Orchard Primary School.

Principal Jennifer Stearns and her volunteers spent a rainy morning decorating the lawn with pumpkins that were purchased from Student Activity fundraisers. "We wanted to make it a fun day for our students in UPK through second grade," she says. "The students had a great time choosing their pumpkin with their classmates. Everyone was able to bring home their pumpkin and some stickers to decorate them."

The students loved stepping out their school door into the festive field of orange and green. They excitedly ran around till they found the perfect pumpkin and met the rest of their class back on the sidewalk. It was a great way to kick off their weekend and get them into the fall spirit!



*Top Row: Teacher Kelsey Evoy and her class: Landon Stalker, Amanda Holmes, Bradley Dunham, Mikah MacDonald, Mila Rodriguez, Jack Pagano, Paul Haist, Vincent Grabowski-Bonadonna and Amoura Peterson.*

*Sitting Down: Landon Harper, Jaxon Sloper, Kaleb McMullen, Reis Hougle, Adeline Grollmus, Teagan Volz, Harriet Schiffer, Deisy Orozco-Sanchez and Merrit Williams.*



*Ginerva Boyle and Sophia Di Marco.*



*Forrest Kepner.*



*Scarlett Guild, Caitlyn Lewis and Scarlett Hosey.*

## Medina School Students of the Month

The Medina Teachers Association, the Medina CSD and the Medina Area Partnership were proud to announce the October selections for Students of the Month.

This award is a joint effort between the organizations to recognize students who go above and beyond to help teachers and fellow students succeed and enjoy school.

The month of October's business sponsor is Medina FFA.

The winners are:

- Oak Orchard: first-grader Da'Maiya Harden, nominated by Shannon Markarian.
- Wise Intermediate School: fifth-grader Natalie Russo, nominated by Jason Klein.
- Jr.-Sr. High School: twelfth grader Gavin Ciarfella, nominated Dave Voss and PJ Bell.

Congratulations to this month's winners!



*(LtoR) MTA President Joe Byrne, Gavin Ciarfella, Natalie Russo, 5th Grade Teacher Jason Klein, and MCSD Superintendent Dr. Mark Kruzynski.*





## Students Host Veterans Day Dinner

Our students at the Jr.-Sr. High School continued a heartfelt tradition of hosting a Veterans' Day dinner. It was the 13th anniversary of the event and the student did an outstanding job of thanking those who served our country and their families with serving them a delicious meal and making the evening special on November 7th.







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# FFA Lends a Hand at Event

The Medina FFA was busy Sunday, September 17th serving over 250 breakfast sandwiches to attendees of the Fuller 155 Suicide Prevention/Awareness basket raffle. They also offered a drive-thru service to early birds headed to the Bills game.

“It is great that we were asked to do this,” says FFA member Maddie Farley. “It is a dark topic to discuss, but a very important one. We all need to be aware and in tune to those around us. I’m proud that we could help Mrs. Watts and her team raise money for such a worthy event” FFA Advisor Todd Eick says he is proud of the FFA members who participated and also contributed a basket of local goods and FFA items valued at over \$100 to help support the cause.

