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Senator Aric Nesbitt

Van Buren Tech welcomed Senator Aric Nesbitt on Thursday, February 8. Nesbitt visited Van Buren Tech's Fire Science Academy, EMT, and Law Enforcement programs, where he received insight into the Career and Technical Education Van Buren Tech students gain. Thank you Senator Aric Nesbitt for your support and contribution to the community. Together, we're paving the way for excellence in education and career!



Business Professionals of America

Forty-six students from Cyber Security & Computer Network Technology, Finance Investment & Technology, and Software Engineering programs at Van Buren Tech participated in the Business Professionals of America Region 1 Leadership Conference at Davenport University in Grand Rapids Michigan. There were approximately four hundred students from high schools and career centers.

The following thirty-two Van Buren Tech students received sixty-one awards: Twenty-nine students have qualified to compete at the BPA State Leadership Conference March 7th through the 10th at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Each student who meets the GPA minimum requirements has qualified for a \$3,000 per year four-year scholarship to Davenport University worth \$12,000.



National School Counselor Appreciation Week



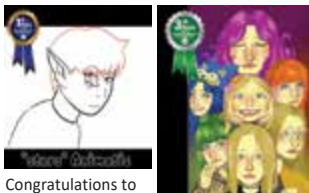
We honor and recognize Van Buren Tech's amazing school counselors - Mrs. Maack, Mrs. Maxwell, and Ms. Candelaria. If you are a sophomore or a junior in high school, please talk to your local high school counselor about enrolling at Van Buren Tech. Pre-enrollment launches on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Cosmetology



Van Buren Tech's Cosmetology program unveiled the beauty of innovation with its grand reopening. Introducing, BLISS: Beautify, Learn, Inspire, Self-confidence, and Success. As the Cosmetology program steps into a new era of beauty with BLISS, Van Buren Tech would like to extend sincere gratitude to the VBISD Board of Education, VBT administration, BLISS instructors, the construction team from Owen Ames Kimball, the Architect from C2AE, industry partners, and to the students. Today, we cut the ribbon to a future of style, skill, and endless possibilities at Van Buren Tech.

Graphic Design



Congratulations to Creed Rayborn from Van Buren Tech's Graphic Design program! Creed won 1st place at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Art and Design Competition Exhibit for "Stars Animatic" animation, winning a \$500 prize!

Sawyer Blanchard from Van Buren Tech's Graphic Design program won 3rd place for "Refractions" digital art, winning a \$100 prize.



February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month
What is CTE? Career and Technical Education, or CTE, directly prepares students for high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand careers. Celebrate CTE Month today and visit ctemonth.org for ways to get involved.
Did you know? CTE programs prepare students for employment in current or emerging fields. These programs are offered at colleges and some universities to attain a certificate and/or associate degree in fields like healthcare, information technology, hospitality, manufacturing, and more.
Act now! This February, explore career options, training, and wages at Pathfinder. MiTalent.org. Visit vbisd.org/vbtech for more information on the CTE programs that we offer!



2024 Winter Sports

BANGOR VIKINGS

Varsity Boys Basketball

Varsity falls to Comstock

From Coach Culbertson • Feb. 14, 2024

Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Comstock last night 58 - 44. Yrall Campbell had 15 points, 17 rebounds, and 4 steals. Tyler Caruso had 8 points and 10 rebounds. Carson Pullins had 10 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals.

Team shows toughness in loss

From Coach Culbertson • Feb. 12, 2024
Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball played Centreville Friday night. Centreville came in with an undefeated conference record (13-0). The boys played excellent team defense and held Centreville to a 4-point 2nd quarter. The boys lost the game but did a good job competing against the number-one team in the conference.

JV Boys Basketball

Comstock wins against JV

From Coach Nick Cox • Feb. 14, 2024

Last night we played Comstock and came up short, losing the game 45-66.
Key players
Jonah Luter 12 points
Luke Remington 8 points and 10 rebounds
Carson Pullins and Landen Valentine each had 7 points

Early lead slips away in loss

From Coach Nick Cox • Feb. 12, 2024
Friday night we took on Centreville and they jumped out to a quick lead. We continued to work at coming back but we fell short losing 51-37.
Key players
Jonah Luter 11 points and 3 assists
Carson Pullins 10 points and 4 assist
Luke Remington 4 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 assist

MS Wrestling

Results of SW10 Jamboree

From Coach Villalobos • Feb. 13, 2024

Last night, the team competed at home in a SW10 Jamboree. We faced tough competition from Decatur, Cassopolis, Bloomingdale, and Comstock.
Individual Results:
Aaron Dominguez (95) 2-0
Levi Conkin (100) 0-2
Talon Abbott (120) 1-1
Evan Broyles (130) 1-1
Ezequiel Nieva (130) 1-1
Landen Statler (140) 1-1
Chaston Pasley (150) 1-1
Benny Loomis (160) 0-2
Damian Gallegos (160) 1-1

Varsity Wrestling

Three wrestlers advance

From Coach Ben Munoz • Feb. 12, 2024

We traveled to Schoolcraft to participate in the MHSAA Individual District Competition. We advanced three wrestlers who will compete next weekend at Individual Regionals in Mendon.
Individual Placers:
138 Fernando Muñoz 3rd Place
190 Henry Beelen 3rd Place
285 Zachary Hayes 1st Place

MS Competitive Cheer

Girls gave great effort all year

Coach Marbut • Feb. 8, 2024

Wednesday night the Middle School competitive cheer team took the mat for the last time at Portage Northern. Congratulations to the team for beating every record they set for themselves this year. The team beat their high score by receiving a score of 303.52.

Varsity Girls Basketball

Bangor 64 - Comstock 36

From Coach Witkowski • Feb. 14, 2024

Madison Marfia-19 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals
Elizabeth Ogrodny-18 points, 12 rebounds
Lexi Wisniewski- 8 points
Cadence Mitchell- 13 rebounds

MS Girls Basketball

Vikings defeat Cardinals

Coach Remington & Gardner • Feb. 15, 2024

Last night the 7th grade girls played a home game against Bloomingdale and were able to jump out to an early lead finishing the first half up 18-4. The girls came back out the second half and continued to play great defense leading them to a 30-12 win. Leading the way was Taylor Gardner with 12 points, Anika Mortensen with 10 points, Chloe Criffield with 4 pts, Sophia Burton, and Ariana Ramos also pitched in with 2 points a piece. The girl's record now stands at 9-0 and they have outscored their opponents 261-94. The 7th grade has their final home game on Monday night against Comstock at 6 pm.

Tough defense key to win

Coach Remington & Gardner • Feb. 15, 2024

The 8th-grade team also took on Bloomingdale last night, coming away with a victory 27-10. The girls all played tough defense, leading to steals and made baskets, allowing Bangor to lead the entire game. Cielo Maldonado led with 13 points, Samantha Ogrodny with 6, Andrea Barajas with 5, Isabella Macedo with 2, and Jocelynn Little with 1 point. Isabel Marin, Rachel Loomis, Vianet Hernandez, Sariah LaBostrie, and Solexy Calderon played excellent defense and helped out on offense with assists. We are hosting Comstock on Monday.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS
The Board of Review will be meeting in March to review the Assessment Roll and hear appeals. All meetings will be held at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Ave, Bangor, Michigan 49013. The organizational meeting will be held on March 5th, 2024 at 10:30 am. No appeals will be heard at the organizational meeting. The appeal hearings will begin on March 11th, 2024, at 2:00 pm. APPEALS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please contact the Arlington Township Assessor, Danielle Golembiewski by phone 269-225-9006 or by email at Franielle269@gmail.com to make an appointment.
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.
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Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am



Gobles Tiger Wrestling



Eli DeYoung, for the Gold!

PHOTOS COURTESY: Kathie Brown

Seven Tiger wrestlers advance to Regional Championships

Coach Erin Carlin • Feb. 11, 2024

Tigers Wrestlers set a school record as seven Tigers will advance to Regional Championships (previous record 5). Five Tigers battled in finals matches. The medal count for the Gobles team was 3 Golds, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze, and 1 TBD.

Eli DeYoung, Trenton Mansfield, and Finn Carlin took first place at the district championships. Gabe Reynoso took second place. Devin Doorlag and Jose Boger took third place and Mason Mansfield's final placement is to be determined.



Trenton Mansfield for the Win!

MS Girls Basketball



The 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team moves to 3-3 with a win at Delton-Kellogg

From Coach Marc Kline • Feb. 13, 2024

The Lady Tigers traveled to Delton-Kellogg Monday, February 12, to compete against the Panthers and after trailing by 3 (7-10) at the half, the defense rallied in the 3rd quarter as the Tigers shut out the Panthers in a 9-0 quarter to take a 16-10 lead into the 4th. The Panthers made a little run and closed the gap to 3 points at one time but Braelyne Woodard hit an open 3 pointer and Kelsee Sherrod was 2-2 from the free throw line in the 4th, to help seal the win. In the 2nd half the Lady Tigers cleaned up the boards as Neely Ketchum, Addy Hazard and Grace Wilkins, and Ellie Hinson helped limit the Panthers to one shot on most possessions. Your scoring leaders were Madison Piper with -1, Elie Hinson -1, Neely Ketchum -2, Maggie Morand -2, Bella Laughlin -2, Braelyne Woodard -5, and Kelses Sherrod -8.

Next week the Tigers will start playing teams for the 2nd time this season as they host Black River (Feb. 19) and Delton-Kellogg (Feb. 21). This will be a helpful measure to gauge their improvement.

The Tigers dropped one at Saugatuck to fall to 2-3.

From Coach Marc Kline • Feb. 9, 2024

The Tigers traveled to Saugatuck, Wednesday, February 7th to battle their division rival. After taking the lead half way through the 1st quarter at 3-2 the trailblazers pulled away leading 9-3 after 1. The Tigers defense allowed 19 first half points and struggled to find an answer on the offensive end. After some halftime adjustments the Tigers were able to limit the Trailblazers to 8 point in the 2nd half but weren't able to mount a comeback and fell 27-10. The ladies have improved and continue to work hard and show improvement. Your Tiger scorers were Ellie Hinson with 1 point, Bella Laughlin 1, Kelsee Sherrod 3, and Braelyne Woodard 5.



Go Tigers!

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https://www.facebook.com/Van-Buren-County-4-H-Leaders-Association-Auction-161858031062818/

There will be a 4-H Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 2nd from 7:30am to 11:00am at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bangor.
Cost is \$7 per person, 3 and Under FREE
Contact: Janice Zerbe, Extension Educator at 269-657-8213 or rajzerj@msu.edu
A silent auction will be at the Pancake Breakfast.

The 4-H Youth appreciate the generosity of our community!

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."
-George Washington Carver

"Opportunity may knock only once but temptation leans on the door bell."
-Oprah Winfrey.

CITY OF BANGOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday March 5th at 8:30 am

Appeal Hearings - Wednesday, March 13th 9am-noon and 1-4pm
Appeal Hearings - Friday, March 15th 1-4pm and 6-9pm

Letters must be received by 4pm March 15th.

Ratios:	
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The Planning Commission regular meetings scheduled for March 14 and April 11, 2024 have been rescheduled for March 13 and April 10, 2024.

March 13, 2024
April 10, 2024

The annual meeting schedule will be publicly posted when available.



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FAFSA night for seniors

On Wednesday, February 7 Covert had a FAFSA night for seniors. There were representatives from Lake Michigan College, Southwestern Michigan College, and the CAMP Program at Western Michigan University. Students want to create their FSA id for themselves and their parents as soon as they can to get it processed and find out how much they are offered for financial aid. Almost all students will be eligible for some aid or scholarships. If you want any assistance with completing the FAFSA, please email or see Ms. Owen at Owenv@covertps.org



Harry Potter in Concert



Covert Middle School band students attended Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone with live music by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. Students watched the film on a large screen at Miller Auditorium while KSO performed the entirety of the film's music. We had a great time booing and cheering for characters while listening to a great performance. We even got to enjoy some Bertie Botts jelly beans and chocolate coins on our way to Miller!

Band Day



Covert High School students attended Band Day at SMC. Band Day is an opportunity for school bands to perform music and receive a clinic with a professional guest director. This year's guest director was Dr. Scott Boerma. Scott serves as Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Western Michigan University and also has an extensive catalog of arrangements and compositions for wind ensemble, marching band, and drum corps. Each band was given a 50-60 minute block on the theater stage of the Lyons Building on the Dowagiac campus of SMC. We started our day by listening to other bands perform including SMC's symphonic band. Then we had a tasty lunch provided by Sailor's pizza followed by an extensive campus tour of SMC. We ended our day with our performance and clinic where we learned how we can sound even better. Now we have plenty to work on leading up to the MSBOA band festival on March 1st.

Black History



I have decided to stick with Love. ♥ PEACE ♥ I have a dream! ♥ Darkness cannot drive out darkness only love can do that. ♥ Free at Last! ♥ Only in the darkness can you see the stars. ♥ Do not be silent about things that matter. ♥ Love Peace and Sacrifice for it. ♥ Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that. ♥ I have a dream that one day little black boys and girls will be holding hands with little white boys and girls. ♥ LOVE ♥ Let Freedom Ring! ♥ I have a dream that my children will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. ♥ The time is always right to do what is right. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Winterfest



King- Darius Hawkins
Queen- Yuridia Gomez-Perez

We had a great Winterfest week and many of our students capped off the celebrations with a formal dance on Friday, February 9th with their Glow Gala. A big thank you to our student council for all of their efforts to make Winterfest an enjoyable week for students.



Robotics

The Covert Robotics team has spent 3 hours 4 days a week since Jan 6th. The students constructed "Dutchie" in preparation of their first competition on March 8th and 9th in St. Joseph. They will be competing in FIRST Robotics Competition game, CRESCENDO presented by Haas. Two alliances of three teams each compete to score notes into their mixer to amplify their music output. The alliances earn additional points if their robots balance or compress their audio channels. Their second competition will be 29th and 30th in Kentwood. The team is coached by Thomas Laird and Ellen Sanderfur.



Library Adventures

Every week, our elementary classes take turns walking to the library to see the wonderful books that our local library has to offer. Our kindergarten classes visited this week and had some adventures along the way. Students are able to sign books out and have the opportunity to grow their love of learning!



Expanding our World View



The English Essentials class is learning how to objectively evaluate the role that the French Resistance played in World War II. What can be more French than making crepes and learning a few new French words? Bon Appetit!!!

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TOWNSHIP OF PINE GROVE 2024 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 26520 C.R. 388, Gobles, MI 49055 to examine and review the 2024 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 4:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024, 9:00 am to Noon and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Noon to 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected, and approved.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. Contact the Assessor at 269-655-1144 or by email at ben.apgllc@gmail.com for further information. Letter appeals will be accepted and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 15, 2024. Address listed below. Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2024 are as follows:

Agricultural 44.74% 1.1176
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Residential 43.93% 1.1382
Personal Property 50.00% 1.0000
Tentative equalization factor of 1.000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

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Ben Brousseau, Assessor Pine Grove Township
Pine Grove Township Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, national origin, sex or disability.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Pine Grove Township.
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Pine Grove Township by writing or calling:
Michelle Meert
Pine Grove Township Clerk
26520 C.R. 388
Gobles, MI 49055

Nancy Lou Healy (Robertson)
Nancy Lou Healy (Robertson) of Gobles, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on February 7th, 2024. She was born on March 14th, 1942 to Mildred Robertson (Schoolcraft) and Leighton Robertson in Plainwell Michigan. Nancy married the love of her life, Earl Healy, in 1960 and together they had five beautiful children. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who brought so much love and joy into our lives. She had a passion for travel and music but above all, her greatest joy came from spending cherished moments with her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and beautiful memories that will forever be cherished in our hearts. Nancy was preceded in death by her sons John Healy and James Healy, daughter Theresa Healy and brother Jim Robertson. She is survived by her children, Tim (Tammy) Healy, Mark (Jolie) Healy, her loving husband Earl Healy, siblings Bill and Judy Robertson, grandchildren, Brianna, Travis, Curtis, Jeremy, Devin (Jessica), Frannie, Jonathan (Mindy), Brett, Angela and many great grandchildren. The family will meet friends on Wednesday, February 14th from 11 AM until time of funeral service at noon at Journey Family Church, Pastor Gary Napp officiating. Interment will follow in Robinson Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmlfuneralhome.com.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 2024-1021 DE
Court Address/Phone No.
212 East Paw Paw Street, Suite 220
Paw Paw, Michigan 49079
269-657-8225
Estate of Philip Leo Fuhrman
Date of Birth: June 18, 1956
TO ALL CREDITORS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Philip Leo Fuhrman, died 12/04/2023.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Laura Hayes, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 East Paw Paw Street, Suite 220, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
February 5, 2024
Thomas C. Richardson
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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Michigan Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Bangor, TOWNSHIPS of Arlington, Bangor, Columbia, Covert, Geneva & South Haven Charter, County of Van Buren; City of South Haven, Counties of Van Buren & Allegan; within said City or Township on
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The polls of said election will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will remain open until 8:00 P.M. of said day of Election.

At the places of HOLDING the ELECTION in said CITY/TOWNSHIP as indicated below, VIZ...
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CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven
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Notice Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls **Election Law**, Act 116, P.A. 1954, Section 720. On the date of any election, the polls shall be opened by 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.
BANGOR CITY CLERK Shelly Umbanhower
SOUTH HAVEN CITY CLERK Megan Kiker
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BANGOR TOWNSHIP CLERK Tempest Sullins
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GENEVA TOWNSHIP CLERK Brandie Ratney
SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP CLERK Brenda Bertorelli

National Black History Month

The month of February is designated as a remembrance of Black Africans who have come to America and other countries to serve as free labor. Being a slave and slave owner mentality still exists today and that is why it is so important for us to recognize this in our culture and move away from this towards a better future.

We recognize the accomplishments of Black Africans who have excelled by honoring them in February, by reading about them, telling their stories, watching their movies, listening to their music, acknowledging the brilliance of the scientist, astronauts, inventors, doctors, nurses and saluting the heroes who serve our country.



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2024 BOND PROPOSALS INFORMATION

Bloomingdale Community:

On Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the Bloomingdale Public Schools community will be asked to consider two bond proposals to help the district fund facility upgrades and improvements. These proposals were developed with input from the Board of Education, professional construction personnel, and Bloomingdale students, staff, and community members. If approved, these proposals would allow the district to provide future-ready learning updates to aging academic spaces for all Bloomingdale students and, most importantly, keep students **warm, safe, and dry!**

Proposal 1 could generate \$17 million for facility improvements focused on repairing student learning environments and improving safety around district buildings with no increase to the current tax rate.

Proposal 2 could generate \$15.4 million for facility improvements requested by the community, including installing HVAC with cooling throughout the district, adding an auxiliary gym to Bloomingdale Elementary, relocating the bus garage at Pullman Elementary, and installing a playground. This can all be accomplished with a two (2) mill increase to the current tax rate. This increase would equate to approximately \$7.50 per month for the average home in our school district.

I will be leading building tours at each building to share more information about these bond proposals and how they could affect our district facilities.

- **Bloomingdale Elementary:** March 12th: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Bond Tour at 6:00 p.m., followed by Family Night
- **Pullman Elementary:** March 20th: Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Bond Tour at 5:30 p.m., and Food Drive from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Middle/High School:** March 27th: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Bond Tour at 6:00 pm, and Safety/College Night at 6:45 p.m.

We look forward to sharing more information with the community in the coming weeks. For information on how to register to vote, how to vote absentee, or how to find your polling location, please visit: michigan.gov/vote.

Thank you,
 Dr. Deanna Dobbins
 Bloomingdale Superintendent



VOTE ON BOTH PROPOSALS BY MAY 7!

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Bloomingdale 2024 Winter Sports CARDINALS

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Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball team hosted Decatur Tuesday night in a Southwest 10 matchup. The game was closely contested with the Cardinals taking a 2 point lead into the locker room at halftime. In the second half though, Bloomingdale pulled away and won the game by 10 points. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were seniors Andreyra Robinson and Yulissa Perales. Great job girls!



Middle School Wrestling

The middle school wrestling team had another stellar night of competition last night at Bangor. The team came home with 10 wins. Willie Bemis, Jonathan Guthrie, Aleric Schell VanOrder, Chase Clemons, Maverick Atkinson, Macyn Bishop, Corey Smalley-Harrison and Brennan Bradford all won matches. Great job Cardinal Wrestlers.



MS Girls Basketball

The Middle School Girls basketball teams put on another strong performance Wednesday night.

The 7th grade team hosted Comstock in the first game of the night. The Lady Cardinals dominated from the start and cruised to a 40-10 victory.

In game two, the 8th grade girls wouldn't be outdone as they took on Decatur. The 8th grade girls also dominated their game, winning 26-2. Great Job Girls!



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