



A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.

Building Beat

November 2, 2012

Upcoming ...

Monday, Nov. 5:

Hill Fundraiser pickup

DHS Parent Advisory

Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Marching Band Awards,

7 p.m. DHS Auditorium

Board of Education

meeting, 7 p.m. AMR

Wednesday, Nov. 6:

Parent Teacher

Conferences after school

Thursday, Nov. 7:

No School for students -

Parent Teacher

Conferences

Friday, Nov. 8:

No School for students

and staff

Thursday, Nov. 15:

DAE Progress Reports

mailed home

Central 3rd Grade

Music Concert, 7 p.m.

DHS Auditorium

Thursday, Nov. 22:

No School

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 23:

No School

Matt Ames selected Michigan Marketing Educator of Year

Davison High School Teacher **Matt Ames** has been named the Dr. Louis R. Graziano Michigan Marketing Educator of the Year by the Michigan Marketing Educators. The award was announced last Friday at the MME's annual fall conference.



Mr. Matt Ames

"I am so proud to have this award associated with our school system," Matt said.

Matt, who teaches marketing and is sponsor of the DECA association of marketing students, also coaches cross country and track and field. He was nominated by his students.

Michigan Marketing Educators is an organization of educators and business people committed to the career development of youth and adults in the areas of marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

Coach Timm Rye named Optimists' 2012 "Friend of Youth"

Veteran Davison High School Varsity Baseball Coach **Timm Rye** has been selected by the Davison Optimist Club for its 2012 "Friend of Youth" award. Timm was honored at the club's annual President's Dinner held October 19 at Redwood Lodge in Mundy Township.

Timm has enjoyed a lifelong passion for baseball. As an outfielder at Central High, Timm recalls what a huge impact his coach, Bob Leach, a Greater Flint Hall of Famer, had on him.

"Coach Leach always had a smile, a pat on the back, and never a harsh word," Timm recalled.

"These are practices I carried into my coaching career."

Timm, who remembers his parents attending every one of his games, said baseball was always a wonderful experience through his childhood.

A baseball coach for 26 years, Timm sees baseball as a way to give back and



Davison Optimist Club President Tim Look, left, congratulates Timm Rye as the recipient of the 2012 "Friend of Youth" award.

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enjoys having a positive impact on the youth in our community. In the summer, he also coordinates a week-long baseball camp for area youth.

“You have to make baseball fun,” he said. “Practices are about being around the kids and the games are about being at the ballpark.”

The Friend of Youth award is presented each year to a community member that exhibits outstanding service to the Davison youth. To learn more about the Davison Optimist Club, and to submit nominees for future awards, “like” the club at www.facebook.com/DavisonOptimistClub.

Davison students pilot administration of online MEAP tests

Freshmen and sixth grade students didn't need a pencil for this year's social studies MEAP exam. Rather, those students took the state-mandated exam online. District Assessment Coordinator **Eric Chorley** said the district opted to pilot the program this year so students begin getting used to taking assessments on the computer. In the 2014/15 school year, the state is expected to require that all students take an online state assessment.

DTV selected as finalist for prestigious Pacemaker Award

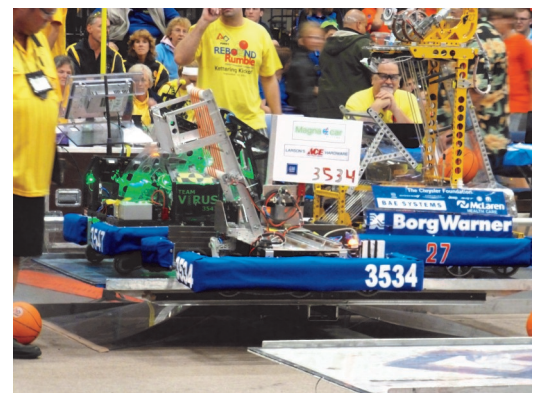
DTV has been selected as a finalist for the Pacemaker award for the best newscast in the nation by the National Scholastic Press Association. DTV is one of four finalists for the award. The winners will be announced November 17 in San Antonio Texas. DTV won the award in 2003 and 2008.

In other good news, DTV sports director **Shawn Bednard** is a finalist for national Sports Story of the Year from the National Scholastic Press Association for his story on Davison swimmer **Courtney Weaver**.

Robotics Team performs coveted “Triple Long ‘Bot Balance” maneuver

Davison High School's FIRST Robotics Team 3534 House of Cards captained the first alliance in the world to successfully execute a three long robot bridge balance. Met with tumultuous applause, this move stunned judges and fans during the semi-finals September 22 at Kettering University's Kickoff Event. The House of Cards robot is specifically designed to execute this unique strategy and the team did so in back-to-back semi-final matches along with the driving expertise of alliance members Team 27 RUSH (Clarkston, MI) and Team 3547 Virus (Monroe County, MI).

In the 2012 game, Rebound Rumble, the last act in the match is for robots to attempt to balance on the bridges poised along the center beam of the field. A three-robot bridge balance earns 20 match points over a two-robot balance. This point differential is often the deciding factor in matches. For 2012, the robots are generally rectangular in shape. Long robots drive forward with their narrow side like an car, wide robots drive sideways from a cars normal direction. Three wide robots can barely fit the length of the bridge; three long robots cannot fit without a substantial portion of a robot hanging off the bridge.



The three long robot balance from the Kettering Kickoff Event.

House of Cards' robot has two-thirds of its weight on one side and a power driven belt and narrow channel along its underside, which allows the robot to ride the rail on the bridge edge. Dubbed "rail grind" this design feature allows two thirds of the width of the robot and three of its six wheels to hang off the side of the bridge. House of Cards' engineering solution allows plenty of space for two other long robots to balance on the bridge with relative ease, eliminating the competitive advantage previously held by the wide robot configuration.

House of Cards is grateful for the generous support of its sponsors: JCPenney, Quest Industries, Magna E-Car, Jim Waldron Buick GMC, General Motors, Larson's ACE Hardware and Davison High School. For more information on how you can contribute to the success of FIRST Team 3534 House of Cards, please contact: Jenniffer Major at Jenniffer.major@magnaecar.com. For more information about FIRST Robotics visit: www.usfirst.org.

Davison High School Busters recipient of \$10,000 endowment

The Davison High School Busters shooting team is the recipient of a \$10,000 endowment account. The gift is a donation by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation through the MidwayUSA Foundation, Inc. and Scholastic Shooting Trust, a public charity established by MidwayUSA founders Larry and Brenda Potterfield.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is a national nonprofit organization focused on ensuring the future of elk and other wildlife and their habitat. It is one of several conservation groups that partner with MidwayUSA to support high school and college shooting teams.

The Busters will be able to apply for annual grants of up to 5 percent of their account balance to help pay for ammunition and travel expenses to shooting events.

"I'm excited as heck to see Davison get picked for this," said Douglas Doherty, Regional MidwayUSA Foundation Director for the Michigan area, explaining that Davison was one of only two schools in the state selected to receive the endowment this quarter.

In June, the Busters sporting clay team of **Justin Brown, Kyle Schroeder** and **Jon Adolph** took third place at the State Scholastic Clay Target Program Skeet and Sporting Clays Shoot held at the Detroit Gun Club. Davison also had a team of varsity skeet shooters that were tied for third place, but fell to fourth in a shoot out tie breaker.

Davison High School staff member **Connie Trombley** sponsors the Davison Busters club.



Seated, left to right, Jon Adolph, Jack Frazier, Thomas Colvin, Drew Lieske; back row, MidwayUSA Genesee Valley Chapter Chairperson Leonard Aagesen, Club Sponsor Connie Trombley, Chandler Anschutz, Zack Dolloff, Regional Director Michigan Douglas Doherty and Davison High School Principal Matt Shanafelt. Not pictured: Busters team members Shay Hill and Mitchell Goyette.

Alison Darby receives swimming award at CANUSA games

Davison High School senior **Alison Darby** earned the Jimmy Thompson Memorial Award for swimming at the closing ceremonies of the CANUSA games August 11-12. The Jimmy Thompson award is given to the most valuable swimmer from the host city who best displays both the CANUSA philosophy and ability in the sport of swimming.

Alison started participating in the CANUSA games in 2004 when she was 9 years old. She has participated every year except in 1996 due to a schedule conflict with orchestra camp and 2011 when she couldn't get the time off of work.

Alison's mom, **Sue Darby**, said her daughter has had so much fun being part of CANUSA and has made friends from Canada over the years.

"Every year she stayed in Canada, she stayed with the same swimmer and her family," Sue said "This girl stayed with us every time she came to Flint. It has been a great experience for Alison to be part of this."

This year Alison was the Flint swim team's co-captain.

"It was nice to see her get an award this year as it is the last year she can compete at CANUSA," Sue added.



Alison accepts her award with Flint CANUSA swim coach Adam Cooper to her right. The Canadian swim coach is to her left.

Hockey is a passion for 10-year-old Jake McCatty



Fifth grader Jake McCatty has been skating since the age of 3.

When Hahn Intermediate fifth grader **Jake McCatty** began skating at the age of 3, the intent was nothing more than having the youngster learn a lifelong skill. Jake learned the basics from **Trevor Smith**, a Davison High School teacher and former JV Hockey coach, who taught a "learn to skate" program.

Now, the 10-year-old is competing in a hockey tournaments in Canada. This summer, Jake's team, the Jr. Wings, placed first out of all the American teams and second out of 14 total teams from around the nation and Canada at a week-long tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

"We never dreamed hockey would be his passion," said Jake's mom, **Susie McCatty**. "He has had so many great opportunities for such a young player."

Jake's coach is Kris Draper, a retired player from the Detroit Red Wings.

Volleyball advances to district finals tonight

The Lady Cards defeated Lapeer East last night and advances to the Volleyball district finals tonight at Carman Ainsworth High School. Game time is 6 p.m. Here's wishing the Lady Cards a "3-PEAT" as district champs.

Season wrap up ...

Boys' Varsity Soccer made it to the first round of district playoffs where they were defeated by Clarkston. Student athletes **Brandon Gonzalez**, **Spencer Holland** and **Christian Pumphrey** were named First Team All League. **Aaron Cummings**, **Daniel Wykes**, **Jacob Moreno** and **JC Carrizales** were named Second Team All League and sophomore **Caleb Mulholland** was named Honorable Mention. The team finished first place in the Saginaw Valley League.

The Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams have experienced success this season as well. **Patrick Rooker** was named First Team All League, **Jacob Beaver** was named Second Team All League and **Nick Schmidt** was named Honorable Mention. For the girls, **Jordann McDermitt** and **Amanda George** were named First Team All League. **Torie Ostrander** and **Casey Shafer** were named Second Team All League. **Elise Close** and **Shelby Roesner** were named Honorable Mention. The boys finished sixth place in the league and the girls finished the season in second place.

The girls also will be competing at the Cross Country State Finals tomorrow at the Michigan International Speedway (MIS) in Brooklyn, Michigan. All Divisions will be running there, with Division I Girls running at 3 p.m. Good luck, girls!

The Girls' Varsity Golf Team finished the season in 11th place in the state finals and second place in the Saginaw Valley League. **Andrea Richards** and **Tara Schneider** both were named First Team All League and **Gabby Stephens** and **Madison Faculak** were named Second Team all League.

The Boys' Tennis Team also experienced success this season finishing second in the Saginaw Valley League. **Andrew Smith** was named Player of the Year for the Saginaw Valley League and singles First Team All League. **Jacob Bird** was named singles Second Team All League. **PJ Hards** was named singles Third Team All League and **Robert Gerth** was named singles Fourth Team All League. **Spencer Childers** and **Sean Pierson** were named doubles First Team All League.

And last but certainly not least, the varsity football team ended the regular season with a 6-3 record and third place in the Saginaw Valley League's southern division. They lost to number-one-ranked Clarkston last Friday in the first round of the playoffs.



Golfers celebrate their win at Regionals held at Twin Lakes Golf Course in Rochester. It was the second year in a row the girls placed first at Regionals. Lady Cardinal Andrea Richards was the overall medalist with a score of 77—the lowest score of all the girls.

DTV Instructor **Randy Scott** and his students coordinated a very successful *Davison Decision 2012* on Wednesday, October 31, a mock election where students cast ballots for President, Congress and state proposals. Every student had the opportunity to vote during English class. Here is how Davison students voted:

Presidential Race

Obama: 56%
Romney: 37%
Other: 17%

U.S. Senate Race

Stabenow: 51%
Hoekstra: 32%
Other: 17%

U.S. Representative

Kildee: 32%
Slezak: 61%
Other: 7%

Proposal 1

Yes: 51%
No: 49%

Proposal 2

Yes: 55%
No: 45%

Proposal 3

Yes: 63%
No: 37%

Proposal 4

Yes: 59%
No: 41%

Proposal 5

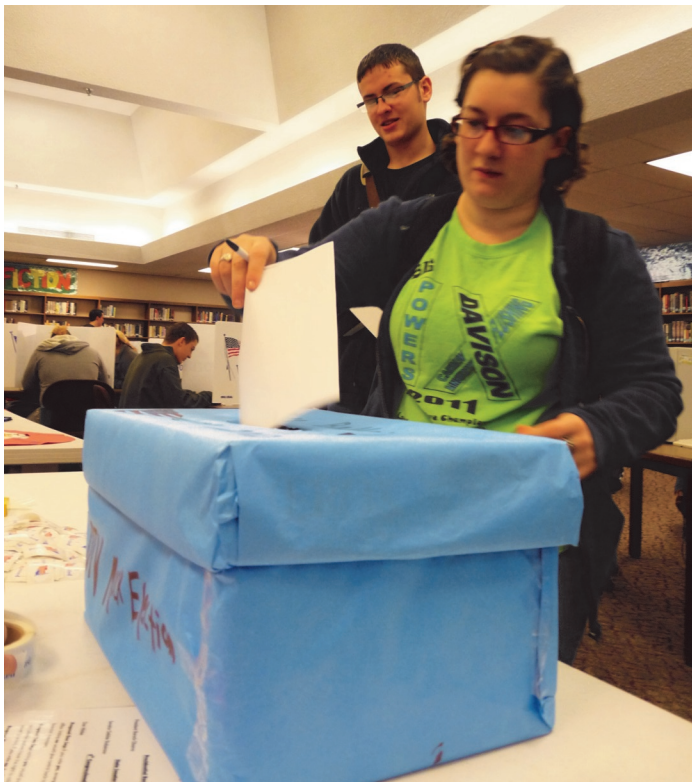
Yes: 52%
No: 48%

Proposal 6

Yes: 52%
No: 48%



DTV provided on-air election updates at the beginning of every class hour.



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Professional Development throughout the district

Today teachers across the district will be engaged in a variety of professional development opportunities. Here's a look at what is taking place:

High School: Incorporating Technology (Effective Google Chromebook and iPad use).

Middle School: Content Area Reading Strategies/Implementation.

Hahn: Assessment Blueprinting followed by iPad training

Central: School Improvement 90/30/30 grade level interventions.

Gates: Developing Intervention and Enrichment Time for Students

Siple Elementary: From 8 to 9:30 a.m. the SI Reading Goal Committee and Dr. Mary Howell will facilitate a session on integrating Nonfiction Text into Guided Reading. From 9:30 to 11 a.m. the SI Reading Goal Committee will facilitate "Incorporating the Strategy of Movement into the Classroom" from the book Teaching with Poverty in Mind by Eric Jensen. This will include a review of the strategies, a video of movement in the classroom and a Make and Take opportunity.

Thomson: 90-30-30, An Intervention Model that Works.

Optional for All Staff: Anthony Buza from the GISD will be doing a 2.5 hour training session on iPads in the High School AMR from noon to 2:30 p.m. John Sowash, a certified Google trainer will be offering a three-hour session on Google Chromebook Apps from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.