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<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2020 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">52,862 miles on this sharp one owner sedan, remote start, full power options, many safety features, lane keep, power seats &amp; more.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$17,994</del> <b>\$283 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE LT 4X4</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">60,285 miles, One owner, off lease, heated leather 8 passenger seating, trailer tow, Bluetooth, Apple Android Car Play, &amp; more.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$47,994</del> <b>\$749 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2021 TOYOTA COROLLA LE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">4 door sedan, 70,537 miles, economical, fun to drive, with room for 5.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$17,949</del> <b>\$279 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2009 CHEVROLET SILVERADO EXT CAB 4X4</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">High miles and some rust but well serviced to give a lot of service still. 5.3 V8 engine, runs great.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$7,994</del> <b>\$189 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2019 FORD FUSION SE 4 DOOR SEDAN</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">A great value, fun to drive, room for 5, full power options, backup camera, Bluetooth and more. Just over 80,000 easy miles.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$15,994</del> <b>\$249 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2012 FORD FUSION SEL</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">High miles but clean and still running and driving strong. Good transportation for a nice price. Serviced and ready.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$4,995</del></p>
<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2022 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING L</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Ceramic Gray Clear coat paint with Black Alloy heated Leather Interior, 7 passenger stow n go seating, full power features with rear camera, Bluetooth, Car Play and more.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$27,994</del> <b>\$437 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2021 CHEVROLET BLAZER LT AWD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Cherry Red Tintcoat, just 14,486 miles on this fresh off lease SUV. Nicely appointed and thousands less than new.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$29,994</del> <b>\$469 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2019 GMC DENALI CREW CAB 4X4</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Onyx Black, 51,048 miles, 3.6L V6 engine with 8 speed automatic, Heated &amp; Vented seats, trailering package, Premium audio system, rear view camera, many extras,</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$33,594</del> <b>\$524 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2020 FORD RANGER LARIAT CREW CAB 4X4</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">63,659 miles, 2.3 L EcoBoost with 10 speed automatic, hated seats, rear view camera, full power options, sprayed bed liner.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$34,499</del> <b>\$538 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LT CREW CAB 4X4</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">62,144 miles, 5.3L V8, 8 speed automatic, Cherry Red paint, Trailering package, full power with power heated seats, &amp; steering wheel.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$36,595</del> <b>\$571 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2019 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT AWD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">89,603 miles, Locally owned Peppercorn Metallic paint, 1.5L Turbo engine delivers economy &amp; performance, all season dependability. Serviced &amp; ready.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$19,994</del> <b>\$313 mo</b></p>
<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2021 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LT 4 WHEEL DRIVE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Beautiful 8 passenger full size SUV with heated leather, and nice power appointments, Trailer package, rearview camera, Bluetooth, One owner, Clean Carfax.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$49,994</del> <b>\$780 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2003 INFINITI I35 SEDAN</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">A few dings and scratches but serviced in our shop. Came to us from its 90 year old owner who decided to quit driving. This car has some miles left in it.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$3,995</del></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2020 NISSAN ALTIMA SV AWD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Luxury equipped All-Wheel drive, one owner, off lease, clean Carfax. Loaded with safety tech like lane assist &amp; adaptive cruise control.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$19,994</del> <b>\$313 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2019 SUBARU FORESTER AWD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Silver Ice metallic, black cloth interior, great economy, versatility and utility. New brakes all around, Serviced and ready for adventure. One owner previous corporate lease, Clean Carfax. Walt Sicard Certified.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$15,949</del> <b>\$249 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2020 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SPORT S</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">22,270 miles, one owner, Clean Carfax, Hardtop, full power options, set up to easy tow behind a motorhome.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$34,994</del> <b>\$546 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2020 GMC TERRAIN SLT AWD</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Quick Silver Metallic, One owner, off lease, 35,633 miles. Heated leather seats, full luxury power features, rear view camera with apple/android car play, roof rack, alloy wheels, more.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$29,949</del> <b>\$468 mo</b></p>

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<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2019 CADILLAC XTS LUXURY</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Stellar Black Metallic, 30,360 miles, Panoramic roof heated seats, steering wheel, 3.6 V6, 9 speed automatic, Bose stereo infotainment, save nearly \$20,000 from new. Straight out of GM Lease.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">SALE PRICED <del>\$28,994</del> <b>\$457 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2023 Haul-About 7x14 Cougar Tandem 3500# Axles</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">7000# GVWR, V nose, Rear Ramp, Cougar pkg with 2-scoop wall vents, 4-1200# Floor D-Rings, LED interior light with wall switch and Ceiling Liner, upgraded 3/8" plywood walls top.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">List <del>\$7,459</del></p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">NOW <del>\$6,900</del> <b>\$182 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2022 Haul-About Leopard 8.5 x16 Tandem Axle</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Round Top, Landscape pkg, 60" triple tube tongue, 10,000#GVWR with 5200# axles. Heavy duty ramp &amp; more. Was \$10,970.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">Was \$7,496</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">NOW <del>\$9,900</del> <b>\$194 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2022 Haul-About Leopard 6x12 Tandem Axle</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Charcoal Gray, LED lighting, 7000# GVWR, Leopard package with 2-scoop wall vents, 4-1200# Floor D-Rings, LED interior light with wall switch and Ceiling Liner. Was \$7,496.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">NOW <del>\$6,900</del> <b>\$135 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2022 Haul-About Cougar 6x12 Single Axle with Rear Ramp</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Go Michigan with Yellow and Blue, Cougar package with 2-scoop wall vents, 4-1200# Floor D-Rings, LED interior light with wall switch and Ceiling Liner. Was \$5,788.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">NOW <del>\$5,400</del> <b>\$105 mo</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">2021 Cherokee Wolf Pup Limited 16PF Travel Trailer</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Fresh trade used very little and easy to tow. Murphy Bed over front sofa, dinette, full size refrigerator, power slide out, power awning, Air conditioning, TV, Stereo with outside speakers and much more. Was \$17,995.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">NOW <del>\$16,994</del> <b>\$265 mo</b> <small>per month for 84 months</small></p>
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Payments computed with 10% of sales price plus tax, title, license and documentation fees paid as down payment. Interest rates and terms are computed as follows with Model year vehicles 2019 and newer financed for 75 months @ 8.59%, Model years 2017 through 2018 -- 75 months @ 9.24%, 2016 and Older model year vehicles 60 or 48 months @ 10.29% Enclosed Trailers 60 months @ 10.99%. Annual percentage rate financing.

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FUSION Youth Group: MS: 6-7:30pm / HS: 7:30-9pm on Wednesday

Location: @ The Church  
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www.journeyfamilychurch.com



## Townline United Methodist Church

9:15 am - Sunday School for ALL ages  
10:30 am - Sunday Worship Service  
10:30 am - Worship on Facebook Live  
Life Groups  
Wednesday's @ 7pm  
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Men's Group-1st Sat. of the month at 8:00am  
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bdalechurch1858@gmail.com  
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Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm  
AWANA 5:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 pm  
Tuesday Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am  
(269) 521-4233  
bccpastorbrett@gmail.com



Pastor Brett Champion



## Bangor Baptist Church

55661 M-43 East P.O. 236, Bangor, MI  
Phone (269) 427.7067  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
BBkids Church 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Monday Prayer & Praise 6:00 pm  
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Wed. Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

## Horseshoe Community Bible Church

4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, MI  
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Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Worship 11 am  
Evening Services 6pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30pm  
Pastor Don Miller

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269-628-9199  
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Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7pm

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Youth Pastor Jim Davis

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269-637-6575  
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Additional activities:  
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Community Potlucks the 2nd Wednesday every month @ 6pm  
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3pm Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Alfredo De La Rosa (pastordelarosa72@hotmail.com)  
Additional activities:  
Spanish Bible Study every Wednesday 6pm  
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Pastor Douglas Yoder

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Wednesday Night @ 7:00 pm  
King's Kids Program  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Arlington Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on January 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in order to consider an ordinance regulating aggregate mining in the Township. The ordinance that will be considered is posted on the Township's website. The ordinance is also available for review by appointment at the Township Hall, located at 52022 34th Avenue, Bangor, Michigan 49013. The Public Hearing will be conducted at the Township Hall at 52022 34th Avenue, Bangor, MI 49013. The public is invited to attend the hearing and comment on the Township request. The public is also invited to send written comments before the meeting to Georgette Peterson, Clerk, Arlington Township, at [clerk@arlingtontownship.com](mailto:clerk@arlingtontownship.com). Written comments may also be delivered to the Township Hall. Persons who wish to review the ordinance at the Township Hall or who require special assistance to attend the public hearing should contact the Clerk at the same email address.  
Georgette Peterson  
Arlington Township Clerk

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## 4 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December is arguably the most festive month of the year. The holiday season and all the gatherings with family and friends make the final month of the year a busy time. But a peek under the proverbial hood reveals that there's more to December than the holiday season.

1. Armchair linguists might know that the Latin word "decem" means "ten," which is a little curious given that December is the twelfth month of the year. So why isn't December the tenth month of the year? Like other months on the modern calendar, including October and November, December once occupied a different place on the calendar, namely the Julian calendar that was used prior to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar. Back then, December was the tenth month on the calendar. Though its position changed when the Gregorian calendar was adopted, its name remained the same.
2. It's easy to overlook in a month populated by holidays like Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, but the winter solstice is a significant day on the calendar as well. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the 2023 winter solstice occurs on December 21 at 10:27 p.m. EST for the northern hemisphere. The winter solstice might not be sun worshippers' favorite day of the year, as it's the day with the least amount of sunlight all year long. However, one positive to keep in mind is that, once the winter solstice occurs, each day thereafter experiences a gradual increase in daylight. That should give anyone yet another reason to celebrate in December.
3. December has historically been a month of firsts, particularly for women and politicians. On December 1, 1919, Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman to serve in the British House of Commons. Exactly 69 years later, Benazir Bhutto was nominated for the role of prime minister of Pakistan. Bhutto ultimately became the first woman to be elected as head of a democratic government in a Muslim-majority country. Political firsts in December are not limited to events involving women. A year after Bhutto was nominated, Russia's Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet Russian leader to visit the Vatican and meet the Pope.
4. January might be the month people most associate with efforts to change their fortunes, but the birthstone of December also is considered a symbol of good fortune. The Farmer's Almanac notes that one of the birthstones of December is turquoise, which some believe is symbolic of good fortune and success. TF23C539

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### PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

#### Fire Safety Month: Lee Township Fire Dept. Engages and Educates!

A heartfelt round of applause to the Lee Township Fire Department for their commitment to educating and engaging our students during Fire Safety Month! Their dedication to teaching crucial fire safety lessons is genuinely commendable. The program, a staple of our annual calendar, always brings engaging and informative activities that captivate our students' attention. Through interactive demonstrations, informative sessions, and hands-on experiences, the fire department ensures our students learn valuable safety protocols engagingly and enjoyably.



#### Janie Rawson receives the 2023 Educational Hero Award!

Join us as we celebrate an exceptional educator, Janie Rawson, who has become an integral pillar of our educational community. Janie's commitment to Pullman Elementary extends beyond teaching; it embodies the spirit of unwavering dedication and inspiration. Her influence resonates in the achievements of our students and the thriving educational atmosphere at Pullman.



#### Esports Challenges Pullman Students

In the ever-evolving landscape of extracurricular activities, Pullman Elementary is embracing a new and exciting venture: an esports club. This club offers 4th and 5th-grade students a chance to dive into the world of competitive video gaming, fostering teamwork, strategic thinking, and digital literacy in a fun and supportive environment.

Pullman Elementary's esports club is a testament to the changing times, acknowledging that gaming is not just a pastime but a legitimate platform for skill development and social interaction. More than just playing video games, these clubs provide a structured space where students can learn, compete, and collaborate.

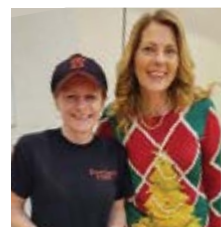
One of the primary goals of an elementary esports club is to create an inclusive environment that appeals to a diverse range of students. Esports, with its wide variety of games, allows students with different interests and skill sets to find their niche within the club. From games like Super Smash Bros to racing games like Mario Kart, there's a game for everyone.

The club is not only about playing games; it's about learning and growing together. Students are introduced to the basics of gaming etiquette, sportsmanship, and teamwork. These skills extend beyond the digital realm, influencing how students interact with each other in the real world. The camaraderie developed in the esports club often extends to the classroom, fostering a positive and supportive school community.

In conclusion, the elementary esports club is a modern and innovative approach to education and community building. It recognizes the potential of gaming as a tool for skill development and social interaction, creating a space where students can learn, compete, and grow together.



#### November Employees of the Month



**Gina Weldon - Head cook in the kitchen**

Gina has worked at Pullman Elementary for over 15 years. She keeps our students happy in the cafeteria by making sure they have their breakfast and lunch. Gina is flexible and enjoys seeing the students each day in the cafeteria.



**Miss Mariah Boss - School Social Worker**

Miss Boss helps our students and staff members each day as students have various needs that need attention. From social-emotional needs to behavioral needs, Miss Boss is always there to help everyone and we appreciate her dedication to Pullman Elementary.

#### Pullman Elementary Math Night

Many Pullman Elementary students put away their electronic devices for the evening to come and play math games with their families. On November 16th, Pullman Elementary hosted an evening of math fun. Students and families participated in games using dice, cards, and other math materials to stretch



their brains and have fun! Along with playing games, students put up their vote for their favorite Thanksgiving food on a giant graph, made a trail mix snack, and created with Legos. It was an enjoyable night for all ages!

#### From Idea to Law: Connecting with Congressman Bill Huizenga!

Mrs. Harris' Third Grade Class embarked on an enlightening journey exploring the intricacies of the legislative process, from conceiving ideas to understanding how these ideas transform into laws. As part of this educational endeavor, our students eagerly connect with Congressman Bill Huizenga. This opportunity gives our students a firsthand understanding of civic engagement and democracy.



#### Cardinal Pride and Positive Behavior

Pullman Elementary has implemented a School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SW-PBIS) program for 8 years. The purpose of a SW-PBIS program is to provide multiple tiers of support regarding behavior. The goal is to teach students what behaviors are expected of them in school and help them practice, learn, and reduce problem behaviors to improve the overall school environment.

**All students are taught the expectations of the behaviors across all locations of the school environment. The school focuses on PRIDE - Positive, Respectful, In-Control, Dependable, and Effort. A school-wide behavior matrix was created to reference and help students learn the expectations.**

Students are taught the expectations at the beginning of the school year, when returning from a long break, or when it is evident that more practice is needed.

In addition, students are recognized for demonstrating the desired behaviors by being given "PRIDE Points" through the use of Class Dojo. Class Dojo is an online app that allows each teacher to set up their class and award points to students for showing their Cardinal PRIDE. Goals are set for individual students and the whole class to earn rewards for earning PRIDE points. Approximately 80% of students will respond appropriately to the tier 1 instruction of SW-PBIS.

When students require corrections repeatedly, we document the behavior infractions with an online system called SWIS. The School Leadership Team (SLT) monitors those referrals to identify students who would benefit from a tier 2 behavior intervention. The SLT uses the data of the SWIS referral to determine the best intervention to support the students. A few common interventions might be Check-In/Check-Out, lunch buddies, or an individualized plan. All interventions implemented have a data collection component added to allow for the SLT to determine if the intervention is supporting the student with their behaviors.

When students continue to have behavioral needs even with a tier 2 intervention, the SLT will move to providing a tier 3 intervention. This is the highest level of behavior intervention and is very specific to the student's needs.

Overall the SW-PBIS program has made significant improvements in the school climate at Pullman Elementary. Students know what is expected of them in all locations. Our staff works very hard to ensure that all behavior expectations are taught and all students are recognized for what they are doing well.

The primary focus of the SW-PBIS is to focus on the positive behaviors first. In most instances, students will correct their behavior when they see other students being rewarded or their positive behaviors.

#### Veterans Day Assembly

We were able to hold an awesome Veterans Day assembly on Friday, November 10 to honor Veterans for their service. We presented a beautiful video that was shared. The photos were from our students' and staff's family and friends who have served.



#### Lumberjack Day: Experience the 1800s Michigan Lumberjack Culture!

Students at Pullman Elementary embarked on a captivating journey back in time to the rugged and adventurous world of Michigan's lumberjack culture! Students had the rare opportunity to immerse themselves in engaging reenactments that vividly portrayed these legendary figures' lives, challenges, and remarkable stories. The event showcased interactive displays, enlightening demonstrations, and captivating stories that vividly depicted loggers' significant role in shaping Michigan's history.



#### Halloween Parade: Snapshot of the Festive Celebrations!

Dive into the spirited celebrations of our Spooky Halloween Parade! The atmosphere was ablaze with creativity and festivity as our students showcased their spooktacular costumes and infectious enthusiasm. From ghoulish ghosts to heroic superheroes, the parade was a colorful display of imagination and excitement. It was a great celebration filled with joy and laughter, highlighting the spirit of Halloween that brought our school community together for a day of fun and memorable festivities.



### BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY

#### Thanksgiving Celebration

Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten class had so much fun celebrating Thanksgiving in their classroom. They made a delicious Friendship Fruit Salad and enjoyed eating it together. Each student was also able to share a reason that they are thankful to be in this class. It was such a special experience!



#### Family Heritage

The fourth graders at Bloomingdale Elementary shared their family's heritage stories through our new immigration project. Students interviewed their families and reported their findings to the class. We had some incredible stories!



### BLOOMINGDALE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

#### Personal Finance Class Guest Speakers Give Keynotes to Success

Ashley Murphy & Audrie Mohrland were guest speakers in the Personal Finance class this November. These are some of the things the students said they learned from them:



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Mr. Jody Lamb was a guest speaker in the Personal Finance class this October. These are some of the things the students said they learned from him:



Knowledge is a huge investment.

Never give up and never stop trying; perseverance and persistence pays off.

Don't have a defeatist attitude when something goes wrong. Obstacles will come up, but learn from your mistakes and don't repeat them. Change of mindset and change of attitude = change of behavior and helps lead to success.

When starting a business, 20% equity is typically required to take out a business loan.

Invest in yourself, in your mind, your health, and your spirituality. Never stop learning. Read five books on a subject you are passionate about and you can become an expert.

Have goal-directed behavior. Highly successful people are self-motivated.

Self-control, belief, passion, and drive are key.

### BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY

#### Warm Hands and Fuzzy Socks

Bloomingdale Elementary fourth graders collected over 170 boxes of hot chocolate, gloves, and fuzzy socks from our building to gift to our Hand2Hand students this Christmas. The students did a great job using the assembly line method to package these festive gifts! Well done, Cardinals!



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**VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF DANIEL E. ABBOTT**

Our Narcotics Unit have been working a case involving the trafficking of meth. Detectives were able to do surveillance for two days on a delivery location in the Village of Lawrence. When the 21-year-old male out of Kalamazoo showed up with a 33-year-old female out of Kalamazoo, detectives made contact with them. Both subjects in the vehicle denied consent for a search and was not being forth coming. It should also be noted that the 21-year-old was on parole. Our canine unit was brought to the scene and indicated that narcotics were present. Detectives did arrest the 21-year-old for a parole violation and the 33-year-old for misdemeanor traffic violations. Once removed from the vehicle and being transported, the female turned over a large bag of meth she had hid in her crotch area. They were both lodged on numerous charges. The male was on parole for delivery of methamphetamine.

Uniform Response arrested a subject during a traffic stop for possession of methamphetamine. We continue to see a major problem in our nation with people using meth. Unfortunately, it is in our county as well and law enforcement deals with it on a regular basis.

Our Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant in South Haven Township for a residence they had been working for trafficking large amounts of narcotics. When the search warrant was executed, the Narcotic Unit was assisted by Uniform Response and South Haven PD. Upon executing the warrant, the subjects would not answer the door, so forced entry was made. Two subjects were detained immediately with a third being found upon securing the scene. A large amount of methamphetamine was located as well as evidence of delivery taking place. A stolen moped was in the garage as well as other items that are believed to be stolen. Subjects were lodged for Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine, Maintaining a Drug House, and Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property.

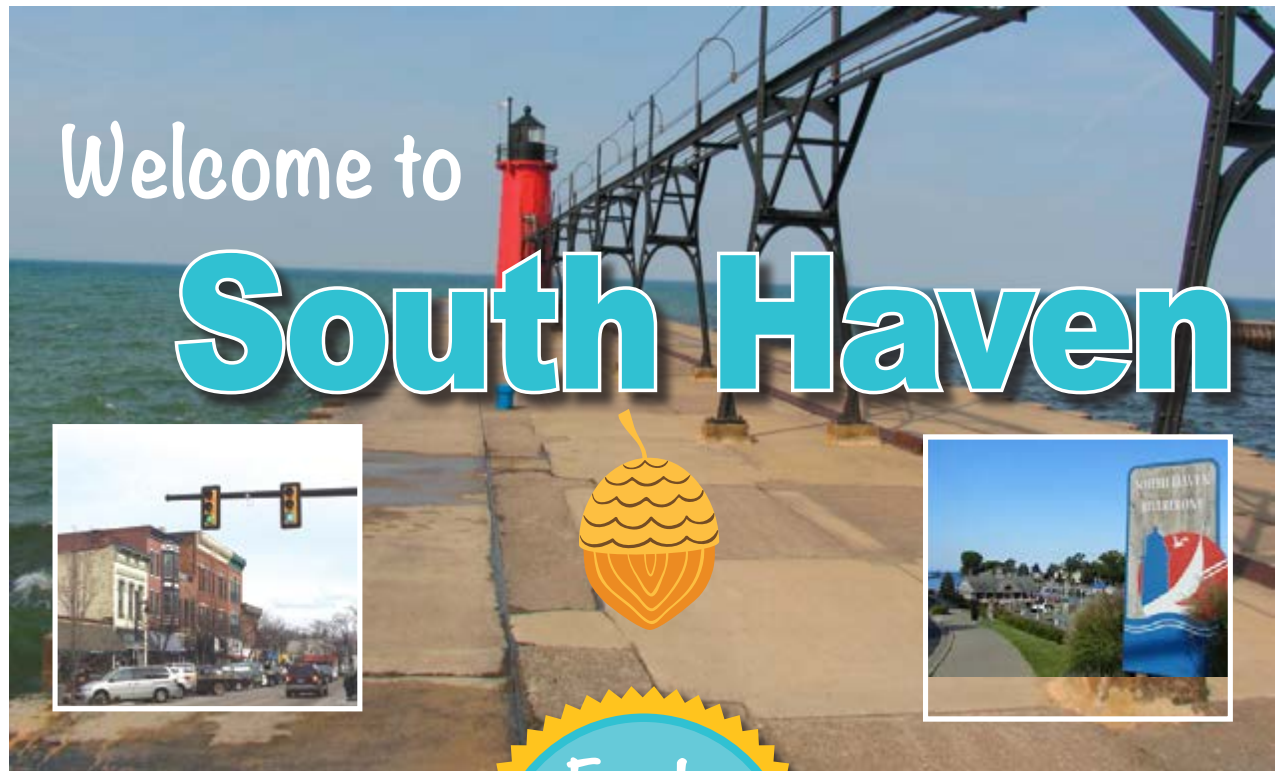
Our office is receiving \$34,448.00 through the County Revenue Sharing-Public Safety Initiative(CRS-PS) out of Lansing. The money is earmarked for specific things for law enforcement offices to use it for. Our office is very appreciative of money like this coming in and will utilize it. Any time we can obtain money outside of the county it's a win for everyone not having to use county funds, hence, saving the taxpayers money to be utilized elsewhere in the county or simply keep it in a fund not spending it.

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Uniform Response took a larceny from a construction site in Pine Grove Township. Building materials and tools were stolen. Anyone with any information is asked to call our office.

Uniform Response responded to a B&E in progress in Hartford Township. Upon arrival, a female was located immediately. Shortly after a search, a male was located. Both subjects are out of Eau Claire/Baroda. They were both lodged for Breaking and Entering and Possession of Burglary Tools. The Male was also charged with Felony in Possession of a Firearm and Ammo.

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**SUSAN ZUIDERVEEN**

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Misdemeanor cases authorized	97
Felony cases authorized	90

**Authorizations by category (not all inclusive):**

Abducting on Bond- Felony	3
Assault	
Misdemeanor Assault	12
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	5
Resisting/Obstructing/Assaulting a Police Officer	18
Assault with Intent to Murder	0
Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm	2
Murder	0
Breaking and Entering/Home Invasion	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct - All Degrees	12
Domestic Violence	
Misdemeanor	13
Felony	3
Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer	5
Larceny	
Armed Robbery	0
Unarmed Robbery	0
Larceny/Retail Fraud - Felony	9
Larceny/Retail Fraud - Misdemeanor	15
Financial Transaction Device charges	1
Embezzlement	0
Uttering and Publishing	1
Unlawful Driving Away of a Vehicle/Unlawful Use	1
Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property	2
Operating while impaired/intoxicated	
Misdemeanor	19
Felony	4
Possession/Delivery of a controlled substance other than methamphetamine	10
Possession/Delivery of Methamphetamine	35
Weapons Charges	16

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