



May 1, 2015

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

Building Beat

Upcoming ...

Saturday, May 2:

MSBOA State Competition. Good luck to our DHS String Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Orchestra and Wind Ensemble competing at Port Huron Northern High School.

Monday, May 4:

DCS Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week! Thank you for DCS Staff for all you do!

Anti Bully Blue Out Day, Gates Elementary

DHS Parent Advisory Council, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5:

Gates PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Media Center

DMS Parent Advisory Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Community Room

Hill Elementary 1st/2nd Grade Concert, 7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Wednesday, May 6:

Gates: ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously)

DAE Parent Teacher Conferences, 7:30-9 a.m. and 4:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, May 7:

DHS Career Fair, 12-6:30 p.m. Gymnasium

District applies for—and gets—\$58,000 safety grant

Davison Community Schools is receiving a grant for \$58,250 from the Michigan State Police Grants and Community Services Division. The money has been awarded to purchase locks and hardware systems and a door camera and intercom system. Director of Operations **Phil Thom** said some of the grant money will be used to update locks and hardware at Hill Elementary and possibly Davison Middle School this summer as well as upgrading the locking system at Collins Field. According to rules of the grant, the work must be completed by September 1.

DTV earns highest award for ninth straight year

DTV had a big day at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association award ceremony held April 20. The crew earned its ninth consecutive Spartan—the highest award given to high school news programs by MIPA.

Out of the 18 categories in which DTV submitted entries, the station took home first or second place in 11 of them.

Also, DTV senior **Matthew Smith** won the ALL-MIPA journalism award for best video journalism student in the state, which, according to DTV Teacher Randy Scott, is equivalent to being the “Mr. Basketball of television journalism.”

“Winning our ninth Spartan award in a row is such an amazing accomplishment,” Matthew said. “I’m so proud of my DTV family and all the hard work we put into this. For me, also winning the all MIPA best video journalist in the state makes it better. We work very hard to bring this community their news, sports and student life, and we will continue to do just that.”

Matthew said the station’s success is due in large part to “our awesome teacher **Randy Scott** and his assistant **Amy Parker** for teaching us the skills we need to succeed.”

Matthew plans to pursue a career in broadcasting after graduation.



**DTV’s own
Matthew Smith.**

Graff Dealership to sponsor Student of Month Scholarship

Hank Graff Chevrolet is graciously sponsoring the Student of the Month Scholarship at Davison High School. Any student who was nominated as a Student of the Month during his or her high school career is eligible to be selected for a \$10,000 scholar-

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ship, which is spread over 4 years at \$2,500 per year.

"The success of every business in a town is tied to the health of the community and there is nothing more important to the health of a community than the educational health of its schools and the minds they develop," said dealership owner **Chris Graff**. "The Davison community has been wonderful to Hank Graff Chevrolet and we are proud to give back by helping the school develop a few of those bright minds by offsetting some of the expense of higher education."

Graff said this year's scholarship recipient will receive the first installment at Honor's Night along with a congratulatory letter outlining renewal process for the second, third and fourth installments. Renewals will be handled through the DHS Guidance Office.

In addition to sponsoring the Student of the Month scholarship, the Graff dealership has been a longtime supporter of the district and has participated in the Co-Op program and student mentoring programs as well as contributed to the district's athletics, robotics and automotive programs.

"Having been in Davison since 1982, I consider Davison my home town," Graff said.

Hill students accepted into new elementary honors choir

Ten students from Hill Elementary were selected to participate in the Elementary Honors Choir, a new event sponsored by the Michigan Music Education Association (MMEA). Hill Elementary Music Teacher **Lisa DuPrey** said the event was open to third to sixth graders. Students had to send in an audition tape to be accepted into the choir.

"Ten students auditioned from Hill Elementary and 10 students were accepted," DuPrey said.

Those students are: **Madelynn Block, Adrianna Farrington, Hunter Martinez, Paige McArdle, Avery Miller, Selena Puzjak, Joi Relerford, Jasmine Relerford, Nina Tracy and Allison Widmann.**

The students and Mrs. DuPrey worked for two weeks together during recess time to learn and memorize the music before going to the first rehearsal, held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in East Lansing.

Students worked with a guest conductor on refining their singing and memorization. They even got to meet the composer of one of the songs, DuPrey said.

The choir met again on Saturday, March 21, again in the Lansing area, for a half-day rehearsal and concert. The choir had 130 members representing 22 different schools from all across the state. They performed several pieces, including "Banjo Sam," "Three Quotes by Mark Twain," "Shine on Me," and "Song of the Apple Tree," the latter of which was written specifically for this choir to perform and the students has the opportunity to work with



Mrs. DuPrey and Hill Elementary Honor Choir members.

the composer.

"The concert was so packed there was standing room only," DuPrey said. "It was an awesome event for all of the kids. It was a great experience and a fun way to meet new people who love to sing!"

DHS Science Olympiad students earn medals at regional competition

Davison High School's Science Olympiad team competed in the regional event on Saturday, March 28. Davison was one of 16 teams competing in the 30th annual Region V tournament held at Mott Community College.

Science Olympiad requires students to build things, do science labs and take science tests in 23 different events. Students use their science knowledge and skills to complete tasks that require critical thinking, reasoning and the application of science.

Davison's team is coached by teachers **Brent Prim** and **Tom Esper**.

"The success of these students is an indication of just how strong Davison's science curriculum is, not just in the high school, but K-12," said Prim.

"We're really proud of the effort put in by our students," Esper added. "Every team member worked hard in preparation for this event."

Medaling for Davison were:

Eric Fridline and **Sasha Dudock** in Astronomy—5th Place

Tiffani Delong and **Alex Osterholzer** in Chemistry Lab—4th Place

Jacob Prim and **Joseph Luna** in Bridge Building—6th place

Sam Tracey and **Tiffani Delong** in Scrambler—2nd place

Maddy Martin and **Tiara Sutton** in Disease Detective—5th Place

Tiffani Delong and **Sam Tracey** in Write It, Do It—3rd place

Jack Frazier and **Jacob Prim** in Mission Possible—3rd Place

Kali Nickle and **Jack Frazier** in Bungee Drop—3rd Place

Sam Tracey and **Tiffani Delong** in Dynamic Planet—5th Place

Alumni News ...

Dr. Jessica Flynn (Class of 2006) is a graduate of National University of Health Sciences and has a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Albion College. She is also trained in acupuncture, McKenzie Method: Lumbar Spine, and is a certified Rocktape provider. Dr. Flynn has also dedicated time outside of her studies at NUHS to become educated in clinical orthopedics, concussion management, instrument assisted soft tissue mobilization, functional rehabilitation, autism, imaging of athletic injuries, pediatric acupuncture, and trigger point dry needling. Dr. Flynn resides in Lombard, Ill. and works as an associate doctor at Fox Chiropractic Center in Geneva.

We love hearing from our alums! If you graduated from Davison High School and would like to let us know what you've been up to since graduation or have an accomplishment you would like to share, please send it to: Alumni News at medwards@davisonschools.org



Students, parents and staff tripped the light fantastic last Friday at the Siple Elementary Family Dance. More than 350 attended the event, which has become an annual tradition with all proceeds benefitting Davison Relay for Life. In addition to dancing, students could participate in games, face painting and win prizes including gifts donated by more than 30 businesses and baskets donated by teachers.



Left, Siple staff raised enough money by collecting their quarters to provide two grand prizes—these bicycles that were awarded to Max Martin and Brooklynn Watters.



Bicycle Helmets for our Kindergarten students

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This is the 15th year the Davison Area Youth Safety (DAYS) Committee has provided free fitted bicycle helmets to each kindergarten student in the district. A special thanks to the DAYS Committee and volunteers for fitting the students as well as the Thomson PTO, Hill PTO, Siple PTC, Davison Optimist and Davison Kiwans clubs for helping fund the event.

