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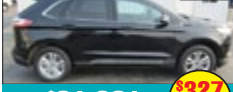
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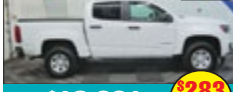
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# 2023 Fall Sports

# BANGOR VIKINGS

## Viking Boy's Soccer



### Vikings boys win first match of the season

From Coach Robles: August 21, 2023

The soccer boys began their season last Friday, Aug. 18th. We traveled to New Buffalo for our first game. We brought home a win with a score of 6-3. Then we were back in action on Saturday morning versus Howardsville Marcellus, which resulted in a tie with a final score of 5-5.

The team shows great potential. We'll work hard to keep improving. Come out and support your Vikings!

#### Vikings VS New Buffalo stats:

Captain Fernando Muñoz 3 goals (hat trick) 1 assist  
 Jose Saucedo 1 goal  
 Juan Arevalo 1 goal 1 assist  
 Carlos Villalobos 1 goal  
 Angel Barajas and Jose Gonzalez 1 assist each

#### Vikings VS Howardsville Marcellus stats:

Juan Arevalo 2 goals  
 Fernando Muñoz, Angel Barajas, and Jose Gonzalez 1 goal each  
 Jose Saucedo 2 assist

## Vikings win big at Comstock

From Coach Robles: August 29, 2023

Monday, Aug. 28th, the boys' varsity soccer team traveled to Comstock to take on the Colts. The game had a slow start, but as the game progressed, the Vikings took over with impressive offense and strong defense. The Vikings racked up 8 goals while ensuring that no goal entered their net. The final score was 8-0, a Viking win!

#### Game stats

Fernando Muñoz 3 Goals 1 Assist  
 Jose Saucedo 1 Goal 3 Assist  
 Juan Arevalo 2 Goals  
 Angel Barajas 2 Assist  
 David Gomez, and Carlos Villalobos 1 Goal each  
 George Diaz 1 Assist

Our Record Stands at 2 Wins 0 Loss 2 Ties

## Girl's Varsity Volleyball



### Girls kick off season in Coloma

From Coach Lucas Smith: August 21, 2023

Saturday, Aug. 19th, our volleyball season kicked off with a tournament at Coloma. It was fun to finally get on the court after the girls put in a lot of work this summer. We had two freshman starters and they did an amazing job demonstrating why they deserve to be on varsity. It will be a fun season to watch these girls improve and gel as a team. We finished 1-2 in pool play and lost to Loy Norrix in the quarterfinals, splitting sets with them but inevitably losing in the deciding third set!

## Girls drop game after slow start

From Coach Lucas Smith: August 29, 2023

Monday, Aug. 28th, our varsity volleyball team traveled to Our Lady of the Lakes for our first official regular season match! Slow starts and struggles in key areas were too much to overcome against last year's Division 4 regional champs and they beat us in straight sets. We look to rebound at home on Wednesday against Fennville!

## Cross Country



### Team runs well despite hot weather

From Coach Ben Munoz: August 23, 2023

Varsity Cross Country opened the season at the Bridgman Invitational on Tuesday evening. All athletes persevered through the hot weather and ran well with Jaelynn Little, Tyler Caruso, Jack Loomis, Wes Summerhill, and Trap Abbott earning medals.

## Cross Country



Boys Cross Country Team gathers before the race

### XC Rustbuster Results

From Coach Ben Munoz: August 31, 2023

Cross country results. Last night the girls' and boys' cross-country teams competed in the Southwest Michigan XC Rustbuster Invitational. We ran well while faced with big school competition. All athletes ran season records. Next Thursday, we will compete at the Teske Invitational.

From Coach Robles: August 31, 2023

Our first home game was intense as we faced the Bloomingdale Cardinals for our second conference game. The Cardinals started strong, scoring an early goal, but the Vikings responded with a goal of their own. We scored two more goals, leading 3-1, by the end of the first half. The second half was a struggle, with no goals scored from either side, but the Vikings ultimately took the win with a final score of 3-1. Our conference record stands at 2 wins and 0 losses. On Wednesday, September 6, the Vikings will face the Hartford Huskies for the Vikings' third conference game. Come by and show your support for the team as we play home, again, with a start time of 6:30 PM.

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**Nancy Anthony**

Nancy (Baird) Anthony passed away on June 13th, 2023 in the care of Rose Arbor Hospice following a brief illness.

Nancy was born in Plymouth, Ohio on May 25, 1939 to Paul and Hazel Baird. On January 31, 1959 she was united in marriage to her husband Albert "Al" Anthony. Together, they created a beautiful life filled with love. Through trials and hardships, good times and bad, they remained steadfast partners and a model of what a strong marriage should be - and we will all forever miss their daily banter back and forth.

She is survived by her husband Al, along with their 3 children: Dianna (Doug) Landers, Albert Anthony, and Laura (Brand) Barden; 4 grandchildren: Katy (Mark) Hills, Becky (Derek) Deschaine, Brand (Danielle Baker) Barden Jr., and Tyler (Alana) Barden; several adoring great grandchildren; her sisters Norma Miller and Mary (Robert) Harvanec, brother-in-law Richard Anthony and sister-in-law Mary (Richard) Reo; and many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son; her brothers David, Charles, and Jack Baird and her sister Patricia Sobocki; her brother-in-law Donald Miller and her sister-in-law Judith Anthony.

Nancy and Al moved to Bangor, MI from Ohio in 1971 where they resided and raised their children for many years. They then moved to the Paw Paw area where they have lived for the past 37 years.

Nancy was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She took delight in seeing her family members, and was a constant presence in both the important and the everyday events in their lives. Until the time of her illness, she could often be found rocking a sleeping grandbaby, building puzzles with her great grandchildren, or happily in the audience of dance recitals and on the sidelines of soccer games. Her great granddaughters lovingly called her "Great Grammy Nancy", which will forever live on in our memories. Whenever they came over to visit her, she could usually be found on the floor playing with blocks or playing a competitive game of pinball with them.

She loved to play Bingo and going to garage sales, and memories from Bingo games and conversations had at "Chick Fests" with the ladies in her family will bring smiles to our faces for years to come. She treasured time spent with her sisters and she loved talking to strangers wherever she went. She taught everyone how to make do with the things they had and find value in things that others were done with, something that she learned at a young age. We all have empty butter containers in our kitchen cupboards and will rethink every item that we put into a yard sale or donation bin thanks to her resourcefulness. It's a shame that not all of us learned her ways of organizing - a skill that she was well known for in the family.

We will forever miss Nancy, but memories of her will be cherished by all who were so blessed to know and to love her.

A private funeral and burial was held for the family on Monday, June 19th at 2pm. Donations can be made in her memory to The Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a charity that remained dear to her heart for many years.

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-ages 4 & up  
Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am



## Varsity Football



Tigers beat Lawrence for first time since 2012.

## Gobles opens season with huge win

From Coach Greg Eichler: August 29, 2023

Gobles opened the season by defeating Lawrence 67-0. It was the first time the Tigers have beat Lawrence since 2012, and they did it in exciting fashion.

Leading the Tigers on offense was an outstanding performance from the offensive line which led to a total of 422 yards rushing. Mason Mansfield led the backfield in scoring as he had 4 carries for 135 yards and 4 touchdowns while Eli DeYoung tallied 179 yards on 10 carries and 2 touchdowns. Preston Misak and Tony Lisowski added two rushing scores each.

The Tigers were a menace on the defensive side of the ball. The Tigers gave up a total of 5 yards the entire game and only two first downs. Xavier Wilkes led the defense with 9 tackles, 6 TFLs and 1.5 sacks, while Jakob Monks added 7 tackles and 2 TFLs. Tristan Harbaugh applied a lot of pressure to the offense as he accumulated 2.5 sacks along with his 6 total tackles. DeYoung and Mansfield both added 6 tackles and made sure the linebacking core was well represented.

Lisowski was also excellent on special teams as he added 5 extra point kicks and 2 onside recovery kicks that were recovered by the kickoff team.

Defense Player of the Week: Tristan Harbaugh  
Special Teams Player of the Week: Tony Lisowski  
Scout Team Player of the Week: Sai Boger

## Gobles Tigers Boys & Girls Track

## Gobles Tigers compete in Portage Early Bird Invitational

From Coach Marc Kline: August 20, 2023

Friday, August 18, the Tigers traveled to West Portage Middle School from team camp to compete in the Portage Early Bird Invitational. There were 20 schools in attendance and the Tigers were ready to get the 2023 season started!

Congratulations go out to the girls team for placing 7th behind St. Joe, Jenison, Rockford, Portage Central, Stevensville Lakeshore, and Kalamazoo Central. Libby Smith led the way for the Tigers with a time of 20:36 (17th), Ava DeYoung followed with a 21:08 (26th), Madison Cooley 21:25 (29), Lauren Shaffer 21:37 (33), Zoie Wood 24:05 (94th), Deanna Wood 24:46 (122nd), Claire Bodin 31:46 (238th), and Litzzy Ostiguin 33:36 (248th). Libby also earned a meet t-shirt and set a school record for Gobles High School in Cross Country.

The boys did not have enough for a team score but competed with heart. David Sager ran 20:25 (106th), Ethan Wait 22:58 (196th), Cole Cannon 30:20 (251st), and Cole Stapert 31:10 (252nd). It was a good start to the year.



Athletes take a break during Portage Invitational.

## Track team shows grit despite challenge of stifling weather

From Coach Marc Kline: August 22, 2023

Tuesday, August 22, the Tigers traveled to Lake Township Park and competed against 15 schools and despite the Hot Humid weather competed with grit. David Sager took home a medal and Cole Stapert (28:20.2) and Cole Cannon (29:08.5) both set season records.

The Lady Tigers won the Bridgman Invite. Knowing this would not necessarily be a PR day, they came ready to race. Libby set the pace after the first mile leading to the finish line, becoming the meet champion, and improving on her Gobles Cross Country record - at 20:21.7. Ava DeYoung placed 3rd, Lauren Shaffer placed 8th, Madison Cooley finished 9th, Deanna Wood placed 21st, Zoie Wood was 27th, Litzzy Ostiguin placed 77th and Clair Bodin 81st.



Left to right, The Girls with their medals. - Lauren Shaffer, Zoie Wood Libby Smith, Clair Bodin, Litzzy Ostiguin, Deanna Wood, Ava DeYoung, and Madison Cooley



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**GENEVA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS 8/23**  
Present: Board - 2 residents. Approved: Reg. Mtg., Treas Rpt., Sheriff. Dept. Report: **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO 914**. Blighted Properties are being addressed. Be aware of activities in your neighborhoods. Consumers Energy spoke to tree removal & timeline; VB Soil Cons. Recycling efforts. Rainey, Clerk, Whaley, Supervisor

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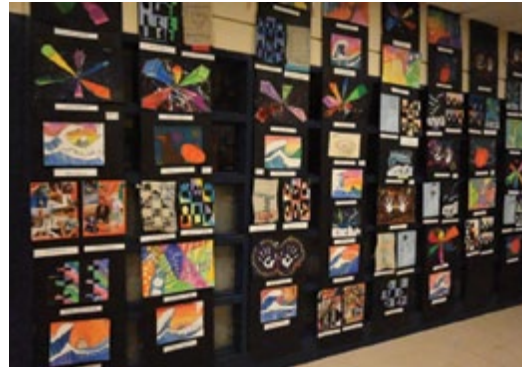


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### Strong Community Participation on Display at Hot Diggity Dog!

Despite the rain, "Hot Diggity Dog," an annual tradition at Paw Paw Later Elementary School, was a huge success! PPPS friends and families had time to visit and catch up, and teachers and staff had time to visit with families and share all the exciting things happening on the elementary campus. From hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cream to a fabulous art show, and a buy one, get one free book fair, it was a wonderful way to celebrate! Thank you to all the volunteers, especially the PPHS Cheer Team, the art show coordinators, the Elementary PTO for hosting the book fair, and a special thanks to the Cub Scouts for hosting an activity and providing delicious ice cream treats. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and showed up to join in the fun!



### New "Pay It Forward" Class Offered at Paw Paw High School

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The class will also organize a group project that will take place during marking period where they do something collectively.

When done, students will then present about what they learned and how they served.



PPHS students volunteer at a community food drive.

### Kindness Cash Celebration at Paw Paw Early Elementary!

At the Early Elementary, the lunch and recess team created a rewards program aimed at celebrating positive behavior choices during the less-structured lunch and recess times. It became apparent that so many students were showing kindness and great manners on a daily basis that the staff wanted to recognize students' efforts more for this positive behavior! As an incentive, the program allowed students to earn points for these good choices at lunch and recess. Students could either redeem their points for fun items from the school store or they could save their points and use toward fun experiences with friends or staff members. A few experiences students chose to enjoy after saving points were things like helping in a different classroom, a special lunch table outside with friends, being the principal for an hour or two, extra recess, and hot chocolate or popsicle treats, among many others options. Seeing students successfully earn points and rewards definitely encouraged their peers to do so as well! Quickly, staff were seeing kind acts and good manners all over the school.

At the end of the year, the top 12 point winners participated in a Grand Finale Celebration! Students were able to choose a staff member to either "pie in the face" or "silly string!" Both the staff and students' laughter could be heard throughout the building, and everyone had a fantastic time!



### Paw Paw Early Childhood Celebrates Friendship and Kindness

PPEC concluded the school year with an all-program Summer Fun Day! The students and staff enjoyed water activities, including water balloons, wading pools and bubbles. The day ended with a wonderful family picnic.

For information about the opportunities that await your child in Paw Paw Public Schools Early Childhood Education, contact PPEC Director Mindy Brennan at: melinda.brennan@ppps.org.



### PPPS Food Service Dept Update

#### State of Michigan Implements "Healthy School Meals for All!"

Michigan's public schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students starting this fall, making it the fifth state in the U.S. to implement a universal meals program. The "Healthy School Meals for All!" initiative aims to address food insecurity and improve student concentration and performance, with advocates highlighting the elimination of the stigma associated with receiving free and reduced lunch. The Office of Health and Nutrition Services (OHNS) is excited to announce the Fiscal Year 2024 State School Aid Budget includes \$160 million for the Michigan School Meals state reimbursement program. This will take immediate effect once Governor Whitmer signs the budget. All students in public schools that participate will be able to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Paw Paw Public Schools' families will be required to complete an "education benefit" form that will be sent to each household. Forms can be returned to any school office or to the cafeteria at your child's school. Students will receive ONE free breakfast and ONE free lunch per day. Second meals and a la carte sales will be charged to student accounts accordingly. To create or check on your student's meal account please log on to pawpaw.familyportal.cloud. Parents can check balances, deposit funds for a la carte purchases, and put blocks on their student's account.

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- On 8/23/23 the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office worked in conjunction with the Michigan State Police Fugitive Team to locate and arrest a 37 year old South Haven man for 2 counts of 1st degree Criminal Sexual Conduct (victim under 13) 1 count of assaulting a police officer. During the arrest he attempted to cut his arms and neck in an attempt to not be arrested. He was treated at the hospital and subsequently arrested and lodged at Van Buren County Jail. The Sheriff's Office has made 70 arrests for sexual assault related offenses this year to date.
- The Uniform Response as well as Detectives from our office handled a call in which an 18 year old female met a 21 year old Mattawan man on a dating site. The two ended up at a residence in Antwerp Township where the male attempted to strangle the female. After the assault took place, she was able to leave and notify our office. Deputies and Detective did note the visible injuries, located the male, and after interviews were conducted, he was lodged at our facility for the offense.
- Uniform Response took a Break In at a storage facility near Paw Paw. Numerous items were taken including 3 bikes, pink, blue, and green were the colors. A 1977 Harley Davidson Sportster, dark green in color, MI plate D441T, VIN 2G21050H7, no gas, key not with it, "DAKOTA" in gold lettering on the gas tank was taken. 1952 Cushman "Box scooter", red in color, no plate, VIN B39254 was also taken. Anyone with any information on this as urged to call our office.
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- We will be installing a body scanner in our booking area. This will be utilized not only by corrections staff, but by others as well including the road patrols, other agencies that need stuff scanned, etc.
- On June 2nd, our office took a crash north of Paw Paw on M40 hwy in which a 1 year old baby was killed and her 5 year old sister was seriously hurt. The 60 year old Paw Paw woman driver at fault that hit the victims vehicle was recently charged with reckless driving causing death and reckless driving causing serious injuries. She was taken into custody by our office for the incident.

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**Melvin Clarence TAYLOR**

November 16, 1937 - August 24, 2023

Melvin Clarence Taylor of Allegan, Michigan, passed away on August 24, 2023. Melvin was born November 16, 1937, to the late Clarence Taylor and Lorena (Crownor) Taylor. The following obituary was lovingly crafted by Melvin, here are his own personal words:

"The first house my family able to have; my first car – a life affair that would last. My mom's calmness and quiet ways; she didn't need a heavy hand to discipline us brothers if we misbehaved. My father taking me to Holland for my first vehicle to drive, another lifelong relationship with Ford I would find. Growing up with two brothers, Raymond and Clarence – Sonny to me; and brief but so very loved our brother Roger, in 1946 passing away as baby. My father became guardian angel in 1963, a bit longer for mom he would need to wait patiently. Once mom's purpose finished in 1992, now together with dad and her precious Roger too.

My first job at Western Auto Store at thirteen years of age, nine years before Rockwell until my retirement days. Between Western Auto and Rockwell, graduation achieved, in 1956 out 'into the world', my senior year complete. My greatest 'jobs' would come to be; fireman, husband, father, and Grandpa – each of these the best of me. In July of 1962 my roles as Engineer and Captain to become my destiny, my honor to serve for, and along side, six fire chiefs. Thirty-three years, major and small fires, rescuing and most of all helping neighbors in need; Allegan community my neighborhood, every person next door to me.

Before I met the one who would make my heart race, interim speed through car modifications I would try to gain. At top of mind, make the engine bigger and faster and dual exhaust to sound just right. Add a little healthy competitiveness with dear friends who never did see the "light"; but that's okay, my Ford could beat their Chevys many a time. Chuck, Bill, and Ron, I thought of willing my Fords to each of you. Okay, maybe not, but each of you like brothers, I thank you.

Much laughter, fun racing, and so many stories. My life very rich from all of our shared years and great memories.

Playing hard to get, though she had already caught my eye, in 1957 with Barbara for a first date I would try. I didn't tell her she had stolen my heart when in the convertible I drove by; 'good place for her in Tennessee', the act of 'tough guy'. Thankfully she came back, thankfully she said "yes"; the best 64 years life since. She even felt I was still a keeper when she said 'again I do', twenty plus years ago on a tour in The Little Brown Church in the Vale our vows renewed.

Life as I knew it no longer the same, when in 1960 a father I became. Four years later my life complete, a second daughter to spoil, guide, and teach. Debbie and Lisa to make our lives whole; far richer my life than any amount of gold. Honorary crew to the firemen after a late night, delivery of donuts and their smiles at the perfect time. Pit crew to many an engine in design, cheerleaders and supporters of the collections I would find. Family camping, parades, so many memories made. They knew they were loved – after all, I actually helped them get a Chevy Monte Carlo and a Dodge car. But what they may not know to the full extent what meant the world to me; how in turn they loved me unconditionally.

My life full, no need for more; and then it all changed. A first grandson Andrew – came. Just when you think life has provided all you need, you are given more gifts called "grandchildren" – Andrew, Leslie, Ashley and Jason. Four more fans of what Grandpa could build and restore; four more lives that I would do anything for. Marines, journalism, computer savvy, welder, rodeo success, - in all that they do they always give their best. I am so proud of the adults they have grown to be; I love each of you so much, so special to me.

Each of you think there is nothing Grandpa couldn't fix, but that isn't true; I couldn't stop time and have 100 more years with you. Jason and Andrew, trust all that you know; you do know a lot about cars and how to make them go. And I am so happy to think to you I've passed on a part of my legacy; thank you for all of the times you were my garage shadows letting me teach. And to all of you don't ever forget, there is only one brand of corn flakes; never settle for any other trying to be a fake.

I am Great Grandpa, too – Taylor, Carolina, Shannon; Landan and Logan to complete this next generation brood. I may not get to share with them all of the adventures of collecting, restoring, and getting a dead engine to run anew. But I am certain I have left many a story to learn all that Great-Grandpa was able to do. Two hundred cars, building a tractor – aka 'Putt Putt' to my greatest fans and crew, and of course touring with Model T's to name a few. Hunting, fishing, finding ways to go fast on a motorcycle or with a stock car too. Our yard and driveway far more special than any NASCAR track; the best driving courses established by grandkids also enjoying Grandpa's zest for fast.


I am told I have a week designated for me, an honor for my time on the fire department I received. They say I have at least one famous relative in the family; I suppose, though she I never did meet. Hannah Crawford Webster, sister to Noah, who gave us meaning to words – we know as dictionary; from my dear grandma linked to Hannah as 5th great grandmother to me. With admiration others have called me "the guy with the old cars"; sure, I had a few – traveled the U.S., one three month trip quite far. An award or being the most helpful person on tours with our Model T's; I was just doing what was neighborly when others in need. I didn't serve as fireman for recognition or fame. I didn't collect cars for any blue ribbons or first place. Appreciation to my brother-in-law who helped me stay young at heart after retiring; working for him at Southwest Gravel for many a year – sixteen. Roger, the in-law is just a formality; you have been a great brother since you shared your sister with me. Time with my family, enjoying life, growing old with my beautiful wife. Friendships new and old, community and neighbors in need. How I lived life was for these things.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Lorena Taylor; brothers Roger and Raymond Taylor.

He is survived by his wife Barbara (Smith) Taylor; daughters Deborah (Bob) Fales, Lisa (Taylor) Barry; brother Sonny (Lynn) Taylor; grandchildren Andrew (Leigha) Perales, Leslie (Stevan) Loges, Ashley Brown, Jason (Mandy) Brown; and great-grandchildren Taylor, Carolina, Shannon Perales, Landan, and Logan Loges.

There will be a visitation on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023, at Christ Community Church of Allegan from 12:00pm until 1:00pm. Melvin's service will begin at 1:00pm officiated by Pastor Wally Coots. Graveside service will take place following the service at Lindsley Cemetery.


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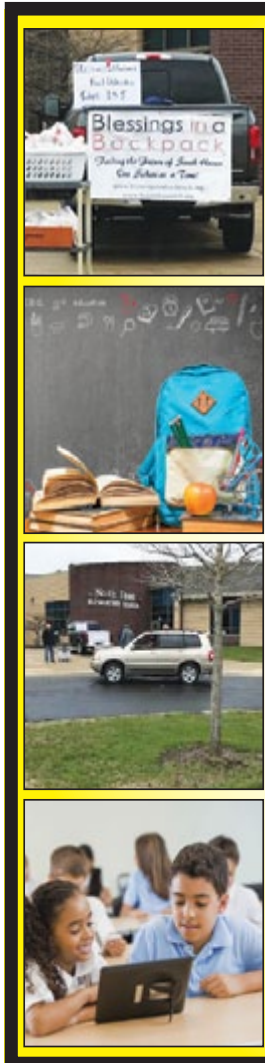
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## South Haven Chapter • Community Update

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We consolidated all our food packing and inventory to North Shore Elementary, distributing food packs to each of our elementary schools for those in need. We distributed to our virtual learners during Covid every Friday by creating a drive-thru lane at North Shore Elementary without families needing to exit their vehicles.

As we enter the 2023/2024 school year we hope to strengthen the program but need your help; 1st and foremost if you have an elementary school child or know of someone at Lincoln, Maple Grove or North Shore that needs our food pack please contact your child's school and tell them you would like to have your child participate.

Blessings in a Backpack has been supplying our communities' children with kid friendly food on Friday afternoons during the school year. It takes approximately \$140.00 a year per student to supply them with weekend food. Studies have shown children who participate in the program demonstrate better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior and improved health as well as better attendance. While we receive occasional grants from Walmart and Meijer it still takes community support to make the program successful.

If you are interested in helping, donations can be made to the program by sending a check to the South Haven Area Community Foundation at P.O. Box 507, South Haven, MI 49090. Please write 'BIB' or 'Blessings' on the notation line of your check.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers and contributors, especially South Haven Rotary, Kiwanis, AAUW, Our Gold Star businesses, St. Basil women's group, the Moose women's group, SEIU Lunch ladies and the residents of Wyncliff Shores.

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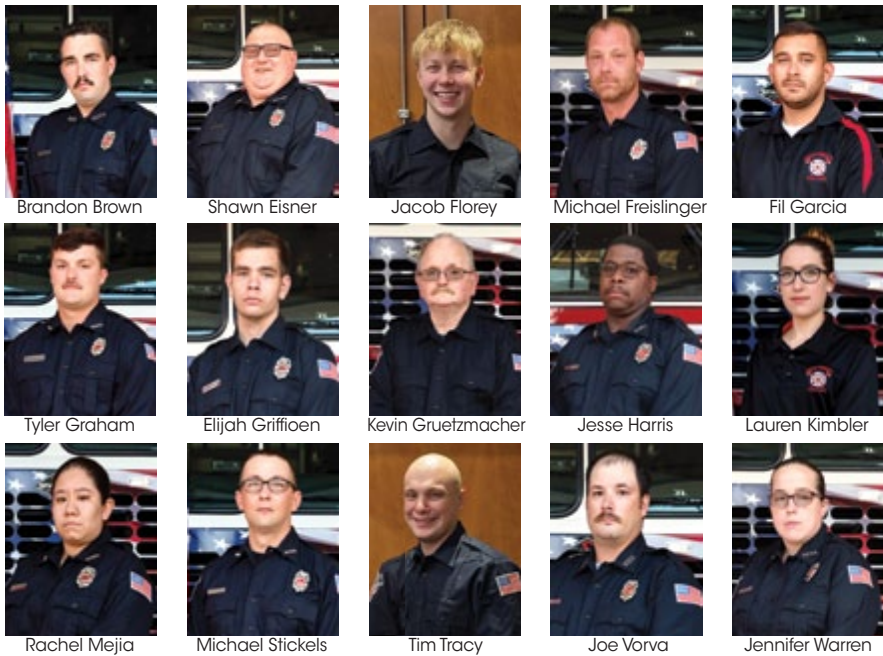


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# Bloomingtondale 2023 Fall Sports CARDINALS



Photo by Richard Strange

## Varsity Volleyball

The Varsity Volleyball team traveled to Fennville Monday night for a quad against Fennville, Hartford and Potters House Christian School. The team won its first match against Potters House in 3 games. Potters House took game one 25-19. The Cardinals rallied back and won games two and three 25-21 and 17-15 respectively. In the second set of the day, Bloomingtondale took on fellow Southwest 10 member, Hartford. The Cardinals defeated the Huskies 26-24 and 25-21. In the third set of the evening, Bloomingtondale defeated Fennville in three games. The Cardinals took game one 25-18. Fennville battled back and won game two 25-18. The Cardinals came out on top though, winning the third game of the set 15-8.



## Cross Country

The Cardinal cross country teams started their season last week at the Bridgman Invite. The teams ran well and showed they have a lot of potential for success this year. In the middle school race Keegan Barnes made his debut and finished in 4th place overall while Leah Danes ran her first race in under 20 minutes. Alyssa Garcia ran a strong race to finish 79th.

The high school boys team finished 3rd overall out of 18 teams. They were led by Jaden Barnes who finished 2nd overall. Other medalists were Chayse Ciborski in 20th, Kelsey Simms and Curtis Ciborski zoomed across the finish line in 25th and 26th respectively, and Reed Remington

had a great first race and earned a medal for his 30th place finish. Josh Odell, James Odell and Julian Serna had a sprint to the finish and crossed the line within 3 second of each other to place 47th, 50th, and 51st respectively. Alejandro Marquez opened his freshman season with a strong race and finished 57th. Zach Danes ran under 24 minutes and placed 65th, while Matt Hassing and Evan Jewett turned in strong performances to finish 71st and 79th respectively. Great start to the season boys!

The Cardinal cross country teams are in action next week at the Hartford Invite on Thursday, September 7th.



## Varsity Football

The Varsity Football team traveled to New Buffalo Thursday night to take on the Red Arrow Raiders, a co-op team composed of players from New Buffalo and River Valley high schools. The Cardinals played tough all night and showed a lot of improvement from the previous season, but the Raiders were ultimately win the game 74-14. The Cardinals were led on offense by Troy Zuck, who passed for 67 yards and rushed for 95 yards, scoring two touchdowns on the ground. Tyler Clemons was the team's leading receiver with 31 receiving yards and another 18 on the ground. Troy Zuck led the team on defense with 12 tackles and one tackle for loss. Terrelle Pittsley also had a strong night on defense with 6 tackles.

## Varsity Boys Soccer

The Bloomingtondale Cardinals Varsity Boys Soccer team traveled to Cassopolis for their first Southwest 10 Conference game of the season Monday night. The Cardinals put on a great performance, defeating the Rangers on the road with a score of 9-2. The Cardinals were led by Isaias Salazar scoring 4 goals, Sunuel Perales also added 2 goals, then one goal each from Carlos Martinez, Daniel Salazar, and Isaac Goudzward. It was a great night of soccer for the Bloomingtondale Cardinals.



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