



May 15, 2015

*A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.*

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Saturday, May 16:

Musicathon, all bands and orchestras; see schedule in today's Building Beat or online

Monday, May 18:

DMS Progress Reports Go Home

Hill Elementary Intersession

Tuesday, May 19:

Hill Elementary Intersession

Central PTO Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Media Center

Wednesday, May 20:

Hill Intersession

Thursday, May 21:

Hill Intersession

Monday, May 25:

Memorial Day; No School

Tuesday, May 26:

DHS Choir Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Wednesday, May 27:

Final Delayed Start Day at DHS/DAE students

DMS Choir Concert, 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Thursday, May 28:

Cap and Gown Distribution During school lunches

Hahn Vocal Music Concert, 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Student artists featured at annual DHS Art Show

Paintings, photographs, sculptures and other works of art filled the Athletic Meeting Room at Davison High School yesterday for the annual Art Show.

Mya Tucker, a sophomore at Davison Alternative Education, had a watercolor painting of a beach scene on display at the show.

"I like the water and I like Florida," said Mya, who moved to Michigan just a couple of years ago from the Sunshine State.

Mya describes herself as creative and said she learned how to paint in **Mrs. Bobbie McAllister's** class. Her watercolor took about two class periods to paint and it was her first choice for the show.



"I like lots of reds and colors like that to make pictures stand out," said Frankie Johnson, pictured here with a self portrait. Below, Mya Tucker stands near her water color painting of a Florida beach scene, displayed upper left.

"I didn't like it at first," she said. "I'd rather paint with acrylics because the colors are more bold."



Travis Smith with his goony bird ceramic sculpture that he created based on a TV character.

show or a game."

A character from a TV crime series was the inspiration behind a goony bird pinch pot sculpture created by Davison High School senior **Travis Smith**.

"I had just watched five seasons of Breaking Bad and it was pretty awesome," Travis said. "My friend and I thought it would be cool to make our pinch pots based on a character of a TV



Where futures begin

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Travis based his creation on the character of Walter White, a chemistry teacher who makes a drastic life change when he discovers he's dying from cancer. Travis said his project took more than two weeks to complete.

"It took forever," he said, adding that he didn't realize his artistic talents until taking art classes and is now considering using them for a career in designing automobiles.

Frankie Johnson discovered his talent from drawing as a young teen-ager. He had an acrylic and two water color paintings and a pencil/colored pencil drawing displayed in yesterday's exhibit.

"I really like to draw and I like art," said Frankie, a senior at Davison Alternative Education. "It's fun to me."

Frankie said he wouldn't mind being a cartoonist some day and plans to study graphic arts design after graduation.

All Davison school buildings earn designation of MI HEARTSafe



Davison Middle School Secretaries Andrea McGlashen and Jane Bergeron participate in a practice drill with student Sarah Tamalunas under the watchful eye of school Nurse Megan Rule.

Each of Davison Community Schools' nine school buildings are among the 122 Michigan schools that have completed the requirements to be designated as a MI HEARTSafe School by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Education, American Heart Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young. The designation lasts for three years.

School Nurse **Megan Rule** conducted drills at each building simulating a cardiac event involving a student. In order to qualify as a MI HEARTSafe School, members of each building's Medical Alert Response Team (MERT) had to complete the drill within a certain amount of time, which was recorded by Nurse Rule.

"This is an incredible achievement and an important way to protect our students, staff and visitors," said **Holly Halabicky**, Executive Director of Student Services. "We've taken steps to go well beyond the prerequisite response plan. At least 10 percent of our staff is trained in each building on what to do in the event of a cardiac emergency."

In order for a school to receive a MI HEARTSafe designation, it must perform at least one cardiac emergency response drill per year; have

a written medical emergency response plan and team; have current CPR/AED certification of at least 10 percent of staff; have accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying their location; and ensure pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes using the current physical and history form endorsed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

“Davison really does a great job putting the kids first and when you look at the statistics just for the state of Michigan it puts into perspective why this is such an important issue,” said Rule. “We have a very large district and the average response time for EMS in Genesee County is 4-6 minutes so staff need to know how to respond quickly and efficiently prior to EMS arrival.”

Between 1999 and 2009 in Michigan, there were 3,134 young individuals between 1 and 39 years of age who died of sudden cardiac death. Of those, 246 were between 5 and 19 years of age. In its second year, the MI HEARTSafe Schools designation is Michigan’s commitment to reducing the number of sudden cardiac deaths in our youth. Last year was the first year of the program, and 40 schools were designated in Michigan.

From start to finish for the training and paperwork, it took Rule roughly three months to complete the process for all nine schools to be designated.

“I think it's amazing that everyone came together and worked together in an effort to obtain this distinction,” Rule said. “Davison is a great community and a very caring school district. Secretaries and teachers who have stepped forward wanting the training and wanting to be prepared have made all the difference!

Varsity Choir competes at state festival

Congratulations to the **Davison High School Varsity Choir** for their second place division rating at the State Festival competition. Vocal Music Director **Jennifer Orkisz** said the students were judged on tone quality, pitch, rhythm, diction, interpretation and presentation.



Davison High School gets fourth place in Spirit Cup competition

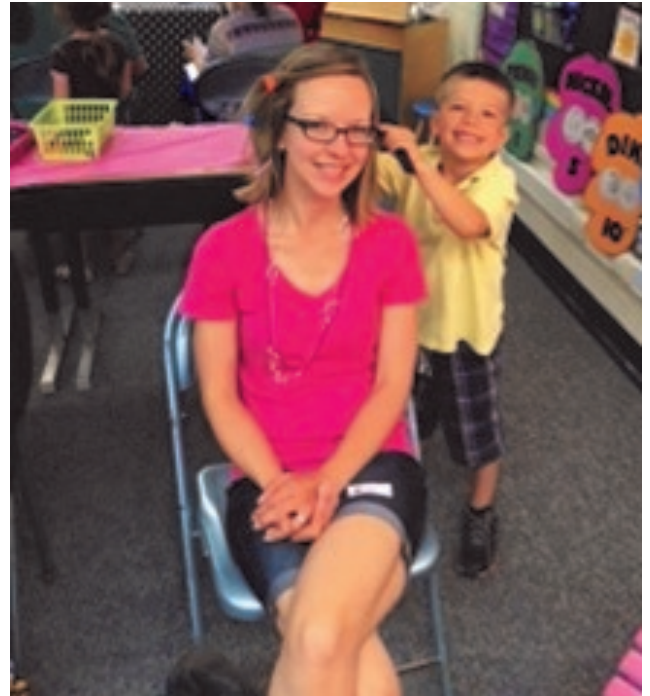
The results are in for the ABC 12 Spirit Cup competition and Davison High School has placed fourth in this year’s challenge. **Davison High School** earned fourth place in the competition by collecting 45,433 pounds.

Ma's Spa at Hill Elementary

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To celebrate Mother's Day, kindergarten students at Hill Elementary hosted a Ma's Spa Day on Friday, May 8. Moms were treated to makeovers, manicures and treats.

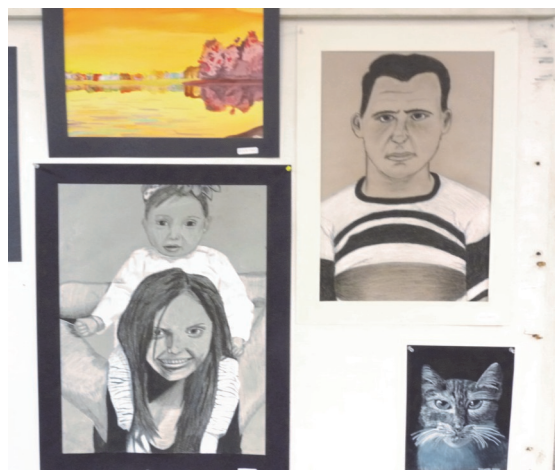
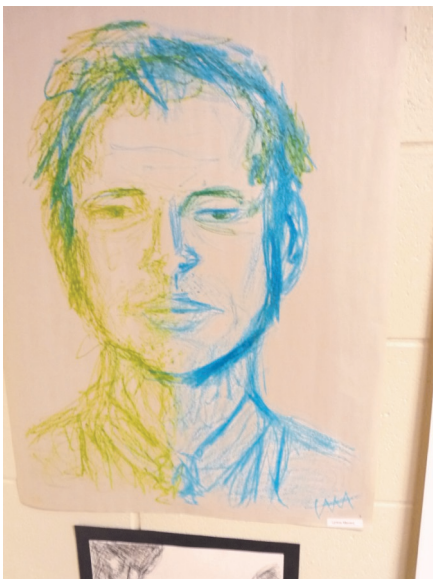
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Davison Middle School hosted its annual Celebration of the Arts on Tuesday, May 12. In addition to art projects, there were performances by band, orchestra and choir students and fashions sewn by Teen Survival students.





KATIE CHURCH "ALBERTA" COILED POT