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North Branch Area Schools

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NBHS Announces *Valedictorian & Salutatorians*

North Branch High School is proud to announce the Class of 2023 Valedictorian Payton Yens as well as Co-Salutatorians Ethan Davis and Maverick Ludwig.

"We are very proud of these academically gifted students who are very strong leaders among their peers both in and out of the classroom. We know they have very bright futures," offered NBHS Principal Mark Hiltunen.



Payton Yens
NBHS 2023 Valedictorian

Payton Yens, the daughter of Chris and Dana Yens, earned the top academic honors with a grade point average of 4.076. During each of her semesters in High School, Payton made the Honor Roll and is a member of the North Branch Chapter of the National Honor Society. While in attending NBHS, Payton participated in Band, Model United Nations, Softball, Archery, Drama, and Quiz Bowl. Payton earned the Provost Scholarship as well as the National Buckeye Scholarship. Payton will be attending Ohio State University next fall where she will be majoring in Animal Sciences and plans on going to Veterinary school. Her goal is to be an aquatic veterinarian and work with marine animals.



Ethan Davis
NBHS 2023 Co-Salutatorian

Ethan Davis, the son of Kara and Marc Marshall and William and Kelley Davis, earned salutatorian honors with a grade point average of 4.068. During each of his semesters in High School, Ethan made the Honor Roll. Ethan participated in Band and was the Drum Major of the Marching Band during the last two years. Ethan also participated in Drama and served as the President of his class as well as the NBHS Student Council. Ethan earned the "Hail Scholarship and has been accepted at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he will be studying mathematics.



Maverick Ludwig
NBHS 2023 Co-Salutatorian

Maverick Ludwig, the son of Jeff and Julie Ludwig, also earned salutatorian honors with a grade point average of 4.068. Maverick participated in the NBHS Drama Club during all four years of high school. During each of his semesters in High School, Maverick made the All A's Honor Roll and was a member of the NBHS National Honor Society. Maverick will be attending the University of Michigan's School of Language, Science and the Arts Residential College in Ann Arbor next fall where he will be majoring in creative writing and drama.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Cindy Mitchell, Friend of Youth



Cindy Mitchell is the daughter of Preston (class of NB 1946) and Gretchen Orr. Preston worked at the local hardware store and Gretchen was a North Branch educator. Cindy has been married to Bob Mitchell (class of NB 1977) for 45 years. They have 3 sons:

Joe (married to Nicole), Ben (married to Holly) and Nate. ALL are NB grads. Cindy is also the grandmother of 7: Ava, Brady, Eli, Addison, Jonah, Sam and Sawyer. All of the grandchildren are also attending North Branch, except Sawyer, who is not of school age yet.

One of Cindy's hobbies is knitting. She knits and donates lap and baby blankets to Project Linus. In 2022 she donated 115 blankets to the Flint chapter, for the group to deliver to hospitals and shelters. Cindy and her husband live on a small farm in the area near all of their children and grandchildren. They all help take care of the farm, ride the trails, and many like to hunt the land. Cindy shares ownership with her brothers and mom in the local centennial business, Daniel Orr Sons Hardware. She is the treasurer and bookkeeper.

Cindy's educational degrees are from Oakland Community College, an Associate in Liberal Arts; the University of Michigan - Flint, a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; Saginaw Valley State University, a Master of Arts in Teaching - Curriculum; and Regis University in Denver, Colorado, a Master of Education in Space Studies.

Cindy did some substitute teaching in 1987 while she was finishing her degree and got a full time job teaching at North Branch in 1991. She was initially hired as the Art, Gym and Music teacher at Sweet Elementary. She transferred to 6th grade, where she taught language arts, social studies and science for 20 years. She transferred to 8th grade science where she is currently teaching.

Over the years Cindy has received many honors and recognitions including: North Branch Area Schools Exceptional Service Award, the Certificate of Congressional Recognition, a Space Foundation Teacher Liaison, 2004 Space Educator of the Year by Estes Rocketry and NSTA, North Branch Board of Education Distinguished Service Award, and 2007 Lapeer County Educator of the Year.

One of Cindy's goals was to bring experiences into her classroom that would be interesting and unique to her students. They included DTE mini

grants to fund Pipehenge space simulators, sound and light equipment, a microscope, soil and water test kits and wind turbines. A Sylvan Learning Center grant provided Echo the Bat books and a bat unit teaching kit. Two Chrysler Awards provided funds to complete a mock space mission called Build the Adventure and materials for a Canadian Dam Project. Thanks to L&L Products Technology grant program Cindy received 2 grants; one for the purchase of a 3D printer and the other for a poster maker.

The professional activities that Cindy has been involved in are many. A few of them include: many NASA workshops, being Lunar (moon rock) certified, Project Learning Tree/WILD and Aquatic, a Lapeer County Summer Space Camp teacher, a speaker at Seven Ponds Nature Center, a Michigan Science Teacher Conference presenter, helping establish the Ruth Fox Space Camp Scholarship Committee, and a chaperone for 19 years to Space Camp.

Cindy has volunteered to speak and participate at many different events. They include: Math Pentathlon Competition, Scout Troops, Dreams and Wings, NASA NEAT Programs, DKG Conventions, National Astronomy Day, World Youth Day, Church Groups, MSTA Conferences, NB Elementary STEAM Nights, Lapeer Days, and Local Christmas and 4th of July Parades.

Cindy applied to be an astronaut during the NEAT (Network of Educator Astronaut Teachers) program in the late 90's. She never expected to be selected but wanted the experience of applying. She was a finalist in that program, in the top 175 (out of thousands.) Because of that application Cindy was able to be involved in many NASA related projects and activities which include NASA paid trips to Houston, Texas, and Cape Canaveral, Florida for conferences and tours. Cindy was invited to and attended 2 launches with her NEAT peers for STS 133 and STS 135. She is able to apply for and obtain NASA artifacts for her classroom. Cindy experienced weightless flight on the Zero G in Cleveland, Ohio. Now she shares these experiences with her students.

Cindy has been published in the NEA today where she was interviewed on her involvement in space education. WNEM TV5 did a TV interview with Cindy about the moon rocks coming to North Branch. There have been MANY articles in the local papers - County Press and LA View - about activities and projects that Cindy has been involved in.

Cindy always wanted to be an author and has self-published 7 books; 1 about space poetry and 6 about constellation stories.

Around 2002 Cindy was asked to help at the local ed tech summer camp. Several other North Branch teachers including Paul Lewis, Cindy Lewis, Drew Charland, Adair Aumock and Anne Sherrieb did the same. They all helped for two years. At the end of the second year of camp they were all offered scholarships to attend the REAL Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. They attended the Space Academy for Educators in 2003. When this group came back from camp they were very excited about their experience and wanted to find a way to send local students. They decided to do ONE fundraiser, called the OFFC (Old Fashioned Family Christmas) in the beginning of December. However much money was raised, that is how many students they would take to camp. The North Branch Board of Education approved this proposal on October 15, 2003. The first OFFC raised \$1,556. Crew #1 was officially selected in 2004. Tuition was \$599 and airfare was \$247 for each camper. Somehow we were able to put in enough money to take 3 students that first year.

The program continued, even though it struggled for the next few years. After that, each year did better than the previous year.

Currently Space Camp tuition is \$1,499 per camper and the airfare is to be determined, probably closer to \$1,000 per student.

Taking students to Space Camp is a passion of Cindy's. When she came back as an educator she felt the need to have local kids experience what she did, hoping it would be life changing for them as it was for her. Since the inception of the program Cindy has helped to lead in the fundraising, which is the organization of the OFFC. She has led the selection process of students, which involves reviewing applications and reading essays. Cindy is on the interview committee each year, along with usually around 6-8 other people, and listens to students talk about their interest in the program. Cindy has also chaperoned all 18 trips to Alabama. This year will be the 19th. She registers students, obtains airline tickets, accompanies students to camp, takes pictures for the families back home, spends time with students at camp, and monitors a Facebook page so everyone can see the students as they participate.

When Cindy comes back home she always sets up a time when students can present to the School Board. She also facilitates a float in both the Christmas and 4th of July Parades each year.

Cindy feels blessed and at times overwhelmed that she has been able to do so much and have such rewarding experiences over the years.



Message from the Superintendent



Dear School Community,

We are rapidly coming to the close of another extraordinarily successful school year. The publication for this edition of School Talk is scheduled for May 12 meaning our seniors will have 5 days left of classes and all other students have 17.5 days left finishing with exams and a half-day of instruction on Friday, June 9th. It is a great problem to have when we are sharing so much positive information that my column must be shortened to fit in all the good news throughout the district. For example, as part of a presentation by Attorney Tim Denney and dignitaries from the Lapeer County Community Foundation at the February 13 North Branch Board of Education Meeting, the North Branch Area School District was blessed to receive two \$500,000 donations from the Lou Adams Estate. There is an article on page 3 with more information regarding this generous donation.

Also, included in this publication and on page 4, you will find several pictures and a small article regarding the new Smartlabs in the North Branch Elementary and the Ruth Fox Middle School. On Monday, April 24, the North Branch Board of Education toured those facilities and held its meeting in the NBE Smartlab. That "soft opening" will be followed by a Grand Opening in August just before the start of the new school year.

Also, included in this publication is information about the following:

- **Owen Smilieski** (County Spelling Bee Champion and best of luck in Washington D.C. at the National Scripps Spelling Bee)
- North Branch, under the leadership of **Cindy Mitchell**, will send its 100th student to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Cindy was also selected as the 2023 Friend of Youth. Congratulations!
- **BPA** – good luck to **Jayceleen Thrasher**, our two-

time national qualifier who will participate in the national finals in Anaheim, California.

- Congratulations to the **North Branch High School Symphony Band** which earned straight 1's and by the time you read this will have participated in the MSBOA State Band Festival.
- **North Branch Elementary will host a Fine Arts Night on Friday, June 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Staff has successfully hosted several workshops this year including two 5 x 5 nights for Literacy and Math. Parents were given information on what their children should know by the age of 5.
- Our kids know the value of caring and supporting good causes. **Our elementary students raised \$15,744 for the American Association. Simply Amazing!**

North Branch Area Schools offer something for everyone and we will continue to explore new opportunities to engage students at all levels. Next fall, our intent is to offer a middle school and high school esports program. Many Michigan Universities are starting or have already started esports teams and they have scholarships available for students. We believe there will be an overwhelming amount of interest from our students. We will share more information in the coming weeks.

In closing, I am proud to live in the North Branch School District and work at North Branch Area Schools. We have a dedicated and committed board of education that prioritizes students and makes decisions that give them opportunities to be successful in and out of the classroom. We have beautiful facilities, the most updated technology, and a rigorous curriculum for our students. Our district is financially strong and the future is bright. Finally, we have an exceptionally talented team of administrators, teachers, and support staff that first and foremost cares about the success of our students.

Best wishes to all for a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Jim Fish

North Branch Superintendent

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NBAS Receives \$1 Million Bequest from Lou Adams Estate

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NORTH BRANCH

– The North Branch Area Schools Board of Education received a "stunning" surprise during a recent meeting.

On Monday, estate lawyer Tim Denney and Lynne Bublitz, trustee to the estate of Louis Adams, were on-hand to present the district with a \$1 million bequest to benefit the district. Half of the gift is earmarked for educational programs, equipment and supplies, while the other half will be used to establish a scholarship for graduates of North Branch Area Schools (NBAS).

The donation will be managed by the Lapeer County Community Foundation (LCCF), who will work with the school district and the estate of Louis Adams to develop fund agreements. The \$1 million will create two new endowment funds managed by the LCCF.

Adams was a fixture in North Branch for many years, establishing Adams Apotheke on the corner of Huron and Jefferson Roads in 1964. The veteran of the Korean War made it his mission in life to brighten others' days, said Denney. "While he operated the local pharmacy in North Branch he was kind in a lot of unseen ways," he said. "He was a giant man with a huge heart and an unforgettable laugh."

Of the \$500,000 set aside to establish scholarships, Denney said it was Adams's wishes to ensure the scholarships be made available not only to students with plans to attend four-year university, but to students heading to trade schools or vocational training, as well. And by making the donation publicly, as opposed to anonymously or privately, Denney said it's the hope that the gift will encourage others in the position to make similar contributions to the community. "We hope to inspire others who are able to make substantial gifts to impact generations to come," he said. "We have a lot of humble, hardworking people who can contribute so mightily."



Louis A. Adams passed away in December, but left a number of "stunning" contributions to local organizations through his estate.



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Denney said the announcement of the bequest to NBAS on Monday was “the first of several stunning announcements” of gifts from the Adams estate to area organizations. Further bequeathals will be made public in the coming weeks.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the district, NBAS superintendent Jim Fish said he’d see Adams regularly in town. “Lou would walk by my office every day and come in around once a week to chat a bit,” he said. “He was a phenomenal man, you couldn’t miss him.”

Also in attendance during Monday’s meeting was Nancy Boxey, Executive Director of the LCCF. Boxey said Adams “faithfully” contributed \$100 each year to the LCCF and was a member of the organization’s Legacy Society. “He was a friend of the LCCF and he had such a positive attitude, and he will truly impact generations of learners,” she said. “This is a transformative gift for not only NBAS, but for the Foundation as well.”

Lynne Bublitz, trustee of the Adams estate, said she met Adams in 1977 when he filled a prescription for her son. As she was taking her active two-year-old out to the car, she dropped the large glass bottle and it shattered in the parking lot. “I went back inside and asked Mr. Adams for a broom and dust pan so I could clean up the broken glass,” said Bublitz. Adams told her not to worry, instructing her to take a seat while he fills out a new prescription and sends someone to clean up the glass. “I explained that I didn’t have enough money to buy another bottle, and he said ‘that’s OK, it’s on me,’” she said. “That was the kind of generous and caring man that he was.”

Adams was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré Syndrome in 1993, a rare neurological disorder that causes a person’s immune system to mistakenly attack the body’s nerves. Following diagnosis, Adams was hospitalized for five months and required extensive rehabilitation for years after. Despite the diagnosis, Adams was known throughout North Branch as always ready with a smile, a wave and effervescent positivity. Bublitz said she served as Adams’s massage therapist for 27 years and the two became good friends, leading to her being named as the Adams trustee.

Adams passed away on Dec. 17, 2022 at the age of 88. Following his passing, Bublitz said she hears “lots of stories” of how Adams had helped people throughout the years, whether through paying off the last year of college for someone, anonymously delivering turkeys during the holidays to families in need or covering funeral expenses for a woman whose husband died suddenly.

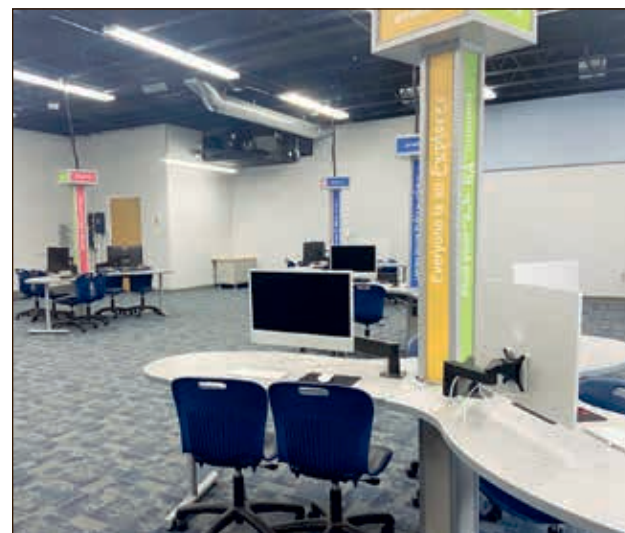
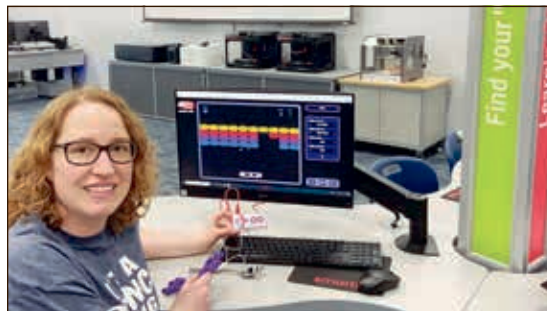
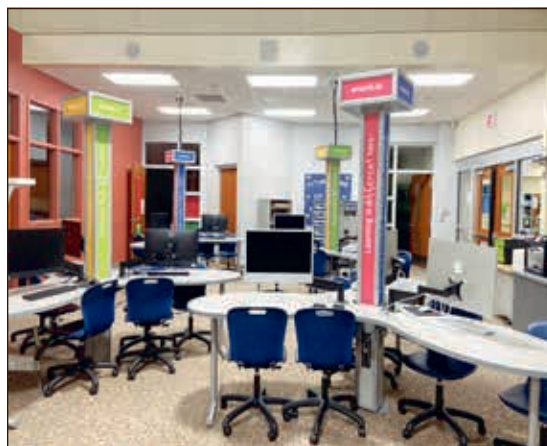
Full STEAM Ahead!

North Branch Area Schools is excited to be moving “full STEAM ahead” with state-of-the art STEAM Labs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and Media Studios next school year at North Branch Elementary and Ruth Fox Middle School.

STEAM labs and studios were installed over spring break and are equipped with various technology (e.g., 3D printers, padcasters, laser engraver, CNC Milling Machine), software (e.g., Stop Motion, Adobe Photoshop, Animation-ish) and learning kits (e.g., Snap Circuits, Solar, Ozobots, VEX GO). Students will visit the STEAM Lab or studio during specials or a designated class rotation. The Elementary STEAM Lab will be facilitated by Mr. Nolan Kolacz and the Ruth Fox Middle School STEAM Lab will be facilitated by Mrs. Layne Brown.

The labs and studios will be key to sustaining our students’ interests and curiosity in STEAM through hands-on, project-based learning. Students will engage in activities that require them to put themselves in the shoes of those who are trying to solve problems in the real world.

North Branch Area Schools will unveil these new learning spaces to the community in the fall.



EYE GLASS ASSISTANCE

Do you, a friend, family member, child or adult, need some help with getting glasses? Contact Doris 810-688-3681 and let the Lions Club help you SEE better.



Let's See How Far We've Come



Austin Franzel was a 2019 graduate of Quest High School! Currently he is a service Advisor for Milnes Chevy in Imlay City and is certified in service advisor training. Austin also works at Williams Gun sight on the weekends as a Sales associate.

Additionally, Austin is the Chairman of the Young Republicans of Lapeer county, which comes with being on the executive board for the Lapeer GOP. Quest government teacher Corey Rosser remembers this about Austin, "Austin always had aspirations as a public servant. He was well versed in politics, and was always one of my top achievers."

Flint Job Corp



Quest traveled to Flint Job Corp in another effort to make sure our students are career ready. Flint Job Corp offers **free** training, housing, food, etc.

For any parent that would like more information for their student, please email Mr. Rosser at crosser@nbbrncos.net

Quest Hosts TASL



Quest hosted the 11th Annual Thumb Alternative Sports League (TASL) Dodgeball tournament with Bad Axe Ascent and Caro Alternative.

It was a great day filled with school spirt, sportsmanship, and focus on team building!

All 3 Quest teams performed fantastic! The Quest Red team placed 2nd, and the Quest Black team placed 3rd in the 5 team field. In the ladies division it came right down to the wire with the girls placing 2nd of 4 teams.

Career Perspectives



Our Jobs for Michigan Graduates program through the Lapeer County Literacy Center brought in a speaker from the Fowler Center in Tuscola County. Our speaker talked about the challenges of working in the human services field, as well as potential employment opportunities for our students!

Launch Day!

Students designed CO2 cars with the knowledge they acquired in Mr. Scalf's Physics class. Quest junior Nate Noth had the furthest successful launch!



Mr. Scalf helps students prepare the vessels for launch day.

Thank you to L and L products of Romeo for the grant that made this project possible!

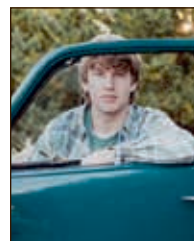


Faithful Auto & Truck Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 2023 Faithful Truck and Auto Repair Scholarship winners, **Aiden Stamp** and **Gavin Vollen**. The Faithful Truck and Auto Repair Scholarship is provided by Bill and Wendy McKnight.

Aiden has been accepted to and plans to attend Michigan State University, studying Agriculture. Gavin Vollen plans to attend Mott in Business Management, and hopes to apply it to a future career in the trades.

Their goal is to encourage and support students pursuing trades related careers!

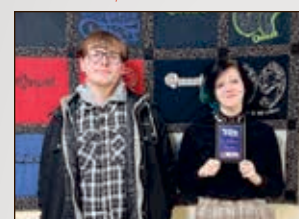


Aiden Stamp



Gavin Vollen

Quest BPA



Quest students **Casey Proffer** and **Alexander Williams** participated in the State Business Professionals of America

Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids.

Casey participated in "Video Production Team". Her team placed 5th in the state of 50 competing teams. Alexander competed individually in Computer Network Technology, placing 10th of 40 and Network Administration using Cisco placing 6th of 11.

Former NB Teacher & Author Visits Quest

Quest was fortunate to welcome our dear friend **Helen Bigelow** to speak about WWII. Helen shared stories of what the U.S. was like for everyday citizens during WWII, and shared stories from the many people featured in her book.



Helen is an accomplished author as well, having written "Coffee Grounds and Potato Peeling Pancakes", which tells the story of different citizens from around the world, and how WWII affected their daily lives. She also wrote "Our Heroes Next Door", which tells 36 stories of local heroes that served our country during that period.

Enroll Today at Award Winning Quest High School!

Students interested in enrolling at Quest High School or obtaining more information about the programs offered at Quest can learn more about us on our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/NBQuesthighschool/

To enroll at Quest, contact Program Coordinator Corey Rosser by email at

crosser@nbbrncos.net

or by phone at **810-688-7581**.



College Decision Day May 12

Where Will North Branch Students Go After High School?

We are proud to announce that North Branch High School is a host site for Decision Day 2023 (#Middecisionday). For the tenth year in a row, North Branch High School will be participating in both the State and National campaigns. All NBHS Seniors who have made a commitment to post-high school education/training, will be recognized at our Decision Day Ceremony which will take place during the school day on **Friday, May 12th**. The purpose of Decision Day is to recognize high school seniors for their post-secondary plans and encourage younger students and families to prepare early for post-secondary education.



NBHS Senior Events

- **SENIORS LAST DAY: Friday, May 19th**
- **SENIOR WALK OUT:** Seniors will meet in the Gymnasium at 2:00pm and release at 2:15pm.
- **SENIOR EXAMS:** Seniors who need to take their exams in order to earn credit or make up for exceeding the attendance absence limit, will still do so on Monday, May 22nd & Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023.
- **BACCELAUREATE: Sunday, May 21st (7:00pm)** in the High School Auditorium. This is a non-denominational, inspirational service honoring the achievement and future for the graduates. Attendance is optional and admission is free. This event is not sponsored by the school.
- **GRADUATION PRACTICE: Wednesday, May 24th (3:00pm)** In order to participate in Commencement exercises, graduating seniors must report promptly by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 24th to participate in graduation rehearsal. Seniors who have met all of the graduation requirements will receive their caps & gowns immediately after rehearsal. If circumstances arise that will prevent a student from attending graduation rehearsal, he/she must see Mr. Hiltunen prior to May 24th. Failure to participate in rehearsal could result in not being able to participate in the graduation ceremony. **NOTE:** *Having to work is not a valid excuse. Students need to make arrangements with their employers early.*
- **SWING OUT: Wednesday, May 24th (5:00pm)** Students will line up at the front of the High School and will march through town. The parade will end at the corner of Main Street and Jefferson. **NOTE:** *If this event is canceled due to weather, it will not be rescheduled.*
- **SENIOR CLASS NIGHT: Thursday, May 25th (7:00pm)** Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Students should wear something a bit more dressy (no shorts, tank tops or flip flops). Students will be honored with local scholarships, awards, NHS stoles, athletic awards and honor cords, etc. Participation is not mandatory but it is nice to see all of the seniors celebrating their accomplishments together.
- **GRADUATION: Wednesday, May 31st (8:00pm)** We are planning to hold commencement at Krepps field on Wednesday, May 31st at 8:00pm. Seniors "MUST" arrive in CAPS & GOWNS by 7:30pm to line up outside of the Fitness Center. If there are severe storms, graduation will be in the HS Gymnasium.



North Branch Area Schools will once again be offering a summer school program for students in grades 9th-12th

that need to recover lost credit. All summer school

courses will be taken in person, with no virtual option. The online program, Edgenuity will be used for the credit recovery, with over 50 courses being offered. Orientation will tentatively be held June 19th and June 20th. Times are to be determined. Please check with your students' counselor or for a link to the application on the NBAS website in early June for definite dates and times for orientation.

Summer school classes will tentatively begin June 21st and will conclude no later than the end of the first week of August. The fee per course is \$80. For more information please see your student's counselor or for specific questions, please contact the Summer School Coordinator, Corey Rosser at crosser@nbbrncos.net or by calling (810) 688-7581, ext. 2820.

SENIOR SCHOLARS

Each year, North Branch High School recognizes the top 25 students in the senior class, based on a combination of Grade Point Average and SAT test scores. These top academic students receive the title of Senior Scholar and will be recognized during Senior Class Night, and awarded a gold cord to wear with their graduation gowns on the night of commencement.

This year's Senior Scholars are: **Payton Yens; Maverick Ludwig; Ethan Davis; Landen Swoish; Rylee McIntyre; Emma Ide; Lydia Hunt; Noah McDonald; Kyah Taylor; Jayceleen Thrasher; Lauren Martus; Mallory Stout; Courtney Ludescher; Natasha Bickel; Gabrielle Redmond; Claire Caldwell; Sawyer Hyma; Jaxson Walker; Eli Liebler; William Damaska; Joshua June; Jenipher-Anne McDaniel; Reagan Saint Pierre; Paige Hurd; Caden Fullerton; Lauren Skovran.**





BPA Club Competes at the State Level



North Branch High School's Business Professionals of America team traveled to Grand Rapids to compete against other BPA clubs from around the state. The team competed fiercely and represented North Branch very well.



Congratulations go out to **Jayceleen Thrasher** who placed 1st in Payroll Accounting and 3rd in Fundamentals of Accounting. The top 3 places at the state competition qualify for the National BPA Competition in Anaheim California. She qualified for Nationals in both events!



Pictured Left to Right: Ellie Paris (10th); Rheagan Bower (10th); Merisa Cehajic (12th - Statesman); Kylie Whitsett (11th - Statesman); Jayceleen Thrasher (12th - Statesman); Caden Fullerton (12th); Hunter Nichol (12th - Statesman); Bryan Holzinger (10th - Statesman); Bryce Reamer (10th); Timothy Anthony (12th - Statesman); Mrs. Anderson, Advisor.

Honor Student Wyatt Muxlow Nominated for The Congress of Future Medical Leaders



NORTH BRANCH, MI — Wyatt Muxlow, a Sophomore at North Branch High School is a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders to be held June 21-23, 2023, just outside Boston, on the University of Massachusetts Lowell campus.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country interested in these careers, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal.

Wyatt's nomination was signed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent North Branch High School based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and



determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

During the three-day Congress, Wyatt Muxlow will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science recipients discuss leading medical research; be given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witness stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; be inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and

the future in medicine and medical technology.

This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially. Focused, bright and determined students like Wyatt Muxlow are our future and he deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give him.

The Academy offers free services and programs

to students who want to become physicians or go into medical science. Some of the services and programs the Academy offers are online social networks through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief that we must identify prospective medical talent at the earliest possible age and help these students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career. Based in Washington, D.C. and with offices in Boston, MA, the Academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the service of humanity as physicians, medical scientists.

For more information visit www.FutureDocs.com or call 617-307-7425.



NBHS Annual Spring Play

Spring may bring May flowers and daylight-savings time, but it also brings the NB Drama Department's annual spring production. This year's show, "Murder in the Knife Room", was performed April 13th-15th.

This highly entertaining spoof on murder mysteries welcomed everyone to the Knife Room where twenty suspects were questioned to identify who killed Mysterious Host. Was it the Respected General or the Wealthy Dowager? Maybe it was Santa Claus. The mystery unfolded as Inexplicably Omniscient Inspector took on the most thrilling and baffling murder case in the history of thrilling and baffling murder cases.



The cast and crew of "Murder in the Knife Room"

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See your NBHS Counselor for more information.

Robotics Team Earns Awards

On March 2nd through 4th, the NBHS Robotic Team traveled to Kettering University's campus for their first competition of the year.

The team was able to take advantage of an early Thursday Preparation session that allowed them to prepare for the competition up to 3 hours before other teams. In this preparation, 1 hour was devoted to a tour of the Kettering campus and an introduction to some of the engineering instructors and students. Our students were among a small number of other schools to get an opportunity to learn where they could be going to college. After the tour, our students enjoyed a lunch provided by Kettering, then began practicing for competition on Friday.

Friday was a full day for our students from about 7:00am to 10:00pm, they were working and competing. Saturday was another full day for the students. During the awards ceremony at the end of the day, the NB team won the Creativity Award for how the students built their robotic drive train.

"We had many people that had great comments of the engineering and design of how we accomplished it. It was great to see that the kid's designed drivetrain was so well loved", replied NB Team Coach David Kittell. "We are FRC Team #8767 'Dark Horse Robotics'. The team was started in 2022, in our Rookie year we won the Rookie All Star award in our first competition. Our team has been open to students of all kinds working with the dynamic skillsets of each member" informed Coach Kittell.

The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is designed for students in grades 8–12 to compete head to head, using a sports model. Teams are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots in a 6-week build period to compete in an alliance format against other teams. The robot kit is reusable from year-to-year and is programmed using Java, C++, Python, or LabView. Teams, including coaches, mentors and volunteers, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles. Awards are given for the competition as well as for community outreach, design, and other real-world accomplishments. The ultimate goal of FRC is to reach more young people, and get them a more accessible opportunity to discover the excitement and rewards of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.



This trophy was awarded to our Robotics team during the FIRST@ in Michigan District Event held in Kentwood during spring break. The team received the 2023 Creativity Award, the second award in as many competitions for their drive train Design.



NBHS Model UN Club Participates in Special Symposium

While many students were relaxing during Spring Break, members of the North Branch High School Model United Nations club attended a Model UN symposium at Warren Fitzgerald High School. During the symposium, the NBHS Model UN team had the privilege to hear the US Ambassador to NATO Julieann Smith speak to Model UN students from Michigan.

Model UN Club Advisor Pat Forster remarked, "We are not allowed to publish what Ambassador Smith talked to us about however the conversation was student driven and an incred-

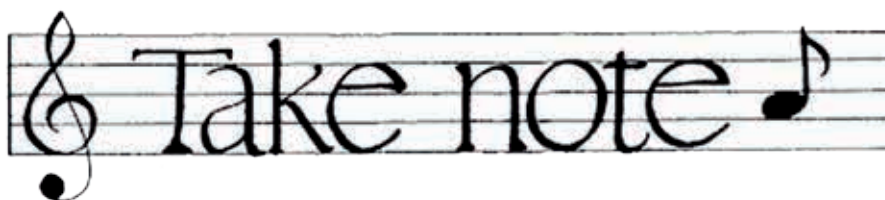
ible experience. We are allowed to publish the fact that we attended and some pictures along with a twitter post the Ambassador posted herself. We were limited in

who could go due to spring break but Myself, Brenden Forster, Blu Forster, and Noah McDonald attended".





BAND NEWS



On Friday, March 10th, the North Branch High School Symphony Band participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District Band Festival, which North Branch also hosted. The High School Band earned straight 1s. The scale goes from 1-5, with a 1 being the highest rating. The High School Band is now eligible for MSBOA State Band Festival in April.

One of the concert judges entered the sight-reading room (a separate room dedicated to adjudicate the students on how well they play a piece of music they had never seen before) just to let Band Director Jeff Ehardt know how impressed he was with the high school concert performance (the part of the festival in which the band plays their three prepared pieces). In addition, the sight-reading judge told Jeff how much he wished he could have been at the concert portion to hear the high school band perform. They were excellent.

Mr. Ehardt and the students represented NB well, not only in performance of music, but in accommodating many bands as the host of this two-day festival (in crazy weather). Kudos to our NB Music Teachers/Directors and all of our musicians!

Results from the MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival:

Twelve North Branch High School band students represented our community so very well at MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble at Port Huron Northern High School, on Saturday, March 18, 2023. All 12 students qualified for the State Festival by earning a Division I rating at the District Festival held at Imlay City HS on Saturday, February 11th, 2023. Assessments in the following categories are very stringent at the state level: Tone, Intonation,

Rhythm, Technique, and Interpretation (musicality nuances). Each of the categories are graded and all five are weighted for an overall grade. I (A-Superior), II (B-Excellent), III (C-Good), IV (Fair), and V (D-Poor). The following results were earned:

In the Ensemble area:

- Brass Duet of Nicholas Caldwell/Trumpet and Shawn Kidwell/French Horn: Division – II
- Clarinet Septet of, Abby Crampton, Emerson Klutts, Lavender Holzinger, Kylie Hollenbeck, Jaiden Gardner, Jakob Larry, and Peyton Yens: Division – II

In the 9th Grade Solo area:

- John Ehardt/Trombone: Division – I

- Matthew Marble/Tenor Saxophone: Division – I

In the Proficiency Division all participants not only play a solo worth 50 points, they must also pass assessment/examination in the Scale/Rudiment Section worth 25 points and Sight-Reading Section worth 25 points equaling 100 points.

In the Proficiency I area:

- Alex Boots/Snare Drum earned 75 points: Division II
- Nicholas Caldwell/Trumpet earned 93 points: Division I

Congratulations to all of our State Solo and Ensemble performers! Such a wonderful job!



NBHS Solo & Ensemble Band



NBHS Symphony Band performing at the MSBOA District Festival

AMERICA & ME Essay Contest

Local Students Named Essay Contest Winners

Four students from Ruth Fox Middle School have been named local winners in the 54th Annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.



The award winners pictured are: **Lily Hurd** (4th), **Sophia Vickers** (3rd), **Kaylee Pasternak** (2nd), and **Jocelyn Rushlow** (1st). All four received award certificates and a monetary prize at an informal in-school celebration. As the first place winner, Jocelyn's name has been engraved and added to a school plaque, with the names of many previous winners, which is on permanent display at RFMS. Her essay now advances to the state level competition from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. In addition, all four young ladies will have the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during this year's 8th grade trip to Washington DC.

Several thousand 8th graders from nearly 200 Michigan schools participated in the 2022-23 contest, each writing a tribute to his/her Personal Michigan Hero. Jocelyn honored her papa, Gordon Diebert, with a heartfelt essay, and should be very proud to advance to the state competition. **Best of luck Jocelyn!**

Rock the Test

Students kicked off testing to "Rock the Test", with a rock, paper, scissors competition. Students won lei's for great prizes. Pictured left to right are **Jonah Mitchell**, **Brady Fryers**, and **Noah Armstrong**.



Ruth Fox Middle School News Challenger Learning Center

Sixth graders at Ruth Fox Middle School visited the Challenger Learning Center, located on the St. Clair County Community College campus. The Challenger Learning Center is a fully immersive, space-themed STEM experience. Students participated in a simulated mission to the moon, and were able to experience various jobs in both a simulated space shuttle and in the command center. During the second half of the field trip, students visited the on-campus museum where they saw larger-than-life exhibits, including a wooly rhinoceros skeleton replica, T-Rex, mastodon skull replicas, petrified objects, and a bird gallery. This was a great unique learning experience for all!



Ruth Fox Artists



Several students from Ruth Fox Middle School had artwork on display, from March 28 – April 22, at Gallery 194 in downtown Lapeer. Every year the gallery hosts the Lapeer County Schools' K-12 Art Show which includes artwork from schools throughout Lapeer County.

It is always difficult to choose artwork for the show, as there are so many amazing pieces created by the Ruth Fox Middle School students each year. It is preferred to have all grade levels represented, as well as a variety of different projects. There are around 130 students in each of the four grades that have art each year. There are approximately 8 projects per grade level at this point in the year. That means there are about 4,000 artworks to choose from.

Ruth Fox Middle School was invited to contribute 15 total. Although only 15 pieces could be chosen, there were many equally good pieces of art created this year.

The following students had work on display: **Taia Searles** (5th), **Hailey Curtis** (5th), **Ava Dickenson** (5th), **Jack Distelrath** (6th), **Zerick Kanalos** (6th), **Jolene Opperman** (7th), **Kate McLeod** (7th), **Tanner Wheeler** (7th), **Carter Swoish** (7th), **Emma Shoemaker** (7th), **Melaina Byers** (7th), **Carson Barker** (8th), **Collin Fitzpatrick** (8th), **Kaylee Wood** (8th), and **Summer Yochum** (8th).

Many of these students attended a special "Meet the Artist Reception", hosted by Gallery 194. Student artists brought family and friends to the gallery to view the exhibit and enjoy refreshments. **Congratulations to these students on a job well done!**



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Spelling Bee Top Finishers!

Two Ruth Fox students finished in the top five at the Lapeer County Spelling Bee. Out of over 20 county finalists, **Owen Smielewski** (7th Grade) placed 1st and **Ava Scigel** (6th Grade) placed 5th. Great job in representing North Branch well!

For the second year in a row, a Ruth Fox student will be representing Lapeer County at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC, at the end of May. Good luck to Owen at the National Bee!



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!

The 5th and 6th grade basketball program experienced a successful season! Both levels won all 3 tournaments they participated in, and both tournament teams completed their seasons 12-0!



5th Grade Boys Basketball Team



6th Grade Boys Basketball Team

5th Grade Visit to Chatfield

Ruth Fox Middle School in Fifth Graders had the privilege of attending their first field trip to Chatfield for two consecutive days this past March. Students experienced six different classes including using indigenous tools, fire starting, wood cutting, maple syrup making, using an adle-adle, and orienteering. They gained a wealth of information through hands-on learning! It was a very positive adventure!



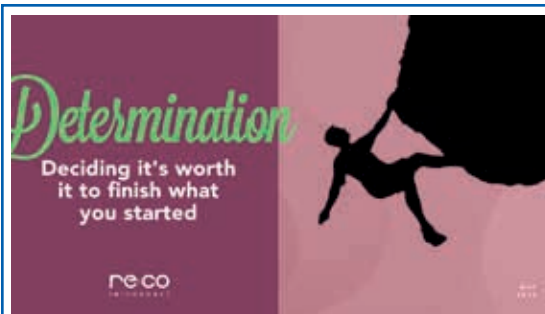
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TIMELINES

As part of the third-grade social studies curriculum, students are expected to be able to read and create a timeline. Students are also expected to understand primary sources and artifacts. So, over winter break, many students on the HoWND team created their own timelines about their lives. Students created timelines that were small, big, round, tall, poster boards, science boards, puzzles, digital, and some that even lit up. The sky was the limit on their creativity. They had a chance to present their timelines to the class after break and had the option to bring in artifacts from the events on their timelines. It was great to see the creativity and hard work the students put into the project, as well as hear them share the stories of the events while proudly showing artifacts that they brought in.



Focusing on Determination

This year Ruth Fox Middle School has focused on Core Values, through a program called **Re:Connect (Re:Co)**. The value for May is Determination, "Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started". Throughout this month, there will be reminders about Determination through the morning announcements, in classroom lessons, and through the building. Parents also get parenting tips for supporting our value of Determination. As an incentive, students can get "Bronco Busted" by demonstrating Determination this month, and be entered into our weekly drawing.



Core Essential Characteristics

NBE has spent the school year learning about Core Essential Characteristics as a part of our character building and social-emotional program. Each month the entire building focuses on a characteristic through assemblies, daily announcements, and various other activities. By the time the year is complete we will have learned about: honor, trust, grit, courage, joy, knowledge, respect, forgiveness, humility, and determination.

Special thanks to our special assembly actors – especially Mr. Peter Damaska and Mr. Jason Cullin who have helped monthly throughout the year to bring the supporting assemblies to our NBE students.



100TH DAY!

Camp MAC marked the 100th Day of School with a 100 Days Brighter Glow Day! Our 2nd and 3rd graders and teachers loved this day. It was a time to celebrate our students and their achievements in learning.

GLOW DAY was a special theme day that radiated through our classrooms with all things that glowed in the dark! Students used highlighters throughout the day to complete their reading, writing, math and science lessons, they dressed in bright neon colors, created fireflies, and completed glow in the dark math and science activities.



NBE 5x5 Parent Workshops

North Branch Elementary hosted its first series of 5 by 5 parent workshops. Lead by North Branch Area School's curriculum director, Amber White, we helped arm families with supplies and information to help prepare their future broncos for school.

The ELA workshop focused on the top 5 concepts that would help students be successful in reading in writing and was led by the Literacy coaching staff of Allison Brown, Kirstin Fish, and Kerry Rose. The second workshop was a similar format, but lead by mathematics instructional coach, Cindy Lewis, and focused on the top 5 math concepts.

At each workshop families received goodie bags to help support these concepts at home including dice, books, items for students to trace, and word work activities – just to name a few. All future Broncos also received a t-shirt to start them on their Bronco journey.



'80s DAY

4th grade NBE students celebrated the 80th full day of school in 80's style! They researched famous people, events, and pop culture from the decade. We enjoyed treats, music, and looking at relics that were brought in for our blast to the past! **It was Totally Rad!**



Kid's Heart Challenge



Earlier this year NBE had a presentation from the American Heart Association about the Kid's Heart Challenge. Students learned about self-care, being kind, and staying active. Students were able to participate in the Heart Challenge in a variety of ways – from fundraising to setting a goal of being kind or active! At the end of the challenge NBE raised enough to slime Mrs. T, Mrs. Waldeck, and Mr. Hopp.

NBE students thoroughly enjoyed the sliming, especially the students and staff who had an opportunity to take part in pouring the slime. Thank you to Mrs. Waldeck and Mrs. T for bringing this program to our students.



NBE Fine Arts Night

North Branch Elementary will be hosting its second annual Fine Arts Night at the school on **June 2nd at 5:30 pm**. It will be an indoor and outdoor event as long as the weather cooperates. All NBE families are invited!

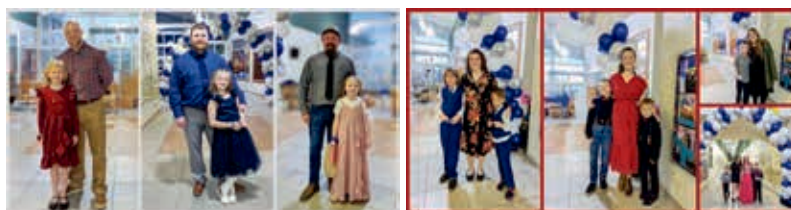
The night will start with a performance from Mrs. Ehardt's 3rd and 4th grade Ukulele Clubs, followed by a performance from Mrs. Waldeck's and Mrs. Campbell's Hula Club. In addition, all 4th grade students will be invited to perform some tunes on recorder. North Branch High School Band will conclude the performances.

Mrs. Opperman will have each student's artwork on display as well! Families can participate in an assortment of stations: Karaoke, Keyboarding, Boomwhacking, Instrument Making, Circle Drumming, Community Art Projects, Sand Art, Soul Nectar Yoga, and more! There will be face painting and a snack bar, too! It is sure to be a fun, relaxing, enjoyable evening!



NBE's PTC hosted a Bowties & Bling Mother/Son Dance and a Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance!

These events included games, dinner, selfie stations, and a photo booth. There was also a DJ who helped everyone dance the night away and have a great time! Thank you to all of our PTC volunteers who help make events like this possible for our families.



NBE's PTC hosted their Annual Penny Wars and the results landed NBE Principal, Theresa Rae, in the hot seat. The top class from each grade level got to take a turn transforming her in to a human pizza. The pizza included flour, sauce, cheese, and a variety of toppings to help make the pizza complete.



March Is Reading Month

NBE's March is Reading Month hosted many guest readers. Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Ellsworth hosted Mr. Fish (NBAS superintendent), Mrs. Rae (NBE principal), Mr. Hopp (NBE assistant principal), and Miss Fish (NBE instructional coach) into their classrooms.

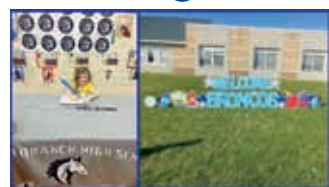


They also welcomed World's Top Model 2023 winner and Mrs. Black International Ambassador to join them for a virtual reading.

Special thanks to all of our volunteers!



Kindergarten Round-Up



North Branch Elementary hosted kindergarten parent orientation for families who have students who will be enrolling their

students in the fall for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents learned about the process of enrolling and other useful tips to help their student be ready. Students were able to "sign" as a future bronco and families were greeted by a wonderful sign provided by Card My Yard - Lapeer.

CRAZY 8s!

Some NBE students are participating in an after-school math club called Crazy 8s. It is a confidence-building program where they play math games and do hands-on activities. They are learning about geometry using glow sticks, played a human bingo about factors, and acted as detectives to crack secret codes! The program is supplied by Bedtime Math, and their website has daily problems families can talk about at home!



EMBRYOLOGY in the Classroom

Each year, North Branch Elementary teachers Jodi Conley and Sarah Sieradzki, work together with our local Lapeer County Farm Bureau to provide an 'egg-mazing' experience for children.

Through this project, students are introduced and immersed in learning about not only agriculture and where their food comes from, but rich connections to regular content and standards are made as well. For example, instead of just reading about animal life cycles, students are watching a portion of an animal's life cycle and connecting the life cycle of a chicken to the life cycles of all living things.

At the conclusion of the project, students wishing to continue to care for the birds at home, take them home and provide regular updates back to their classmates.



Food Service News



North Branch Area Schools announces the sponsorship of the **Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals** will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at these sites:

WHEN: Mondays – Thursdays
June 12, 2023 – June 29, 2023

MEAL Breakfast 8:00am - 9:00am
TIMES: Lunch 10:30am - 11:30am

WHERE: Ruth Fox Middle School Cafeteria
6570 Brush St.
North Branch, MI 48461

NB Elementary School Cafeteria
4055 Elm Creek Rd.
North Branch, MI 48461

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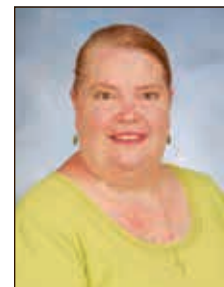
After 24 years, **John Sherman**, assistant principal at North Branch High School, is retiring at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

A 1988 graduate of Millington High School and 1994 graduate of Michigan State University, Mr. Sherman began teaching at

Mason County Eastern in Custer, Michigan, in the fall of 1997. After two years he relocated and started teaching at North Branch High School in the fall of 1999, where he taught Physical Education and Health. He later transferred to North Branch Middle School to teach Physical Education. It was there, with the help of the principal, Tom English, that he was introduced to the world of educational leadership. When Mr. English left in the fall of 2003, Mr. Sherman was hired as the middle school principal. In 2009, Mr. Sherman was transferred to the high school to become the assistant principal, a position he has held ever since.

After retiring, Mr. Sherman will spend more time with his wife, Mary Sherman (high school Spanish teacher), golfing, and completing any home projects his "new boss" will have lined up for him. He will miss the time spent with the students and staff at North Branch High School, especially the many memories and relationships that were developed over two decades.

Thank you, Mr. Sherman, for serving NBHS and this community with such commitment and dedication. The leadership and guidance you have provided our students has been exceptional. We appreciated your presence each and every day and will surely feel your absence. Here's wishing you a wonderful journey ahead. **Happy Retirement!**



After 19 years of dedicated service to the North Branch Area Schools, **Ruth Stover-Lange**, is setting her sights on a well-deserved retirement and spending more time with her husband, Bill Lange, and their family.

Ruth began her career at North Branch High School during the 2003-04 school year as a long-term substitute teacher. In the fall of 2004, Mrs. Stover-Lange was hired to teach English Language Arts and Publications. During her career, Ruth was very involved in the school community where she worked with students as a class sponsor as well as the Advisor for the NBHS Student Council, our National Honor Society, NBHS Yearbook and a Quiz Bowl coach.

All of us at NBHS will miss Ruth, and will never forget her contributions to our school. Please join us in wishing Mrs. Stover-Lange all the best in her retirement.

**THANK YOU ALL
for your service and
commitment to NBAS!**



Congratulations



Bailey Gormley

Girls Basketball • SC4 • Early Education
2022-23 BWAC MVP Girls Basketball



Courtney Ludescher

Softball • Madonna University
Elementary Education



Dylan Schmidt

Football • Adrian College • Business



James McNees

Cross Country • Olivet College • Graphic Design



Natasha Bickel

Softball • Spring Arbor University
Major in Business, Minor in both Sports
Management & Ministry.



Varsity Girls Basketball

BWAC League Champions

First League Title in Girls Basketball since 1989
13/1 League Record, 20/3 Overall Record

BWAC LEAGUE AWARDS

BOWLING

Honorable Mention:
Andrew Muntz, Kylie Hollenbeck

BOYS BASKETBALL

Honorable Mention:
Will Damaska, Griffin Mabery

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BWAC League Champs

1st Team:
Bailey Gormley, Natasha Bickel
Honorable Mention:
Tracy Ludescher, Lillian Osborne
Defensive Team:
Maci Kaake
League MVP:
Bailey Gormley

COMPETITIVE CHEER

1st Team:
Jenna McConnell
Honorable Mention:
Tessa Meier, Elizabeth Myers

WRESTLING

1st Team:
Logan Pung
3rd Team:
Mason Knight
Regional Qualifiers:
Logan Pung, Mason Knight,
Martin Knight, Caden Brokaw,
Cruz Rodriguez

NBHS SCHOLAR ATHLETE

87 of our 107 Winter HS
Athletes (67%)
maintained a GPA of 3.2 or higher
Girls Basketball Team:
100% (13 of 13) players qualify

COACH HONORS

League Coach of the Year
in Girls Basketball:
Tim Gormley

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

VARSDITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hannah Carmack, Maci Kaake, Mattison Smith,
Lillian Osborne, Rowan Conley, Bailey Gormley,
Ella Swoish, Natasha Bickel, Kayleigh Kaake,
Miaya Cypher, Catherine Welch, Tracy Ludescher,
Klaudia Hartzman

VARSDITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Keagan Schierlinger, Brant Primeau, Eli Bickel,
Braydon Robinson, William Damaska
Daniel Cardenas, Brendan Barkowska,
Griffin Mabery, Lucas Schapman, Trey Hebbard,
Jiovanni Travis, Chase Bordyn

VARSDITY WRESTLING

Hunter Nichols, Mason Knight, Martin Knight,
Robert Turner, Ethan Wentta, Eli Bickel,
Dillan Murphy, Logan Pung, Zachariah Boedeker,
Adam Bowler, Mason Haken

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Jenna McConnell, Jerilyn Williams, Taylor Knox,
Ariannah Henderson, Tessa Meier, Elizabeth Myers,
Ashlynn Pasternak, Markenzie Symon,
Hosanna Czelada, Hallelujah Czelada,
Sophie Proctor, Raeann Lynn, Brooklyn Tylanda

VARSDITY BOWLING

Landen Lee-Culhane, Olivia Botkins,
Adriana Richards, Olivia Kaake, Jada Robidou,
Kara Winslow, Andrew Muntz, Leyton Hutchins,
Dylan Schmidt, Dakota Kardell, Kylie Hollenbeck,
Ethan Steakley, Alexander Simpson,
Nicholas Caldwell, Emerson Klutts,
Samuel Winslow



DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	August 21, 2023	1st Day of School
Friday	August 25, 2023	No School
Friday	September 1, 2023	No School
Monday	September 4, 2023	No School – Labor Day
Wednesday	October 4, 2023	Count Day
Friday	October 20, 2023	No School
Friday	October 27, 2023	End of 1st Marking Period
Monday	October 30, 2023	2nd Marking Period Begins
Monday-Thursday	November 6-9, 2023	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday	November 10, 2023	No School
Wednesday-Friday	November 22-26, 2023	Thanksgiving Break
Monday	November 27, 2023	School Resumes
Wednesday-Friday	December 20-29, 2023	Winter Break
Monday-Tuesday	January 1-2, 2024	Winter Break
Wednesday	January 3, 2024	School Resumes
Monday	January 15, 2024	No School
Friday	January 19, 2024	1/2 Day for Students
Friday	January 19, 2024	End of 1st Semester
Monday	January 22, 2024	3rd Marking Period Begins
Wednesday	February 14, 2024	Count Day
Friday	February 16, 2024	No School
Monday	February 19, 2024	No School (Potential Snow Day Make-Up)
Monday-Thursday	March 11-14, 2024	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday-Friday	March 22-31, 2024	Spring Break
Monday	April 1, 2024	School Resumes
Friday	April 5, 2024	End of 3rd Marking Period
Monday	April 8, 2024	4th Marking Period Begins
Friday	May 24, 2024	No School (Potential Snow Day Make-Up)
Monday	May 27, 2024	No School – Memorial Day
Thursday	June 6, 2024	Last Day of School – 1/2 Day for Students

Green Dates = School Days Red Dates = No School Yellow Dates = Potential Snow Make-up Days



Thanks to our Athletic Boosters, our new and improved Billy the Bronco was able to make his debut at our Snowcoming game this year! Make sure to stop by and say hi to Billy at our home sporting events!

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