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Ian and DJ Toth.

Elk Rapids High School Roboherd

What a ride! The Elk Rapids High School Roboherd made history this season, qualifying for the FIRST Robotics State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University that took place last week — a first for our team.

While the competition didn't go exactly how we hoped, the grit, determination, and heart these students showed over three tough days was nothing short of inspiring.

We're proud of how far this team has come and even more excited for what's ahead. Now we begin the process of recruitment for next year. If you know any 8th grade or high school students interested social media, building, designing, or driving a robot, we'd love to meet them.

We'd also like to thank all of our generous sponsors, mentors, and team supporters who devoted their time, talent, and funding to help us reach this amazing milestone.

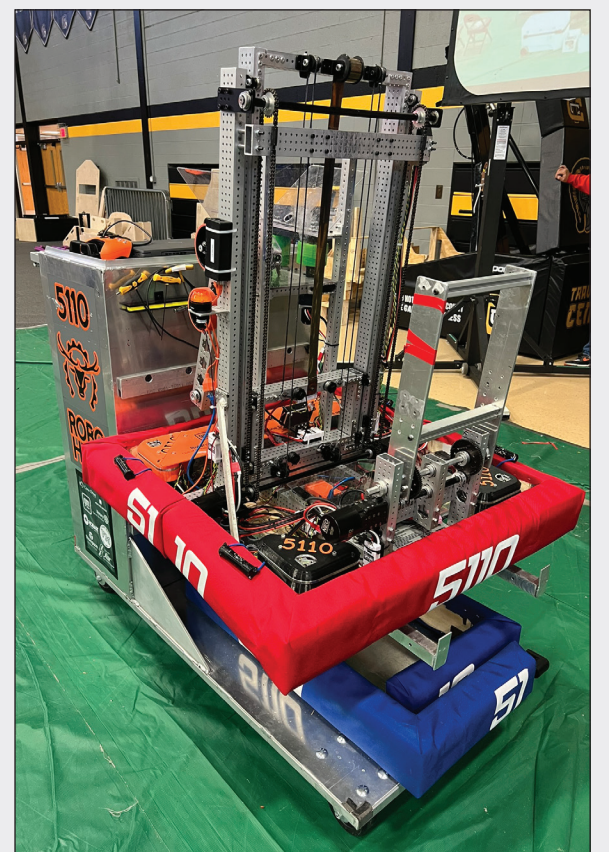
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Roboherd families cheer on the team.



back row: Lucas Hibbard, Hayden Foster, Ian Toth, Logan Minton, Xander Rich, Jimmy Ayers, Coach Tim Hibbard, Hannah Doctor, Mentor Randy Doctor. front row: Audrey Nicholson, Mentor Leah Nicholson. Not pictured: Keegan Styles, Val Dykes, Olivia Williams, Ava Beller, Devin Melton, Owen Perez and Mentors Bob Chaphalkar, DJ Toth, and Bill Jensen. Courtesy photo



This season's robot. Courtesy photos

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