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Huge Turnout for Bellevue Pep Rally

By Phil Wheeler, Staff Reporter

Suppose they gave a Pep Rally and EVERYBODY CAME. On Thursday, August 14th, the City of Bellevue did just that, and Central Park was full to overflowing. They came to celebrate the athletes, cheerleaders, band, and color guard, and to kick off a new school year. The park was jammed with well-wishers, family members – and what looked like the entire population of Bellevue. Anticipation filled the air, and the crowd was electric.

Bellevue Mayor Kevin Strecker spoke about the event. “We have our annual community pep rally for our fall student athletes, coaches, band, color guard. It’s just been very well attended. We decided to do this three years ago, and each year it kind of grows.” Athletic Director Cody Cramer said, “I’m really excited for this year, our kids have worked very hard over the summer, they put a lot of time and effort in. I’m ready to see what they can do with all the time that they put in over the last four or five months. I just know how hard our kids have worked, and I’m excited to see what each group can do.”

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In Observance of Labor Day

The Hub office will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025.
Deadline for the September 4, 2025 issue will be
Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m..

A New School Year

A new school year presents a wealth of opportunities for students. At the dawn of a new school year, students have a chance to further their academic careers, student-athletes may be given a shot at making a team or moving up to varsity, and extracurriculars provide a chance for personal growth outside the classroom.

Despite all that a new school year represents, students may need a little extra motivation to get excited about going back to campus once summer winds down. A relaxing and largely obligation-free summer vacation can be tough to give up, as can mornings without alarm clocks. Parents recognize that kids might not be enthusiastic about the return of early mornings and sessions in the classroom. In such instances, parents can try the following strategies to get kids excited about a new school year.

Make the first day special. First days can be challenging regardless of a person’s age. Professionals with years of experience in their field still feel first-day jitters when they begin a new job, so youngsters can be excused if what seems like a lack of excitement is really just nervousness about a new school year. Parents can calm those nerves by doing something to make the first day special. Skip the standard cereal and prepare a homecooked breakfast or let kids buy lunch at the school cafeteria instead of packing a PB&J in their lunchbox. A little something special on the first day can go a long way toward getting kids excited about going back to school.

Create a school calendar. Schools typically make their yearly schedules available prior to the first day of school. Parents can peruse those schedules alongside their children and make a calendar noting special days. Mark down field trips, special events involving parents and students, school performances where kids get to act or sing on stage, and other notable moments during the school year. Kids are bound to grow more excited about a new year when they see a year’s worth of fun events marked down on a calendar.

See School on B6

H2Ohio Deadline Extended

Submitted by Seneca Conservation District

The deadline for H2Ohio applications for the 2026-2027 cycle has been extended to September 15.

Launched in 2019, H2Ohio is Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine’s statewide water quality initiative designed to address complex issues impacting Ohio’s waters.

H2Ohio supports good water quality, managing nutrients, restoring river health, improving water infrastructure and exploring innovative technologies. Its mission is to ensure all Ohioans have access to clean, safe water for generations to come.

H2Ohio partners with farmers to implement science-backed Best Management Practices that reduce nutrient runoff and protect water quality while supporting strong yields and profitability. It provides resources, technical support and financial incentives to assist farms of all sizes.

Enrollment is open for farmers in the 10 Western Lake Erie Basin counties – Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby and Wyandot – for crop years 2026-2027. The deadline to apply for the state-funded program is September 15. Those who are currently enrolled must reapply.

“The H2Ohio farm practices work for our Seneca County crop producers because the program helps them to be mindful of their nutrient use on each acre while adding on other optional practices that have additional conservation benefits for their farm operations,” said Clint Lease, H2Ohio technician for Seneca Conservation District.

“Those benefits can include increased soil health and reduced erosion thanks to cover crops, support to move manure further from the livestock barns to fields that need additional nutrients, and the ability to apply nutrients directly into the soil where they will be more likely to stay during large rain events.”

Seneca County farmers interested in applying to participate in H2Ohio can visit <https://conservesenecacounty.com/h2ohio/>.

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Obituaries

Rita A. Willman, 86, Attica,

