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Tuesday March 5th at 8:30 am

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Appeal Hearings - Friday, March 15th 1-4pm and 6-9pm

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Questions? For questions, contact us by emailing info@VanBurenCD.org or by calling 269-657-4030 x5. You may also stop by our office at 1035 E Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079!

### BANGOR TOWNSHIP 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Bangor Township March Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Bangor Township Hall, 32550 CR 687 Bangor, MI 49013 on the following dates and times Organizational meeting March 5th, 2024, at 12:30 PM

March 11th, 2024 (11 AM to 2PM and 4 PM to 7PM) = Appeal Hearing\* March 13th, 2024 (NOON -3PM and 5PM to 8PM) = Appeal Hearing\*

\*\*All appeals will be heard by appointment only\*\*\* Please call 269-352-8994 to schedule an appointment. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided the protest letter is received prior to 5:00pm March 11th, 2024. Walk in appeals will be heard as time permits after all appointments have been heard.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Factor	Class	Ratio	Factor
Class Agricultural Residential Personal Property	46.64%	1.072	Commercial	46.28%	1.0804
Residential	45.10%	1.1086	Industrial	47.27%	1.0578
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000			

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#### NOTICE

2024 Geneva Township Board of Review will meet:

Monday, March 11, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2024 9 a.m. to Noon.

at the: Geneva Township Hall, 62127 CR 380 Appointments will be taken by phone 269-427-7607. Leave message, calls will be returned. Walk-ins accepted as time permits.

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#### Gobles Tiger Wrestling



Coach DeYoung, Coach Weldon, Trenton Mansfield, Mason Mansfield, Eli DeYoung, Jose Boger, Devin Doorlag, Finn Carlin Gabe Reynoso, Coach Carlin, Coach DeYoung

#### 7 Tiger wrestlers advance to MHSAA

Coach Erin Carlin • Feb. 18, 2024

Following their school record-setting performance of sending 7 wrestlers to the Regional Championships, Tigers wrestlers set another school record when all 7 Regional Qualifiers placed and will advance to the MHSAA State Championships. Regional Champion (Gold Medal) at 190lb - Eli DeYoung; Earning Silver at 120lb - Finn Carlin; at 144lb -Trenton Mansfield, at 157lb - Mason Mansfield, at 215lb - Gabe Reynoso. Earning Bronze at 120lb - Devin

Doorlag, and 4th Place at

106lb - Jose Boger.



Gabe Revnoso takes down opponent.

#### **MS Girls Basketbal**

#### Tigers beat Delton-Kellogg

From Coach Marc Kline • Feb. 21, 2024

The 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team are at 4-5 with a win at home v. Delton-Kellogg.

The Tigers came out pressing and playing tough defense and fell behind 2-4 after the 1st quarter then after an 11-1 run to finish the 2nd quarter the Tigers went into halftime with an 8 point lead. It was an even in the 2nd half with the Tigers scoring 6 in the 3rd and 2 more in 4th to finish the game with 21 points defeating the Panthers 21-13. Again the defense led the way to the victory.

Scoring came from Addy Hazard with 2 points, Bella Laughlin with 4, Kelsee Sherrod with 7 and Braelyne Woodard with 8 points.

#### 8th grade girls lose to River Rats from Black River

From Coach Marc Kline • Feb. 20, 2024

The Gobles Tigers girls basketball team hosted the River Rats from Black River and fell behind 16 to 6 at the half. A few adjustments and some stingy defense in the second half allowed the Tigers to come within 6 points to fall 17 to 11. The Tigers held Black River to 1 point in the 2nd half but too many misses on the offensive stalled the

Those that scored include: Maggie Morand - 1 point, Grace Wilkins - 2, Braelyne Woodard - 3 and Kelsee Sherrod - 5. The Tigers finish the season with a home game Monday, February 26th against Saugatuck and travel to Fennville on February 28th.









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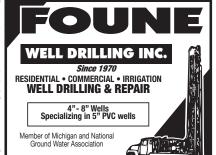
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26520 C.R. 388, Gobles, MI 49055 to examine and review the 2024 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current 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 ap-

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 accept-

ed 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

Commercial 46.81% 1.0681

Industrial 46.21% 1.0820 Residential 43.93% 1.1382

Personal Property 50.00% 1.0000

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Don Smith, Supervisor Pine Grove Township

Ben Brousseau, Assessor Pine Grove Township Pine Grove Township Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, na-

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Michelle Meert

Pine Grove Township Clerk 26520 C.R. 388 Gobles, MI 49055



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Ben Brousseau, Assessor Gobles City

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6:00 pm Organizational Meeting Monday, March 18, 2024, 9:00 am to Noon and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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# 2024 Winter Sports

#### MS Girls Basketbal

#### 7th grade girls lose 2nd game

From Coach Gardner • Feb. 22, 2024 Last night the 7th grade traveled to Berrien Springs for a non-conference matchup. The girls struggled to get the offense going and went into the locker room down 14-5 at the half. The girls came out in the second half and played defense a lot better but were unable to get their shots to go in and lost their 2nd game of the season 26-9.

#### Big win for 8th grade girls

From Coach Remington • Feb. 22, 2024

Last night the 8th grade team hosted Lawrence and came away with a big win 34-8. The girls played great defense with many steals. We focused on getting opportunities for everyone to score and were led by Cielo Maldanado with 7 points, Solexey Calderon with 5, Isabella Macedo, Isabel Marin-Hernandez, Rachel Loomis, and Saadia Green each with 4, Jocelynn Little, Andrea Barajas and Samantha Ogrodny each with 2.

#### MS Wrestling

#### MS competes in SW10 From Coach Villalobos • Feb. 19, 2024

The middle school wrestlers competed in the SW10 Tournament in Decatur on Friday night. The team displayed skill and sportsmanship.

Aaron Dominguez (95) 3-1 3rd Place

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#### Varsitv Girls Basketbal

#### Lady Vikings lose to Cardinals

From Coach Witkowski • Feb. 21, 2024 Bangor 32 - Bloomingdale 41

#### **Key Players**

Madison Marfia- 9 points Elizabeth Ogrodny- 6 points, 9 rebounds Cadence Mitchell-3 steals Jaelynn Little- 3 steals

#### **Lady Vikings beat Marcellus**

From Coach Witkowski • Feb. 19, 2024

#### Bangor 40 Marcellus 23 **Key Players**

Jaelynn Little-18 points, 4 steals Elizabeth Ogrodny-9 points, 13 rebounds Cadence Mitchell- 9 rebounds

#### *V*arsitv Wrestling



#### Vikings compete in MHSAA

From Coach Ben Munoz • Feb. 19, 2024 On Saturday, three varsity wrestlers traveled to Mendon to compete in the MHSAA Individ-

ual Regionals Tournament. Congratulations to Fernando Muñoz, Henry Beelen, and Zach Haves as they advanced, and will compete in the MHSAA State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit on March 1st and 2nd.

#### **Individual Placers:**

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138 Fernando Muñoz 4th Place 190 Henry Beelen 4th Place 285 Zachary Hayes 1st Place

#### Varsity Boys Basketbal

#### Varsity falls to Bloomingdale

From Coach Culbertson • Feb. 21, 2024

Varsity Boys Basketball lost at Bloomingdale last night. Yrall Campbell had 13 points, Carson Pullins had 7 points, and Julian Pullins had 6 points. Our next game is at White Pigeon on Friday at 7:30 PM.

#### Marcellus wins against Vikings

From Coach Culbertson • Feb. 19, 2024

Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Marcellus last Friday night. We held Marcellus to 17 first-half points but they pulled away in the 2nd half. Yrall Campbell scored 10 points and Carson Pullins added 7 points.

#### JV Bovs Basketbal



From Coach Nick Cox • Feb. 21, 2024

Bangor 32 - Bloomingdale 38

#### **Key Players**

Jonah Luter 12 points Carson aPullins 5 points Landen Valentine 5 points

#### Marcellus tops JV team

From Coach Nick Cox • Feb. 19, 2024

We took on Marcellus Friday night, coming up short with a score of 40-48.

#### Key players

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#### **South Walnut Elementary**

#### Flashlight Reading In Mrs. Shaw's Class





Mrs. Shaw's 2nd grade class made reading fun this month by flashlight reading. The students settled in comfortable spots with their flashlights and read a book of their choice Next month is reading month, and there will be many fun filled literacy activities at South Walnut, including a literacy night.







8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM









The students were very creative for Crazy Hair day, and other dress up days during Winterfest spirit week this month. The dress up days were hat day, crazy hair day, color day, pajama day, and red and white day.

#### A Visit From Max the Therapy Dog





org to sign-up

Bangor Fire Chief Babcock brought Max the therapy dog to visit with the students this month. He comes to visit once a week, and always excites the students with his calming, furry presence.



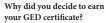
Contact Coach Nick Cox at

#### **Bangor Career Academy Congratulations to**

**Graduate Harley Pitcock** 

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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



"Working many hours plus taking care of my siblings made the GED program more efficient for my schedule."

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

you most on your journey? 'Graduating during the pandemic made it harder to graduate on time. I decided to take time to work and then finish school when my schedule was less hectic."

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

"The GED program has been very helpful and the staff are very supportive. I plan to get my CNA Certification."

Have you been working while studying to earn your GED? If so, where do you work, and what do you do?

"I was working with Beacon specialized living, then moved to Cornerstone AFC. I take care of people with disabilities." \*\*Good luck to you, Harley, on your new CNA certification



#### **Bangor Middle School Snowball Royalty**





Princess- Chloe Pobuda The Bangor Middle School students danced the night away at a Snowball on Saturday, February 3rd. The students voted on the snow ball court which was chosen during the dance.

#### **Vikings of the Month**

Prince- Quay'Von Stanfill















#### **Breakfast of Achievement**



#### **Bangor High School**

#### **Winterfest Royalty**



Oueen Lesli Andrade Leon



#### **HSA Visits Hope College Conference**





The Hispanic Student Association attended the Hope College Youth Conference earlier this month to learn more about opportunities at the campus.

#### **High School Band Competes at MSBOA District 6 Solo and Ensemble**











This month the high school band performed at the MSBOA District 6 Solo and Ensemble "Each event from our student earned an Excellent or Superior rating. Congratulations to all of them for wonderful performances!" stated Band director

Listed are the students who competed (Events marked with a \* are now qualified for State):

Madison Lennox Ayden Hamlett James Gleason, Ethan Abbott, Jack Loomis Paloma Martinez Cortes and Carley McCoy

Anthony Franco-Rivera Isabel Marfia 3 Emalee Kraus

Paloma Martinez Cortes Carley McCov \*

Hayden Robertson and Carson Crandall \*

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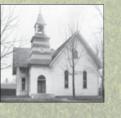
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#### **Arlington Township** NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

The Board of Review will be meeting in March to review the Assessment Roll and near 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 APPOINT-MENT ONLY. Please contact the Arlington Township Assessor, Danielle Golembiewski by phone 269-225-9006 or by email at Franielle269@gmail.com to make an

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: Factors: Ag: 47.81 Ag: 1.0458 Com: 48.34 Com: 1.0343 Ind: 46.14 Ind: 1.0837 Res: 1.1111

Arlington Township Assessor Danielle Golembiewski

Personal: 50.00

The Van Buren Intermediate School District is now accepting bids for new exercise equipment/furniture and construction at 250 South Street, Lawrence, MI 49064 a outlined in the Specifications. Bid packets are available for download at www.vbisd.org under District Services Business Office. Direct all questions regarding said proposal to Robert Smith at (269) 539-5325 or rsmith@ vbisd.org. Bids are due March 1, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

The Van Buren Intermediate School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities which it deems to be in the best interest of Van Buren Intermediate School District, and the right to award the contract to other than lowest bidder



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Marc Allen Schneider Sr, 71 years old, passed away on Janu ary 20th, 2024 peacefully at Rose Arbor Hospice in Kalama zoo Mi, after a stroke. Born 12/31/1952 in Hartford Mi. Life time resident of Bangor Mi. He was a Believer, Bible on his desk and everyday he read his Daily Word. Thanks, Paul. Avid deer hunter and tracker.

He enjoyed telling stories, fishing, upnorth camping, danc ing, music, snowmobiling, dune buggies, two tracking bowling and softball

He was a local self employed businessman. He started Schneider's New Life stripping and refinishing furniture in the 1980's, after over 40 years he was still actively working. He donated his body to U of M medical school of research. Preceded in death: Mother, Maureen, brothers: Stanley Buster, George, sisters: Donna, Gerry, Chippy, Daughte

Survivors: Son: Marc Schneider Jr, Daughter: Mandy (Todd Miller, grandkids: Mariah, Marisa, Maycee, McKenzie, Mari III. great grandchildren: Noah, Samantha

Girlfriend: Nancy, her children: Tory, JC. Grandchildren: Lo gan, Drake, Jace

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(updated 2/03/24)

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Building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections are required for all new construction and prior to moving mobile homes into township (as well as relocating within the township)

An investigation fee of \$100 dollars will be assessed for any work starting before obtaining appropriate

Use of Recreational Vehicles Travel Trailers and Tents require a purchased permit from the Township Hall (open Monday through Friday 9 am to 1 pm).

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ELECTRICAL - MI Twp Services	800-626-596
PLUMBING - Fred Ristau	269-249-806
MECHANICAL - Norm Klug	269-252-351

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Uniform Response did some directed Traffic Enforcement in the county. Four Deputies worked together in Lawrence Township, Porter Township, Waverly Township, and Bango Twenty-one traffic stops were made for various reasons. Five citations wer issued for speeding and plate violations. Sixteen verbal warnings were given

Uniform Response had a pursuit with a subject that didn't have a plate and covered hi face with a mask while passing the Deputy. After the subject pulled over, it was found to be a juvenile without a driver's license. Disposition was made of the juvenile and a repor was sent to the prosecutor's office for review and authorization

Our Emergency Management Division ran drills for South Haven District Court, Admin istration Office, Friend of the Court, and Paw Paw Court House this week. By running training drills, it keeps everyone up to speed on responses in case of a real emergency

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Uniform Response took a Break in complaint in Waverly Township. The incident happened between 2:30pm and 12:30am on 2-12-24. Four handguns were stolen, seven long guns, air compressor, Generac generator, and green Polaris quad. Anyone with informa

tion on this is asked to call our office.

Just a reminder to the public that our office gives away free gun locks that we obtain free of charge through a program that we are partnered with Bronson in. If you come into our office during business hours, our lobby staff will provide you with these locks.

Thank you to the Almena Township Board for purchasing two portable radios for our Re-

verse Division. The radios will be used on a regular basis by them and is very appreciated Our Narcotic Unit worked in conjunction with 'Lawton PD on a case in Lawton in which the Narcotic Unit had tips on Information was passed on to our unit that a subject was trafficking drugs and possessed firearms in which he was prohibited to have being he was a convicted felon. The Lawton Police Chief observed the subject in question and anothe subject by a truck outside the residence. Contact was made by the Chief and a Narcoti Detective. One subject lied about his name: however, they were able to eventually ID him The subject did have warrants for his arrest out of Kalamazoo County. Our Canine Uni done a free-air search of the vehicle and indicated that there were parcotics in the vehicle A search was done in which two shotguns, a pistol case without a pistol, two ammunition

cans with ammunition, a box of ammunition, and 1.4 grams of methamphetamine were located. Both individuals were lodged on numerous charges. Uniform Response responded to a missing 3-year-old in Antwerp Township. It was found that the family was outside when their dog ran off and the child followed. The child was located a long distance away from the residence cold but safe. Great work by every-one involved for a good ending.

#### **GENEVA - SOUTH HAVEN** TRANSFER STATION

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE • PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL BUDGET • March 3, 2024 • 5:30 PM

The Pine Grove Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 4-1-2024 thru 3-31-2025 at 26520 CR 388, Gobles, MI, 49055 on March 6, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 26520 CR 388, Gobles, MI 49055.

This notice is posted in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended (Oper Meetings Act).

The Pine Grove Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as singers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 3 days notice to the Pine Grove Township Board. NOTE: individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Pine Grove Township Board by writing or calling the following: Supervisor, or Clerk, Michelle Meert, at "Shop Locally with the Reminder" • 269-427-7474 • Email: reminder49013@aol.com

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# **gdale 2024 Winter Sports**

#### **Varsity Girls Basketball**

The Varsity Girls Basketball team was in action Tuesday night as they hosted Bangor. The Lady Cardinals started strong and led the game throughout, ultimately team hosted Bangor Tuesday winning 41-32. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Gretchin Hutchins, Gracie Hutchins, Yulissa Perales and DeeAhna Cross.



#### **MS Girls Basketball**

The middle school girls basketball team traveled to Lawrence Monday night to take on the Tigers. Bloomingdale pulled off another stellar performance, winning 26-10. Great job girls!

#### JV Boys Basketball

The JV boys basketball team hosted Bangor Tuesday night. The last time these two teams faced off, it was Bangor who walked away with an emphatic victory. In this game though, Bloomingdale pulled off the win 38-32. The team has continued to show tremendous improvement throughout the season, and is poised for a strong finish. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Zach Danes, Ryder Flynn, James Odell and Bradyn Bard.

#### Varsity Wrestling

Congratulations to Rowan Hegelmann. She finished 3rd at regionals Sunday and will compete in the state finals at Ford Field!

#### Middle School Wrestling

The Middle School Wrestling Team had another fantastic night last night in the SW10 MS Conference Tournament. The team won a combined 20 matches (School Record), and brought home 9 medals (School Record). Conference Champions: Jonathan Guthrie, Macyn Bishop, and Brennan Bradford. Runner Up: Willie Bemis. Third Place: Chase Clemons, Aleric Schell-VanOrder, Maverick Atkinson, Corey Smalley, and Collin Lewis.

Congratulations to all of our MS wrestlers on a great season!

#### Varsity Boys Basketball

The Varsity boys basketball night. It was the second time these two teams have faced off this season. In game one, earlier in the season, Bangor narrowly escaped with a 1 point victory. The Cardinals would not let that happen again though, as they routed the Vikings 54-34. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Curtis Ciborski, Isaac Goudzwaard, Mikal Ellis and Javon Pittsley.

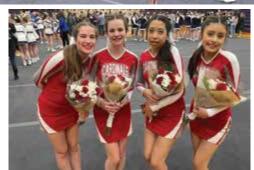




#### Varsity Competitive Cheer

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