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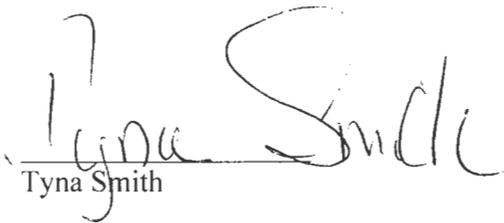
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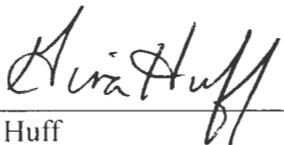
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Grand Ledge Hayes Intermediate School robotics teacher Tim Madden talks to students on Wednesday during his robotics enrichment class. There are more than 30 unique enrichment classes students may choose from based on their personal interests. PHOTOS BY MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Students

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Eric Leopold, principal of Hayes Intermediate School. “Sometimes, they don’t want to go home.”

Hayes Intermediate School was created to serve only fifth and sixth grade students from the fall of 2021 onward. From the beginning, Leopold said, administrators wanted the school to be “elementary with a flair.” Hayes was specifically designed to cater to the needs of students transitioning from elementary school to middle school.

The enrichment classes last for 12 weeks, and students get to experience three a year. Students choose their classes in the spring before their fifth and sixth grades. Students can choose from over 30 classes.

“Choice is a powerful thing,” said John Ellsworth, director of communications for Grand Ledge Public Schools. “There’s intrinsic motivation when kids can pick what they learn.”

The classes are not graded and are meant to serve as an introduction to topics that the students might want to pursue in the future. And, they’re a fun way to end the day for both teachers and students.

Salmon in the classroom is one of the most popular classes and is only open to sixth graders. Over the 12 weeks, they hatch salmon eggs and watch them grow. At the end, they release the fish into a lake and the whole class is supported by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Students in the class had a wide variety of reasons why they took that class.

“I fish a lot,” said Mikey Stenzel.

“I love learning about nature and animals,” said Anna Burgess.

Another extremely popular class is robotics. This is the first school year that robotics 2.0 is a class sixth graders can take, due to the popularity of robotics 1.0 for fifth graders.

“We wanted to make sure students who took the class one year and wanted to continue weren’t learning the same thing,” teacher Tim Madden said. “This is the first year we’re using the new program, and I’m honestly learning from the kids.”

Two sixth-grade girls, Olivia Jacobs and Meeviya Sathyaprakash Vanmathy, in the robotics 2.0 class said that they were taking the class because they enjoyed their robotics class the previous year.

“I like seeing the pieces come together and making something,” Meeviya said.

Both of the girls can see a potential future career working with robots or another technical field.

Another class focuses on teaching students job skills. Although they’re nearly a decade away from having to pursue a career, teacher Holly Bierstetel be-



Fifth- and sixth-graders write down personal attributes they are most proud of Wednesday in Kathleen Mikulec’s “Girl Empowerment” class at Hayes Intermediate School in Grand Ledge.

lieves it’s important for them to learn these skills early. She wants to help students feel comfortable in a professional setting while still making it fun.

“We do lots of role-play and games,” she said. “The kids want to grow and learn, and allowing them the space to feel comfortable is important.”

One sixth-grade girl in her class said she was taking the class to get over a fear of hers.

A sixth-grade boy named Eddy Misener said he took the class to practice job skills and adult “stuff.” He has plans to be an engineer.

Kathleen Mikulec teaches an enrichment class focusing on girl empowerment. Each day of the first week of classes, the students write something they like about themselves and share it.

“I think its important for these girls to feel supported,” she said. “Fifth and sixth grade can be really hard for girls.”

The girls in the class said that they took the class to make friends and heard good things about the class and the teacher from people who had taken it in the past.

“I saw a girl carrying a poster on the bus, and I thought it looked cool so I wanted to sign up for the class,” a sixth grader named Allison Hatfield said.

“I really like this class, and I like that (the teacher) is always greeting us at the beginning of the day,” said Grace Quagliata, a fifth grader.

The teachers of the enrichment classes said they enjoyed being able to teach the kids something they themselves are passionate about.

Leopold said that this has boosted teacher morale and enthusiasm, and Bierstetel agreed with this.

“It’s a perfect way to end the day,” she said.

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Wolverines

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a couple of wolverines housed at the Detroit Zoo, you’re not likely to run into one, other than those decked out in maize-and-blue at the Big House. (Unlike a lot of other schools, U-M has neither a live version of its mascot or a dressed-up one traipsing around the sidelines; the helmet design also apparently has nothing to do with the animal either.)

In fact, there is scant evidence the state ever had much of any wolverine population; the question of how Michigan became “the Wolverine state” or U-M adopted it as a nickname remains shrouded in mystery, though it may have something to do with the state’s history as a trapping outpost. One did pop up in the Thumb about 20 years ago.

It’s now stuffed and on display at the Saginaw Visitor’s Center after rolling around for several years in the Minden City State Game Area. Typically, live wolverines — some reports have said there are only about 300 left in the contiguous U.S. — live in the Western and northwestern states at high elevations.

For the record, the North American wolverine, otherwise known by the Latin “*gulo gulo luscus*,” (gulo standing for “glutton” and “luscus” for the New World version), runs to around 40 pounds or more and resembles a small bear but is actually a large member of a weasel-related family. (Cue the Michigan State fans.)

It also is nocturnal, can smell frozen carcasses in up to 100 feet of snow and has glands that produce a pungent, sticky substance to mark their territory — which often happens during mating season and before home games in November.

The government had actually moved to list the wolverine as threatened a decade ago, then delisted it, before a court, urged by environmental groups, stepped in and told it to look again.

And here we are: “Current and increasing impacts



Michigan’s lone wolverine peers at her surroundings on a bright 2007 day in the Minden City swamp. PROVIDED BY JEFF FORD

of climate change and associated habitat degradation and fragmentation are imperiling the North American wolverine,” said Fish & Wildlife Pacific Regional Director Hugh Morrison. “Based on the best available science, this listing determination will help to stem the long-term impact and enhance the viability of wolverines in the contiguous United States.”

Conservationists, noting the loss of snowpack due to climate change, have been pushing for the species to be listed since the 1990s, by the way, over the objections, at least in recent years, of farm bureaus, snowmobile associations and the American Petroleum Institute.

All we can say is, “Go Blue!” and wish future generations of wolverines and Wolverines good luck.

We might also remark that, after the way The Game has turned out in recent years, maybe someone needs to look at saving the Buckeyes.

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Illness

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and canine flu, Letsche said. And if none of those diseases are found, it would alert veterinarians to do further testing, he said.

One of the best ways to prevent illnesses in dogs is to stay up to date on routine vaccinations, don’t wait a few months after schedule to update the vaccinations either, Holton said.

Letsche said the best way he knows to prevent the illness is to make sure dogs are fully vaccinated before interacting with others, don’t share food and water bowls with unknown dogs and keep your dog away from unvaccinated or sick dogs.

“And seek veterinary attention as soon as possible if any symptoms appear,” he said.

The symptoms, according to state officials, include coughing, sneezing, nasal or eye discharge, fever, loss of appetite and lethargy. The cough may continue for weeks or months and severe forms of the disease can progress to life-threatening pneumonia, according to a statement from the Michigan Agriculture and Rural Development.

Animal shelters and kennel staff are being asked to adhere to intake and vaccination protocols, to follow isolation timelines and continue with proactive cleaning.

Veterinarians who find any unusual or reportable conditions in animals should call the state department at 800-292-3939.

Letsche said he treated a dog recently who had an infection, the dog’s day care program was requiring a veterinary visit before the dog could return.

“We saw him outside,” Letsche said about precautions.

He said the day care center was proactive about a potential infection, which could have also come from a dog park visit, and that is something pet owners should seek out.

“I’m not recommending people to not board, but they can explore alternatives like having someone come to their house,” Letsche said.

The next few weeks are historically a time when dog diseases spread more often, due to owners traveling and changing their pet’s risks, he said.

“Most of the advice for this is common sense,” Letsche said. “We should not panic. We need to do our due diligence. Contact a vet ASAP if there are any signs and, if they’re showing signs, don’t expose them to other dogs.”

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Tucker, a 7-year old American Yellow Lab, was diagnosed with a possible case of the mysterious illness being found in dogs this year.

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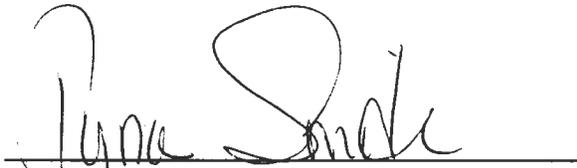
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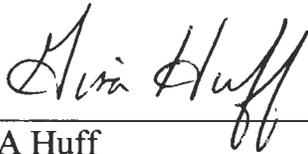


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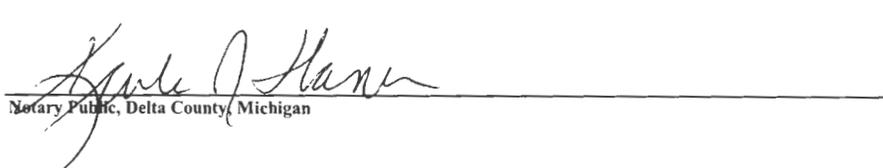
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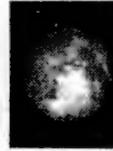
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