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4th and 5th grade contest winners received certificates from the K of C. PG 2

Wild About Reading

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One JH Robotics team will take their skills to the World Competition in TX! PG 3

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Ubly Schools Offers Something for Everyone

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The month of March at Ubly schools was really something special. I had the opportunity to head to Lansing on March 9th to watch our students compete at the state FFA Convention. Our students performed exceptionally well at the state FFA Convention taking home two 1st place honors in the 11 divisions they competed in at the convention. We also had the state winner for the most outstanding junior among more than 300. We ended the special day with a Ubly student winning a State Star in Agricultural Placement.

Also, in March, we learned that four of our 8th-grade students qualified for Worlds in the Vex robotics competition. These students, parents, staff, and coach Mr. Keliiszewski put in tremendous time and hard work to achieve this accomplishment. We wish them the best of luck at Worlds when they compete in April.

Finally, we ended the month of March with a number of students participating in the junior/senior high school play, the "Mad Tea Party." In October, Wendy Maikrzek, a Ubly School employee, approached me about wanting to direct the play this year. The last time that Ubly Schools had a high school play was in 2019. It has been a long four years without our students having the opportunity to be in a high school play. Due to Covid, our students could not have a play for the last several years. On March 17th, the curtain rose,

and our students were on stage performing. It was a fantastic three days of laughs and entertainment for the school and community.

Why do I mention and talk about these events? Not to just celebrate our student's accomplishments but also to point out that students do not have to be just in sports to be involved in school activities.

To have well-rounded students leave Ubly Schools, we must continue to offer other opportunities outside the classroom and more than just sports.

As parents, we must encourage our kids to take the arts like band and drama, to explore FFA, Vex robotics, and FCCLA, and many other opportunities we offer. These opportunities give our students many valuable attributes that will help them in life. They will gain confidence from performing on stage, speaking at the FFA contests, and playing fantastic music at festival events. It will help them to feel good about themselves. Yes, they will fail at times, perhaps not giving their best performance or not finishing where they thought they should have, but from those failures, they will grow and learn. If we want to continue to have an exceptional school, we must encourage our kids to step beyond the fields and courts and join other opportunities that Ubly Schools offers. I truly enjoy watching our students who might not be athletes have an opportunity to excel in other venues at Ubly Schools. Please join me in taking the opportunity to watch them.

Ubly FFA departed with 45 members on Tuesday to embark on the adventure known as State Convention. This year Ubly had a great amount of success! Members earned 26 Proficiency Awards with Prize money for golds and state winners totaling \$1200! Makaila Cantrell was announced as the State Winner in Outstanding Juniors out of over 350 members in the state. Anthony McCarty was named the State Star in Agricultural Placement. 13 seniors earned a state degree and 13 juniors earned the Outstanding Junior Award. Of

UBLY FFA SHINES AT STATE CONVENTION



State degree recipients (BR L to R): Abigail Guza, Logan Volmering, Mark Heilig, Chris Oswald, Anthony McCarty (FR L to R) Maze Gusa, Mercedes Wolschleger, DeLaney Peruski, Jeanna Bischer, Samantha Warchuck



State Winner Greenhand Conduct of Meetings. (BR L to R) Melissa Kramer, Cole Maurer, Maleah Roth, Michael Walsh, Jacob Dekoski, Kiley London (FR L to R) Ella Gilliam, Katie Sweeney, Wyatt Schmacher



Proficiency Award Recipients: (BR L to R) Aiden Kolar, Grant Guza, Mitchell Foote, Chris Oswald, Anthony McCarty (MR L to R) Abbie Guza, Makaila Cantrell, Mark Heilig (FR L to R) DeLaney Peruski, Maze Gusa, Jeanna Bischer, Logan Volmering



Joe Candela, Anthony McCarty, and Yvonne O'Connor after Anthony was named the state star.



Outstanding Junior Recipients Leah Schumacher, Jaxson Susalla, Miranda Smigielski, Mitchell Foote, Emily Greyerbiehl, Makaila Cantrell

the state degree recipients, 3 earned gold and 2 earned silver ratings. An additional 13 juniors and seniors earned an academic excellence award for having a GPA over 3.5. Logan Volmering and Makaila Cantrell earned Challenge 24 College Scholarships and Makaila also earned a scholarship to attend the Washington Leadership Conference this summer. Abigail Guza and Maleah Roth represented our chapter in the state band. The chapter was recognized with a Gold National Chapter Award, Superior Chapter

Award, Building our Michigan Communities Award, a \$3000 Glassbrook Grant, and was State Runner-up for Tons of Tabs.

Maze Gusa was elected as the 2023-2024 State Vice President. Logan Volmering was elected as the Region III State Vice President.

In Leadership Contests we had two Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Teams. Team Schumacher was named the State Winner. Team members were Wyatt Schumacher, Katie Sweeney, Ella Gilliam, Michael Walsh, Maleah Roth,

Kiley London, Jacob Dekoski, and Cole Maurer. Team Warchuck earned 4th Place Gold. Team members include Owen Warchuck, Conner Smith, Jordan Susalla, Suzanne Smigielski, Blake Pfaff, Sadi Heleski, Griffin Messing, and Aaron Weber. In Prepared Speaking Jeanna Bischer earned a silver rating. In Extemporaneous Public Speaking Maze Gusa was named the State Winner. Arianna Aumann earned 3rd Place Gold in Greenhand Public Speaking. Addison Weber earned Silver in Creed Speaking.

K OF C WINNERS



Every year the Knights of Columbus sponsor a Spelling Bee for the Fourth Grade Students and a Substance Abuse Poster Contest for the Fifth Grade Students. This year's Fourth Grade Spelling Bee Certificate Winners were: William Klemmer, Roman Heleski, Liam Maurer, Avery

Simpson, Emma Tenbusch and Anna Volmering. This year's Fifth Grade Substance Abuse Poster Certificate Winners were: Paige Tschirhart, Rylee Rawlings, Morgan Langenburg, Raelynn Volmering, Avery Gentner and Jaelyn Johnson.

5TH GRADE ROBOTICS



Our Fifth Grade Elementary robotics team have won first place trophies at the Cross Lutheran Robotics tournament as well as the Bad Axe Robotics Tournament. Two of our four elementary teams have been busily preparing for their trip to Monroe, Michigan on March 11th where they will be competing in the Vex IQ State elementary championship against 60 teams from all over the state to be eligible to earn one of the 18 spots available for a trip to compete in the world championship competition in

Texas. Recently our fifth graders helped run the February PBS assembly along with their coach Ms. Amy Schmitz. They showed the students how their robots perform in competition and then helped the lucky PBS winners race robots against each other as grade levels. Members of the 5th grade robotics team that will be competing at the state level are: Joel McDonald, Colton Szymanski, Macy Dekoski, Paige Tschirhart, Laura Romzek and Cruz Wolschleger.

Wild About Reading



March is Reading Month is here once again! This year's theme is Wild About Reading. Our first grade teachers, Amy Rothe, Pam Klee, and Sarah Franzel are the chairs for this year's event. Staff and students put in a lot of effort to make the theme pop every year. The commons hallway has been turned into a reading rainforest for students to enjoy gathering with their peers to enjoy a good book. The hallways are decorated with fantastic door displays and murals of student artwork encouraging students to get wild about reading. There are many contests and dress up days throughout the month to add to the theme's festivities. The students are treated to two assemblies as well including one called "Wild About Books" where students will see animals native to the rainforest and other habitats with a focus on reading.



1ST GRADE PROJECT BASED LEARNING

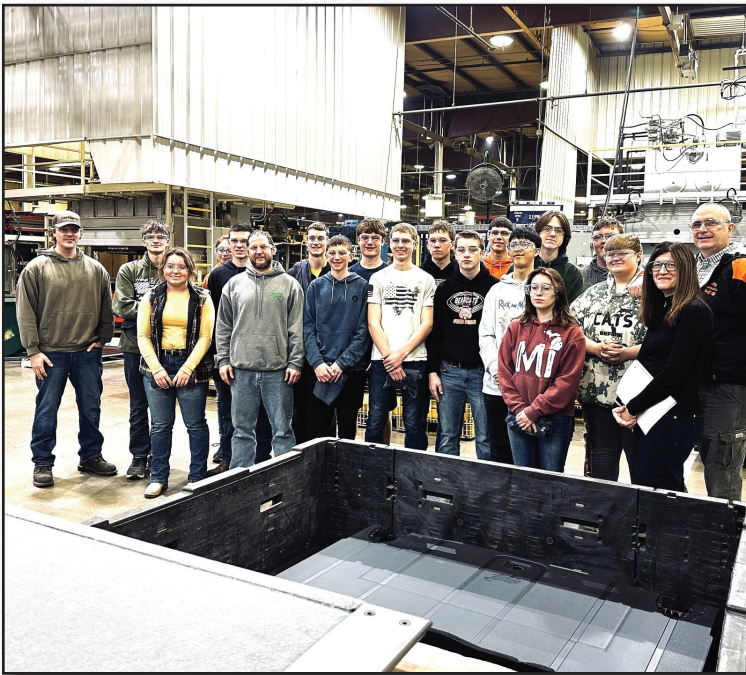


The 1st Graders from Mrs. Klee's, Mrs. Franzel's, and Mrs. Rothe's classrooms have been studying and learning about different animals and their habitats. Each student got the opportunity to choose an animal and do some research

on it. Students took notes, created a report, drew a picture of their animal, and then got to present their reports to 1st graders from the other classrooms. The students used the writing process to create their reports. They also had to help

create a rubric to assess their writing and presenting skills at the end of the project. It was a great learning experience for students! This was the second project-based learning activity the 1st graders have completed so far this year.

MECHATRONICS CLASS VISITS VALLEY INDUSTRIES



Mr. K took his 4th and 7th hour Mechatronics class to Valley Enterprises to see the robotics, production etc. of the company and to inquire how to help prepare students for jobs in the industry.

UBLY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS NEWS

CONCESSION STAND – The Athletic Boosters need help staffing the concession stand and ticket booth. Grandparents and members of the community that would like to volunteer their time are welcome. Parent participation is required. Also, this year we are starting a new program to support our athletes and sports teams. For every concession stand that a student athlete works, \$50 will be donated to their sport of choice. The student must work with at least one adult. Please go to <https://signup.com/go/WpcEKGf> and sign up to volunteer. Or contact Pat Widger at 989-550-5108 or pawidger@gmail.com.

BEARCAT FUNDS - Bearcat players and coaches, the boosters are currently taking requests from our sports teams on funds needed for team items. If your team has a request, please see Branden Sorenson. Once approved through athletic director, all requests must be presented to the boosters at one of our monthly meetings.

ADOPT A SENIOR ATHLETE – Our winter Adopt a

Senior is almost complete. We love seeing our athletes and community interacting. If you are interested in adopting a Senior athlete for our spring sports season, please contact Heidi at (989) 450-9875. Our seniors thank all those that have adopted them thus far.

SUPER RAFFLE – Thanks to all of athletes and sponsors for making this year's Super Raffle such a success. Together we were able to raise just over \$5000. Our winners and prize donations were as follows: \$500 sponsored by Thompson Chevrolet, Inc. winner Tina Edler - \$400 sponsored by Gemini Plastics, Inc. winner Maze Guza- \$300 sponsored by Heleski Farms & Trucking winner Nolan Emerick - \$200 sponsored by Martin Guza Construction winner Denise Warner - \$100 sponsored by Wright Choice Electric winner Adrienne Badger.

BASEBALL TEAM REQUEST – We are excited to announce the purchase of a pitching machine for our Ugly Baseball team. A fund request was submitted by coach Becker with the purchase being

made in February. We are excited to see our team be able to make use of it shortly.

FOOTBALL TOWER FACELIFT – The athletic boosters reached out to Mrs. Chandler's art class to come up with a design for our football tower concession stand. It's in need of a paint job and we thought it would be a great way for her art class to show off their work. The student with the winning design was Payton Kauffman. Payton Kauffman will be awarded a \$25 subway gift card from the boosters. We can't wait to see how it turns out.

Athletic Boosters Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at 6pm. Meetings are held in the small conference room just inside the high school entrance. All are welcome to join.

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6TH GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN STEM PROJECT

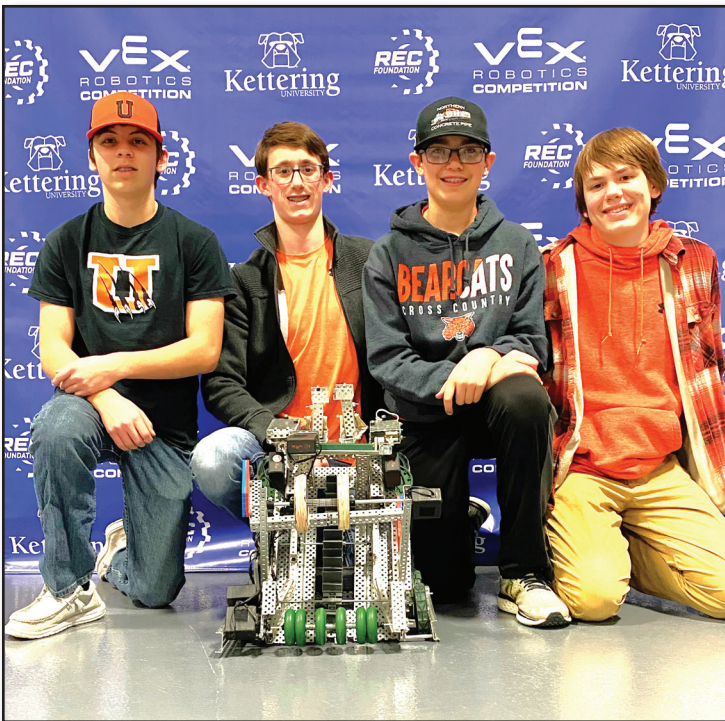
The Huron ISD provided some engineering and STEM projects for our 6th grade students to participate in. Scott Whipple presented a challenge for the 6th Grade to create the tallest tower to hold a marshmallow using only spaghetti noodles, tape, and string. The students first had to make a plan within their group, once the plan was developed, the students had about 18 minutes to complete their towers. When time was up, the team with the tallest free standing tower would win. We had one team that built a tower 27" tall!

Jennifer Trusock provided a rotation of activities having students conduct activities and answer questions based on engineering concepts. The students worked in small groups to complete the activities, discussing solutions and results.

After an hour the two groups switched rooms so that they also could experience the other activities. This was a great program to have students discuss, create, problem solve and learn. Thanks to the HISD and Jennifer and Scott for making this happen.



Jr. High Vex Robotics Qualify for World Competition



Two Jr. High Vex Robotics Teams competed at the State Competition in Monroe on March 4th. Both teams made it to the final sixteen with the Team of Beckett Hagen, Brayden Sweeney, Graham Nicol and John Guza qualifying for the Vex Robotics World Competition. The teams had to perform skills tests, compete

with other teams to perform certain tasks earning points in each round of competition. Autonomous skills which are the result of building codes for the robot to function tasks without driver control. Beckett, Brayden, Graham, and John will now take their skills to the World Competition in Dallas, Texas on April 27th-29th.

JUNIOR CLASS VISITS DELTA COLLEGE



On March 1st, Mrs. Brandel took the Junior Class to visit Delta College. Students were given a tour of the buildings as well as

information on what programs are available for them if they were interested in attending after their Senior year. Students will also

get a chance to tour Saginaw Valley State University in April. This helps students to solidify their plans for after graduation.

SPRING 2023 ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Boys Varsity and JV Baseball					
	April				
Thursday	6	V	Reese	A	4:00pm
		JV	Reese	H	4:00pm
Saturday	8	V	Deckerville	H	10:00am
Monday	10	V	Memphis	H	4:00pm
		JV	Memphis	A	4:00pm
Thursday	13	V	Lakers	A	4:00pm
		JV	Lakers	H	4:00pm
Saturday	15	V	Deckerville	H	10:00am
Monday	17	V	Harbor Beach	H	4:00pm
		JV	Harbor Beach	A	4:00pm
Thursday	20	V	Bad Axe	A	4:00pm
		JV	Bad Axe	H	4:00pm
Saturday	22	V	Ubyl Tourney	H	
			(Tawas, Kingston, Caro)		
Monday	24	V	Capac	A	4:00pm
		JV	Capac	H	4:00pm
Thursday	27	V	Cass City	A	4:00pm
		JV	Cass City	H	4:00pm
Saturday	29	V			

	May				
Monday	1	V	Brown City	A	4:00pm
		JV	Brown City	H	4:00pm
Thursday	4	V	Caro	H	4:00pm
		JV	TBD	A	4:00pm
Monday	8	V	North Huron	H	4:00pm
		JV	Vassar	A	4:00pm
Thursday	11	V	Vassar	H	4:00pm
		JV	Vassar	A	4:00pm
Monday	15	V	Sandusky	H	4:00pm
		JV	Sandusky	A	4:00pm
Thursday	18	V	USA	H	4:00pm
		JV	USA	A	4:00pm
Saturday	20	V	BCAS	A	TBD
Monday	22	V	Mayville	A	4:00pm
Wednesday	24	V	Marlette	A	4:00pm
		JV	Marlette	H	4:00pm

	May/June				
	30,2,3		Districts @ HB		

Boys and Girls High School Track					
	April				
Thur	6		Cass City Inv.	Invite	4:00pm
Tues	11		Brown City	Tri	4:30pm
Fri	14		Brown City Inv.	Invite	4:30pm
Tues	18		USA Inv.	Invite	3:30pm
Wed	19		Bad Axe JV meet	Quad	4:00pm
Fri	21		Deckerville Inv.	Invite	4:00pm
Tues	25		Bad Axe	Quad	4:30pm
Sat	29		Yale Relays		10:00am

	May				
Tues	2		at Ubyl	Invite	4:30pm
Fri	5		Harbor Beach Inv.	Invite	4:00pm
Tues	9		at Lakers	Invite	4:30pm
Fri	12		at BA (Hatchet Invite)	Invite	4:30pm
Tues	16		at H.B. (GTE League)	Lg Meet	4:30pm
Fri	19		Regionals @ Brown City		4:00pm
Tues	23		Tribune Meet		4:00pm
Tues	30		Thumb Meet of Champs		4:00pm

	June				
Sat	3		State Meet @ Hudsonville		

Girls Varsity and JV Softball					
	April				
Thursday	6	V	Reese	A	4:00pm
		JV	TBD	H	4:00pm
Monday	10	V	Memphis	H	4:00pm
		JV	Memphis	A	4:00pm
Thursday	13	V	Lakers	A	4:00pm
		JV	Lakers	H	4:00pm
Saturday	15	V	Deckerville	H	10:00am
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Thursday	18	V	USA	H	4:00pm
		JV	USA	A	4:00pm
Saturday	20	V	Almont Tourney	A	8:00am
Monday	22	V	Mayville	A	4:00pm
Wednesday	24	V	Marlette	A	4:00pm
		JV	Marlette	H	4:00pm

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JH Track					
	April				
Wed	12		at USA		5:00pm
Mon	17		at Ubyl	Quad	5:00pm
Wed	19		at Kingston		5:00pm
Mon	24		at CPS		5:00pm
Wed	26		at Harbor Beach		5:00pm

	May				
Mon	1		at Ubyl (Medal Meet)		5:00pm
Wed	3		at Lakers		5:00pm
Mon	8		at Marlette		5:00pm
Wed	10		at Deckerville		5:00pm
Wed	18		at Marlette (GTE League Meet)		5:00pm

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