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SALE PRICED **\$47,994 \$749 mo**

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**2020 GMC TERRAIN SLT AWD**

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SALE PRICED **\$29,949 \$468 mo**

**2021 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LT 4 WHEEL DRIVE**

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Was \$7,549 Now **\$6,900** **\$179** per month

**2022 Haul-About Leopard 8.5 x16 Tandem Axle**

Round Top, Landscape pkg, 60" triple tube tongue, 10,000#GVWR with 5200# axles. Heavy duty rear ramp & more.

Was \$10,970 Now **\$9,900** **\$194** per month

**2022 Haul-About Leopard 6x12 Tandem Axle**

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 \$9,946 Now **\$6,900** **\$135** per month

**2022 Haul-About Cougar 6x12 Single Axle with Rear Ramp**

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# TIGERS

## Gobles 2024 Winter Sports



(Left) Trenton Mansfield - Mason Mansfield - Jose Boger-Devin Doorlag - Eli DeYoung - Gabe Reynoso (Above) Conner Morris (Lower Left) Eli DeYoung.  
Photos by Kathie Brown Creative Photography

### JV Boys Basketball

#### Gobles JV Boy's Basketball Gaining Momentum

The Junior Varsity Basketball Team has competed in 14 games this year. In each game the boys are showing improvement driven by their hard work in practice. The team record so far is 3 wins and 11 losses but have won 2 of their last 4 games. In our last 4 games the team recorded wins over Bloomingdale and Saugatuck. The team is working on our mental toughness and defensive intensity. The team does a good job of playing for each other and are enjoying getting better at basketball.

Members of this year's team are: Briar Heintzman, Gibson Curtis, Zack Connor, Kreston Tackett, Tucker Greffe, Brett Ivester, Nathan Ray, Gavin Lanting, Alex Akers and manager Avery Greffe.

The future of Gobles Basketball is bright as these Young Tigers work hard and strive to get better every game.

### MS Girls Basketball

#### 8th Grade Middle School Basketball

The Tigers are 2-2 after their game on Monday, February 5. Monday, February 5 the Tigers from Gobles hosted the Allegan Tigers on the hardwood and came away with their 2nd victory of the season scoring 24 points and holding Allegan to 8. It took awhile for the offense to kick into gear but after a 6-1 halftime lead the ladies scored 14 in the 3rd quarter and 4 points in the fourth. Stingy defense set the tone early.

Scoring came mostly from the guards as Madison Piper with 2, Hayden Keeley 2, Braelyne Woodard 2, Bella Laughlin 2, Ellie Hinson, 4 and Kelsey Sherrod 12. Grace Wilkins, Addy Hazard, Neely Ketchum, and Maggie Morand helped on the boards and were key in limiting the Allegan team to fewer shots.

The Lady Tigers will travel to Delton-Kellogg on Monday, Feb. 12 and then they'll be at South Haven on Valentines Day, Wednesday, February 14.

#### 7th Grade Middle School Basketball

Wednesday, January 31 the 7th grade girls basketball team competed against the Martin Clippers at home. They struggled to keep their head in the game and had many defensive mistakes. However, some highlights included Aria Diaz making two outside shots. Taylor Cooley did a great job of communicating on the court and boxing out. The Lady Tigers lost to the Clippers 6-12.

Aria Diaz scored 6, and Liv Kruskowski scored 2 points. The 7th grade girls are showing improvement. Way to Go!

### Tiger Wrestling



The SAC Championships were held on February 3rd and with a team score of 118 Gobles Tigers Wrestling placed 4th in the Conference. The team's best conference finish years.

Eli DeYoung led the charge with his 3-0, Gold Medal Performance. Jose Boger, Finn Carlin, and Trenton Mansfield wrestled hard to earn Silver medals in a tough SAC Conference. As a result of their work, Eli, Finn, Trent, and Jose all earned All-Conference honors.

Mason Mansfield earned a Bronze medal, while Nick Graves and Gabe Reynoso earned 4th Place Medals.

### Tristan Harbaugh named a winner of the Class C Boys MHSAA Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar Athlete Award recipient

---FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE---  
Gobles' Tristan Harbaugh Wins 2023-24 MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award



GOBLES-Gobles High School senior Tristan Harbaugh has been named an MHSAA/Farm Bureau Insurance 2023-24 Scholar-Athlete Award Winner by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Harbaugh is a three-sport athlete for the Tigers, playing four years of football and basketball and earning distinction in each sport, including first-team, all-league honors in football in 2022 and 2023, and in basketball in 2023. He was named to the MLive Kalamazoo-area Football Dream Team Defense in 2023 despite playing in only five games due to a season-ending injury. He will play his fourth year of baseball this spring season. He was also named a

Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Scholar-Athlete for the 2023 football season. The scholarship award program, in its 35th year, has recognized student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year and again this

winter will honor 32 individuals from MHSAA member schools who participate in at least one sport in which the Association sponsors a postseason tournament. Harbaugh is the first-ever winner from Gobles High School. To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament. Harbaugh called the award an honor but was also quick to share credit with his high school.

Harbaugh is interested in studying biomedical engineering and will attend either The University of Michigan or Grand Valley State University next year.

For more information contact Chris Miller, Athletic Director, at 269-628-9394 or chris.miller@gobles.org.



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If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters and supporting documentation to Arlington Township, 52022 34th Ave, Bangor, MI 49013. All letter appeals must be received by 5:00 p.m. 3-12-2024.

Monday March 11th 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Tuesday March 12th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Assessments have been adjusted to result in anticipated multipliers of 1.0000 for all classes. With "Proposal A" in effect, the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and ownership transfers, are capped at the inflation rate of 5% for the 2024 tax year. Taxes are based on the Taxable Value. Also, note that if you should have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and this is not noted on your notice, you should contact the Assessor.

2024 Starting Ratios are as follows:

Ag: 47.81

Com: 48.34

Ind: 46.14

Res: 45.00

Personal: 50.00

Arlington Township Assessor

Danielle Golembiewski

Factors:

Ag: 1.0458

Com: 1.0343

Ind: 1.0837

Res: 1.1111

Personal: 1.0000

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Prayer Night: 6:30pm on Tuesday

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

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## Townline United Methodist Church

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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  
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Pastor Jim Robertson  
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## 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  
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Pastor Brett Champion



## Bangor Baptist Church

Pastor David Johnson & First Lady Renee Johnson

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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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Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

## Horseshoe Community Bible Church

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Principe de Paz-Spanish Church  
3 pm Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Alfredo De La Rosa (pastoralarosa72@hotmail.com)  
Additional activities:  
Spanish Bible Study every Wednesday 6pm  
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www.facebook.com/kibbiechurch

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Gobles, MI  
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-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 2024 Winter Sports

# CARDINALS

Photo by Richard Strange

## Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball team traveled to Comstock Friday night to take on the Colts in a SW10 Conference matchup. The Cardinals played well and led throughout, winning the game 57-39.

## MS Girls Basketball

Your 7th Grade Lady Cardinals came out last week rallying together to get their first two wins of the season! The Lady Cardinals attitude and teamwork helped them to defeat the Fennville Blackhawks. Bloomingdale was down at the half 8-2 and came back to win 17-8! Their determination and hard work truly paid off. Madi Branch, Iesha Hernandez, and Lizzy Garcia all had 4 points to lead the scoring.



The 8th Grade Lady Cardinals also played Fennville this past week, but came up a little short. The Cardinals played through a very intense and aggressive game battling it all the way until the end! Their defense and court awareness got better with each game. The 8th Graders were led in scoring by Taylor Blazys with 13 points.

Your 7th and 8th graders joined forces for their second game of the week going against the Lawrence Tigers. It was a great game for all of the girls to be able to work on different positions and just get in reps with different players. The Lady Cardinals started off a little slow, but in the second half took over defeating the Tigers 39-15. The Cardinals were led in scoring by 6th grader Molly Kubiszak and 8th Grader Analysa Sustaita.

With each game the Middle School Lady Cardinals continue to get better and grow as a unit. Be sure to stop in to one of our upcoming games!



Go Cardinals!

## Varsity Girls Wrestling

The Varsity Wrestling team hosted the Southwest 10 Conference Tournament on Saturday which included the conference's first ever girls division. The team did really well with 6 Bloomingdale wrestlers placing top 4 in their weight class. Nick Menzel finished 4th in the 113 lb. weight class. Molly Menzel finished 2nd in the 113 lb. girls weight class. Devin Hitchcock finished 4th in the 132 lb. weight class. Ashley Cortes finished 2nd in the 155 lb. girls weight class. Evalyn Hegelmann finished 2nd in the 170 lb. girls weight class. Julie Salazar finished 2nd in the 190 lb. girls weight class.

## Middle School Wrestling

The MS wrestling team had another strong week of competition. On Thursday the team traveled to Fennville for a meet and won 13 matches. On Monday the team traveled to Cassopolis and brought home 9 wins. Winning wrestlers include: Willie Bemis, Jonathan Guthrie, Chase Clemons, Aleric Shell VanOrder, Case Lord, Maverick Atkinson, Macyn Bishop, Jacob Gibson, Brennan Bradford, Corey Smalley, Makida Snyder-Cole and Collin Lewis.



## Varsity Competitive Cheer

The Varsity Competitive Cheer team had a really strong week of competition. On Thursday, the team competed in the SAC finals meet and scored 408.3 points, a season high. On Saturday, the team traveled to Bronson for an invitational and scored 434.96 points, again breaking their season high for a competition. The team has improved so much this year and is poised for a strong finish of the season.



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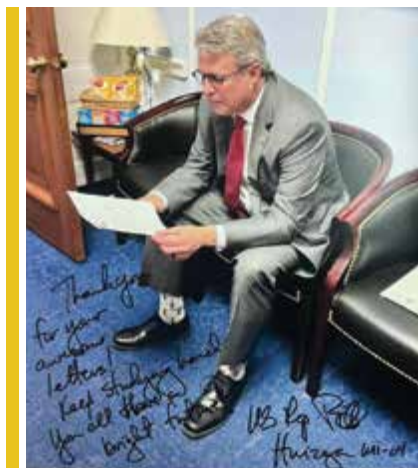
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### PULLMAN ELEMENTARY

#### US Representative Huizenga Responds

After learning about Congress and the Constitution of the United States of America, Mrs. Harris' 3rd grade class wrote letters to U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga with some ideas for a bill. Representative Huizenga responded to the class with a letter and a picture of himself reading the letters. Great job Mrs. Harris' class!



  
**BILL HUIZENGA**  
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 FOURTH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

January 18, 2024

Mrs. Harris  
 Pullman Elementary School  
 5580 South Ave.  
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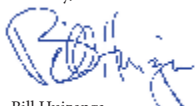
Dear Mrs. Harris' Third Grade Class,

Happy New Year!

I want to thank you for all the letters you sent me. I always enjoy hearing from my constituents, especially students.

I understand that you have been learning about how a bill becomes a law. It is important for everyone to be engaged in the law making process and you have done a great job reaching out to my office. I hope this is the start of your lifelong involvement in government.

I wish you good luck for the remainder of the school year! Thanks for writing to me!

Sincerely,  
  
 Bill Huizenga  
 Member of Congress

#### Lego Club

Pullman Elementary's Cardinal Master Builders: FIRST LEGO Explore Team works together to build and code with LEGO. This season they are showcasing interests and hobbies. Keep up the great work!



#### SMART Goal

All of the students at Pullman Elementary are working toward meeting their SMART goal. Once they have met their goal, they put a bee on the poster and set a new goal. Look at all the goals that have been met!



#### PRIDE points

Mrs. Corbin's and Mrs. Hunsley's Kindergarten class at Pullman Elementary earned enough PRIDE points to get an ice cream party! Great job!!



### BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY

#### Bloomingdale Elementary Science Night!

The Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary put on a 45-minute presentation and our students put on a presentation of their own. The objective of the science night was for students and their families to create an animal out of recycled materials that could be real or imaginary. The project included an informational sheet with the background and habitat of their creation.



#### Number Corner

At Bloomingdale Elementary, students are using a hands-on approach for building mathematical skills. Number Corner is a skill-building program revolving around the classroom calendar. It provides daily practice as well as continual encounters with broader mathematical concepts in 15-20 minutes of engaging instruction daily.



#### Bloomingdale Elementary Activity Party

As a way to celebrate positive behavior in our school, students who received zero office referrals for the marking period were able to participate in an activity party. The activity party gave students the choice of a lego room, chromebooks, art time, physical education, or outdoor sledding. It was a great way to recognize all of the students' hard work!



#### Kindergarten Round up

Bloomingdale Elementary will be holding our Kindergarten Round-Up on April 16, 2024. We will have our health department here for vision, hearing, and dental screening, as well as teachers on hand to do some brief assessments with our incoming Cardinals!

**BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY**

## Kindergarten Round Up

**NOW ENROLLING!**  
 Tuesday, April 23 from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Please bring:

- ✓ Birth Certificate
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## Kindergarten Round Up

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### BLOOMINGDALE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

**Congratulations to Alan Bobalik and Matt Swier!!!** They were awarded Midwest Energy & Communications (MEC) "Strengthening Schools" grants in total of \$4,100. Alan Bobalik was awarded a grant of \$1,900 and Matt Swier was awarded a grant of \$2,200. Midwest Energy & Communications award grants to support local educators and schools in their efforts to bring new and exciting learning opportunities to students, and this year MEC received 80 applications totaling over \$138,000 in requested funding. Alan and Swier were two of 24 grants awarded.



#### Personal Finance Class Practise Interview Skills

Each year in the Personal Finance class during the chapter on Career Readiness, we spend some time learning and practicing interview skills. To that end, we try to "interview" a number of candidates. Listed below are this year's interview candidates, along with comments from the students following their interview:



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| <p><b>Kathleen Kroll:</b><br/>         Applied for the position of Diagnostic Teacher Consultant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good sense of humor</li> <li>• Loves to work with kids</li> <li>• Passionate about what she does</li> <li>• Very prepared</li> <li>• Showed confidence</li> <li>• Goal-oriented</li> </ul> | <p><b>Brandon Lukes:</b><br/>         Applied for the position of High School Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lukes did TWO interviews - one to show how NOT to behave at an interview and then one to show how to impress at an interview ...</li> <li>• From the BAD interview:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arrived late</li> <li>▪ Wearing sunglasses during the interview</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Used lots of slang</li> <li>• Said his palms needed to be greased - wanted a big salary</li> <li>• Claimed to have no weaknesses, no areas that needed improvement</li> <li>• "Dissed" a student's handshake and the bottle of water offered to him</li> <li>• Took a phone call during the interview</li> <li>• Has no prior job or work experience</li> <li>• Appeared to be confused, possibly on drugs</li> <li>• Was rude to members of the interview panel</li> </ul> | <p><b>From the EXCELLENT interview:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experienced with behavioral issues and with differentiating instruction</li> <li>• Confident</li> <li>• Eloquent</li> <li>• Committed to excellence</li> <li>• Values collaboration and partnering with others</li> <li>• Good energy</li> <li>• Fun but also respectful</li> <li>• Good work ethic</li> <li>• Motivated</li> <li>• Professional and personable</li> <li>• Willing to adapt</li> <li>• Wants to help others accomplish their goals</li> </ul> |
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**February is Black History Month**

**"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."**

-George Washington Carver

<p><b>Torrey Wenger:</b>          Applied for the position of Science teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acted and dressed professionally</li> <li>• 20+ years of relevant experience</li> <li>• Uses AI tool to help differentiate instruction for varying reading levels</li> <li>• Good communication skills</li> <li>• Gave good feedback on how she would address her weaknesses</li> <li>• Very dedicated to the community</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hannah Felty:</b>          Applied for the position of School Counselor, Middle and High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible and willing to collaborate</li> <li>• Empathetic</li> <li>• Organized</li> <li>• Committed to helping students</li> <li>• Very passionate about the position</li> <li>• Well prepared</li> </ul>
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Animal Control handled a call in Bloomingdale Township involving a serious dog attack. The victim sustained serious injuries and will have a long road to recovery. The dog in question was owned by a friend in which they were taking care of it for them. The dog was confiscated while the process takes place through the court system.

Our office was able to develop suspects from the counterfeit \$100 ring that was going on in our county roughly 1 ½ weeks ago. Interviews were conducted, and the investigation has a little more to go. After it's completed, it'll be sent over the prosecutor for review and charges.

Our Narcotic Unit attempted to arrest a subject on Parole for a Narcotics Investigation. The Parolee fled in a vehicle, almost hitting a Detective. A pursuit took place with several marked units that were in the area. The same individual fled from our office the day prior as well. The pursuit ended in Kalamazoo County and the two individuals bailed. It should be noted we called off the pursuit when we got into Kalamazoo County entering the busy areas. A Kalamazoo Deputy located the vehicle abandoned in a trailer park within a minute or two after we terminated the pursuit. A Western Canine tracked the suspects for several miles; however, they were not caught at the time. Currently, we are actively looking for them and the driver now has numerous felonies for his arrest.

Our Detectives worked in conjunction with the FBI and other Law Enforcement Offices in Washington to help locate a missing 14-year-old out of Washington. The child was recovered safe at a residence in South Haven Township. The 30-year-old that was behind it was taken into custody on numerous charges(9 Felonies). The family of the child flew to Michigan immediately to be reunited with her. She had been missing since the first week of January. Great work with everyone involved behind the scenes to get a resolution on this case. Our Office, FBI, and the VBC Prosecutors Office will be working in conjunction with authorities in Washington to bring a final resolution to this case for prosecution.

Uniform Response was involved in a pursuit with a stolen vehicle out of Kalamazoo County. Numerous other Law Enforcement Agencies got involved in the pursuit in the county. After several miles, the vehicle went into a field area and the driver bailed. The passenger stayed with the vehicle and was cooperative. Two Canines and a drone were deployed at the scene; however, the suspect driver wasn't located after being sited and chased for quite some time. We were able to ID the driver and warrants are being issued. The victim of the stolen vehicle did come to the scene and drive their vehicle home.

Uniform Response took a Break-In at the Bloomingdale Bus Garage. Someone broke through the back door and made entry during the midnight hours. At this point, it doesn't appear that anything was taken. Anyone with any information on it is asked to contact our office.

We had our Annual Jail Inspection this week which is performed by the MDOC State Inspector that regulates statutes for all the Correctional Facilities in the State. We get inspected on everything from fire alarms, medical treatment, health appraisals, use of force, etc. The inspection takes about a half a day, and we are evaluated on everything MDOC can regulate. The Inspector walks through every part of our facility, and we had ZERO VIOLATIONS and NOTHING OUT OF ORDER! The Inspector advised we were in the TOP 3 in the state for jails. As you can imagine, this is a huge accomplishment. It is a true testament to the staff we have that works here everyday in the corrections environment. You may get tired of hearing this, but I cannot stress enough how blessed I am as the Sheriff of Van Buren County to work in such a supportive county and work with such a great staff in all our divisions.

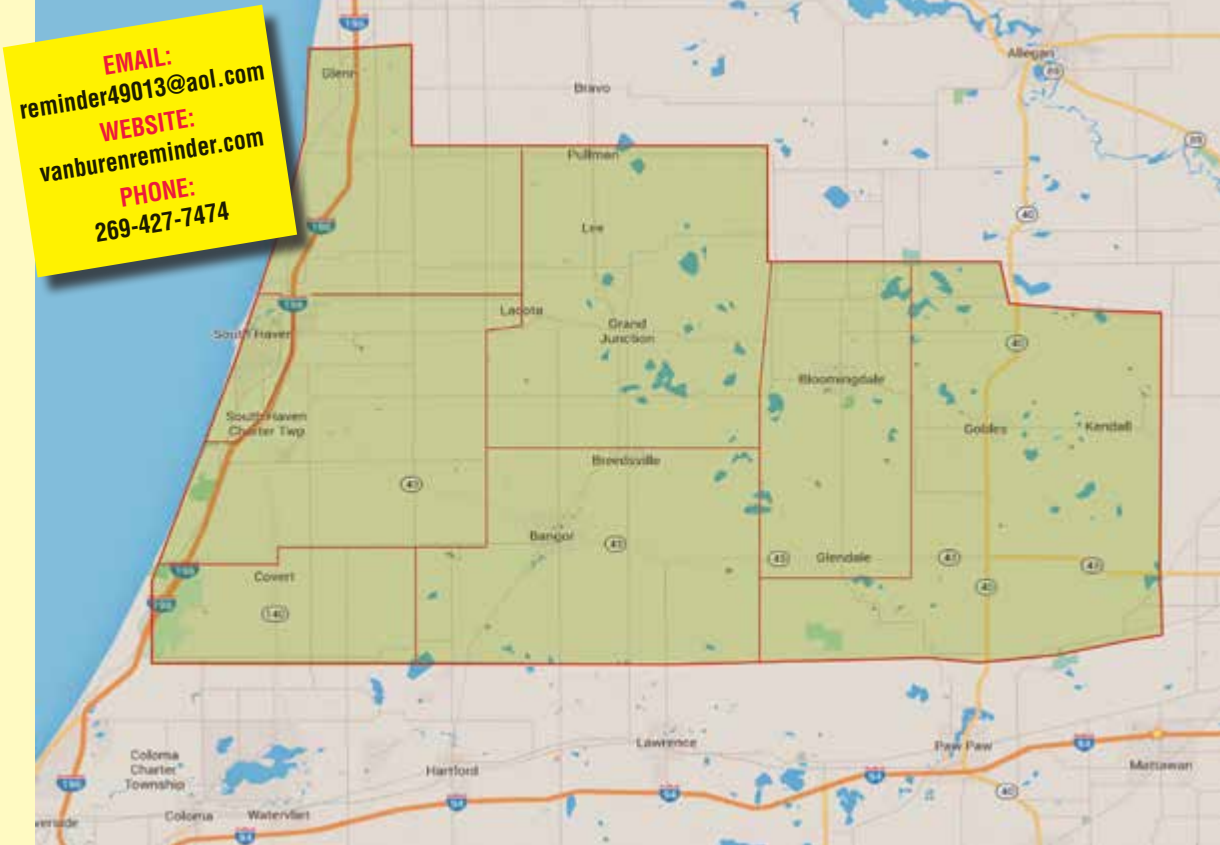
Uniform Response handled a Fatal Traffic Crash in Antwerp Township. The driver was a 60-year-old Mattawan Man. It was a single vehicle crash into a tree.



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# 2024 Winter Sports BANGOR VIKINGS

## Varsity Boys Basketball

**From Coach Culbertson:** Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost last night 62 - 46 at Lawrence. Yrall Campbell scored 15 points and grabbed 17 rebounds. Carson Pullins scored 14 points and had 7 assists. Jonah Luter provided a spark off the bench with his effort and defense. Our next game is Thursday at home vs Marcellus starting at 7:00 PM.

Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball defeated Heritage Christian last night 58 to 49. Julian Pullins had a season-high 21 points including 5 threes. Yrall Campbell scored 12 points. Yrall created many highlight plays with blocks and a euro-step layup. Carson Pullins led the team in assists with ten. Our next game is in Lawrence on Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

## Varsity Girls Basketball

**From Coach Witkowski:**  
**Bangor 33 Lawrence 41**  
Madison Marfia- 11 points, 6 steals  
Elizabeth Ogrodny-9 points, 13 rebounds  
K'lyana O'Steen-6 points  
Cadence Mitchell- 9 rebounds

**Bangor 34 Marcellus 39**  
Lexi Wisniewski: 14 points  
Madison Marfia: 13 points, 5 rebounds  
Jaelynn Little: 5 points, 4 rebounds  
K'lyanna O'Steen: 5 rebounds

**Bangor 39 Decatur 46**  
Jaelynn Little: 14 points, 7 steals  
Elizabeth Ogrodny: 6 points  
Cadence Mitchell: 6 points

## MS Wrestling

**From Coach Villalobos:**  
Last night, the middle school wrestlers were in Lawrence for a SW10 Jamboree. We faced teams from Lawrence, Centreville, Marcellus, and Comstock. Next Monday, we'll be home for another SW10 Jamboree starting at 5:30 pm.

**Individual Results:**  
Aaron Dominguez (95) 1-1  
Levi Conkin (100) 1-1  
Carter Brouwer (115) 2-0  
Talon Abbott (120) 2-0  
Evan Broyles (130) 3-0  
Ezequiel Nieva (130) 2-0  
Chaston Pasley (150) 0-2  
Benny Loomis (160) 1-1  
Damian Gallegos (160) 0-2

## JV Girls Basketball

**From Coach Littlefield:**  
Monday night the JV Girls faced off against Fennville to secure a victory with a score of 25-22. It was a very rewarding win for the JV Lady Vikings! Leading the Vikings in points was Captain Madison Lennox with 11 followed by Madison Marfia and Ariana Pearce with 5 points a piece! Tomorrow we play Lawrence at home. JV starts at 5:30 PM. The dress-up theme is Disney Princes/Princesses! Come out to support your JV Lady Vikes in your best Disney outfits!

Friday night the JV Lady Vikings took a devastating loss to Decatur with a final score of 28-13. Even though we lost, we still had major wins, including this being our highest rebounding game with a collective of 32 rebounds! Leading the Vikings in scoring was a sophomore and this week's captain, Madison Lennox ending with 6 points. We have a busy week ahead of us as we have three upcoming games next week, starting with Fennville at home on Monday at 7:30 PM.

## Varsity Wrestling

The varsity wrestlers competed in the Southwest 10 Conference tournament on Saturday. Overall, the team placed 4th. Eight wrestlers placed and took home conference medals. On Thursday, we take on Bloomingdale in the first round of team districts in Gobles at 6pm.

**Individual Results:**  
Daniel Marin-Hernandez (106) 0-2 4th Place  
Wyatt Schneider (120) 1-3  
Austin Birner (126) 2-2 4th Place  
Ismael Reyna (132) 0-2  
Fernando Muñoz (138) 2-0 1st Place  
Jack Loomis (144) 1-2  
Jaiden Horvath (150) 2-2 4th Place  
Trap Abbott (157) 2-1 3rd Place  
Ethan Abbott (165) 2-1 3rd Place  
Enrique Macedo (190) 1-2  
Henry Beelen (215) 1-1 2nd Place  
Zachary Hayes (285) 2-0 1st Place

## Competitive Cheer

The Middle School Competitive Cheer team took first place with a score of 285.9 on Saturday morning at the Kalamazoo Central Giant Invitational. Also, the ladies took first place with a score of 285.9 on Saturday morning at the Kalamazoo Central Giant Invitational. Thank you to the teachers and families who came to support us, we really appreciate it. Thank you to the teachers and families who came to support us, we really appreciate it.

## MS Girls Basketball

**From Coach Remington and Coach Gardner:**  
Last night the 7th grade girls played the most physical basketball/football game of the season. The girls with their strong defense and full-court press were able to hold Comstock to just 5 points in the first half.

The girls came out in the second half and got back to playing Bangor basketball and were able to walk away with a 26-12 win. Leading the way was Taylor Gardner with 12 pts, Sophia Burton with 6 pts, Anika Mortensen with 4 pts, Nereida Sanchez and Chloe Criffield both had 2 pts apiece. The girls are now 6-0.

The 8th grade team traveled to Comstock last night, and despite a very physical game with very few fouls called, came away with a big win! I was very proud of how the team played through the physical contact and just played basketball. The team was led by Jocelynn Little with 9 points, Saadia Green and Cielo Maldonado each with 6, Samantha Ogrodny with 4, Andrea Barajas with 3, and Isabella Macedo and Solexy Calderon each with 2. All players dominated with many steals and great defense! Great job to all the girls!

## JV Boys Basketball

**From Coach Nick Cox:**  
Last night Decatur came to town. We started hot and cooled off quickly but we continued to fight back. We fell just short losing 43-41.

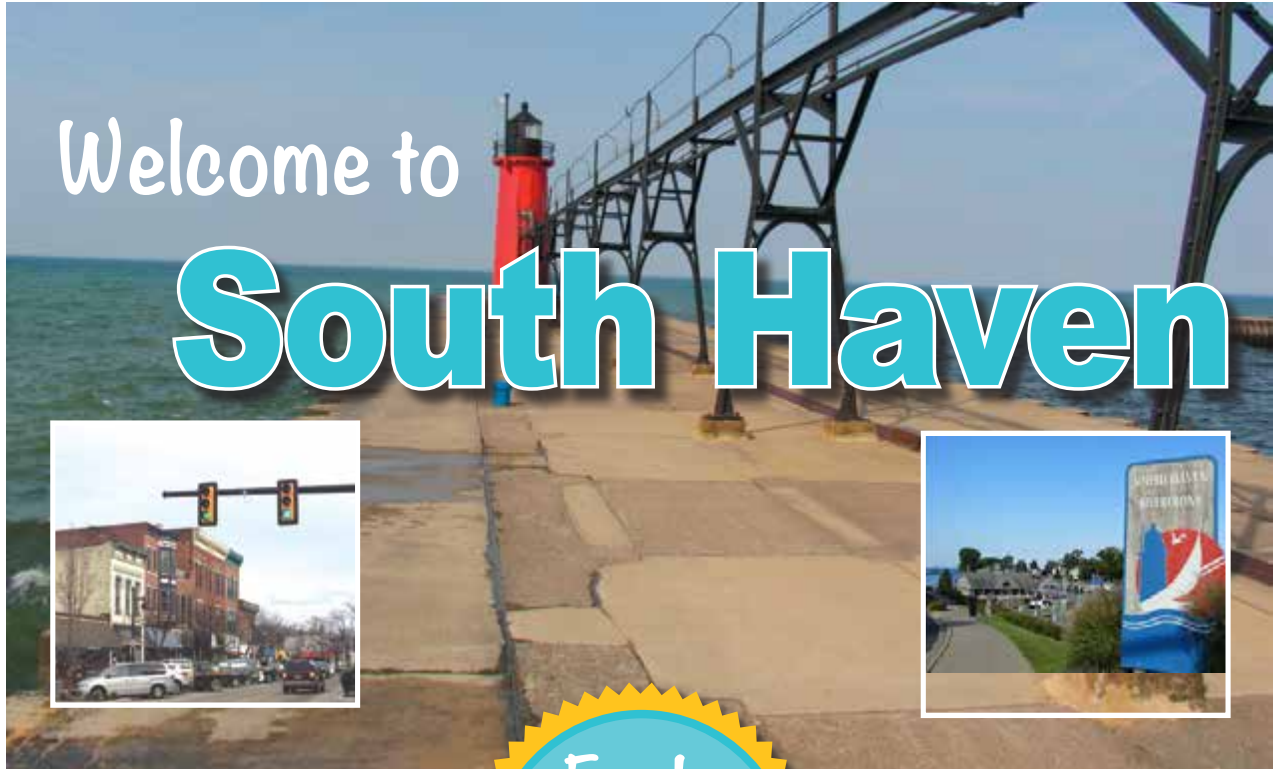
**KEY PLAYERS:** Jonah Luter 12 points and 3 steals; Carson Pullins 11 points and 5 assist; Luke Remington 8 points 4 assist

## MS Wrestling

Last night, the middle school wrestlers were back on the mat in Fennville for a SAC/SW10 crossover. We had some great matches against Bloomingdale, Bridgman, Cassopolis, Fennville, Gobles, and Watervliet. It's great to see all wrestlers continue to show improvement.

**Individual Results:**  
Aaron Dominguez (95) 2-0, Geo Luna (120) 0-2, Talon Abbott (120) 1-1, Ezequiel Nieva (130) 1-0, Evan Broyles (130) 2-0, Landen Statler (140) 1-1, Chaston Pasley (150) 2-0, Benny Loomis (160) 0-2, Damian Gallegos (160) 1-1

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