



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

Building Beat

February 6, 2015

Upcoming ...

Friday, Feb. 6 :
Hill Elementary Varsity
Basketball Night

Saturday, Feb. 7:
Snowcoming Dance,
7-10 p.m. DHS

Monday, Feb. 9:
Hahn PTO Meeting,
5:30 p.m. Media Center

Wednesday, Feb. 11:
Supplemental State
Head Count Day

100th Day of School
Celebration at Gates

Gates 4th Grade Concert,
7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 13:
Honors Program
Applications due (for those
students currently in grades
6, 7 & 8)

Monday, Feb. 16:
No school, Mid-winter break

Tuesday, Feb. 17:
Hill Intersession II

Wednesday, Feb. 18:
Hill Intersession II

Thursday, Feb. 19:
Hill Intersession II

DMS/DHS Pre-Festival
Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.
DHS Auditorium

Auto Tech program earns national certification

The automotive training program at Davison High School has received accreditation by (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) NATEF and The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). Davison's automotive program has been accredited in the following areas: MLR Program Maintenance and Light Repair. This includes brakes, electrical, engine performance, suspension and steering, heating and cooling, automatic transmissions, manual transmissions and drive trains.



A student works on replacing an engine in an S-10 truck.

To achieve this coveted recognition, the school's automotive training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used.

Auto Technology teacher **Andrew Michalik** said evaluators visited Davison in November.

"They looked at the curriculum we cover," Michalik said, adding that the auto technology program uses the newest CDX Automotive Books and Lab Sheets that cover the new standards for NATEF.

Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that Davison High School be accredited by The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to accrediting automotive training programs.

"This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents," said Donald Seyfer, NATEF Chair. "Because this program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders, it gives added assurance that Davison's graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result of the quality education provided by Davison High School, the motoring public will benefit since better repair technicians will join the work force."

"During the past few months, we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program would meet strict industry standards, and now we are de-

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lighted to join the ranks of the ASE accredited training programs,” Michalik added. “Students will be assured of a quality education, and shop owners will be assured of getting quality job applicants.”

Michalik said the certification means that students who successfully pass the high school program are eligible to receive credit if they attend Mott Community College, Delta College, Ferris State University and other higher education institutions. After two years of high school automotive training, students have the option to transfer up to 25 credits directly to Delta College, he added.

The NATEF accreditation is in effect through 2020. Schools have to apply for accreditation.

“I would like to say thank you to all of the maintenance staff here at Davison for really coming together and helping to get the lab ready, along with all my students who went above and beyond for weeks prior to the inspection,” Michalik said.

For more information about the Automotive Program at DHS, visit www.davisoncte.com.

5 students nominated for Priority Children Award

Congratulations to Davison High School students **Kaitlyn Church, Alexandria Gill, Emma Osterholzer, Kayla Tear** and **Chris Yankopulos** for being nominated for the 2015 Priority Children Youth Award.

The five were honored at the 20th Annual Children’s Champion Awards Breakfast held this morning in Riverfront Banquet Center. Thanks for being such positive role models in our schools and community!



Lumberjack Day

Davison High School Teacher Mike McCollum looks right at home on Lumberjack Day, one of the special events held during Snowcoming festivities this week. Tonight, students and visitors are encouraged to wear their white or gold spirit T-shirts to the girls’ and boys’ varsity basketball games.



Left to right beginning at top, Alexandria Gill and her father, Chris Yankopulos and DHS Assistant Security Director Rob VanWormer, Emma Osterholzer and her father and, left, Kayla Tear and her family.

Central Elementary hosted **Chris Cakes of Michigan**, Guinness Book of World record holder for "Fastest Pancake Makers in the World," last night. For \$7, hungry visitors could get all-you-can-eat pancakes flipped to them along with sausage and a beverage. Chris Cakes of Michigan has also been featured on Food Network's show, *Unwrapped*.



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