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Building Beat

DHS students plan community pet event for April 16

This Saturday, Davison High School National Honor Society members **Chloe Hinkley** and **Lily Smith** will see their pet project come to fruition after nearly five months of planning and hard work.

The two are hosting a Davison NHS Animal Event 2022 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 16 in the Abernathy Regional Park. The event is open to the public and will include prizes, carnival games, music and lots of chances to win pet item baskets. Pet owners are encouraged to bring their furry friends. All money raised will go toward the support of animals through the Genesee County Humane Society and Dunckel Veterinary.



Chloe and Lily took this selfie after stopping for ice cream after a walk with their cats in their cat backpacks. "We love taking them for walks together," Chloe says.

"There will be information about pet care and wellness provided by Dunckel Veterinary, as well as animal profiles to start the adoption process with the Genesee County Humane Society," Chloe said. "There will also be a lot of carnival games to play, like pick a duck, a spinner, a ring toss, a pong ball toss, and a marble guessing game. People will donate money to play and they can win prizes … We also have a DJ who will be providing music. People could dance if they would like to, we are considering clearing some tables for a little dance floor for the kiddos."



Exam schedule for high school students

Wednesday, April 13:
SAT testing for Davison High School and Davison Alternative Education Juniors and some Seniors only; No school for freshmen, sophomores or seniors not testing.

Thursday, April 14:
Work keys and PSAT 9 (Juniors, some Seniors and Freshmen) at 7:25 a.m.

Sophomores and seniors not testing need to report to school at 11:30 a.m.

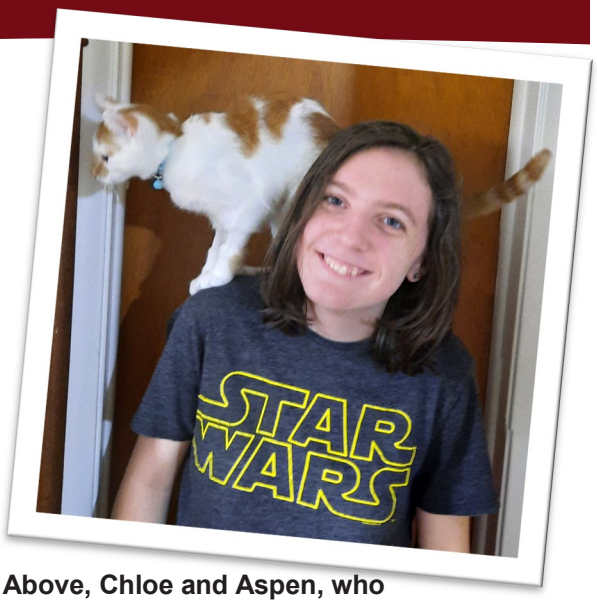
Monday, April 18:
M-STEP and PSAT 10 testing for Juniors, some Seniors and Sophomores beginning at 7:25 a.m. STUDENTS NEED TO BRING THEIR FULLY CHARGED CHROMEBOOKS AS THIS TEST IS ONLINE.

Freshmen and seniors not testing should report at 11:30 a.m.

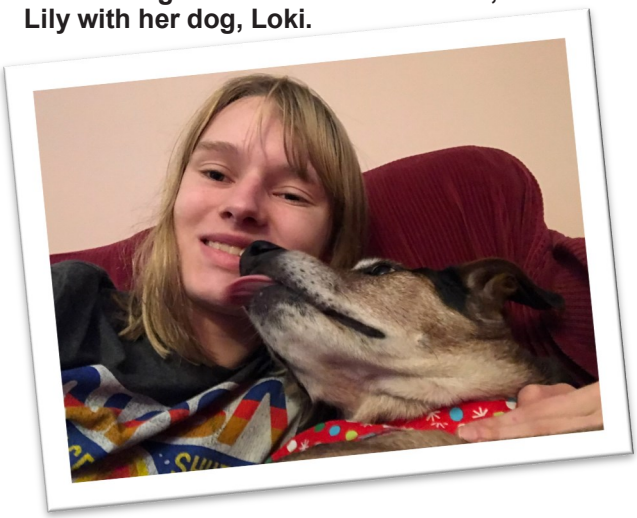
Lunch will be available on all test days.

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Above, Chloe and Aspen, who loves riding on her shoulders. Below, Lily with her dog, Loki.



Chloe and Lily are kindred spirits as they are both very passionate about helping animals. Chloe, who is certified through the Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) program for feral cats, has raised feral and malnourished kittens from newborns and found homes for them.

“I have raised two litters this way, a total of 5 kittens,” Chloe said. “I had to feed them every three hours in the night for awhile and that was tough.”

While caring for and feeding those cats, Chloe stumbled across a litter of orange and white kittens. One of them became her beloved pet, Aspen.

“I say I saved her, but she also saved me, as she gave me much needed company during online school (COVID) as I was really lonely,” Chloe said. “Aspen is still pretty small for an adult cat and that is because she was malnourished as a kitten. When we found them, they were a few ounces underweight, which is a lot for a tiny little newborn kitty.

Aspen is nine pounds now but is famous in her own right as she has her own page on social media!

“I have an Instagram for Aspen because she is so cute and inspiring to me and I like to share the joy and beauty she brings with others,” Chloe said.

Joining Aspen at home is another cat named Shivers (Chloe’s sister's cat, which is from the same litter as Aspen, a dog named Zeke, as well as a leopard gecko named Mando and a frog named Yoshi.

Lily pet sits a lot and has rescued all of her pets from shelters including her dog, Loki, who was thrown out of a moving vehicle as a puppy and is blind in one eye. Lily also has a dog named Bella and two cats, Oreo and Tango.

“We want to inspire people to help animals,” Chloe said. “Even if they cannot adopt they could still help raise awareness and money for those animals.”

Chloe and Lily began planning for their community service project—a requirement of NHS seniors—since November. They have collected and returned pop cans and earned their own money to buy prizes for the games and pay for the carnival. While they have not set a specific fundraiser goal, Chloe said they do hope to raise more than what they’ve spent on the prizes and games.

“Otherwise we could have just given that money directly to the Humane Society and Dunckel,” she said. “I think $400 would be a reasonable goal, but we would be happy with even $150. We were very careful to find deals when selecting the prizes, like sales or buy one get one free offers, in order to really stretch the pop can money.”

After graduation, Chloe will study engineering and music at Sweet Briar College. Lily will attend Alma College where she will compete on the swim team.

House of Cards gearing up for state championship round April 14-16

While most of us were finishing up our spring break, the Davison House of Cards FIRST Robotics Team 3534 was hard at work at competition and qualifying for the next step in the season—the state championships.

The team competed in its second event of the Rapid React season at Troy on April 1 and 2. The House of Cards qualified 5th with a 9-3-0 record, and became the 3rd alliance captains. The House of Cards selected Team 8332 Alternate Reality from Avondale High School and Team 6566 Battering Rams from Lamphere High School as alliance partners. The alliance went 2-2-0 in eliminations and were eliminated in semi-finals.

The robot driver was **Peyton Spodney**, co-driver **Michael Osterholzer**, robot technician **Marcus Zuccaro**, and the human player **Sydney Schneider**. The team has 16 other great students who helped to design, build, wire and program their 2022 robot named Windmill Solitaire. Their combined effort resulted in the House of Cards receiving its second Quality award of the season.

The event elimination matches were also televised on FIRST Robotics Gameday https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1444342651 with coverage of the matches, close-up videos of the robot in action, and a great interview of Peyton after winning in quarterfinals.

In Michigan district competition season week 5 of 6, the House of Cards are currently ranked 21st of 459 teams and has easily qualified to attend the MI State Championship at SVSU on April 14-16.

The House of Cards consists of the following members:

Andrew Meikle	Mechanical design, CAD, TEAM Leader, Machining
Ivan Liang	Robot Build
Owen Martin	Programming, Robot Build
Michael Osterholzer	Mechanical, Machining, Co-Driver
Sydney Schneider	Team Leader, human player
Marcus Zuccaro	Programmer, Technician
Shlama Boudagh	Robot Build, Pit Crew
Peyton Spodney	Mechanical, Driver
Caden Tucker	Programming, Scouting, Pit Crew
Tred Wittke	CAD, Robot Build
Joshua Beller	Programming
Shupra Boudagh	Programming
Kevin Liang	General
Elijah Sanders	Robot Build
Chloe Thompson	Electrical
Devin Vo	General
Laney Wolschleger	Electrical
Connor Rose	Electrical, Pit crew
Nathaniel Tober	Electrical

Siple announces Stars of the Month for March



Each month classroom teachers nominate one student from their class to be entered into the grade level drawing for the STAR of the MONTH for that grade. Each grade level STAR of the Month receives a certificate, medal, and their photo will be on display in the hallway during that month.

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for consistently following the Cardinal Code in an exemplary way and have been selected as STARs of the Month for March:

Kindergarten: **Isla Perry**
1st grade: **Ryker Stoinski**
2nd grade: **Delaney Wells**
3rd grade: **Tucker Schlaud**
4th grade: **Isabella Curtis**

Our other outstanding nominees for the month of March were:

Kindergarten: **Hannah Gasper, Corynn Schwartz** and **Brody Tewksbury**
1st grade: **Eva Hastings** and **Matthew Hazel**
2nd grade: **Gatlin Diehl**
3rd grade: **Leeland Mercer** and **Carson Unger**
4th grade: **Lola Genshaw**

Student athletes break school records in three track events

Congratulations to Davison High School student athletes **AJ Hill, Avery Wilson** and **Henry Carstarphen** for breaking school records in Track and Field so far this season. The records were set at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational earlier this month.

AJ broke the freshman 60 meter dash record with a time of 7.77. The previous record holder was **Corran Thornton** in 2014 with a time of 7.79.

Avery broke the overall school record in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.98. The previous record holder was **Claire Stoddard** in 2017 with a time of 8.04.

Henry also broke the overall school record in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.29. The previous record holder was **Dante Dobbins** with a time of 7.31 in 2016.



Henry



Avery



AJ











Yippy Pie Yay

March is Reading Month but the event that follows in April is like the whipped cream on top of dessert. Traditionally, Principal Mrs. **Natalie Miller** and the Thomson Elementary staff promise students that if they keep track of the time they spend reading (and being read to) during March, and if they meet a certain goal, then they just might just get a chance to put a pie in the face of one of their favorite staff people. Last Friday was that day and suiting up for the cause were Principal Mrs. Miller, Teachers Ms. **Sydney Wheeler,** Mrs. **Andrea Bell**, Mr. **Michael Romanik**, Mrs. **Julie VanEvery** and Counselor Mrs. **Abby Ganabathi.**

Rachele Hazel

Rachele is a paraprofessional at Central Elementary.



“Getting to be a part of a student’s educational, emotional and social journeys and getting to witness their growth along the way,” has been the most rewarding part of her job, she said.



Rachele is married to husband, Keith, and has two children, Wyatt, an eighth grader, and Ellison (Ellie) who is in fourth grade.

Rachele enjoys adventures, including hiking, backpacking, kayaking, camping and road trips. In her free time she usually has a book in her hands.

Tom Oddie



Tom is serving as the director of our Career Technical Education program at Davison High School.

His duties include supporting and implementing career/technical education classes, purchasing supplies and improving opportunities for students.

Tom and his wife, Courtney, have four children, Ollie, 14; Amelia, 9; Olivia, 8; and Elliot, 8.

In his spare time, Tom enjoys golfing, bowling, traveling and attending concerts.

Ashley Sweetman



Ashley is the secretary for the Davison Middle School Guidance and Athletic departments.

Ashley said the best parts of her job are her co-workers and watching the kids get excited about the positive things in life when they realize them.

Ashley is married to husband, Zach. They have two children, Madi, 11, and Maci 1.

One of Ashley’s favorite activities is to go to the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. She is also obsessed with The Golden Girls and loves camping and spending time with her family and friends.

Allen Thompson

Allen is teaching construction trades at Davison High School.



A Ferris State University graduate, Allen began teaching at the beginning of this school year.

“It is very rewarding to me to help youth learn what they want to do and help them get there,” Allen said.

Allen is married to Karen, who taught art many years at Hahn Intermediate and has served as a counselor for the past four years. They have two children: daughter Maleia graduated from Davison High School in 2020 and currently attends Central Michigan University. Son, Alex, is a freshman at Davison High School.