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LOCAL NEWS

Bellbrook HS is one of the best

BELLBROOK — Newsweek just announced its "America's Best High Schools" and Bellbrook High School was rated 577th best in America and 26th in Ohio in its assessment.

The distinction was based upon the following criteria: four year, on-time graduation rate (25 percent of the calculation); percent of 2011 graduates accepted to college (25 percent); AP/IB/AICE tests per students (25 percent); average SAT and/or ACT score (10 percent); average AP/IB/AICE exam score (10 percent); and AP/IB/AICE courses offered per student (5 percent).

Baseball camp offered

BELLBROOK — The Bellbrook High School Baseball Program will be offering an opportunity for all boys entering the 3rd through 8th grade to participate in a general, fundamental baseball camp.

The camp will be held 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 11-12.

The purpose of the camp is to introduce to the young players the proper fundamental skills and to further develop the skills they currently possess. The objective is to make the camp both instructional and fun.

The camp will be held at the Bellbrook High School Baseball Field.

Cost is \$40 per person, \$70 for two campers and \$100 for three or more.

For questions, call Rich Demko with Bellbrook Baseball at 510-5384.

The deadline to register is June 2.

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Top students ready for graduation

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BELLBROOK — This Saturday, May 26, Bellbrook High School seniors will accept their diplomas and officially take the next step in their lives. The school's top two students say they are ready to take that next step and help inspire this year's graduating class to create their own big achievements.

Matt Witzeman is Bellbrook High School's valedictorian and Margaret Cinibulk is the school's salutatorian.

Witzeman plans to study chemical engineering and bio-engineering at the University of Dayton. He said he wants to work for the government and improve computer interaction with humans. Witzeman's career choice may have been inspired by his father's current position as the supercomputer supervisor at AFRL at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Witzeman admitted that as a freshman, he set a goal to become Bellbrook's top student his senior year. Besides his academic achievements, Witzeman has spent his years at Bellbrook High School participating in many groups, like National Honor Society, Band, Student Government, and Theatre. Witzeman has been Class President and recently played Prince Charming in *Cinderella*. He likes to write and play music. He plays piano, guitar, and played alto saxophone in Band. He's a member of the band *Buckley's Cabin*.

Besides their good grades, both Witzeman and Cinibulk have something else in common - both have grown up attending Bellbrook schools.

Cinibulk plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh on a full-tuition scholarship. She'll be studying pre-med and will be attending college classes alongside her two older sisters - Emma,



Times photo by Jodi Milburn

Bellbrook High School Salutatorian Margaret Cinibulk (left) and Valedictorian Matt Witzeman.

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Times photos by Melissa Dornier

Students (above and below) from Bell Creek Intermediate School participated in Walk to School Day Friday, May 18.

Let's go walk to school!

By MARCIA TREADWAY
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SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP — Students from Bell Creek Intermediate School (BCI) walked and biked to school along with parents, and teachers on May 18 as part of the first Walk to School Day, sponsored by Sugarcreek Township.

The Walk to School Day kicked off awareness of an initiative, Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS), that will create safe walking and biking pathways, and improved crosswalks to increase the number of students walking or riding their bikes to school.

The goal of a safe route to school brings families, neighbors, school officials, and community leaders together. The program encourages a healthy lifestyle, increased parental involvement and promotes safe driving in school zones and neighborhoods. The community gains the economic benefits of improved infrastructure - paved pathways, crosswalks, etc.

Students who participated in the Walk to School Day at BCI gathered in the cafeteria for an assembly by Sugarcreek Township officials - Cara Tilford, Director of Planning and Zoning; Barry Tiffany, Township Administrator and Nadine Daugherty, Trustee Chairperson.

BCI art teacher Bonita Taggart, in conjunction with Sugarcreek Township, coordinated a SRTS student logo contest. The winning student's drawing will be the official logo for SRTS and will appear on brochures and banners produced by Sugarcreek Township. The winning logo was drawn by fifth grader Delaney Smith. Runners up were third grader Nikki Jindal and fourth grader Lexie Marcario. Delaney Smith won a \$50 gift card for Michaels arts and craft store, Nikki and Lexie

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