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2023 Van Buren Tech Job Fair

Van Buren Tech welcomed industry professionals to the 2023 Job Fair, where they had the opportunity to connect with qualified students. Employers from all over southwest Michigan provided students with job opportunity information, an overview of employment expectations, and potential Work-Based Learning opportunities available. Students submitted resumes and performance/product portfolios as they met with leaders within the field of their choice. Van Buren Tech is setting students up for success as they help build connections amongst local business and industry professionals. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Job Fair!







Patient Care

The following students in the Patient Care program completed their first CNA Clinical Rotation at Bronson Commons in Mattawan, MI on Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11



(Left to Right): Katherine Brennen (South Haven HS), Ray Sherrill (Paw Paw HS), Jenna Garcia (Lawton HS), Alexandria Robles (Lawrence HS), Kylie Chau (Mattawan HS), and Raven Ledesma (Hartford HS)

Career & Technical Education Showcase

Michigan's Career & Technical Education (CTE) students showcased Van Buren Tech's manufacturing students had their programs at the State Capitol on Thursday, April 20, 2023. an amazing week, when industry leader and Students from the Culinary Arts & Catering Management program were proud to represent Van Buren Tech at this year's annual event. The showcase gave legislators an opportunity to meet with CTE students from all over Michigan to learn about how their program is preparing them for Michigan's workforce. Not only are CTE students gaining realworld, high-tech, and hands-on experiences, they are also paving the way for a post-secondary career path and a brighter future! "Career and technical education is important because it provides students with an opportunity to apply the academic skills that they're learning through school in a setting of employment and training," Brian Pyle, State Director of Career and Technical Education.

Pictured: Van Buren Tech students with State Senator Aric Nesbitt



Business Professionals of America

Van Buren Tech students from Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology, Software Engineering, and Finance, Investment, & Technology participated in the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. BPA is a student organization with over 43,000 students in 23 states. This three day event included over 80 competitive events, 12 professional development sessions, a full assembly general session, election of state officers, college fair, a formal dinner and dance, and various other activities. On Sunday morning at the awards ceremony at Devos Place, the following Van Buren Tech students were recognized for their accomplishments:

Julian Carney (Mattawan High School & Finance, Investment, & Technology) 3rd Place Entrepreneurship; Gerren Edwards (Covert High School & Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology) 1st Place Network Administration Using Cisco; Colin Feucht (Mattawan High School & Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology) 1st Place Device Configuration & Troubleshooting 1st Place Linux Operating Systems,1st Place Information Technology Concepts; Clarke Holman (Mattawan High School & Finance, Investment, & Technology) 3rd Place Advanced Spreadsheet Applications 4th Place Fundamental Accounting; Cameron Jacobs (Marcellus High School & Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology) 5th Place Network Administration Using Cisco; Joshua Lang (Paw Paw High School & Finance, Investment, & Technology) 5th Place Advanced Spreadsheet Applications; Dulce Ramos-Martinez (Gobles High School & Finance, Investment, & Technology) 2nd Place Database Applications; Maggie Trowbridge (South Haven High School & Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology) 2nd Place Device Configuration & Troubleshooting.

These students qualified for and will be attending the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California April 26th through the 30th, 2023.



Advanced Manufacturing

CNC educator Titan Gilroy visited the Advanced Manufacturing program. After owning and operating his own successful shop that made parts for companies like SpaceX, Blue Origin and many others, Gilroy pivoted to build the most industryrelevant CNC manufacturing curriculum in the country. Gilroy spent some time with VBT students and was joined by his lead CNC machinist at Titans of CNC, Barry Seltzer. Responding likewise, Advanced Manufacturing instructor Gabe Kooyers shifted his program's focus to the Titans of CNC Academy curriculum. The Titans of CNC Academy program was released in 2016 and over the past seven years Van Buren Tech manufacturing students have earned national recognition for their skills. The Advanced Manufacturing program has also received attention at the national level for its innovative implementation of the Titans of CNC Academy. The CNCEXPERT from Titans of CNC is an online platform which enables students to earn certifications in the Titans of CNC Academy parts, including an online portfolio students can use to network and demonstrate qualifications for employment. VBT students walked away from this visit feeling inspired and ready to enter the industry at a proficient level.



Family, Career and Community **Leaders of America**

Congratulations to the following students who received a gold medal at the FCCLA State Competition in Grand Rapids, MI. They will be advancing to the National FCCLA Conference in Denver, CO in July!

Focus on Children- Sensory for Success- Created sensory boards for Paw Paw and Watervliet Elementary. Emma Adams and Anna White (Paw Paw HS); Chapter Service Display- Kids Count- Holiday Family Carnival. Ian MacDonald (Paw Paw HS) and Nolan Fisher (Mattawan HS); Focus on Children- The Magic of Reading- Preschool Reading Awareness Family Fun Night. Evelin Calvillo, Isela Mireles, Aide Soto (Hartford HS); Career Investigation- Elementary Education, Dakota Andreson (Watervliet HS): Teach or Train- Amazing Art. Alex Ruiz (Covert HS); Chapter Service Portfolio- Help M.U.S.I.C.- Non-Profit startup fundraiser for the Band program. Makala Latham and Justin Hemenway (Decatur HS).







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ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arlington Township Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing at a special meeting that will be held on May 3rd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Ave., Bangor MI 49013, where the Planning Commission will consider a Special Use Renewal request and Site Plan Review in relation to sand -and aggregate mining for parcel numbers 80-03-010-028-15, 80-03-010-028-35, 80-03-010-028-40, and 80-03-010-028-45 located on C.R. 215 and 42nd Ave, owned by Michigan Materials and Aggregates, 2575 Haggerty Rd STE 100, Canton, MI 48188.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and comment on the request. Comments may also be provided to the Planning Commission by mail to 52022 34th Ave Bangor, MI 49013 or by e-mail to mbutler@alliedmechanical.com and supervisor@ arlingtontownship.com

Persons in need of special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact the Township by 1:00pm on May 3rd by calling 269-427-7300

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP • ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 52022 34th Ave, Bangor, MI 49013

Notice of Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Variance Request

The Arlington Township Zoning Board of Appeals shall conduct a meeting that will be held on May 15th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022

34th Ave., Bangor MI 49013, where the Zoning Board of Appeals will consider a Variance requested for parcel number 80-03-015-011-00 from the 40ft side setback for the Ag District, located at 50905 34th Ave, owned by John and Vera Van Horn, 50823 34th Ave, Bangor, MI 49013.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and comment on the request. Comments may also be provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals by mail to 52022 34th Ave Bangor, MI 49013 or by e-mail to mbutler@alliedmechanical.com and supervisor@arlingtontownship.com

Persons in need of special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact the Township by 1:00pm on May 15th by calling 269-427-7300.



Baseball

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

On Friday, the high school baseball team swept Bangor in a double header at home. Winning pitchers for the Cardinals were Ryder Flynn and Brandt Byers. Mannix Cole recorded a save in game two.



Lady Cardinals picked up two big conference Madryn Hegelmann had a good game on the mound giving up 2 earned runs. Offensively every player got



at least one hit in game 1 of the double header. Big hitters were Quinn Kelly 2 singles, Makenzie Stamps 1 single, 1 double, Andreya Robinson 1 single, 1 double, and Jackie Sivak 3 singles. Final score of game one your Lady Cardinal's 10 Comstock 5.

Game 2 Hailee Blazys gave up 4 earned runs and struck out 5. Defensively we only had one error. Big hitters for game 2 were, Madryn Hegelmann 2 singles, Shelby Hassing 1 single, 1 double, Quinn Kelly 1 single, 1 triple, Jenae Bennett 1 single, 1 double, 1 triple, and Andreva Robinson 1 single, and 2 doubles. Final score your Lady Cardinal's 15 Comstock 5

MS Girls Softball

Saturday 4/15, the middle school Cardinals opened their season with a double header against Fennville. In game one the Cardinals trailed job and are looking forward to 0-5 at the end of the first inning. Emily Latham on the mound struck figuring out their favorite events out 5 batters. Evalyn Hegelmann worked hard behind the plate. Kyleigh Gillan, Emily Latham, Evalyn Hegelmann, Cadence Williams and Mikaela Flynn added to the Cardinals score with aggressive baserunning to bring the score to 8-5 in the second. A few errors in the 4th gave Fennville the win 8-9 in the bottom of the 4th inning.

In the second game, the Cardinals started strong offensively taking a 5-0 lead. Defensively the Cardinals struggled to find a rhythm to get out of the inning, giving up 13 runs in the first and 8 runs in the second. Cadence Williams hit an in the park homerun driving in 3 runs. Arianna Pacheco and Lilah Albrecht each added a run to the score as well in the 4th with aggressive baserunning; however, the Cardinals fell short of a victory, losing 12-21.

Wednesday the lady Cardinals middle school softball team traveled to Eau Claire for a double header. In game one, the Cardinals worked hard and communicated with each other earning the victory 12-6. Emily Latham pitched for five innings striking out 9 hitters, Evalyn Hegelmann protected home plate and earned an out with a throw down to Kyleigh Gillan at third base. Offensively, Evalyn Hegelmann took one deep into right field for a in the park home run.

The Cardinals gained another victory in the second game 14-4, with Bailey Allison and Kyleigh Gillan splitting time on the mound. The Cardinals came alive on the bases with confidence and aggressiveness. We look forward to the rest of the season and how well the players come together and work as a team

Track & Field

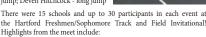
saw excellent Bloomingdale competition and fast times at the Comstock Invitational Jaden Barnes came away with two vins and two coveted Comstock champion mugs. He won both the 1600m run and the 800m run. After only one race of rest, to round out his night, Jaden placed

Another highlight of the meet was Teya Bale. She came into the meet seeded 13th in the 200n dash and nabbed a medal for 4th place and a PR. Teva also moved up seven places in the 100m dash and finished 5th with another PR.

Isaac Goudzwaard tied his pole vault PR and earned a 4th place medal. Other athletes scoring points in the meet include: Roxanne Sustaita -400m dash; Reed Remington - 3200m run; Rowan Hegelmann - shot put; Julie Salazar - discus; Jose Ramos - long jump; 4x100 relay - Tyler Clemons, Terrelle Pittsley, Kelsey Simms, Jose Ramos; 4x100 relay - Jayden Bowen, Anaria Hegler, Mackenzie Barnes, Teya Bale; 4x200 relay - Terrelle Pittsley, Julian Serna, Zavier Gonzalez, Jose Ramos; TOP 10 FINISHES: 8th Place - Alaysia Allen, Long Jump; 8th Place 4x200 relay - Roxanne Sustaita, Jayden Bowen, Teya Bale, Alaysia Allen; 4x400 relay - Tyler Clemons, Terrelle Pittsely, Julian Serna, Kelsey Sims 800m Run; 9th Place - Josh O'Dell, 3,200m Run

Athletes achieving a PR: Teya Bale 100m dash, 200m dash; Anaria Hegler - 100m dash; Javden Bowen 100m dash: Roxanne Sustaita - 400m run, Chelsea SImms - 400m run, Rowan Hegelmann - 400m run; Reed Remington - 1600m run 3200m run

Josh O'dell - 1600m run, 3200m run; Julie Salazar - shot put; Kameror Armijo - discus: Iose Ramos - long jump; Deven Hitchcock - long jump



MEDAL WINNERS: 2nd Place - Isaac Goudzwaard, Pole Vault; 3rd Place - Rowan Hegelmann, Shot Put; 3rd Place - Girl's 4x100 Relay, Mackenzie Barnes, Jayden Bowen, Anaria Hegler, Janely Salazar.

RIBBON WINNERS: 4th Place - Kelsey Simms, 300m Hurdles; 4th Place - Girl's 4x200 Relay, Alaysia Allen, Jayden Bowen, Anaria Hegler, Rowan Hegelmann. 5th Place - Rowan Hegelmann, Discus; 5th Place - Jose Ramos, Long Jump; 5th Place - Men's 4x800 Relay: Reed Remington, Isaac Goudzwaard, Josh O'dell, Kelsey Simms. 5th Place Men's 4x200 Relay: Zavier Gonzalez, Deven Hitchcock, Kameron Armijo, Kelsev Simms, 6th Place - Mackenzie Barnes, Shot Put.

- Janely Salazar, 100 and 300 Hurdles; 9th Place - Reed Remington

MS Track & Field

The team traveled to Comstock for a 12 team invitational for the first meet of the season. This was a very competitive meet and gave the athletes something to strive towards. The boys team only returns one athlete from last year so this meet was an eye opener for them. They all did an awesome figuring out their favorite events and earning a PR every time they

perform in those events. The girls team is much more experienced than King who earned a PR in Long Jump with a distance of 13' 7" good enough for 2nd place. Kylie also came in 2nd in the 55 meter hurdles. the boys team and they did a great job as well. They were led by Kylie wers earned a PR in shot put with Elea Gutierrez throwing



22' 11.5", Ruth Hodgman throwing 17' 4", and Laniyah Pittsley throwing 16' 6.5". In the 70 meter dash Analyssa Sustaita earned a PR in learning and getting better. We are looking forward to a fun and



Varsity Girls Soccer

The first season of Bloomingdale Girls Varsity Soccer is truly underway. After two weeks of practice and two scrimmages, our first game was Monday night gainst Lawton. Although we did not win, we learned a lot from our first formal competition. The team is advancing in skill and learning the game. We currently have 25 players, of which 3 have played organized soccer before. We are really looking forward to the rest of this season and know we will only do better each game. A big thank you to everyone that came out to cheer us on!!

It's been a wonderful week in Bloomingdale Soccer. Last week we stayed tied with Bangor until the last 15 minutes. They got ahead of us by a goal with a quick second goal. That left us down 0-2 at the end of the match. This week, we started out with a win against Marcellus. Yaritza Perales, Mirella Salazar Garcia, and Alyssa Garcia scored goals for us to win the match 3-1. That makes our record for the season two wins and two losses. We are doing exceptionally well for a first year team. I'm honored and excited to be able to continue to coach these young ladies. I hope everyone comes out to support us!!!! Thank you all. Coach Case



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Bovs Varsity Track

Team earns 6th place finish

The boy's track team finished 6th at the Comstock

first-place finishes was Austin Birner in the 110m

hurdles and the 300m hurdles. He also finished

3rd in the high jump and 4th in the long jump.

Tyler Caruso finished 3rd in the 1600m run

help the team finish 6th. Great job.

Middle School Soccer

and Yrral Campbell finished 3rd in the discus.

Everyone competed and ran well at the meet to

Vikings fall to Allegan Tigers

From Coach Aparicio: April 25, 2023

The MS Soccer team traveled to Allegan yesterday

to take on the Tigers. It was a hard game but the

team did an amazing job of keeping this strong

opponent from scoring too much. The Vikings

gave it all they could and managed to score one

goal, unfortunately, that wasn't enough and we

lost 1-5. The team gained lots of experience from

this opponent. Their next game is on Wednesday

Decatur too much for Vikings

From Coach Nick Cox: April 25, 2023

Monday evening we took on the #5 ranked

Decatur Raiders in a conference doubleheader.

game, we played better losing 13-0. We were led

mound keeping the walk count down and letting

our defense work. We are back in action Thursday

by Jr. Martinez and Anthony Hardester on the

We lost the first game 27-2 and in the second

at home with a start time of 5 PM.

Varsity Boys Basebal

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From Coach Hunter: April 25, 2023

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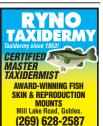
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Varsity Girls Softball

2023 Spring Sports

Errors costly in loss to Raiders

From Coach Luter: April 25, 2023

The Vikings hosted Decatur last night in an SW10 matchup. The Vikings were able to keep the game close until some costly errors in the 4th opened up the lead for the Raiders. In game 2, we got down early and couldn't get our bats heated up to give ourselves a shot. We are back in action on Thursday in Cass for another conference matchup. Highlights on the Night:

- Isabelle Horvath struck out 16 batters bringing her total on the year to 52.
- Cloe Hull hit her first career HR

Viking Soccer

Varsity & Middle School

From Varsity Coach Robles and Middle School Coach Aparicio: April 25, 2023

On Saturday, the lady Vikings participated in the Parchment tournament. Our first game was against the host, Parchment Panthers. Our first half wasn't the greatest; we allowed six goals to none. The second half was better. We only allowed one more goal. The final score was 7-0. In our second game, the team played much better and defeated the Hartford Huskies with a score of 2-0. Goals were scored by seniors Sandra Barajas, with a deflected shot off the defender inside the area, and Kiera Canning, with a great header off a corner kick. Captain Zyanya Robles and Madison Marfia assisted in the goals.

The MS soccer team took on the South Haven Rams on Friday at home. Our defense did so well by keeping South Haven on their side most of the game. The team managed to score on the last minute of the first half. The team took a win of 1-0, good job team!

Girls Varsity Track

Girls compete in Comstock

From Coach Munoz: April 25, 2023

The lady's track team competed in Comstock on Friday. We placed 9th out of 12 teams. Jaelynn Little, Esther Lopez, Elizabeth Ogrodny, Lilliana Alcautur, and Sandra Barajas medaled in various events. We return to conference action on Wednesday in Mendon.

Varsity Girls Softba

Viking Girls drop two games

From Coach Luter: April 21, 2023

We traveled to Hartford last night in a conference matchup.

Game 1 Highlights:

Emily Wisniewski and Carley McCov both with 2 hits piece.

Isabelle Horvath struck out 7 batters

We lost in 5 by a score of 11-1. Game 2 Highlights:

Cloe Hull and Bryanah Booty both with doubles, Cloe Hull had a triple, Carley McCoy and Isabelle Horvath both with 5 strikeouts. We lost by a score of 13-6.

Varsity Boys Baseba

Vikings split doubleheader From Coach Nick Cox: April 21, 2023

We traveled to Hartford and came away with a split. We had no energy in the first game and

lost 12-1. We came out ready to play in the second game. We were led by Jr. Martinez on the mound, going 6 innings and allowing 4 earned runs. Jaiden closed the door, striking out two of the three batters he faced. Pulling out the win 17-10.



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South Walnut Elementary

Students Clean Up School Grounds in Earth Day Activity



adents in Mrs. Fritz's Kindergarten class picked up trash and cleaned up the playground for an Earth Day activity this month. "In just a few minutes their bags were full and the playground was cleaned," stated Mrs. Fritz

Bangor Hispanic Student Association and Special Guests Read to **South Walnut Students for Reading Month**













Senator Aric Nesbitt was also a guest reader this month.

Student Art Is Featured At The South Haven Center For The Arts



Cream Cone, Tempera Paint 1st Grade



Christian Antonio Ventura, Ocean Martinez, Value Scale Ice Fun, Construction Paper, Tempera Paint, Sharpie Marker, 2nd Grade



Jusiah Villalobos, Organic Monster and Geometric Robots, Construction Paper, Tempera Paint Tempera Paint, 1st and Sharpie Marker, 2nd Grade



Elijah Villalobos, Value Scale Ice Cream Cone.

Bangor Middle School

SUNDAY APRIL 30 2023

March Reading Month Assembly

At the end of the month of March, Bangor Middle School had

a Reading Month Assembly. Students who reached reading

goals had a chance to throw pies at staff members. Spring

played. Mrs. Kimbler was a great sport about getting hit with

thrown at her missed the mark. Students also participated in

BMS Performing at MSBOA

Jazz Festival on April 18

spirit week dress up days leading up to the assembly.

BMS Welcomes New Principal

"My name is Tammy Wilson and I am excited to be finishing the school year as the $\stackrel{\cdot}{\operatorname{Interim}}\operatorname{Bangor}\operatorname{Middle}\operatorname{School}$ Principal. I recently retired from education after 33 years in the field. In my last position, was the Principal at Lawton High School, a position I held for 17 years. I also have experience as a middle school teacher and administrator at Comstock Public Schools and as a teacher and Athletic Director at Lawrence Public background Schools. I have dedicated I bring will help support teachers, students educational Bangor School Community to be a Viking! and hope that the skills and

my career to working with teaching and learning and and keep students moving in families to gain the best a positive direction through experience the end of the school year. I possible. I am grateful for am enjoying working with the opportunity to serve the students and staff and proud

BMS Students Participate in Solo & Ensemble & Honors Band





On March 30th, several Middle School students that were selected participated in the Honors Band concert at Andrews University. Also, band students participated in Solo & Ensemble competitions this month. The 7th and 8th grade students performed at Paw Paw while the 5th and 6th graders

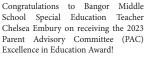


Bangor Career Academy

Congratulations to these graduates on completing the **GED Program:**

Ethan Taft Steven Girard Tv Woodley





Bangor Middle School Jazz Band students received great

feedback from judges at the Jazz Festival held at South Haven's

The award is given on behalf of the Van Buren County ISD Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

Bangor High School

Mr. Bangor Nolan Crandall **Takes Second Runner Up At Blossomtime Festival**



Our current Mr. Bangor, Nolan Crandall finished as runner up at the Blossomtime pageant on Sunday April 16. Twenty-one community Kings vied for the title of Mr. Blossomtime. They were judged on poise, interviewing skills, community service & communications as well as stage presence & personality. The Blossomtime Festival, established in 1906, is Michigan's oldest and largest multi-community Festival.

sports participants were also announced, and other games were Crandall is pictured in the back row, second from the right. Also pictured is Miss Blossomtime Lauren Vegter - Miss two pies, while Mrs. Doe was a bit luckier in that the two pies Spirit of Blossomtime from the community of Stevensville, 1st Runner Up Javen Graves - Bridgman, 2nd Runner Up Olivia Ippel - St. Joseph, Miss Congeniality Linda Klein - Berrien Springs, Mr. Blossomtime Karl Krause - Berrien Springs, 1st Runner Up Juswin Judge - St. Joseph, and Mr. Nice Guy Declan

High School Jazz Band Snags Division II Rating At Festival



On March 29, the Bangor High School Band performed at the MSBOA Jazz Band Festival, held at East Kentwood. Bangor earned a Division 2 rating. "We had some fantastic moments and many learning experiences. I am so proud of these students and their pursuit to develop their jazz playing," said Band director Tiana Doe. On Tuesday, April 18 the High School Jazz Band participated in another festival at South Haven High If you have further questions, contact Lynn Johnson, Superintendent School. In this particular event, no ratings were given but judges gave constructive feedback.

Bangor Robotics Team Finishes Season and facility Bangur rubble 227-2013, BOT West Parl generalization of Page 1991 (Perl Page 1991). **After Competing in Three Events**



Valhalla Nation had fantastic season, competing in three events. In their second competition at Lakeview High School, the team brought home the judge's award and finished 5th. For their final competition at Kentwood they earned 13th, and finished the season ranked 340th out of 636 teams

"We are excited to complete our parade robot before the end of the school year," stated Robotics Coach Thomas Laird

Bond Proposal



Upcoming School Bond Vote



proposal for Bangor Public Schools.

If approved by voters, this bond will provide \$7,250,000 for district wide improvements with no tax rate increase expected over the current

What safety improvements are in the 2023 bond proposal? Adding a secure building entrances at the Middle & High School

- · Classroom door hardware upgrades district-wide
- Access Control Improvements district-wide
- Parking lot expansion and re-configuration
- Restroom renovations and additional staff restrooms at the Middle & High School
- · South Walnut playground improvements

What educational improvements are in the 2023 bond proposal?

- New educational technology district-wide to enhance learning
- At the Middle School & High School:
- -Media Center renovations
- -STEM Lab renovations
- New educational technology to enhance learning
- -Classroom furniture & equipment upgrades -Classroom flooring selective replacements
- -Cafeteria servery improvements

The proposed projects focus on two areas: Safety and Educationa Improvements, Learn more at www.bangorvikings.org



TAX IMPACT

The debt millage rate is estimated to remain the same as the current rate with no tax increase.



VOTING INFORMATION

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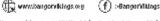
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Election and Voting Information: Visit www.michigan.gov/vote to view your sample ballot, verify your voter registration, and more.

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Martin Charles Jones

May 24, 1934 - April 22, 2023

Martin "Marty" Charles Jones, 88 of Allegan, Michigan, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family. Born May 24, 1934, in Allegan, Michigan, he was the son of the late Carl and Helen (Lacert) Jones. As a young man, Marty married his first love, Callie Sue Lones, and together they raised two boys, Dick and Bobby, and were able to spend 53 years together as husband and wife. Marty was a hardworking, but fun-loving guy, who put a great deal of time into working. He spent 23 years as the owner/operator of Jones Excavating and then went on to own and operate the Kalamazoo Speedway. As a young boy, Marty was raised to have a love of racing. His father owned Jones Speedway so it was only natural that Marty would take an interest in racing. He enjoyed racing himself and later became a car owner that he had others race for him. After the death of his first love, Marty was fortunate to meet his second love, Ellen (Slagter) Eding, and they were able to share 16 years together, almost 12 as husband and wife. Together they had fun working to stance to year section; amount 12 as morband and write. Together they had the Movelty Stand at the Kalamazoo Speedway. Spending time fishing was one of Marty's favorite pastimes, and with the fish he caught (either bluegills from Lake 16 or walleye from Lake Leelanau), he was able to hold many fish fries for the seniors at Oak Grove Bible Church. He also loved his vegetable garden, which many said was able to feed the whole neighborhood by the time September came. Having been a part of so many things, it's easy to understand that Marty met lifetime friends through his time at Jones Speedway, Jones Excavating, Kalamazoo Speedway and the Oak Grove Bible Church. People were drawn to and appreciated his teasing, jokester personality, as well as his stubbornness and gentleness. So many different traits to describe one man, but so many reasons to care and remember him with love.

Marty is survived by his wife, Ellen; two sons, Dick (Patricia) Jones and Bobby (Phyllis) Jones; one stepson, Terry (Sandy) Eding; three sisters, Joyce Kizer, Judy DeRoo, Jan Roberts; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held where Marty will be laid to rest in Mallory Cemetery, Trowbridge Township, Pastor David Ives officiating. A Celebration of Life is being planned, with a tentative date of July 16th, at the Kalamazoo Speedway. Updates will be posted as soon as they become available. Memorial donations may be made in Marty's name to the American Kidney Fund (11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852/ https://www.kidneyfund.org) or to Oak Grove Bible Church, 7655 Ravine Road, Kalan MI 49009.











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The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education of the Van Buren Intermediate School District. Two (2) vacancies to fill will be for a term of six (6) years expiring June 30,

Any individual who is interested in this position may pick up petitions and information from Suzie Roehm Van Buren County Clerk, 212 Paw Paw Street, Suite 101, Paw Paw, Michigan, 49079. The phone number is (269) 657 - 8218. All candidates must be registered voters in the Van Buren Intermediate School District. Deadline for filing petitions is Monday, May 8, 2023 at 4:00 n.m

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Boys Varsity Tracl

Boys earn personal records

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

From Coach Marc Kline: April 20, 2023

The boys fell to Saugatuck Wednesday night 80-57. It was a great effort, with 24 personal records to show for it. The Personal Record award went to Nolan Van Horn for new personal records in the Shot, Discus, and 200m dash.

Tough as Nails award went to Steven Juarez for his gritty performance in the 4x400m relay. MVP went to Alex Lee, winning High Jump, and anchored the 4x100m and 4x200m relay. The Tiger Way award went to Braylon Dorrington though unable to compete, helped the teams in every other way!

Boys Tiger varsity track

From Coach Marc Kline: April 13, 2023

The boys have been working hard, and Wednesday, April 12, they had the opportunity to compete against Kalamazoo Homeschool, Galesburg-Augusta, and Delton Kellogg. They were 2nd in the quad, falling to Delton-Kellogg.

Some notable performances include AJ Salinas's first time competing in the 110 HH, Jackson Geiger placing 2nd in the Shot Put, and throwing over 40'. Congrats to Aden Newberry and David Sager for excellent performances in the 1600m Run. Mason Mansfield just edged out in the 100m Dash, Owen Nuven's gritty performance in the 300m H and, after a fall at the last hurdle, finished and then came back to run the winning 4x100m relay. The 400m Relay of Nathan Ray, Mason Mansfield, Eli Huizenga, and Alex Lee won.

And the 4x400m relay team Nathan Ray, Aden Newberry, Owen Nuyen, and Eli Huizenga won.

Tigers take all 3 sprint relays

From Coach Andrew Wood: April 13, 2023

The Lady Tigers picked up where they left off last season with some dominating wins and many PR's.

One highlight of the night was winning all 3 of the sprint relays. The 4x100 relay was only 0.03 seconds away from the school record they set last year at the state meet. The 4x400 team ran a faster time than they did all last season, and the 4x200 team was only a second away from where they were at the end of last season. Newcomer Kylee Letts won the Discuss

and took 3rd in the Shot Put. Olivia Greene took 2nd in the Shot Put. Kaya Huizenga won the High Jump, 2nd in the 200, and helped win both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. Morgan Modert took 2nd in the 100 with a time faster than all last year, and also ran on all 3 of the winning sprint relays. Sasha Doll took 2nd in the High Jump, 3rd in the 100 Hurdles, Madison Cooley won the 400 meter run, 2nd in the 1600 and also anchored the winning 4x400 Relay. Alyson Tripp had a phenomenal night taking 2nd in the 100 hurdles, 1st in the 300 hurdles, 3rd in the 200 Dash and was part of the winning 4x200 relay, Zoie Wood won the 3200 meter run, 4th in the 400, and was part of the 2nd place 4x800 relay. Deanna Wood ran on all 3 of the winning sprint relays.

Also scoring in the Discus were Claire Bodin and Olivia Sweet at 3rd and 4th. Liz Woodard took 4th in the long jump and 100 and was on the 4x100 relay. Rounding out the scoring was Halle Bigelow by running a leg of the winning 4x400 relay.

Overall, it was a great day with some excellent performances by everyone. Looking forward to breaking a few more records this season

Early track season overview

Coaches Andrew Wood & Andrew Kimble: April 13, '23 Tuesday, April 11th was an energetic start to

the Middle School track season. It was a beautiful day as we faced off against Schoolcraft, Hackett and Lawton. Some honorable mentions would be newcomer Coal Ottis with a high jump height of 4'10" to take 1st place. Another is Wyatt Stoneburner taking 1st in the 70m dash with a time of 9.5 seconds defeating Schoolcraft by .21 of a second. In the 1 mile and the 2 mile Cole Ringel took 3rd place, followed by Levi Collins who took 4th in the 2 mile. The boys team had a great overall performance and came home in 2nd place.

For our lady tigers it was a strong start to the season getting 1st place in 8 of the 17 events. The 4 by 800 team Addison Tomsic, Alssya Sparks, Lauren Shaffer and Ava DeYoung started us off by taking 1st place by just 4 seconds with a time of 12 minutes 13.74 seconds. Libby Smith was also 1st placer with a 1 mile time of 6 minutes and 9 seconds and a 2 mile time of 13 minutes 34.50 seconds. Daisy Estrada took 1st in the 200 m hurdles and a close 2nd in the 55 m hurdles. In the 400 m dash Ava DeYoung got 1st just seconds before Taylor Cooley. Olivia Platt also got us 1st place in the 200 m dash. Ellie Stockdale with a throw of 20'11" took 2nd place in shot put. With all that and much more the lady's took home 1st

It was a great day to be a tiger! Congratulations





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- Contact Van Buren Public Transit's Financial Coordinator, Tami Naber, at NaberT@vanburencountymi.gov.
- Download from Van Buren Public Transit's website at:

https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/823/Business-Opportunities All responses must be submitted as set forth in the full RFQ. All interested parties ire solely responsible for obtaining the full RFQ, for delivering the information requested by the RFQ before the stated deadline, and for all costs associated with preparing and ubmitting the response. The completed response must be delivered to Tami Naber at Van Buren Public Transit, 610 David Walton Drive, Bangor, MI 49013 prior to 5:00PM EST on May 25, 2023, in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFQ.

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