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The Township Hall will be closed for the Holidays from December 25th through January 2nd and reopen January 3rd. The Township Hall Treasurer's office will be open December 27th from 9 to 5 for the purpose of Tax Collection only.

SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2023
PRESENT: Stein, Wiatrowski, Kiry, Lewandowski, Bertorelli, Fisher and DeGrand-champ
Minutes from November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting were accepted as presented. Report was given by Zach Keinrich of SHAES and Gail Gladney of VB County Commission.
The Agenda was approved.
Supervisor Stein reported that he will be attending a meeting regarding Affordable Housing on Friday.
Supervisor Stein reported that he will be meeting with a STR management company next week, forms were presented and approved in preliminary form and Dave Wiatrowski has offered to be part of the inspection process.
Motion to approve a meeting schedule for 2024.
Motion to approve the Master Plan for a 63 day review.
Motion to approve a Special Land Use permit for a Marijuana Dispensary.
Motion to approve an Amendment extending our contract with SHPD.
Motion to approve a Budget Amendment Resolution.
Reports from committees were reviewed and received. W.C. Askev gave a report from Van Buren County Road Commission. Jean Stein reported for the South Haven Library.
Motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$138,228.85.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

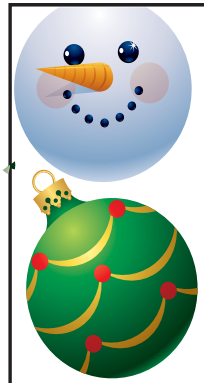
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James L. Scherer
AGE 79 OF BLOOMINGDALE

Passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at his home in Bloomingdale. Jim was born June 5, 1944 in St Joseph, the son of Louis and Angeline (Fello) Scherer. He farmed in Keeler where he was married to Andrea Springsteen and had 4 children. He moved to Bloomingdale to farm in 1979, where he owned and operated James Scherer Fruit Farms until 2023. He enjoyed duck hunting, farming, a good rocking chair, and was never very far from a good live band and a dance floor. He loved spending time with his family, especially on yearly trips to Florida, and special family gatherings. Surviving are his wife, Sandy whom he married July 31, 1998; 4 children, Gayle (Tim) Tidey of Keeler, Kathryn (Mark) Miller of Paw Paw, Julie (Brent) Shaefer of Paw Paw, Jeff (Magan) Scherer of Bloomingdale; step-children, Jill (Scott) Mitchell of South Haven, Jeff (Tanya) Bessler of US Navy currently in Stuttgart, Germany; 16 grandchildren, Marissa, Collin, Ross, Avery, Meagan, Stella, Andrew, Jack, Harris, Ben, Becky, Kayla, Sam, Abby, Ryan, Nick; 9 great grandchildren, Lucas, Colson, Reece, Brogan, Emersyn, Gideon, Naomi, Lily, Teddy; sister, Judy (Sonny) Hendrix of St. Augustine, FL; 2 brothers, Joe (Joyce) Scherer of St. Joseph, Bill (Linda) Scherer of Charlotte; sister-in-law, Carol Scherer of Marysville; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, and 2 brothers, Ronnie and Bruce.

According to his wishes cremation has taken place and he was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery next to the farm. There will be a memorial celebration in June of 2024, details will be posted at a later time. Arrangements were entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

SHERIFF'S CORNER

VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF DANIEL E. ABBOTT

Uniform Response took a call about a subject going through mailboxes in the early morning hours in the Gobles area. Nothing further on it at this time.

Uniform Response took two different calls on the Bloomingdale Township/Columbia Township line reference someone stealing gas. These incidents appear to be related to each other. No suspect/suspects have been developed yet.

Detectives went out over the weekend into Cass County to recover stolen property from a complaint our office took in Hartford Township about a week ago. A resident in the area notified the suspect vehicle we were looking for at a residence and notified the victim. In turn, the victim contacted the office, and Detectives were sent out. Our Detectives worked in conjunction with Cass County Sheriff's Office on the recovery with a search warrant for the residence as well. Several stolen items were recovered as well as other items that are believed to be stolen. Multiple suspects will be charged with numerous felonies for the incident. Two were lodged upon recovering the items and warrants are being sought for the other two.

Our office had two sponsored cadets graduate from the KVCC Police Academy this past week. The academy costs are covered with grant money from the state. The cadets will be joining our Uniform Response Division. Congratulations to Deputy Savannah Ashbrook and Deputy Slade Weekly for their dedication to complete this. I am excited for their addition to our Uniform Response Division.

Multiple Divisions from our office assisted the Decatur School System and Decatur PD with a bomb threat. The school was evacuated and staged at the VFW until students could be picked up or taken home from there. It was found through the investigation that the threat came out of New York. Kent County had multiple threats in their school systems Monday and the FBI is helping them investigate theirs.

Uniform Response went to a suspicious situation in Keeler Township. When the Deputy arrived, a male subject was confrontational and aggressive towards him. The Deputy tazed the subject and ultimately arrested him. The Deputy was not hurt during the incident and the subject tazed was charged with the offense and lodged at our facility.

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May 1	November 6
June 5	December 4

Regular meetings of the Planning Commission will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, at the South Haven Township Hall, 09761 Blue Star Memorial Highway (southwest corner of Blue Star & M-140).

Applications and other matters not requiring a public hearing must be submitted to the Zoning Administrator by Tuesday, 12:00PM, at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

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South Walnut students enjoyed decorating downtown this month. The Bangor Police department escorted the students during the walk from and back to the school. Bangor residents may vote on their favorite tree at Harding's, City Hall and Sturgis Bank by December 22. The winning grade level will be announced in January.

Breakfast with the Teacher- Featuring Ms. Vance & Mrs. Brown Classes



Christmas Concert



The annual South Walnut and Apple Tree Preschool Christmas Concert took place on Thursday, December 14. Attendees had the opportunity to take pictures with Santa before the concert, and the annual raffle also took place. The classes collected donations for the raffle baskets during the month. Mr. Measzros directed the students in singing and performing festive holiday favorites.

Bangor Career Academy



Congrats Graduate Khylee Uplinger

Please join us in congratulating our newest GED graduate, Khylee Uplinger. We are so proud of all your hard work and accomplishments, Khylee! We asked Khylee to share a little bit about her journey with us.

Please share a little bit about what led you to our GED Program. Why did you decide to earn your GED certificate?

"I used to do really well in school until I hit high school, then I started failing. The school system was ruining my love for learning. I tried the online program and I did even worse so I dropped out without any plan to continue my education. I heard about Bangor's GED program from one of my friends and decided to give learning one more shot. When I started the GED program I started to thrive. I found my spark again and I was so happy to learn. I started writing a book, and I finished way sooner than I thought was possible."

Were there any challenges or obstacles that you had to overcome to finish your GED studies? If so, what helped you most on your journey?

"My biggest challenges or obstacles would have to be my mental health. All that helped me get through everything was to just keep reminding myself it'll all be worth it and that hard work truly does pay off."

Tell us a bit about your experience in our GED program and your future plans. How has the GED Program helped you achieve your goals?

"I loved the GED program, it reignited my spark for learning. I want to go to college to be a respiratory therapist for pediatrics or neonatal."

Do you have any advice or inspirational message for other GED students that are working towards earning their certificate? What would you say to a student who is unsure whether they should enter the GED Program?

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Bangor Middle School

Bangor Middle School Spelling Bee

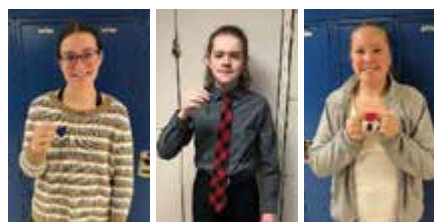


Aurora Goril, Liz Bachmann, Ava Kelly, and Maggie Prentice.

The annual Bangor Middle School Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, December 12, in the middle school library. The students have been preparing for the bee for about two months. They have been learning not only how to spell the words, but definitions of words and the language of origin the words came from.

The spelling bee contestants were Liz Bachmann, Aurora Goril, Ava Kelly, and Maggie Prentice. The placings were as follows: 1st place Maggie Prentice, 2nd place Aurora Goril, 3rd place Ava Kelly, and honorable mention to Liz Bachmann. The top three will move on to the Cloverleaf Regional Spelling Bee at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor on February 22, 2024. We would like to thank the Bangor Alumni Foundation for sponsoring our spelling bee.

MSBOA Solo and Ensemble



On December 2, three Middle school band students competed in the MSBOA District VI MS Solo and Ensemble. "They did a wonderful job and all earned medals," stated Band Director Tianna Doe. Medals: Rachel Loomis - Division 2, Talon Abbott - Division 1, Bella Gray - Division 1.

Student Council Visits Humane Society



Bangor High School

Students of the Month & Turn Around Viking Award



Congrats to (pictured from left to right) Liam Mortensen for receiving Student of the Month, Mason Williams for the Turn Around Viking award, and Madison Lennox on receiving the Student of the Month.



Gone Boarding Class Designs Skateboards



Right: Bangor Seniors Taylor and Thalia Cease proudly display their skateboards, created in the Bangor Gone Boarding class. Many students in the class worked hard on finishing their skateboard projects this month.

Mentor/Mentee Program

This school year a mentor/mentee program has been implemented at Bangor High School in which juniors and seniors are paired with freshmen and sophomores as mentors. The goal of the program is to build student rapport, thus improving academics and social aspects of the student body by forming mutually beneficial relationships between the mentors and mentees.



Window Wonderland Winners



Congrats to Mrs. Nesbitt and BHS students Michael Rathbun and Octavio Ocampo on winning the Bangor Christmas Parade's "Window Wonderland" window decorating competition on Saturday, December 2nd. The trio decorated Bigfoot Burrito's window.



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