



Inside Track

A Model District Where Students Want To Be Home of the Railroaders!



Recently, the Durand FFA members attended Region IV Leadership Camp in Fenton at Camp Copneconic. The newly elected officers received training for their new officer position, as well as participated in various contests and team building activities. They listened to encouraging words from Troy Bancroft of Agro-Liquid Fertilizer as well as carried out a Living to Serve community service project at the camp to assist the camp for upcoming summer guests. The newly elected officers are (from left) Kyle Godley, Devin Wood, Grant Hart, Emma Holek, Melanie Weir and Kate McMillin.



Lucas Davenport was announced as the second runner up for Region IV in the area of Agribusiness at Region IV Leadership Camp. Lucas was honored for his SAE work at Davenport Farms and his various FFA Accomplishments. Pictured (from left) Grandmother, Suzann Nimphie; Parent, Kellie Davenport; Lucas Davenport and FFA Advisor Torey Birchmeier.

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The district science night was on April 17th. Students from the University of Michigan-Flint come and present hands-on projects for all students. Students had the opportunity to complete science projects, drive a robot, win prizes, and even learn about STEM and science!



DHS STUDENT Railroaders in the Spotlight:

- 8th - Aiden Stauble
 - 9th - Madalyn Whitcomb
 - 10th - Philip Schmidt
 - 11th - Raegan Holek
 - 12th - Amber Putnam
- CONGRATS!!!**

Durand Choirs

Durand High School Varsity Choir is very pleased to announce that on March 27th they received a Division 1 rating at festival. This was a part of the Michigan State Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) District 3 festival, held in Swartz Creek. As a result, Durand Varsity Choir will be moving on to perform with other finalist schools during State Choral Festival. This will be held on May 8th at CMU. Congratulations as well to 7th Chorus, 8th Chorus and, HS Concert Choir for their strong performances at District Festival where they received all high Division 2 ratings. Go singing Railroaders!



March Reading Month

Everyone at Robert Kerr greatly appreciates the support from the local Masons. Once again this year they sponsored bikes for March Reading Month. The students were so excited at the opportunity to win a bike and helmet for reading books. This year's lucky winners included Lyza Schneider-Janes, Trent Schaefer, Rachel McPherson, Cameron Dankert, Trent Ackerman, and Elisha Lee. Thank you again to the Masons for sponsoring this wonderful event.



The 3-year-old preschool class recently received a grant from the Durand Educational Foundation. With this funding, they were able to purchase an incubator and a chicken life cycle kit. Eggs were brought into the classroom just after Spring Break so the children can observe the many changes they will go through. The children really enjoy watching the eggs, learning about what is going on inside, and are very excited for them to hatch next week! The other classrooms in the school also stop by the preschool classroom to check in on their progress. Thank you for supporting our youngest Railroaders!



Colonial Presentation

Mr. Bertrand visited Robert Kerr during March Reading Month to present about life during the Colonial time period. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to hear and learn about what it was like to live during the Colonial time. Thank you Mr. Bertrand for your time and support.

Kyle Godley was announced as the Region IV Star Farmer Winner at Region IV Leadership Camp. Kyle was honored for his SAE project in beef production as well as his work on Cole Riverview Farms. Kyle also has an extensive list of FFA accomplishments that allowed him to earn this award. Pictured from L to R: Brad Cole, Parents Greg and Marcia Godley, Kyle Godley, Cheryl Cole and FFA Advisor Torey Birchmeier.



March Reading at the Depot

Third grade students had the opportunity to relax and read a book at the Depot. Volunteers also took time to share a good book with the classes. Thank you to the folks at the Depot for celebrating March Reading Month with the third grade students from Robert Kerr.



Durand Middle School has a new club called Knit-flix. Students are working on our first project. Students are knitting hats for babies in the NICU at Hurley. Every student is welcome and the supplies will be provided! You do not need to know how to knit because we will be learning together. We will be holding the club once a week during fourth marking period for two hours after school.

"Climb Aboard Explorers and Dive Into Learning"

Kindergarten and Preschool Registration

Students who qualify for Kindergarten or Preschool will be able to register at **Bertha Neal Elementary**

www.durand.k12.mi.us

Please call Bertha Neal Elementary 989-288-2016

Students who will be 5 on or before 9/1/17 are eligible for Kindergarten. *Age waivers will be available for Kindergarten students. Students who will be 3 or 4 on or before 9/1/17 are eligible for Preschool.

ITEMS TO BRING: Legal Birth Certificate, Immunization Records, Proof of Residency, Proof of Income (Preschool ONLY)

You will need to call the school to sign up for a registration time.