

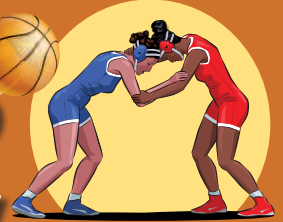
February is Black History Month

Sports Pages  
Inside



Van Buren

# REMINDER



Classified Ads Page 8

209 W. Monroe ▪ P.O. Box 218 ▪ 49013 ▪ 269-427-7474 ▪ FAX: 269-427-5286 ▪ Email: reminder49013@aol.com ▪ Website: www.vanburenreminder.com

Established 1949 ▪ Bangor, Michigan

Sunday, February 4, 2024

## SCORE BIG

**Our Family Red or Gold Potatoes**  
5lb. bag  
**2/\$5**

**Hass Avocados**  
each  
**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!**

**Halos Clementines**  
5lb. bag  
**\$4.49**

## VILLAGE MARKET

FOOD CENTERS  
YOUR HOMETOWN STORE

2024 AD EFFECTIVE DATES					
MON. FEB.	TUES. FEB.	WED. FEB.	THUR. FEB.	FRI. FEB.	SUN. FEB.
5	6	7	8	9	10
					11

We reserve the right to limit quantities. We are not providing rain checks due to supply and demand from the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

**Fresh & Soft Hamburger or Hot Dog Buns**  
8 ct.  
**3/\$4**

Select Varieties  
**Campbell's Condensed Soup**  
Classic or Homestyle  
10.5 - 11.5 oz.  
**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!**  
Save at least \$1.49 on 2

**Daisy Sour Cream**  
Regular or Light  
16 oz.  
**2/\$4**  
Save at least \$1.48 on 2

Village Market, All Natural  
**Pork Baby Back Ribs**  
**BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE FREE!**

Select Varieties  
**Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream**  
4 qt. pail  
**\$5.99**  
Save at least \$3.50 on 1

Select Varieties  
**Totino's Pizza Rolls**  
50 ct.  
**2/\$7**  
Save at least \$6.48 on 2

Select Varieties  
**Jack's 12-Inch Original Pizza**  
14.5 - 17.7 oz.  
**4/\$12**  
Save at least \$7.46 on 4

Mix or Match  
Tender Ridge, Choice Angus  
**Boneless Beef Top Round Steak**  
Regular, Thin, Tenderized, London Round or Stuffed Pinwheel Top Round Steak.....  
**BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE FREE!**

Select Varieties  
**Lay's Potato Chips**  
(7.3 - 8 oz.) or **Poppables** (6 oz.)  
**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!**  
Save at least \$4.74 on 2

**Our Family Mixers**  
Club Soda, Tonic Water or Diet Tonic Water (1 liter); or **Soda** (2 liter) (plus deposit)  
**99¢**  
Save at least 20¢ on 1

Assorted Varieties  
**Pepsi Products**  
2 liter (plus deposit)  
**BUY 2, GET 2 FREE!**  
Save at least \$6.48 on 4

**VILLAGE Xpress MARKET**

# SAVE!!

08337 M-140, South Haven • 269-637-5050

Save \$3 on ALL Oil Changes!

Good from 2/05/24 - 2/11/24  
Hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm, Sunday 10am-3pm

**Xpress Oil Change**  
(5 qts ServicePro Syn Blend Oil and Filter)  
Plus \$2 waste oil and filter disposal fee. **\$40.99** Plus Tax

**ServicePro Synthetic Oil Change**  
5 qts and spin on filter **Save \$4** reg (\$61.99)  
Plus \$2 waste oil and filter disposal fee. **\$57.99** Plus Tax

**Pennzoil Synblend Oil Change**  
5 qts oil and spin on Oil Filter)  
Plus \$2 waste oil and filter disposal fee. **\$43.99** Plus Tax

**Pennzoil Platinum Syn Oil Change**  
(5 qts oil and Spin on Oil Filter)  
Plus \$2 waste oil and filter disposal fee. **\$66.99** Plus Tax

**\$3.00 OFF** all Pair of Wiper Blades

**\$5.00 OFF**

**Full Synthetic Oil Change**

This coupon must be presented at time of purchase

Extra Oil & Special Oil Filters are Extra Charge.

**WE ACCEPT USED MOTOR OIL FOR RECYCLING**

See us Today for Great Service!

SEE US for ALL your UHAUL RENTAL NEEDS.

Samuel

# Mancino's

ITALIAN EATERY

Good from 2/05/24 - 2/11/24

Available for Carry Out or Delivery!

<p><b>11AM-2PM SPECIAL</b></p> <p><b>4" Grinder \$4.99</b> PLUS TAX &amp; 20 oz. Soda</p> <p>or</p> <p><b>8" Grinder \$7.75</b> PLUS TAX &amp; 20 oz. Soda</p>	<p><b>1 Medium Pizza \$9.99</b> PLUS TAX 2 Toppings</p> <p><b>1 Large Pizza \$14.99</b> PLUS TAX 3 Toppings</p> <p><b>1 XL Pizza \$15.00</b> PLUS TAX 2 Toppings</p>
--	--

In Village Market Xpress  
08337 M-140, South Haven  
**269-637-9400**  
Sun-Wed 10-7pm, Thur-Sat 11am-8pm

407 S. State St., Gobles  
**269-628-2814**  
Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm  
Sunday 11am-9pm



# 2024 Winter Sports

# BANGOR VIKINGS

## Varsity Boys Basketball

### Cassopolis defeats Bangor

From Coach Culbertson: Jan. 29, 2024  
Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Cassopolis Friday night 73-31. Julian Pullins scored 8 points with two threes. Carson Pullins had 7 points. Yrall Campbell added 10 rebounds.

### Varsity Boys fall to Hartford

From Coach Culbertson: Jan. 31, 2024  
Varsity Boys Basketball lost last night at Hartford. We started slow but played better in the 3rd quarter. Julian Pullins scored 8 and Carson Pullins scored 7.

## JV Girls Basketball

### Girls lose to Cassopolis

From Coach Littlefield: Jan. 26, 2024  
Tonight the JV Lady Vikings fell short to Cassopolis with a score of 37-17. Playing a tremendous game and leading the Lady Vikes in scoring was sophomore, Madison Lennox finishing with 11 points, her season high!

### Girls win over Hartford

From Coach Littlefield: Jan. 31, 2024  
Last night the JV Girls faced off against Hartford and tasted sweet victory beating the Huskies 28-18. Fantastic game from every girl on the floor. It was our best all-around game all season!

**SUPPORT YOUR TEAM GO VIKINGS!**

## JV Boys Basketball

### Rangers fall to Vikings

From Coach Nick Cox: Jan. 29, 2024  
We traveled to Cassopolis to take on the Rangers on Friday. We played our best game of the year but fell a little short 65-57. This shows the improvement the young men have made this year. Our first matchup with Cass was a 20-point game. These boys work!

### JV Boys defeat Hartford

From Coach Nick Cox: Jan. 31, 2024  
Last night we traveled to Hartford. The game was a very tight contest for the first 3 quarters with Hartford up 34-28. The fourth quarter was a different story. We moved the ball and caused turnovers in the press. With great team play, Jonah Luter was able to score 10 points in one minute to help put the game away. We ended up winning 55-42. Great team win!

## Varsity Girls Basketball

### Varsity Girls lose to Cassopolis

From Coach Bret Witkowski: Jan. 31, 2024  
Bangor 21 Hartford 33  
Elizabeth Ogrodny- 6 points  
Madison Marfia- 5 points  
K'liyanna O'Steen-7 rebounds

## Competitive Cheer

### Hard work pays off

From Coach Brittany Marbut: Jan. 29, 2024  
The middle school competitive cheer team fought hard at Otsego after a week of illnesses. Their hard work paid off with a new high score of 276.6 and 1st place in Division 4.

## Varsity Wrestling

### Vikings continue to win

From Coach Ben Munoz: Feb 1, 2024  
Last night, the varsity wrestlers wrapped up a conference competition against Bloomingdale and followed up with a non-conference match-up against Mendon.  
**Team Results:**  
Bangor vs. Bloomingdale 60-22  
Bangor vs. Mendon 42-39

### Blackhawk Invitational

From Coach Ben Munoz: Jan. 29, 2024  
The Varsity Wrestlers competed in Fennville at the Blackhawk Invitational on Saturday. The team finished in 2nd place.

## MS Girls Basketball

### Vikings roll over Lawrence

Coach Remington & Gardner: Feb 1, 2024  
Last night the 7th grade girls traveled to Lawrence and played a very good all-around game and walked away with a 30-3 win. The leading scorers for the game were Taylor Gardner, Chloe Criffield, Sophia Burton, and Arianna Ramos all scoring 6 points a piece. Anika Mortensen added 4 points and Maria Marin-Hernandez added 2. The girl's record stands at 4-0 and they have outscored their opponents 128-27 so far this year

### Girls play strong games

Coach Remington & Gardner: Jan. 30, 2024  
The 7th-grade girls played excellent defense last night keeping Cassopolis scoreless through the first half. The girls finally got their shots going and were able to walk away with a 28-7 win!

The 8th-grade team took on Cassopolis at home last night. We ran the press well and caused many turnovers off of bad passes. The girls hustled until the end.

## CPM STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED NETWORK:

### AMISH FURNITURE

Amish Log Beds, Dressers, Rustic Table and Chairs, Mattresses for Cabin or Home. Lowest price in Michigan! DanDanTheMattressMan.com 989-923-1278

### AUCTION

Zimmerman Living Estate on-line auction. Antiques, collectables, pink, yellow Depression glass, Hotwheels, Matchbox cars, assorted advertising ashtrays, signs, enamel ware, more. Bidding ends Feb. 21. SherwoodAuctionServicesLLC.com for details, more auctions. 1-800-835-0495.

Kopitz Firearm & Militaria on-line auction bidding open. Excellent items representing numerous eras & conflicts + badge collection. 1st of multiple auctions. To bid JohnPeckAuctions.com. Selling guns? Call John Peck 989-345-4866 Michigan's premier gun auctioneers.

Now accepting consignments! Go to NarhiAuctions.com to see the February consignment auction. Items like 24' Tandem Axle enclosed trailer, mechanics tools, like new kerosene heaters & much more. Call 810-266-6474.

### BUSINESS SERVICES

METAL ROOFING regular and single style. HALF OFF SPECIAL COLORS! Lifetime asphalt shingles. Steel and vinyl siding. Hail damage. Licensed and insured builders. Pole Buildings. Quality work for 40 years! AMISH CREW. 517-575-3695.

### MATTRESSES

Adjustable Bed Brand New with mattress. Made in U.S.A., in plastic, with warranty. Retail cost \$3,995.00, sacrifice for \$875.00. Call for showing or delivery: DanDanTheMattressMan.com 989-832-1866

### MEDICAL

VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! 50 Generic Pills SPECIAL \$99.00! 100% guaranteed. 24/7 CALL NOW! 888-835-7273 Hablamos Español

### MISCELLANEOUS

AMISH BUILT storage sheds and mini cabins delivered to your site anywhere in Michigan! Starting at \$2,500.00 mynextbarn.com 989-832-1866

AMISH BUILT MINI CABIN 12 x 24 \$10,900.00. New construction, delivery included. Call for details, other sizes & options. 989-832-1866

### PAY-PER-CALL ADS

Switch to DISH and get up to a \$300 gift card! Plus get the Multiport pack included for a limited time! Hurry, call for details: 1-866-950-6757

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase\* Call 1-855-922-0420 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material - steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer - 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-888-718-1856

**JENSEN'S EXCAVATING** INCORPORATED  
DRAINAGE • WATER & SEWER • DRIVEWAYS  
RECYCLED CONCRETE • SAND • TOPSOIL • STONE • GRAVEL  
(269) 637-5642  
JensensExcavating.com

**Lane Soft Water**  
DEPENDABLE • ECONOMICAL  
132 Grand St., Allegan • 673-3272 • Service Since 1959

**RABBIT HOLE COMIC BOOK SHOP**  
411 East Main Street, Hartford, MI 49057  
269-621-5274  
HOURS: TUES-SAT 12 - 8 P.M., SUN & MON BY APPOINTMENT

**BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**  
In an effort to continue to make our community a good place in which to live, the BLIGHT ORDINANCE as well as other ordinances will be strictly enforced. If you have blight problems or questions, please contact the Township Office at 521-3800.  
Jim Lisowski, Supervisor

**VILLAGE MARKET** **HIRING** APPLY NOW  
Allegan Location, 100 Monroe Street, Allegan, MI  
\*Great Wages \*Great Benefits **OPEN** \*Flexible Hours \*Great Opportunities  
**INTERVIEWS**  
February 6 & 7, 2024  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Full-Time & Part-Time  
**MEAT CUTTERS & CLERKS**  
**DELI CLERKS/CASHIERS**  
\*Wages Based on Experience  
We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

**Inventor** .....  
George Washington Carver was an American agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion. He was the most prominent black scientist of the early 20th century. Wikipedia

**Fresh DONUTS & Free COFFEE** Every Friday!  
Every Day Low-Priced Specials!  
While supplies last  
ACCEPTING CASH, CREDIT, DEBIT & BRIDGE CARDS

**LOTS OF NEW VARIETY!**

Fully Cooked SPIRAL SLICED BONE-IN HAM lb. <b>\$1.19</b>	Lit'L Smokies 28 Oz. pack <b>\$2.39</b>	Semi-Sweet HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE CHIPS lb. <b>\$1.99</b>
Chips Ahoy! Confetti COOKIES 14.38 oz. <b>\$1.99</b>	Golden OREO'S 18.12 oz. <b>\$1.99</b>	Creamy PEANUT BUTTER 40 oz. <b>\$1.99</b>
Ritz CRACKERS 13.7 oz. <b>\$1.99</b>	JACK'S CHEESE PIZZA Box 4 - 13.8 oz. <b>\$7.49</b>	

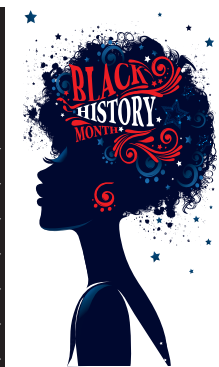
**BLOOMINGDALE BULK FOODS AND BENT-N-DENT LLC**  
M-Th 8:30-5 • F 8:30-6  
Sa 8:30-4 • Sun. Closed  
44085 CR 388 BLOOMINGDALE, MI  
269-521-4900 x1  
One mile west of Bloomingdale, halfway between Kalamazoo and South Haven

**MILLER D. L. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC**

BANGOR CHAPEL 258 W. Monroe St. Bangor, MI 49013 PH: (269) 427-7551 Ryan K. Oliver, manager/owner	BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL 203 E. Spring P.O. Box 171 Bloomingdale, MI 49026 PH: (269) 521-3121 Floyd Decker, manager	GOBLES CHAPEL 208 W. Main P.O. Box 6 Gobles, MI 49055 PH: (269) 628-2852 D.L. Miller, manager
---	--	---

**WITHOUT BLACK INVENTORS YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THESE**

PRODUCT	INVENTOR	DATE
ELEVATOR	ALEXANDER MILES	1867
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	THOMAS MARSHALL	1872
STETHOSCOPE	THOMAS A. CARRINGTON	1876
LIGHT BULB	LEWIS LATIMER	1882
IRONING BOARD	SARAH BOONE	1887
MAIL BOX	PAUL L. DOWNING	1891
PENCIL SHARPENER	JOHN L. LOVE	1897
TRAFFIC LIGHTS	GARRETT MORGAN	1923
BLOOD PLASMA BAG	CHARLES DREW	1945
AIR CONDITIONER UNIT	FREDERICK M. JONES	1949



"The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."  
—Amanda Gorman

<b>Fire Up Vikings!</b> BANGOR COMMUNITY FIRE DEPT	<b>Let's Go Vikings!</b> FREESTONE PICKLES 610 N. Center St. • Bangor www.freestonepickles.com	<b>The Vikings appreciate your support!</b> THANK YOU SPONSORS!	<b>Bangor Lions Club</b> Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday • Bangor Tavern Accepting New Members Come See How You Can Serve We Serve	<b>We've Got Your Back!</b> Bangor Area Community Foundation www.bangoracr.org
<b>Bangor TAVERN BAR &amp; GRILL</b> 233 W. Monroe 269-427-9928 *It is for Victory! • It is for Burgers!	<b>BANGOR BANKING CENTER</b> A DIVISION OF Sturgis Bank & Trust Company 232 W. Monroe • Bangor (269) 427-7941	<b>Get 'em Vikings!</b> COUNTRY HOUSE FURNITURE 98337 W. 140 Hwy. • South Haven, MI (269) 637-6135 www.countryhousefurniture.net	<b>PROUD TO BE A VIKING!</b> ROCKY JOHNSON Insurance Services A Division of Xcel Premoet Insurance (269) 427-7263	<b>HOMETOWN PHARMACY</b> Bangor Pharmacy Downtown Bangor (269) 427-7706 Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 - 6:00 Saturday 9:00 - 3:00, Closed Sunday www.vanburenreminder.com



### Dennis Dale Tomlinson

Age 72 of Bloomingdale, MI

Passed away Monday, January 29th, 2024 at Bronson Methodist Hospital. Dennis was born May 30, 1951 in Oak Park, IL, son of the late Edgar Sr. and Florence (Kaczmarek) Tomlinson. While working in Chicago as a taxi cab driver he met his life partner Michael Raul of over 50 years. Dennis retired from American National Bank. He had also worked with several banks in the Chicago area as a data processor. Dennis and Michael have resided in Chicago, California, Las Vegas and Texas all before moving to Michigan. He loved working outside in the wooded areas. There was no room to doubt the love he freely shared for the birds and squirrels around the property he called home. Surviving is his partner, Michael Raul; sisters Cheryl Benson, Cathy Sherwood, Deborah Bartels; a brother Ronald and a sister in law, Pat Tomlinson. He was preceded in death by his beloved brother Edgar Jr, "Eddie" and his sister, his angel in Heaven, Cynthia. Following his wishes cremation has taken place and no services are being scheduled at this time. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

### Bloomingdale Hand2Hand

Several Bloomingdale School's students are recipients of a weekend food bag through Hand2Hand food bag program. This program provides food to help students have food to eat outside of school hours. We collect individually-sized items throughout the school year. Some items that we are always in need of are:

**GROCERY LIST**

- Granola/Cereal bars
- Canned Vegetables (Corn or green Beans)
- Oatmeal packets
- Cheese/cracker packs
- Fruit Cups

Find us on Facebook at Bloomingdale Hand2Hand. Please reach out if you have questions.

Lori Harris - rareharr@aol.com  
Anita Manley - amanley@bdalecards.org

### KROHN EXCAVATING, LLC

CALL TODAY FOR AN ESTIMATE 269-767-0941

Steve Krohn 616-836-1942  
Scott Krohn 269-217-8910  
Jason Krohn 269-352-7999

55365 M43 • Bangor, Michigan • 49013

### Zantello's Interior Care, LLC

Call "Us" on the Carpet!

The Bane-Clene Way® Approved by leading carpet makers

1-800-965-9277 or 269-628-5032

"We Want To Work For You!"

www.baneclene.com

### Hartford Shell Now Hiring All Shifts

\$14.00 + per hour

Inquire at our location for an application

### Singer

"It isn't where you came from; it's where you're going that counts."

-Ella Fitzgerald

### CPM STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED NETWORK: PAY-PER-CALL ADS

FREE high speed internet for those that qualify. Government program for recipients of select programs incl. Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans Pension, Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, Tribal. 15 GB internet service. Bonus offer: Android tablet FREE with one-time \$20 copay. Free shipping & handling. Call Maxisp Telecom today! 1-866-783-0224

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-844-369-2501

DIRECTV Sports Pack - 3 Months on Us! Watch pro and college sports LIVE. Plus over 40 regional and specialty networks included. NFL, College Football, MLB, NBA, NHL, Golf and more. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-351-0154

Safe Step, North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-866-319-1374

BEAUTIFUL BATH UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Superior quality bath and shower systems at AFFORDABLE PRICES! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Call Now! 877-401-2404

PEST CONTROL: PROTECT YOUR HOME from pests safely and affordably. Roaches, Bed Bugs, Rodent, Termites, Spiders and other pests. Locally owned and affordable. Call for service or an inspection today! 1-844-524-7227 Have zip code of property ready when calling!

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, we're cutting installation costs in half and offering a FREE safety upgrade! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 3/31/24 Call 1-888-510-0901

### SNK TRANSMISSION

Where Performance Matters!

Fluid & Filter Change \$89.95

Most Vehicles - And adjust bands as necessary

Financing Available

22203 M-40, Gobles, MI 49055  
269-628-0186

Owner: Mike Hackett

### Small Engine Repair Joe's Lawn N' Garden

26th at M-89, Allegan, MI  
269-673-8736

We Service All Small Engines & Equipment

### DEL'S WELL DRILLING

- Drilling 4" Galvanized Wells
- Changing 2" Screens,
- Repairing 2"-5" Wells

521-4923 Call or Text 377-8939

Weekend and Holiday Service Available

### CPM STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED NETWORK: PAY-PER-CALL ADS

YOU MAY QUALIFY for disability benefits if you are between 52-63 years old and under a doctor's care for a health condition that prevents you from working for a year or more. Call now! 1-866-891-5858

### GENEVA TOWNSHIP Board Meeting

THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM

GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL  
62127 CR-380  
Geneva Township Board

### American Red Cross

Please Donate.

Our County Blood Supply is Dangerously Low. www.redcross.org



### Exceptional Heart Care

When it comes to your heart, you want the best. That's why more people choose Bronson for heart care than any other health system in southwest Michigan. Our cardiology team in Van Buren County is dedicated to quality and works closely with you and your primary care provider to develop a personalized plan of care. Whether your heart needs medical management, a procedure or surgery, when you choose one of us, you get the skill, compassion and fierce determination of a top team of experts!

Learn more at bronsonhealth.com/heart.

### Permits Breedsville Residents

Building Permits  
Rental Inspections  
Contact the Village 269-427-9029

Plumbing Permits  
Contact State of Michigan for a permit

Mechanical Permits  
Walt Devisser 269-427-7543

### A First Class Second-Hand Treasure Store!

Retail Open Tues. - Sat. 10 am - 5 pm  
Donations Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 4:30 pm or full for the day.  
Closed Sunday & Monday

WE HAVE FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Lakeview Foundation  
Community Thrift Shop  
1000 E. Michigan • Paw Paw • 269-657-4186

### LAKESHORE PLUMBING AND SEPTIC

Commercial and Residential • Quick Professional Quality Work

Full-Service Plumbing Replacement & Repair  
Residential Septic & Drain Cleaning

404 West Monroe St. Bangor, MI • (269) 427-1700  
75772 24th Ave. South Haven, MI • (269) 637-2299

### Thad Earl Jeweler Earl Coin & Jewelry

Specializing in all types of jewelry, custom stone cutting, replacements and jewelry repair

- Estate Jewelry
- Wedding Rings
- Gold & Silver Chains
- Coins bought & sold
- Licensed Gold Buyer
- Precious Stone Rings

WEBSITE: www.earljewelers.com

207 W. Monroe, Bangor, MI 49013  
269-427-8348

Closed Mon & Wed  
Thurs, Thurs & Fri 10 am-5 pm  
Sat. 10 am-3 pm  
Or call for appt.

we answer the phone. because it's ringing. simple human sense

BLOOMINGDALE • (269) 521-7774  
HJFOXINSURANCE.COM

Auto-Owners INSURANCE

### GENEVA TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST for Presidential Primary Election on Feb. 27, 2024. The Township of GENEVA will hold a public accuracy test of the electronic tabulating equipment to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

The Accuracy test will be held on Monday Feb 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Clerk will hold office hours on Sat., Feb 24 - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm to receive applications for Feb. 27, 2024 election @Geneva Hall, 62127 CR 380.

Brandie Rainey, Twp Clerk

### Arlington Township Residents Inspection Notice

All new construction, as well as mobile and modular homes require inspections.

Contact Zoning Administrator at (269) 427-7300 between 9 a.m. - Noon and 1-3 p.m. to apply for a zoning permit or to obtain information.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Building Inspector: Randall Aldering - 269-290-1298  
Mechanical Inspector: Walt Devisser - 269-427-7543  
Zoning/Assessor: Danielle Golembiewski - 269-225-9006  
Electrical Inspector: State of Michigan - 517-241-9313  
Plumbing Inspector: State of Michigan - 517-241-9313

WWW.ARLINGTONTOWNSHIP.COM  
Georgette Petterson, Clerk

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Bloomingdale Christian Church

208 East Pine Street  
bdalechurch1858@gmail.com  
Sunday School 9:45 am (classes for all ages)  
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

### The Bloomingdale Bible Church

Jer. 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.  
A Caring Church Family with In-depth, verse-by-verse-Bible Study, the Old Hymns & Praise, & Prayer Power.  
Interim Pastor Dave McAlpine  
Sunday Services: 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Bible Study "Jude"  
Wednesday 3:00 pm Prayer Power Hour Phone: (269) 427-2101 Deacon Phone: 370-0026  
210 Chestnut Street NW at Pine Bloomingdale, MI 49026  
Isn't It Time To Come Home?

### Merson Church

3313 102nd Ave., Gobles  
Sundays  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Service 6 pm

Pastor Alan Carson

Ladies Bible Study  
Tuesday 9:30-11:00 am

Wednesday Nights Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Call (269) 673-5274 for transportation services

Sr. Pastor Alan Carson Sr.  
Assistant Pastor, Paul Gilie  
Youth Pastor Jim Davis

### Northpoint Ministries of Gobles

04077 M40, Gobles MI 49055  
269-628-9199  
Pastors: Gary Lounsberry & John Losen Jr.  
Sunday - Worship Service 11am  
Monday - Bible Study 6:30  
Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7pm

### Trinity Lutheran Church & School

"Engaging & connecting all people to the love of Jesus"  
Sunday Praise Service 9:00 am  
Sun. School/Bible Study 10:15 am  
Traditional Worship 11:00 am

Pastor Phil Pfler  
Additional activities for all ages listed on our website at www.trinitylutheran.com  
721 Pine St. Paw Paw, MI 49079 • (269) 657-4840  
Email churchoffice@trinitylutheran.com  
Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8am - 4pm  
Providing Infant care, daycare, and Kindergarten - 8th grade.

### Calvary Baptist Church

403 E. Van Buren  
Gobles, MI  
(269) 628-4100  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
-for all ages-  
Morning Service 11:00 am  
Jr. Church Program for Children  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night @ 7:00 pm  
King's Kids Program -ages 4 & up  
Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am

### Bloomingdale Journey Family Church

269-628-2288  
www.journeyfamilychurch.com

### Bangor Baptist Church

Pastor David Johnson & First Lady Renee Johnson  
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  
Everyone Welcome  
Wed. Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

### 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  
FAYGO Youth Group 6-12 grade - 1st & 3rd Saturday's @5:30p.m.  
Men's Group-1st Sat. of the month at 8:00am  
Prominent Women's Ministry activities prominentwomenministries.com

### Horseshoe Community Bible Church

4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, MI  
Phone (269) 521-4580  
Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Worship 11 am  
Evening Services 6pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30pm  
Pastor Don Miller

SPREAD THE WORD...  
PLACE CHURCH SERVICES HERE \$9.75 per week



Everything is **GREAT** in the Land of

# Gobles

**Delicious, Authentic Meals**



Daily Lunch & Dinner Specials  
Now Serving Breakfast!

13366 M-40 Hwy.  
Gobles  
(269) 628-9187

Sun.- Weds. 11 am-8 pm, Thurs. - Sat. 11 am-9 pm

**Central Auto & Equipment, Inc.**

Utility & Cargo Trailers, Wiring, Hitching, RV Supplies, Truck Caps & Accessories

Tue.-Fri. 9:00-5:30,  
Sat. 9-3,  
Closed Sun. - Mon.



**269-628-4727**

22203 M-40 South • Gobles, MI 49055

**Nino's Pizza & Subs**

**CALL: 628-2157**  
**628-2158**



13259 M-40 N.  
Gobles, MI 49055

**Alamo Dumpster**

269-762-1365

**OWNER:**  
**MICHELLE VAN HEUKELUM**

**Local Roots...**  
**SHANNON MILLER STORINO** Broker-Partner  
ABR, SRS, RENE, AHWD



**MITTENSORES REAL ESTATE**

M: 616.717.0133  
O: 269.301.0100  
MittenShores.com

**NAPA**

*We take pride in our work!*

We are a Napa Auto Care Center, family owned business since 1994. Quality auto repair facility, also selling parts over the counter. We stock Amsoil products and other auto parts, too.

**269-628-2954** County Road 390 in Gobles.

**Forrest Automotive**

**ROY'S HOME CENTER**

Roy's Home Center is Proud to Introduce the All New **Kingsley Series of Fine Homes**

- Amish Built Quality
- Custom Design Changes
- The Very Finest Cabinets

25978 M-40 Highway, Gobles, MI 49055  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5 & Sat. 10-4  
(269) 628-4644 • www.royshomecenter.com

shop smart  
shop in  
**Gobles**

SHOP LOCAL • ENJOY GOBLES • SHOP LOCAL • ENJOY GOBLES • SHOP LOCAL




# TIGERS

## Gobles 2024 Winter Sports

**Gobles Tiger Wrestling**



Tiger medalists in Fennville Invitational meet.

**Tiger wrestlers close season going 2-0**

Coach Erin Carlin: Jan. 28, 2024

Tigers wrestling closed its regular season by going 2-0 in dual action. In doing so, they secured their first winning overall and winning conference record since the 2016-2017 season. Over the weekend, they amassed 21 Medals (3 Medals at the Bangor Girls Invitational, 15 Medals at the Fennville Invitational, and 4 Medals at the Greater Berrien County Invitational)

A top contributor in Girls Varsity this week was Daisy Estrada. For Boys Varsity, Brody Marshall and Devin Doorlag were dominant throughout the Fennville tournament. Nick Graves was also rock-solid in his Silver-Medal performance. Also, the four Tigers sent to the Greater Berrien Springs Invitational in search of high-level competition represented Tigers Wrestling very well.

**MS Girls Basketball**

**MS Girls fall to Blackhawks**

From Coach Hannah DeVall: Jan 30, 2024

Monday, January 29, the Lady Tigers 7th Grade Basketball team battled the Fennville Blackhawks and lost 20-10. After the 1st quarter both teams were even but the Blackhawks started to pull away in the 2nd quarter. Miley Rickli had many steals, Aria Diaz scored 2 points, Mia Reyes scored 2 points, and Livia Krukowski scored 6 points.

**8th grade Girls lose to close game**

From Coach Marc Kline: Jan 30, 2024

Monday, January 29, the Lady Tigers battled the Fennville Blackhawks and fell 27 - 23. It was their 2nd game and after falling behind at the half by 5 the girls fought their way back to tie the game midway through the 4th quarter only to let Fennville score 7 unanswered points with less than 30 seconds to play in the game. The Tigers ramped up the defensive pressure and were able to close the gap. Bella Laughlin scored 2 points, Neely Ketchum scored 2 points, Addy Hazard scored 4 points, Kelsey Sherrod scored 7 hitting a 3 in the closing seconds, and Ellie Hinson scored 8.

*"I've learned that something constructive comes from every defeat."*

Tom Landry  
Hall of Fame coach of the Dallas Cowboys

**More than just a game**

**Inspirational quotes from the world of sports**

*"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it."*

**Knute Rockne**

*"Do you know what my favorite part of the game is?"*

*The opportunity to play."*

**Mike Singletary**

*"One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team."*

**Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**

# TIGER STRONG!



<p><b>JOURNEY FAMILY CHURCH</b></p> <p>Sunday Services: 9am and 11am 514 W. Van Buren St. Gobles, MI 49055</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT YOUR HOME TEAM</b></p> <p><b>SHOP LOCALLY</b></p> <p><b>Thank You Sponsors</b></p>	<p><b>Samuel Mancino's</b></p> <p>ITALIAN EATERY</p> <p>269-828-2814</p> <p>107 S. State St. • Gobles</p> <p>open Mon-Thurs 11 am-10 pm Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm • Sun 11 am-9 pm</p>	<p><b>TIGER POWER!</b></p> <p><b>Stan's Yard &amp; Sport</b></p> <p>215 S. State Street Gobles, MI 269-628-1111</p>	<p><b>MILLER</b></p> <p>D.L. Miller Funeral Home Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bloomington: 521-3121</li> <li>• Gobles: 628-2852</li> <li>• Bangor: 427-7551</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alamo Dumpster</b></p> <p>269-762-1365</p> <p>Owner: <b>Michelle Vanhenkelum</b></p>	<p><b>Get 'em Tigers!</b></p> <p><b>COUNTRY HOUSE FURNITURE</b></p> <p>88327 M-149 Hwy. • South Haven, MI</p> <p>(269) 637-6135</p> <p>www.countryhousefurniture.net</p>	<p><b>SIMPLE AND FIT</b></p> <p>HEALTHY AND THIRSTY</p> <p>651 N. State Street, P.O. Box 178 Gobles, MI 49055 (269) 628-9024</p> <p>simpleandfit.gobles@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Sackett's</b></p> <p>Flooring Solutions</p> <p>CARPET • WOOD • VINYL • TILE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARPETING • VINYL</li> <li>• HARDWOOD • CERAMIC</li> </ul> <p>301 S. State St., Gobles • 628-2185</p>	<p><b>3WEST SALON</b></p> <p>269-459-1322</p> <p>6772 S. Westnedge Portage, MI 49002</p>



# REMINDER Classified ADS

SNOW FOOLING, LOOK AT THESE GREAT ADS!

CALL 269-427-7474 TO ADVERTISE.

**BURN BARRELS** cut & ready to use \$15 ea. **FREE** Drop off your waste oil at Forrest Automotive, CR 390. Call (269) 628-2954.

**DO YOU NEED YOUR HOUSE OR BUSINESS CLEANED?** I'm reliable and thorough. Weekly or bi-weekly, give me a call (269) 303-0737.

**FOR SALE - 22" Snow Tires.** \$400 or best offer. 269-501-1068.

**CONTRACTORS DUMPSTER RENTAL, LLC** - You Call, We Haul! 10, 20, 30 & 40 yard dumpsters for contractors, composting, yard, farm, scrap, college dorm, clean out estate, foreclosures, recycling & demolition. Call (269) 760-0668.

**GOBLES SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
32145 6th Ave. Gobles, MI 49055  
269-628-4921

**OPEN!!**

Provides free clothing to those in need in our community.  
Donations may be made at the same time.

**1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS**  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - Noon  
Director  
Linda Kienicki • 269-501-2515

**WANTED: STANDING TIMBER**  
Top Michigan lumber manufacturer seeking land owners with 25 or more mature hardwood trees to sell. Qualityhardwoodsinc.com. (517) 566-8061.

**PISTOL CLASSES:** CCW, NRA Certified Instructors. WATERVLIIET ROD & GUN CLUB, (269) 468-3837 or (269) 470-9191.

**RYNO TAXIDERMIST**  
Taxidermy since 1953!  
CERTIFIED MASTER TAXIDERMIST  
AWARD-WINNING FISH SKIN & REPRODUCTION MOUNTS  
Mill Lake Road, Gobles.  
(269) 628-2587

**FOR SALE:** 20 acres. Please call 269-804-7819. In South Haven.

**NOW HIRING** - Full and part time positions available for direct care staff. No experience necessary, all training provided. Please call (269) 628-9099 to schedule an interview or apply on line at cornerstoneafc.com

**HEATING TUNE-UPS,** repairs and replacements. **CALL ME!** Joe Wegel Heating & Air Conditioning. Bangor and surrounding areas. (269) 906-0917

**WANTED! CLARK'S AUTO PARTS** is buying cars, truck and all metals for recycling. Lawrence, MI. (269) 674-4905 or 1-800-707-8650.

**WANTED** Broken, wrecked or unwanted cars, trucks, tractors, dozers, loaders or any farm equipment. Paying cash! Cell: (269) 906-5596

**NEED A PREMIUM MATTRESS FOR HALF OF THE RETAIL PRICE???**  
Contact Mindy at (269) 267-3092 or look me up at Frannies Farm Stand and PM me for details!!

**POCKET WATCH REPAIR**  
Most make & models. By appointment only. (269) 290-0171.

## EDUCATIONAL AND MEANINGFUL WAYS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each February, the United States commemorates the impressive contributions of Black individuals.

Black History Month traces its origins to 1915, 50 years after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In that same year, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (later known as ASALH) was founded to promote the achievement of Black Americans and others of African descent. In 1926, a more formal holiday was established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson with a national Negro History Week, which evolved into today's Black History Month. February was chosen because it coordinates with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass — two individuals who were essential to the fight for equal rights for Black people.

Black History Month is loaded with opportunities to learn more about influential Black individuals. Local libraries, television channels and schools often focus on such individuals throughout the month of February, providing ample chances for individuals from all walks of life to learn more about people and events that have shaped the nation.

- **Watch documentaries.** During Black History Month, many networks feature documentaries on influential figures who made their marks in the Black community and beyond. Streaming services also may have documentaries or special interview series available that highlight certain Black figures.
- **Visit a cultural center.** Museums and other cultural or community centers emphasize Black history in February. Even in smaller towns one may be able to attend speeches or readings at local libraries.
- **Watch movies.** Curate a collection of films that were directed by Black directors or feature

Black actors in lead roles. Films that chronicle the biographies of Black historical figures also can be educational.

- **Learn about local Black history.** There may be specific Black individuals in your local community who are notable for their accomplishments or efforts. In addition, many people might be surprised to learn about events in their own communities that helped to shape Black history.
- **Read MLK Jr's famous letter.** People can revisit the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by reading his "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is considered vital for anyone hoping to understand the Civil Rights movement in the United States.

Black History Month provides plenty of chances to learn about influential figures and historical events.



**White Wedding Units**  
CLEAN & DEPENDABLE  
• Special Events  
• Handwashing & Handicap  
• Construction Sites

**PLUMBER'S**  
Portable Toilet Service  
Serving Southwestern Michigan  
MULTIPLE UNIT DISCOUNTS  
**1-800-223-9563**  
OR CALL 673-9563

**HOT DEALS on FURNACES, BOILERS, & CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS** - Great warranties, competitive pricing and installed by a name that has been trusted in the area over 60 years. Valentine Heating & Cooling Service (269) 427-8751.

**HOME & AUTO INSURANCE!!** Low cost. Call Katie at Ken Bleeker Insurance. No obligation quotes. (269) 672-5228.

**WOLVERINE COACH TRUCK CAPS**- new and used. Repair work and replacement glass on all brands. Trailer wiring on all kinds. Locks and accessories for trucks and SUVs. 668-3794.

**WANTED** Broken, wrecked or unwanted cars, trucks, tractors, dozers, loaders or any farm equipment. Paying cash! Cell: (269) 906-5596

**MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS!!** Low cost. Call Sherry at Ken Bleeker Insurance. No obligation quotes. (269) 672-5228

**JON GETMAN CONSTRUCTION LICENSED AND INSURED**, All phases of construction. Roofing, siding, decks, windows and home demolition work. Call (269) 637-1891

**HELP WANTED:** Lawncare & landscaping team members to add to our work crews. Call/Text Tony, 269-539-1021.

**Bloomingdale Public Schools** is looking for an accounting specialist and bus drivers. Please visit [bdalecards.com](http://bdalecards.com) for more information.

**HAVE AN OLD SALT HOG? Save Money at Gordonwater.com**  
(269) 382-0068.

## LARGE PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 10:00 A.M.  
5075 RUSSCHER ROAD, HOLLAND, MI

**LAWN & GARDEN / TOOLS:** JD S240 Lawn mower-161 hours!; JD lawn cart; large lawn roller; car ramps; Makita miter saw; Rockwell miter saw; floor jack; tow straps, ratchet tie downs; bar clamps; many hand tools; The Smith Silo Co concrete panel Oxford, MI; PT Cruiser Turbo Seven men's bike;

**HUNTING / FISHING:** Sears 3T .22; Stevens 12 ga; Gamo CFX 4.5 pellet w/BSA scope; Red Ryer BB; Crosman .177 air rifle w/scope; Grizzly Daisy mod 840 air gun (2); Marksman 1710 plainman pellet; ammo-.22 & 12 ga; Winchester 2004 Limited edition knife in tin; Dummy MK 22 FUZE shell; propane stove; Coleman light; Coleman lantern; fish lures; boat anchor; tackle boxes; Binoculars; air bed;

**HEINZ COLLECTIBLES:** 3'x3' silk scarf-framed; truck bank; trolley car; alarm clock; tins

**CAMEL COLLECTIBLES:** director chair NIB; mirror, mugs, matches, ash tray, Salt & Pepper; cigarettes;

**HOUSEHOLD:** Noritake "Sunny Side" approx. set for 24; Corelle dishes; LOTS OF LINENS; Power Juicer; microwave; Curved curio cabinet; end tables, dinette set; oak rocker; cedar chest; dresser; book shelf; 60" H x 16" W Herman Miller Taupe and White Vertical Storage

**MUSIC INSTRUMENTS:** Yamaha Saxophone, Yamaha Drum Head, xylophone in cases

**ANTIQUES:** Coleman LAMP; Pyramid lamp; Universal Cambridge stack bowls; Pyrex stack bowls; Taylor Milk Bottle Marshal, MI; Delph 8 day clock w/pendulum; Rexanker mantle clock; Happy time Flyte wagon; Happi Time Pinball Bagatelle; Luck E Lite lantern w/red globe; several steins; MI license plates 60's 70's; Collector plates

**TERRY REDLINE PICTURES:** Office hours, Land Mark, Stormy Weather, Rusty Refuge IV, For Amber Waves

**TOYS:** Collection of greenlight United State Postal Service 1:64 scale postal vehicle - NIB, Barbie fold out townhouse w/all accessories; Barbie Volkswagen van; G.I. Joe Ernie Pyle, John E. Kennedy; LEGOS Jeep Wrangler, Doms Dodge Charger, Batman Classic - all NIB; FISHER PRICE - Airport, air plane, mini cooper, doll house, parking garage, childrens hospital; TONKA car carrier, Pick up truck; Collection of HESS trucks; erector set; Monopoly Collector games-NIB; Bobble Heads; Puzzles; Super Maze bead & wire maze; HOT WHEELS electric racing Battery slam; dolls; metal car banks;

**JD COLLECTIBLES:** blankets, pictures; posters, hats, doll, many toys & tractors NIB

**ITEMS NIB:** Craig Karaoke system, blender; presto Digital Pro Fry, trunk organizer & cooler, lumbar seat cover,

**AUCTION NOTE:** A SUPER CLEAN AUCTION - the owners have moved and can't take it all with them. All selling to the highest bid. Payment cash, check, credit card (5% fee). All sold in heated indoor seating. Check web site for MANY picture.

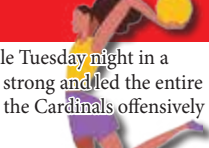
**DALES AUCTIONEERING SERVICE LLC**  
Dale Flokstra, Auctioneer • (616) 836-3132 • [www.dalesauctioneering.com](http://www.dalesauctioneering.com)

# Bloomingdale 2024 Winter Sports CARDINALS

Photo by Richard Strange

## Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball team hosted Centreville Tuesday night in a SW10 Conference matchup. The Cardinals started strong and led the entire way, winning the game 41-30. Leading the way for the Cardinals offensively was senior Andreyra Robinson.



## MS Girls Basketball

Your middle school Lady Cardinals played a really solid Bangor Vikings team on Thursday, January 25th. The team worked hard and fought to the very end. The 7th grade team was led in scoring by Madalynn Branch and Molly Kubiszak. The 8th grade team was led in scoring by Taylor Blazys and Cadence Williams.

To start off the new week your middle school Lady Cardinals hosted Comstock. The 7th grade team worked as a team coming up with big stops but came up a little short. Lizzy Garcia was a powerhouse, shutting down the lane on defense and grabbing several huge offensive and defensive rebounds. Molly Kubiszak, Iesha Hernandez, and Rhyanne Kelly worked well together on the defensive end creating several turnovers and working together to string together some stops. Your 7th grade Lady Cardinals improved a lot from their first game to their second and we are excited to see what the season brings.

The 8th grade Lady Cardinals started off with a quick lead and never let up winning 35-4. The 8th grade defense was huge in their first win of the season. Mikaela Flynn did a great job getting stops in the paint while Analyssa Sustaita locked down the perimeter. Your 8th grade team was led in scoring by Cadence Williams with 10 points and Arianna Pacheco with 9 points. This was a big win for the 8th grade team!



## Varsity Girls Wrestling

The Varsity Girls Wrestling Team had a great showing at Bangor Friday night with 4 girls taking home medals. Congratulations to Rowan Hegelmann (1st), Julie Salazar (3rd), Ashley Cortes (2nd), and Molly Menzel (2nd)!



**Go Cardinals!**

## Middle School Wrestling



The Middle School Wrestling Team had a great night at the Fennville Tournament Friday night. The team won 16 matches, which is the most in one night in recent memory. We had 6 placers! Congratulations to Willie Bemis (4th), Jonathan Guthrie (3rd), Maverick Atkinson (2nd), Macyn Bishop (4th), Brennan Bradford (1st), and Collin Lewis (3rd)!



**JOURNEY FAMILY CHURCH**  
Sunday Services:  
9am and 11am  
514 W. Van Buren St.  
Gobles, MI 49055

**Get 'em Cards! COUNTRY HOUSE FURNITURE**  
08337 M-140 Hwy. • South Haven, MI  
(269) 637-6135  
[www.countryhousefurniture.net](http://www.countryhousefurniture.net)

**A&B LAWN CARE**  
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL  
SNOW PLOWING  
TOTAL LAWN CARE • TRIMMING  
CLEAN-UP • HAULING  
SR. DISCOUNTS • FREE ESTIMATES  
**492-4612**

**3WEST SALON**  
269-459-1322  
6772 S. Westnedge  
Portage, MI 49002

**NORTH SHORE PEST CONTROL, INC.**  
Andy Peterson 521-6462

**CORNERSTONE HERNANDEZ HOME AFB**  
SPECIALIZED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES  
We care for our Cardinals!  
269-628-9099  
Main Office in Downtown Gobles  
Bangor location opening soon.

**BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNICATIONS**  
We're calling for a Cardinal win!  
269-521-7300

**Catch All the Hoopla Here!**  
call 269-427-7474 to sponsor this Cardinal's page.

**Meadow Woods of Bloomingdale**  
521-3383  
42235 CR 390,  
Bloomingdale  
[www.peplinskigroup.com](http://www.peplinskigroup.com)

**Samuel Mancino's ITALIAN EATERY**  
269-628-2814  
407 S. State St. • Gobles  
Open Mon-Thurs 11 am-10 pm  
Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm • Sun 11 am-9 pm

**Southwestern Michigan Dust Control**  
521-7638  
P.O. Box 152,  
Bloomingdale, MI

**Van Buren REMINDER**  
Serving: Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Glenn, Grand Junction, Lacoata, Pullman & South Haven  
269-427-7474  
[www.vanburenreminder.com](http://www.vanburenreminder.com)





# Alexander Buiwitt

July 22, 1928 - January 24, 2024 • Gobles, MI

Love above all, Alexander Buiwitt lived a full life of family first with faith in God. The values that Alex lived by were honesty, sincerity, and generosity.

Alex was Born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1928, to Alexander L. Buiwitt Sr. and Mary Lena (Martell). He was the first generation born in America. His father Alexander L. Buiwitt Sr. came to the United States through Ellis Island, born in Latvia, and his mother was Canadian born.

After graduating high school in Detroit, his path led him to the United States Navy where they sent him to Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana to study electrical engineering. After his training, he was assigned to the USS Randolph. During his service Alex was able to see much of the world and was very proud to serve his country.

Upon his honorable discharge in 1948, Alex met and married Marion (Pete) Peterson. They settled in Detroit, started their family, and he began his work as a Detroit Police Officer. They later moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Alex started a new career in sales in the foundry industry and eventually formed his own company, Ampar Systems, continuing in the foundry profession.

Alex was most proud of his 4 children, Christine, Brad, Joann, and Angela (Angela preceded him in death). He was a dedicated father and selfless person who always put his family first. His main focus in life was to show his family that dedication and hard work would lead to success. He taught them that if you want to do something, do your best, be the best person you can be, and to believe in yourself. He always took time to check on the mother of his children, Marion, even though they parted many years before. This was a valued kindness and loyalty to his family. He modeled a generous lifestyle, what was his, he shared. One of his most beloved things to

share was the golf clubs he made himself. Many friends and family from Michigan to Arizona are hitting an "AL Original". Some of the simplest things became the most treasured times of giving hugs, eating late night ice cream, cookies, or cake, and always enjoying strong morning coffee.

Alex was loved by many people. He always took extra time to help others. He was especially proud of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. At a recent first birthday party for his great granddaughter Elowen, he stated that she "completed his world." Alex loved relaxing outdoors, working around the Gobles lake house, all while enjoying a good cigar. He told life stories to everyone, even strangers.

He had an endless passion for the game of golf. He loved making golf clubs, and pursued golf inventions and patents. He traveled to Arizona for the winter. Referring to himself as a snowbird, he made sure he called home to snowy Michigan on Christmas Day to share that he was on the golf course, excited to be in shorts on December 25th!

To know Al was to love him. He had many loyal lifelong friends and his children's friends quickly became his friends too. He was a great listener and other times assumed the role of the story teller where he told his stories as if you were hearing them for the very first time.

Alexander was a WWII Veteran, and a life member of Kalamazoo Elks club #50 for 68 years. In the 1960's he was the president of Westwood Little League, a member of American Legion, served on the campaign committee at Hackett High School Catholic Central and helped raise over 1.5 million dollars to build a new high school which opened in 1964. He also sat on the review board of

electricians for Western Michigan University. Alex was not a person that would only talk about a problem because when he noticed that something needed to be solved, he was a man of action, not just a man of words.

In the last months of his life, many tasks became more difficult. His "see you in the morning" was followed now by "I hope so". Alexander Buiwitt died peacefully on January 24, 2024, with his children by his side.

Alexander Buiwitt was born July 22, 1928, in Detroit, MI, to Alexander L. Buiwitt Sr. and Mary Lena (Martell). He was preceded in death by his wife: Jean Buiwitt, daughter: Angela Buiwitt, and sibling: Marlene Buiwitt.

Surviving are his children, Christine Ballesteros-Mraz (Joey), Brad (Terri) Buiwitt, Joann Buiwitt-Shafer Carpenter (David), Grandchildren: John, Jennifer, Britni, Broc, Luke (Emily) Shafer and Summer Mraz, Great grand-children: Colton Brockman, and Elowen Shafer and dear family friend, Marge Lisowski.

A Lifestory Visitation will be open for family and friends Wednesday, January 31, from 5-7 p.m. with the Rosary to be read at 5:00 p.m. by Father Jorgenson held at Betzler Life Story Funeral Home 60900 M-40, Paw Paw MI 49079, (269) 657-3870.

Mass will take place on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St Mary's Catholic Church 209 S Brown St, Paw Paw, MI 49079, followed with committal of Military Funeral Honors at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI.

Visit Alexander's webpage at BetzlerLifeStory.com to archive favorite memories, photos, and sign his guestbook. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gobles High School, Athletic Department.

## ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### SUMMARY OF MINING AND MINERAL EXTRACTION, SPECIAL LAND USE AND LICENSING ORDINANCE

- An applicant must begin the process by showing the need for the mining that is requested.
- If the need is established, the applicant may apply for a Special Land Use Permit (SUP) and may also request a mining license.
- The Ordinance establishes the SUP and mining license requirements.
- The Ordinance focuses, in part, on the applicant's burden to establish that the mining operation will not create "very serious consequences" and establishes requirements for the reclamation of the property.
- The Ordinance sets policies for inspecting and monitoring mining operations.
- Penalties for the violation of the Ordinance are described.

#### MINING AND MINERAL EXTRACTION, SPECIAL LAND USE AND LICENSING

##### TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION 1.	Findings	2
SECTION 2.	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	2
Section 3.	Exceptions	2
Section 4.	Definitions	2
Section 5.	Special Land Use	5
5.1	General Intent	5
5.2	Findings by Township Board as a Foundation for this Ordinance	Section 6
5.3	Materials Required for an Applicant to Demonstrate the Need for, and Public Interest in, The Natural Resources Proposed to be Extracted	6
5.4	Determination of Whether the Applicant Can Demonstrate that Proposed Extraction of Natural Resources Would Result in Very Serious Consequences	7
SECTION 6.	Effect of Approval; Mineral Extraction License	20
6.1	Compliance by Licensee	21
6.2	Suspension/Revocation	24

6.3	Appeal	24
6.4	Performance Bond	24
6.5	Insurance Requirements	25
6.6	Violations	25
6.7	Effective Date	27
6.8	Severability	27
6.9	Relationship to Other Laws	27
	Certification	28

#### SECTION 1. Findings. Arlington Township finds:

• Sand, gravel, and other earthen deposits within the Township's boundaries are non-renewable natural resources that are necessary and beneficial to the welfare of the Township and its residents.

• Mineral extraction operations can negatively affect Township residents' health, safety, and welfare unless such operations are adequately regulated.

• Mineral extraction operations can pollute the environment, damage water supplies, cause noise nuisances, dust nuisances, health problems, damage roads, and create other deleterious conditions to the Township and its residents.

• The Township has the authority to regulate mineral extraction operations to protect public health, safety, and welfare under Public Act No. 246 of 1945, MCL 41.181, and other Michigan statutes.

#### SECTION 2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

• **Application Procedure.** All applicants seeking permission to engage in mining under this ordinance shall apply for and diligently pursue both the issuance of a Special Use Permit and a license.

• **Special Land Use Requirement and Standard.** Mineral extraction in the Township may be conducted only based on issuing a Special Use Permit unless excepted under Section 3. This Ordinance provides the procedure and standards for review and approval of applications seeking permission to conduct the Special Land Use of extracting natural resources, sand, gravel, and earthen deposits in Arlington Township by MCL 125.3205(3), et seq., enacted by Act 113, PA 2011 ("Act 113").

• **License Requirement and Provisional Request for a Special Use Permit.** No person shall engage in the business of mineral extraction from any property in the Township without obtaining a mining and mineral extraction license issued by the Township based on the provisions of this Ordinance. No mining and mineral extraction license shall be issued unless an applicant secures a Special Use Permit for mineral extraction.

#### SECTION 6. Effect of Approval; Mineral Extraction License.

• **Approval of a special land use under Section 4.4(B) shall be included in the application for a mineral extraction license for the construction and operation of the use.**

SHOP LOCAL! KEEP IT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**JENSEN'S EXCAVATING**  
INCORPORATED

**SEPTIC TANK CLEANING**  
SEWER SYSTEM INSTALLATION & REPAIR

(269) 637-5642

JensensExcavating.com

**NOTICE**  
GENEVA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Building, electrical, mechanical & plumbing inspections are necessary on all new construction, mobile or modular homes. All used site-built, mobile or modular homes must be inspected by Building Inspector before being brought into or relocated within township. Minimum 14 ft. wide, 840 sq. ft. living space.

**Permit Applications Must Include Property Number**

For more information, contact inspectors:

**BUILDING – MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP SERVICES**  
1-800-626-5964

**ELECTRICAL – MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP SERVICES**  
1-800-626-5964

**MECHANICAL – WALTER DEVISSER**  
Phone: 427-7543

**PLUMBING – MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP SERVICES • Phone: 1-800-626-5964**

Published by Geneva Township Board

**Need Help Bookkeeping?**

- Save on Time
- No More Stress
- Know Your Numbers
- QuickBooks Online
- Unlimited Support
- As Low As \$300/Month

Helping You Look After Your Business

Great Lakes Bookkeeping, LLC  
Jacob Christensen, QBO ProAdvisor  
(269) 205-3633 Grand Junction, MI  
Jacob@GreatLakesBookkeeping.com

**Quality Door Company**  
Locally owned and operated for 21 years

**Garage Doors and Openers**

- Residential • Commercial
- Sales Repairs • Emergency Service
- Replacement Springs

05666 C.R. 687, South Haven • 269-637-8761

**Notable figures to celebrate this Black History Month**

Each February, individuals across Canada and the United States celebrate Black History Month. Both nations have much to celebrate, and these are just a few of the individuals who have done much to advance the causes of Black people in the United States and Canada.

- **Fannie Lou Hamer:** The subject of a new biography by historian Keisha N. Blain released in late 2021, Fannie Lou Hamer rose to prominence during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s in the United States. Born to sharecropper parents in Sunflower County, Mississippi, in 1919, Hamer became an activist in 1962, ultimately providing a powerful voice to a widely underrepresented segment of the African American population fighting for rights in the 1980s.
- **Bayard Rustin:** The March on Washington is among the most widely remembered events during the civil rights era in the United States, and Bayard Rustin was one of the event's principle organizers. Rustin, who was candid about his sexuality as a gay man in private, often worked behind the scenes during the Civil Rights Movement, which occurred during a period when homosexuality was still criminalized. Rustin later became a public advocate for gay rights in the 1980s.
- **Viola Davis Desmond:** Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1914, Viola Davis Desmond took a stand for African Canadians in 1946 when she refused to sit in the balcony at the Roseland Theatre in New Glasgow, a section designated for Blacks. Desmond was forcibly removed and arrested and ultimately fined and sentenced to 30 days in jail. She took her case all the way to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, which upheld the verdict. Desmond passed away in 1965, but in 2010 the province of Nova Scotia issued an official apology and pardoned her.
- **Elijah McCoy:** The son of former slaves who had escaped enslavement in Kentucky via the Underground Railroad, Elijah McCoy was born in Colchester, Ontario, in 1844. Despite his humble origins, McCoy would become an influential inventor and engineer, ultimately holding more than 50 patents in Canada, the United States, France, Austria, Germany, Great Britain, and Russia.
- **African Americans and African Canadians** have contributed much to the United States, Canada and the world.

**we have life insurance. because, well, you can't predict the future. simple human sense**

**GOBLES INSURANCE CENTER**  
203 S. State Street, Gobles  
Call 628-2691 or 628-2107  
www.newellinsuranceagency.com

**Auto-Owners**  
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

**NEWELL Agency Inc!**

**ROCKY JOHNSON**  
Insurance Services

**SHERIFF'S CORNER**

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

Our office has seen a high amount of Domestic Violence calls over the past few weeks. It's common for this to happen when bad weather hits and people are confined for long periods of time with each other.

We had a Deputy doing traffic on I94hwy from a major crash when a semi slid by him out of control, narrowly missing him. Fortunately, by God's Grace, he was not seriously injured or killed. It's just another grim reminder on how Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, and First Responders put their lives on the line everyday to keep our community safe and they could lose their lives in a second by events out of their control.

Once again, a marijuana dispensary was broken into. This dispensary was in Paw Paw Township. The four suspects stole approximately \$30,000 worth of product. The vehicle used was stolen out of Calhoun County. This is a trend we've seen over and over with suspects coming into our county in the middle of the night to break into dispensaries. To date, everyone we've been able to develop suspects on are not from our county.

Uniform Response handled a multiple vehicle traffic crash on I94hwy in Antwerp Township. It involved 3 semis and a minivan. The highway had to be shut down for about 4 hours to clean the crash scene up. One person was injured in the minivan and transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Our Animal Control Deputy assisted MSP with an Animal Cruelty Complaint in Bangor Township. One horse was deceased on scene and the other one was in very poor condition. The horse was removed from the scene so it could get the required care it needed.

Uniform Response took a Domestic violence call in Porter Township. The suspect was charged with Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm less than Murder or by Strangulation as well as Aggravated Assault.

Uniform Response took a Domestic Violence call in Porter Township. The suspect was charged with Interfering with an Emergency Communications Device and Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm less than Murder or by Strangulation.

Uniform Response was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle at a residence in which the owner lives out of state. The Deputy made contact with a subject inside of the residence. It was immediately found that the residence was broken into and the vehicle was stolen out of Kalamazoo. The suspect was lodged for Possession of the Stolen Vehicle(UDAA) and Breaking and Entering into a Residence.

Uniform Response handled a call in Pine Grove Township involving a stolen pickup truck out of Shelbyville. Kalamazoo County had a pursuit with it earlier, after the pursuit, it ended up in our county, and was called in on fire. It appears that the suspect was picked up by another vehicle.

Our Narcotic Unit and Canine Unit did compliance checks with Parole Agents at the KPEP Motel in Paw Paw Township in the late evening hours. Parolees were found with Meth, Psychedelic Mushrooms, Warrants for Their Arrest, and Possession of Ammunition. A subject there visiting also had a warrant for their arrest. In all, 7 people were transported and lodged at our facility for the charges listed.


Detectives went to a residence in Cass County along with the Cass County Sheriff's Office and arrested 3 subjects on warrants out of our office for Larceny over \$1,000, Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, and Larceny from a Motor Vehicle. All 3 subjects were located and arrested on the Felony Warrants. They were transported and lodged at our facility. It stemmed from a complaint in Hartford Township last month that our office took.

Uniform Response took a Larceny Complaint in Decatur Township. Suspects got into a pole barn and stole a SX5700 Honda Side by Side, Green in Color. They also stole a 2 Delonghi Oil Heaters and a Portable Buddy Radiant Heater. Anyone with any information about this incident as asked to call our office immediately.



# MCFADDEN'S FRIENDLY MOTORS

Where you'll always get a great deal and a great deal more!



**2022 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE OVERLAND 4x4**  
P6236



23K miles, Dual power heated, ventilated and massaging seats, 950 watt MacIntosh sound system, Luxury group IV, 20" wheels, pano roof, 10.1" touch screen, lane keep, Adaptive cruise, blind spot, and more!

Now Just **\$45,991** **\$685** Per Month

**2022 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4**  
P6112



10K miles, 5.7L Hemi, 8spd auto, 12" touch screen, navigation, dual power heated buckets, memory seating, keyless enter and go with remote start, 20" wheels, tow pkg, warranty!

Now Just **\$45,991** **\$685** Per Month

**2022 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO 8' LONG BED**  
P6139



19K miles, 5.3L V-8, 8spd automatic, power windows, locks, air, Tons of warranty!

Now Just **\$28,871** **\$429** Per Month

**2021 RAM 1500 SLT CREW CAB 4X4**  
P6238



Clean one owner, 5.7L V-8, backup camera, touch screen radio, Bluetooth. Seating for 6, warranty!

Now Just **\$27,491** **\$409** Per Month


**2021 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE LUX 4X4**  
P156766



Only 17K miles, dual pane power sunroof, Alpine sound group, dual climate, power seat, V-6.

Now Just **\$25,991** **\$387** Per Month


**2021 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED 4X4**  
P6271



Heated / ventilated Power leather bucket seats, 2nd row heated buckets, B&O sound system, navigation, 3rd row seating, tow pkg, Tow pkg, warranty!

Now Just **\$36,971** **\$561** Per Month

**2021 CHEVY COLORADO CREW CAB LT 4X4**  
P6280



Super sharp, Seating for 5 adults! Warranty!

Now Just **\$27,991** **\$412** Per Month


**2021 DODGE CHALLENGER SXT ALL WHEEL DRIVE**  
P6245



300hp V-6, 8spd automatic, power seat, Apple car play, Android auto, warranty!

Now Just **\$23,781** **\$354** Per Month


**2021 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING L**  
P6185



Heated leather front Bucket seats, heated steering wheel, full stow & go, Power sliders and lift gate.

Now Just **\$22,491** **\$335** Per Month

**2021 DODGE CHARGER SXT**  
P6094



Power sunroof, navigation, Heated leather, power seat, spoiler, blacked out Wheels, warranty!

Now Just **\$22,491** **\$336** Per Month


**2020 FORD F150 SUPER CREW XLT 4X4**  
P6300



Chrome appearance Pkg, tow pkg, 8" touch screen, warranty!

Now Just **\$23,591** **\$356** Per Month

**2020 NISSAN ROGUE SV AWD**  
P6301



Power heated seat, dual climate Control, remote start, keyless enter and go with remote Proximity sensing, power lift gate, large infotainment Touch screen, warranty!

Now Just **\$17,591** **\$262** Per Month

**2020 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4**  
P6267



29K miles, Big Horn Level II Pkg, Hemi V-8, power heated front Bucket seat, 8.4" touch screen, tow pkg, Front & rear park assist, 20" chrome wheels, warranty!

Now Just **\$35,771** **\$538** Per Month

**2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4x4**  
P6276



38K miles, Navigation, Power heated leather / suede bucket seats, Power lift gate, warranty!

Now Just **\$30,991** **\$462** Per Month

**2019 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN**  
P6304



5.7L V-8, Night edition Pkg, power heated bucket seat, remote start, 8.4" touch Screen, front & rear park assist, tow pkg, 20" wheels, warranty!

Now Just **\$27,991** **\$417** Per Month

**2019 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4x4**  
P156988



Power heated Leather and suede, navigation with 8.4" touch screen, Power lift gate, 20" wheels, warranty!

Now Just **\$24,491** **\$365** Per Month


**2019 FORD F150 CREW CAB LARIAT 4X4**  
P6228



5.0L V-8, power heated and cooled leather sport bucket seats, navigation, large infotainment touch screen, B&O premium sound, adaptive cruise, lane sense, blind spot monitoring, tow pkg, 20" wheels, warranty!

Now Just **\$36,991** **\$551** Per Month


**2018 FORD F150 CREW CAB XLT 4X4**  
P6303



Clean truck with Seating for 6, tow pkg, warranty!

Now Just **\$25,591** **\$387** Per Month

**2018 JEEP CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4**  
P6283



57K miles, Black out Wheels & trim, heated seats, heated steering wheel, Remote start, warranty!

Now Just **\$17,991** **\$268** Per Month


**2018 LINCOLN MkZ AWD RESERVE**  
P6293



Only 21K miles, Panoramic power sunroof, 10 way dual power Heated ventilated memory bucket seats, Reveal Sound system, heated rear seats, warranty!

Now Just **\$26,971** **\$399** Per Month

**2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT**  
P6250



69K miles, 3rows of seating, dual power seat, warranty!

Now Just **\$18,987** **\$283** Per Month


**2016 FORD FUSION SE**  
P6284



65K miles! Power seat, climate control, satellite radio, warranty!

Now Just **\$13,981** **\$208** Per Month

**2016 TOYOTA SIENNA XLE AWD**  
P6061A



Heated leather upholstery, 2nd row bucket seats, premium sound, serviced and ready to enjoy!

Now Just **\$16,881** **\$255** Per Month

**2016 DODGE DART SXT**  
P6265



8.4" Uconnect touch screen infotainment, Upgraded wheels, sport spoiler, sharp, warranty!

Now Just **\$10,991** **\$165** Per Month

Where you'll always get a great deal and a great deal more!

Payments based on 10% plus tax & title down with approved credit. 2022 - 2015 5.99 @ 72 months 2014 - 2010 7.99 @ 72 months, 2010 - older 8.99 @ 60 months.

**MCFADDEN'S FRIENDLY MOTORS**  
CHRYSLER • DODGE • DODGE TRUCK • JEEP



1/2 Mile North of M-140 & 196 Exit 18 South Haven  
**1-877-779-8055**  
[www.mcfaddenfriendly.com](http://www.mcfaddenfriendly.com)

