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Sunday School 9:45 am
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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm
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269-637-6575

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NATHAN BAYLOR, JR.

Nathan Baylor Jr, age 95 of Kalamazoo, soared into glory on Sept. 1, 2023. Born in Chicago to Nathan and Alice Baylor in 1928, the family moved to Michigan during the Great Depression. Nate graduated from Bloomingdale High School in 1946 and enlisted in the US Navy. While stationed in Guam he served as crane operator on a floating dry dock, piloted the Skipper's launch, and operated the movie projector aboard ship. He was proud to be veteran. He met Janet Visscher while on leave. "She is the most beautiful woman in the world, in my opinion," he wrote. "I will marry her if she will have me." They were wed for 73 years. A devoted family man, Nate loved people, dogs and nature. With a ready smile, he was a true conversationalist who could speak to anyone about anything, and did, even after serious hearing loss. A dear friend to many, he could be heard breaking into song, or reciting poetry while going about his day. As a young father, Nate gave his life to God, and deep faith shaped the rest of his life. He left the Upjohn Company to attend Reformed Bible Institute in Grand Rapids, graduating in 1959. He pastored small Christian Reformed (CRC) mission churches: the Back to God Chapel in Gallatin Gateway, MT; Hillcrest Chapel in Grand Rapids; and Horseshoe Chapel in Grand Junction. As a young man he helped found the Calvinist Cadet Corps, a boys' club still going strong in churches across the world. Nate left full-time ministry in 1971, becoming a realtor with Kalvan Realty while continuing to serve part-time as pastor, teacher and counselor in area churches. In 2007 he authored a book Overcoming the Fear of Death: Reflections of a Country Pastor. Nate and Jan were most recently part of the church family at 3rd CRC in Kalamazoo and 1st Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, FL. He has now joined with countless loved ones, friends and parishioners, singing in a heavenly choir. Nate is survived by his wife, Janet, and sons Nathan (Brenda) of Bangor, Ron (Mary Jane) of Kalamazoo, David (Elizabeth) of Grand Junction, Tim (Joan) of Niles, and daughter Mary (Andy) Potts of Grand Junction; by 13 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren, and by nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his younger brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Jeanette Baylor of Silver Springs, MD. Visitation was held on Friday, Sept. 8 at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com and on Saturday, Sept. 9 followed by a celebration service at the Bloomingdale Christian Church. Memorials may be sent to the Cadet Program at 3rd CRC or to Park Village Pines/Crystal Woods in Kalamazoo, where Nate resided for the past 18 months.

LAWRENCE RECYCLE ROUNDUP

The Van Buren Conservation District (VBCD) is excited to hold our final Recycle Roundup for 2023 in Lawrence on October 14, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Van Buren ISD Conference Center (490 Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064). This free event for Van Buren County residents and landowners recycles and responsibly disposes many items at no direct cost. This event excludes businesses. Attendees need only to bring their items and proof of Van Buren County residency or landownership (i.e. drivers license, ID card, tax bill).

Items We Collect

During our Recycle Roundups, we accept many items for recycling or responsible disposal:

- Household hazardous waste (cleaners, lightbulbs, pesticides, batteries, sharps, medication, etc.)
- Foam (Styrofoam™/polystyrene)
- Oil-based paints (latex paints should be dried out and disposed in garbage bins, not brought to collection events)
- Paper for confidential shredding
- Electronics (generally any electronics that take batteries or have a cord)
- Passenger and semi tires (tires must be pre-registered by October 12, 2023; to register please call 269-633-9314 or fill out the form at the top of this webpage: VanBurenCD.org/van-buren-county-recycling-collections/)

Future Events

Keep your eye out after the New Year for the 2024 collection event schedule. We will update our website with dates and locations when available at www.VanBurenCD.org/van-buren-county-recycling-collections/

Year Round Recycling

Through our partnerships with the Senior Services of Van Buren County and the Lakeview Community Thrift Shop, Van Buren County residents and landowners may recycle their electronics for free. In partnership with the Van Buren District Libraries, the Paw Paw District Library, and the Hartford Public Library, we offer year round lithium-ion battery recycling. At any one of these libraries and the VBCD office, you may recycle these batteries at battery recycling stations.

Questions?

Contact Recycling & Materials Management Coordinator Kalli Marshall at ResourceRecovery@VanBurenCD.org or call 269-633-9314.

Recycling events and services are funded through the Van Buren Conservation District Operations millage; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy grants; and in partnership with Van Buren County and local municipalities.

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Tigers Track



Gobles competes in 2023 Rustbuster Invitational Girls finish 6th overall

From Coach Marc Kline: August 30, 2023

The Tigers traveled to Warner Camp to compete in the 2023 Rustbuster Invitational and the Lady Tigers finished in 6th place only 8 points behind Fennville for 3rd place. It was a great night for individual performances as Libby Smith crushed her school record running 19:25.14 and finishing 6th place and Ava DeYoung placed 16th with a time of 20:33.41 - this time also beating the old school record. They both brought home hardware from the meet with their top 25 finishes. Lauren Shaffer ran a gritty race and nearly matched her Personal Record with a time of 21:55.5. Zoie Wood busted a huge PR running 22:56.9, and Deanna Wood (24:16.0), Olivia Sweet (28:34.7), Litzzy Ostiguin (30:57.1), and Claire Bodin (30:58.9) all set PRs as well. It was a great night by all the ladies as they continue to work and continue to improve this season. Exciting times are on the horizon.

Boys show best effort this season

The boys also had a great night competing! Still needing 2 more runners to fill out the team they did not have a team score, but that didn't stop them from performing at their best this season. David Sager set a season record of 19:35.3, Ethan Wait 21:16.1, Cole Cannon 23:05.4, and Cole Stapert 25:54.4. Great work so far this season!

Gobles Tigers Varsity Football

Gobles traveled to Bangor and came away with a 63-0 win

From Coach Greg Eichler: August 31, 2023

Gobles opened the game with a quick 3 and out on defense and a subsequent 57-yard punt return for a touchdown by Mason Mansfield. The Tigers never looked back. Gobles continued to churn out yards on the ground as they tallied 288 total rushing yards and also opened up the aerial attack with 90 yards in the air. It was another dominant defensive performance as the Tigers allowed one first down and a total of 77 yards.

Leading the way for the Tigers on offense was Eli DeYoung who tallied 163 yards rushing on 20 carries and 1 rushing TD. He was also 3 for 5 passing for 74 yards and each of those completions was for a touchdown. Mason Mansfield exited the game early but added 48 yards rushing on two attempts along with his punt return for a touchdown. Tony Lisowski stepped in for Mansfield nicely and



The Tigers' Mason Mansfield (4) rumbles for yardage against Bangor.

had 45 yards rushing on 7 carries for 1 touchdown. Xavier Wilkes was able to slip past the defense and total 73 yards on 2 receptions, both for touchdowns.

Jack Geiger led the defense with 7 tackles (6 TFL), 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble, and a punt block. Wilkes and Jakob Monks added 6 tackles while Monks also forced a fumble. Tristan Harbaugh chipped

in 6 tackles, 1 fumble recovery, 1 forced fumble, and a QB pressure. Overall, the defense was physical and swarmed the football relentlessly.

It was the first time since 2013 that a Gobles Football team has recorded two consecutive shutouts. The Tigers now turn their attention to Fennville at home next week for the Tiger Tribute game.

Tiger Varsity Volleyball

Two tigers for one cause!

From Coach Renee Rambadt: Sept. 4, 2023

On August 30th, 2023, Allegan and Gobles held their 6th annual Cancer Awareness Game. We gave away \$20 different raffle baskets.

All of the proceeds were given to the Wings of Hope Home in Allegan. At the end of the night we raised \$1, 118.00.

Gobles Varsity ended up losing three straight games to Allegan; 17-25, 11-25 and 15-25. Kennadi Killeen had the most kills with 4. Daisy Jackson and Kylee Killeen

finished the game with 3 kills each. Ellie Wood helped the team out with 3 blocks for the night. Charlotte Zantello had 13 assists, while Sasha Doll had the 1 ace. Liz Woodard and Emma Shugars helped on the court with digging in the back row helping to run our offense.

Grid of local business advertisements including Journey Family Church, Shamrock Hills, Mancino's, Neighbors House, Tiger Power!, Miller, Alamo Dumpster, Country House Furniture, Simple and Fit, Sackett's, Cheshire Hills, and The Reminder.

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Bloomingsdale Public Schools is requesting sealed bids for snow plowing and removal for the 2023-2024 school year, with the possibility of yearly extension not to exceed five years.

Invitation for Proposals: Sealed bids will be received by mail to Bloomingsdale Public Schools at PO Box 217, Bloomingsdale, MI until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Bids should be the attention of Phillip Haner, Director of Operations.

Proposals: Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked, "Snow Removal Bid." Bids will be opened at 1:15 p.m. on September 20, 2023 at the Bloomingsdale High School Office 629 E. Kalamazoo, in Bloomingsdale, MI.

Explanation Written and Orals: You may request a meeting to be held any time between September 11-20, 2023 to identify the areas where snow removal is expected. All requests should be made through Transportation Office at (269) 521-3906. The Board of Education will not be bound by any oral communications.

Rejection or Acceptance of Proposal: The Bloomingsdale Public Schools Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any/all proposals.

Plowing/Expectations/Deadlines: The following expectations are understood concerning when to plow or not to plow. When two inches or more of snowfall occurs, then the district areas are to be plowed. However, the Director of Operations must be contacted before each plow for approval. Please understand that the school district reserves the right to plow themselves if possible.

Equipment requirements: Bidder must have, or have access to, a front-end loader for removal of snow.

Bid Forms: Bids are now to be submitted based on a per job total for each plow completed. All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope. We request an hourly rate be submitted as well should a need exist to contract for additional work not in the specified area or for the use of a front-end loader.

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Bloomingsdale Elementary, including service drive
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Insurance Requirements: Bidder must have Public Liability and Property Damage to include Automobile and Comprehensive General Liability. Proof must be submitted with your bid.

Payment Requirements: Payment for services will be made on a bi-weekly basis. A copy of the payment deadline dates will be given to the winning bidder.

Invoice Requirements: Bills must include dates of plowing services. If extra work was performed, the invoice must show detail and hours worked.

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The Transfer Station is located at
18868 52-1/2 St,
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Columbia Township Board

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP SERVICES AND INFORMATION

(updated 08/28/23)
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A zoning compliance permit must be obtained before any construction is started, even if a building permit is not required.

Building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections are required for all new construction and prior to moving mobile homes into township (as well as relocating within the township).

An investigation fee of **\$100 dollars** will be assessed for **any work starting before obtaining** appropriate permits.

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Bloomingsdale 2023 Fall Sports

CARDINALS



Photo by Richard Strange

Varsity Football

The Varsity Football Team traveled to Eau Claire Thursday night. The Beavers got on the scoreboard first, scoring a touchdown halfway through the first quarter. The Cardinals bounced back though. On the next Bloomingsdale offensive play, Tyler Clemons received a 50 yard touchdown pass from Troy Zuck, tying the game at 8-8. Bloomingsdale played tough throughout the night and put on one of their better performances in recent memory, but it wasn't enough to defeat Eau Claire, as the Beavers won the game 50-8.

Troy Zuck was the team's leading passer with 136 yards through the air with 1 passing touchdown. Troy Zuck and Michael Sullins led the team in rushing yards. Tyler Clemons was the team's leading receiver with 89 receiving yards and 1 touchdown. Troy Zuck was the top defensive performer for the Cardinals, leading the way with 20 tackles, 1 TFL and 1 fumble recovery. Terrance Payne, Mannix Cole, Tyler Clemons, and Michael Sullins all finished with double digit tackle totals.



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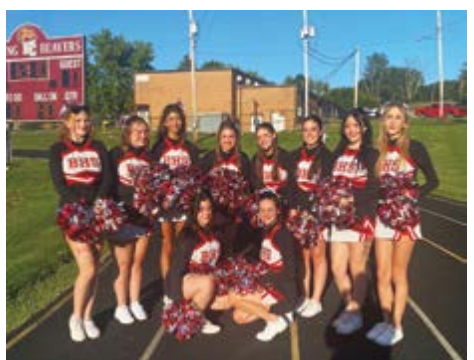
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Varsity Cheer



The Varsity Cheer team getting the crowd pumped up during the Varsity football team at Eau Claire.



Varsity Boys Soccer

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Our detective was able to recover numerous stolen items taken from larcenies and break-ins in the community. Multiple people are being charged with involvement in the items and incidents.

Dispatcher Tom Bush was promoted to Dispatch Supervisor. Tom has an extensive history of wearing multiple hats, giving back to the community as well as our office. Not only is he now a supervisor here in our dispatch center, he's also been a part of our marine division as well as the current Assistant Fire Chief for the Decatur-Hamilton Fire Department.

I was recently appointed to be on the Opioid Advisory Commission in Lansing. It's truly an honor to represent law enforcement on that commission. I also set on the county opioid advisory commission. Opioids have been taking a toll on this state as well as our nation, so I am glad to be able to have a voice to help combat the problem as well as help with finding solutions.

Our office handled a single vehicle traffic crash which resulted in a 21-year-old Bangor man losing his life at the scene. The crash happened in the 52000 block of M43hwy in Arlington Township.

Detective Miriam Sipes, an 18-year veteran of the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, was recently recertified in child passenger safety seat installation. This day-long training took place at the Portage Department of Public Safety complex. This is an in-depth training in which officers must pass all portions, including classroom education, written exams, and practical exams. I'd like to inform people that the purpose of sending deputies to such vital training is to educate parents on the importance of proper installation and use of child safety seats. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that nearly 46% of car seats and boosters are improperly installed, which increases the risk of injury or death for children. If you have questions or need assistance installing your child's car seat properly, please contact our office so we can make arrangements to assist you.

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2023 Fall Sports

BANGOR VIKINGS

Junior Varsity Football

Vikings fall short against Gobles Tigers, 54-6

From Coach Aric Town: Sept. 1, 2023

In a challenging match against the Gobles Tigers last night the JV Football Bangor Vikings put up a spirited fight but ultimately fell short, with a final score of 54-6.

Although faced with a formidable Gobles defense, the Vikings showcased solid offensive plays throughout the game. Elijah Johnson delivered an electrifying 35-yard run that culminated in the Vikings' lone touchdown of the night. Xavier Preston and Damien Smith also stood out as strong ball carriers, keeping the chains moving and displaying relentless effort.

On the defensive front, Ethan Nielson, Lance Collette, Zach Mann, and Wyatt Schneider made commendable efforts. The Viking defense was able to force three fumbles but managed to recover only one, displaying glimpses of potential that could be harnessed in future games.

Every player on the Bangor Vikings roster had an opportunity to contribute significantly to the game, further enriching the team's experience. Despite the tough loss, the team is enthusiastic and eager to return to the drawing board, focusing on preparation for their next competitive outing as they seek their first win of the season.

Girl's Varsity Volleyball

Girls play strong home game

From Coach Lucas Smith: August 31, 2023

Our varsity volleyball girls hosted Fennville last night for our first home game. They came out strong and won the first set decisively. Serving errors were costly in the 2nd and 3rd sets however as they started letting the match slip away. Excellent serving and all-around play in the 4th set brought us back into the match! Our girls then put away Fennville in the 5th and final set 15-11 winning the match! Great job girls!!

Viking Varsity Football

Vikings drop game to powerful Gobles team

From Coach Tom Matthews: Sept. 5, 2023

The Varsity football team lost to the Gobles Tigers Friday night. Gobles is currently one of the top teams in the state of Michigan.

Several players performed well led by Austin Birner, Liam Mortenson, Jaiden Horvath, Jorge Dominguez, Brendon Jackson, Thomas Smith, Zach Hayes, Yrall Campbell, Caleb Burrows, Nic Martinez, JR Martinez, Jaxon Webb, and Julian Pullins.

The entire team sacrificed and played several positions due to injuries, and other situations that arose during the game.

This week starts the conference portion of our schedule. Vikings are competing for the conference championship and start that run Saturday night against the Lawrence Tigers.

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