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Learn how to spot scams, identify red flags, and report suspicious activity.



1. Four Basic Signs of a Scam

Recognizing the signs of a scam gives you the power to ignore criminals and report the scam. Scams come in many varieties, but they all work the same way:

- 1. Scammers **pretend** to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust.
- 2. Scammers say there is a **problem** or a prize.
- 3. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately.
- 4. Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.

2. Known Tactics Scammers Use

Scammers frequently change their approach with new tactics and messages to trick people. We encourage you to stay up to date on the latest news and advisories by following SSA OIG on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook or subscribing to receive email alerts.

These are red flags; you can trust that Social Security will never

- Threaten you with arrest or legal action because you don't agree to pay money immediately.
- Suspend your Social Security number.
- Claim to need **personal information or payment** to activate a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) or other benefit increase.
- Pressure you to take immediate action, including sharing personal information. · Ask you to pay with gift cards, prepaid debit cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or
- by mailing cash.
- · Threaten to seize your bank account.
- Offer to **move your money** to a "protected" bank account.
- Demand secrecy. Be skeptical and look for red flags. If you receive a suspicious call, text message, email, letter, or message on social media, the caller or sender may not be who they say you, ever. they are. Scammers have also been known to:
 - Use legitimate names of Office of Inspector General or Social Security Administration employees.
 - "Spoof" official government phone numbers, or even numbers for local police departments.
 - Send official-looking documents by U.S. mail or attachments through email, text, or social media message.

It is illegal to reproduce federal employee credentials and federal law enforcement badges. Federal law enforcement will never send photographs of credentials or badges to demand any kind of payment, and neither will federal government employees.

Report the scam.

3. How to Avoid a Scam

Protect yourself, friends, and family — If you receive a suspicious call, text, email, social media message, or letter from someone claiming to be from Social Security:

- 1. Remain calm. If you receive a communication that causes a strong emotional response, take a deep breath. Talk to someone you trust.
- 2. Hang up or ignore the message. Do not click on links or attachments.
- 3. Protect your money. Scammers will insist that you pay with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash. Scammers use these forms of payment because they are hard
- 4. Protect your personal information. Be cautious of any contact claiming to be from a government agency or law enforcement telling you about a problem you don't recognize, even if the caller has some of your personal information.
- **5. Spread the word** to protect your community from scammers.

4. How to Report

When you report a scam, you are providing us with powerful data that we use to inform others, identify trends, refine strategies, and take legal action against the criminals behind these scam activities.

What to Do

If you receive a suspicious call:

- ✓ HANG UP!
- **✓** DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION!
- ✓ REPORT THE SCAM AT OIG.SSA.GOV

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Social Security Phone Scammers May:

- · Threaten arrest or legal action against you unless you pay a fine
- Promise to increase your benefits or resolve identity theft if you pay a fee.
- · Demand payment with retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currence or by mailing cash.
- · Try to convince you by using spoofed caller ID numbers or officials' real names, or by emailing fake documents.



DO NOT BELIEVE THEM!

If you owe money to Social Security, the agency will mail you a letter with payment options and appeal rights. Social Security does not suspend Social Security numbers or demand secrecy from

Help us #SlamTheScam and stop government imposters in their tracks.



6. Report the scam to the Office of the Inspector General at oig.ssa.gov/report. Hang up or ignore suspicious calls or messages. Government employees will NEVER threaten you or demand immediate payment.



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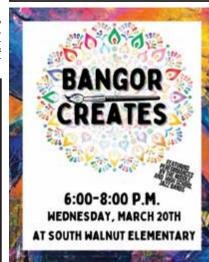
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Tiger Middle School Wrestling





Middle School wrestlers celebrate their team win at the Colma Invitational

MS Tigers bring home Invitational team trophy

Coach Erin Carlin • Feb. 25, 2024

Gobles Tigers Middle School Wrestlers took home the Team Trophy at the Coloma Invitational, edging out their host 259.5-239.5.

Bringing home hardware for the Tigers were:

Oliver Johnson and Bryce Doorlag - Gold

Danny Timms, Liam Cuffaro, Camden Cuffaro and Justin Gibson - Silver

Liam Wilkes, Noah Philley, and Andrew Slater - Bronze

Orlando Reynoso, Elliott Dorrington, David Johns, and Lexi Heineman - 4th Place

MS Girls Basketba

8th Grade Girls drop to 4-6

From Coach Marc Kline • Feb. 27, 2024

The Gobles Tigers girls basketball team hosted the by 17 the first time the Tigers have improved significantly, but were not able to overcome. The Tigers trailed 12-8 after 2 quarters, tied the game in the middle of the 3rd quarter only to wind up trailing by 3 at the end of the 3rd quarter and then 7 at the end of the game. Addy Hazard, Grace Wilkins, Maggie Morand, Neely Ketchum, and Ellie Hinson did a nice job rebounding. Kelsee Sherrod and Bells Laughlin's pressure at the guard position secured a number of steals to help keep the defensive pressure on the Trailblazers.

Scoring leaders for the Tigers were Ellie Hinson with 2 points, Hayden Keeley with 4, and Kelsee Sherrod with 6 points. The Tigers wrap up the season on the road against the Fennville Blackhawks on Wednesday, February 28.



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Odilia, "Lila," Gonzales Garcia Passed away Saturday, February 24, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family Odilia, also known by many as "Lila" was born November 20, 1943 in San Benito Texas, daughter of the late Viviano and Maria Gonzales and lived in the Bangor area for nearly 45 years. She did anything she could handle, from painting, putting up fence, crafting or anything else, she would not shy away from any task She was a wonderful cook and was famous for her Tamales. She loved the Lord and more than anything, Lila was an amazing wife and moth

and cherished time spent with her family.

Surviving are her children, Maria Garcia, Susana Martinez, Carmen (Martin) Flores, Gustavo (Diana) Garcia, Flor C. Garcia; grandchildren, Manuel, Rocio

(Oscar), Sergio (Kimmie), Selyna (Frank), Xavier, Juan (Tammy), Martin Jr (Amanda), Maria (Eduardo), Enrique, Geoffrey (Katrina), Leo, Diego; siblings, Ol

ivia, Olga, Ofelia, Mary Lou, Frank, Arthur, Viviano Jr, and Lionel; great grandchildren, Trinity, Tobey, Raven, Zoe, Serenity, Mila, Lila, Amelia, Emilio, Hendrix, Presley, Lyna; her beloved cat White Wall along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Domingo in 2021, a grandson

Luis, her parents, a sister Cruz, a brother Robert, a sister-in-law Vicenta Hernandez and her uncle and "papachito" Feliciano Gonzales.

The family will meet friends on Friday, March 1st from 9am until Mass of Chris

tian Burial at 11am at Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor, Fr. German Perez officiating.

Interment will follow in Arlington Hill Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the

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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



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GOBLES CITY 2024 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

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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 Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 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

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Ben Brousseau. Assessor Gobles City

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In this year's MASTERPIECESM Throughout the 2023-2024 artschallenge, FIRST LEGO League teams inspired robotics season, team were asked to imagine and innovate members have been actively building new ways to create and communicate art across the globe. Members of the programming a robot that can complete "Robo Chickens" and the "Leaders missions. They also competed in in Learning" Robotics Teams at Paw a FIRST LEGO League Tournament Paw Later Elementary are developing in November where they had the inventive ways to integrate the arts opportunity to publicly demonstrate and technology into their creative their robotic skills and teamwork designs. With the goals of engaging capabilities. The "Robo Chickens" or increasing participation in artistic activities in the community, school or at home, all team members share core values, which is characterized by great enthusiasm for this theme. Both teams, the "Leaders in Learning" and the "Robo Chickens," liked the idea of won a Coach/Mentor Award for her using holograms to teach people how work in coaching two teams during to play an instrument or to make a the season. Congratulations. Coach

lego structures for the game board and won a Second Place trophy for their teamwork and demonstration of quality respectful cooperation. Way to go, team! Coach Marissa Neidlinger also Neidlinger!



Leaders In Learning:

Back Row: Krystal Chester, Kensie Chandler, Grace Amburgey, Darin VanLopik Front Row: Donovan Miller, Ben Zent



Robo Chickens:

Back Row: Fiona Councell, Oliver Clark, Kason Mansfield Front Row: Athena Duerme, Blake Pillar, Ryan Bove

Robo Chickens earned a Core Values Award and Coach Marissa Neidlinger won a Coach/Mentor award!!



Student Success in the Culinary Arts

Marcos Garcia, a standout student in the Culinary Arts and Catering Management program at the Van Buren Tech Center, has seamlessly transitioned into an internship role in Paw Paw Public School District's Food Service Department Demonstrating exceptional dedication and talent. Marcos has been making a significant impact by not only honing his culinary skills but also by gaining valuable real-world experience

His success at the Tech Center serves as a testament to his passion and commitment to the culinary arts, and this internship has become a pivotal stepping stone for him to apply his knowledge in a professional setting.

The Cedar Street Campus is reaping the benefits of Marcos' culinary skills and work ethic. His role in the Food Service Department reflects a perfect fit, where he not only showcases his culinary skills but also contributes positively to the team. Marcos Garcia's journey from the Van Buren Tech Center to his internship at Cedar Street is a shining example of how educational programs and hands-on experiences can shape talented individuals, preparing them for promising careers



Senior Marcos Garcia, left, is serving an internship with Paw Paw Public Schools Food Service Department at the Cedar Street Campus. He is gaining hands-on experience working alongside Kitchen Lead Mrs. Meeth.

at Paw Paw High School

Paw Paw High School's new "Leaders of the Pack" award recognizes students who embody the District's Core Values of Integrity, Innovation, Community, of the Pack are treated to breakfast and recognized on the bulletin board in the

Congratulations to the "Leaders of the Pack!" Alyssa Tester, Natalie Mitchell, Alex McNeil, Julian Hernandez, Maya Boling, Gunnar Goodell, Dominic Hernandez, Braylen Kennedy and Molly Goodwin



Recognizing Student Success in Clubs and Activities at PPMS

Paw Paw Middle School sees and recognizes the unique talents of its students. By offering a variety of extracurricular outlets, students are able to discover their talents and shine! While academics are important, there are many other opportunities for students to become well-rounded individuals and contribute to the school community with the gifts they bring.

Band and choir students are encouraged to perform solos at school concerts or participate in musicals. This is a great way to build self-efficacy and, at the same time, allows students to display their performing arts talents. Students can participate in a peer-to-peer group, the Leos Club or student government to show their commitment to the community and their peers, while also connecting and networking. Games Club, Robotics Club and Minecraft Club are other offerings for those who are strategically or mechanically inclined. Sports are always an opportunity for students to demonstrate their athletic abilities and show team spirit. In Spanish Club and ASL Club, students can explore new languages and cultures. Science classes have innovative programs too, such as the Salmon Release every spring! Students assist in raising salmon and then release them into the wild to connect with the world around them.

All of these teams clubs classes and extracurriculars are led by extraordinary staff and community volunteers who see the value in all students and encourage them to grow and thrive in each of their individual talents.



2024-25 Kindergarten & Young 5's



To register for Young 5's, students must be 5 years of age by December 1, 2024.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2024.

As part of the registration process, we will need:

*Birth certifcate

*Proof of residency *immunization records

Join us on May 7th & 8th! Our Young 5's/Kindergarten

Round-Up Event for the 2024-25 school year will take place at the Early Elementary. During our Round-Up Event, building administrators look forward to greeting families, and grade-level teachers are excited to meet students. This event is also an opportunity for families to complete the vision, hearing, and dental portions of the registration process. To begin the school enrollment process, families will need to pre-register online. We look forward to seeing our future Red Wolves there!

Schedule an Appointment:

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. 4:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.

To attend the Round-Up Event, schedule an appointment by selecting the link or scanning

the QR code: https://bit.ly/PPEERoundup2024

Paw Paw Early Elementary, 512 North Street, 269-415-5300

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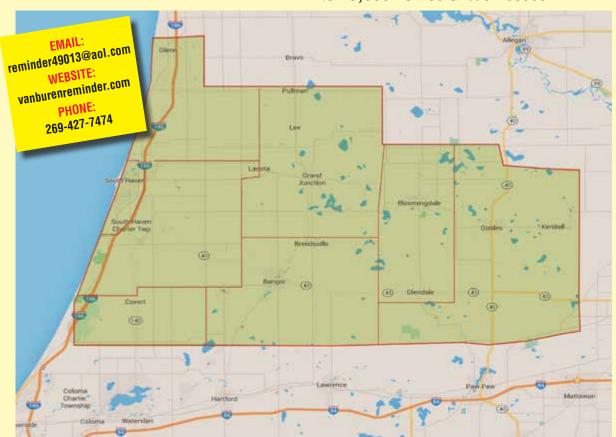
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2024 Winter Sports

MS Girls Basketball

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

7th grade girls win final game

From Coach Gardner • Feb. 28, 2024 Last night the 7th grade girls traveled to Cassopolis for the final game of the season. The girls started slow in the first quarter but went into the locker room with a 13-7 lead at the half. The girls came out in the 2nd half and were able to play some great defense along with a fullcourt press which allowed them to walk away with a 26-13 win! Leading the way was Taylor Gardner with 8 points, Anika Mortensen with 7 pts, Roe'mya Reid with 6 pts, Sophia Burton with 3pts and Nereida Sanchez with 2pts. The girls end the season with a 10-2 record. They also outscored their opponents 316-158 on the

8th grade girls finish with loss

From Coach Remington • Feb. 28, 2024

The 8th grade girls finished our season at Cassopolis. The team struggled in the first half and were down 23-6 at the half. We were able to come out and play better defense and offense in the 2nd half but we were unable to catch up. We lost 35-18. The girls had a great season and made great improvements.

Girls Basketball



JV Girls lose to White Pigeon

From Coach Littlefield • Feb. 23, 2024

Last night the JV Lady Vikings competed against White Pigeon and lost 57-30. It was a very competitive and great game. I saw tremendous improvement from the first time we played this team! Leading the Lady Vikings was Ariana Pearce with 7 points and 4 assists followed by captain, Isabelle Horvath with 6 points and 4 rebounds. Leading in rebounds last night was captain, Yarnissia Campbell with 6!

Varsity Boys Basketbal



From Coach Culbertson • Feb. 27, 2024

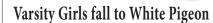
Varsity Boys Basketball lost at White Pigeon on Friday Night. Yrall Cambell scored 15 points, Carson Pullins had three 3's for 9 points, and Jonah Luter added 8 points.

Coloma wins against Vikings

From Coach Culbertson • Feb. 27, 2024

Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost last night in districts vs Coloma. Carson Pullins scored a season-high 26 points with four threes to lead Bangor in scoring. Yrall Campbell added 15 points and led the team in rebounding. Tyler Caruso also scored 6 points.

Varsity Girls Basketba



From Coach Witkowski • Feb. 23, 2024

Bangor 24 - White Pigeon 62

Elizabeth Ogrodny- 10 points, 6 rebounds Jaelynn Little- 8 points Cadence Mitchell- 7 rebounds











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SUSAN ** ZUIDERVEEN

For the month of January 2024:



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1848 - The first women's rights convention, the Seneca Falls Convention, is held in New York, where 300 women and men sign the Declaration of Sentiments in a plea to end discrimination against

Weapons Charges

1848 - The Married Woman's Property Act is passed in New York, enabling married women to condu business on their own, file lawsuits on their own behalf, collect rents and receive inhe is used as a model for other states, all of which pass neir own versions by 1900.

1860 - The Act Concerning the Rights and Liabilities of Husband and Wife is passed in New York, paving the way for other states. It acknowledges "mothers as joint guardians of their children," granting married women the same legal authority over their own sons and daughters as fathers.

1869 - Wyoming, a territory at the time, becomes the first state to grant women the right to vote in

1869 - Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton

1872 - Victoria Claflin Woodhull becomes the first

1872 - Equal pay for equal work under the law is guaranteed to federal, but not private sector,

1919 - The First Woman's Bank of Tennessee opens as the first bank to be directed, managed and staffed entirely by women. The bank welcomes deposits from men and women although its shareholders are male.

1919 - Congress passes the 19th Amendment, granting vomen the right to vote.

1920 - The 19th Amendment is ratified by 36 states and becomes law, ensuring that the right to vote cannot be denied on the basis of sex.

1938 - The Fair Labor Standards Act establishes a federal minimum wage to eliminate pay differences between men and women for hourly jobs.

1948 - The Women's Armed Services Integration Act allows women to serve as full, permanent members of all of the branches of the U.S. military.

1963 - The Equal Pay Act is passed, protecting all

1974 - The Equal Credit Opportunity Act is passed, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, ago or receipt of public assistance. Prior to its passage, banks required a male cosigner on credit applications from single, widowed or divorced women, regardless

1974 - The Fair Housing Act is amended to prohibit housing discrimination on the basis of sex.

1978 - The Pregnancy Discrimination Act is passed making it illegal for employers to dismiss from their jobs for becoming pregnant.

1981 - Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman appointed to serve on the U.S. Supreme

1993 - The Family and Medical Leave Act become

1994 - The Gender Equity in Education Act is passe to train teachers in gender equity, promote math and science learning by girls, counsel pregnant teens and

2016 - The Department of Defense opens all military combat positions to women for the first time.



Uniform Response went to a residence in Geneva Township for a Larceny from a Motor Vehicle. It was found a couple of vehicles were unlocked and an unknown suspect wer through them looking for stuff to steal. Just a friendly reminder to lock all your vehicles sheds, barns, etc. Criminals look for easy targets with easy access at times. I've seen over the years where suspects on camera go car to car pulling on door handles to find the unlocked ones to go through.

Uniform Response took a Larceny of a Purse in the Village of Paw Paw. The suspect took the purse from a shopping cart. The Deputy was able to obtain video of the incident, ID the suspect, and recover the purse. It appears at this point that all the contents were recovered. A warrant is being sought for the crime on a Paw Paw Village Resident.

Uniform Response took 6 Larcenies from Motor Vehicles and a UDAA(Unlawful Driving Away Automobile-Stole it in short) back on January 5th in the Gobles/Almena Area. Depu ties and Detectives were able to pull DNA from some of the scenes. They had a DNA hi and interviewed the suspect that it came back to. Detectives obtained a confession on all our cases. The suspect also confessed to cases in Kalamazoo County. Arrest warrants are being sought for all our cases and the subject is currently lodged at another facility.

Disparch received a 911 call from a male advising his wife is in labor with their child The 911 Dispatcher calmly walked him through the steps for delivery and care for the baby until first responders arrived on scene. Great job by the Dispatcher as well as the father on his role delivering his daughter. Dispatch has a lot of responsibility, and this is ius another type of call they handle. This is another example of the great staff we have here. Uniform Response took an Assault Complaint in Gobles. It was found that two sibling were fighting, and the sister was the aggressor. She was ultimately lodged on Aggravated

Uniform Response took a missing juvenile complaint. A Deputy found the missing juvenile right after taking the call on the side of the road. The juvenile was TOT the parents Our Narcotic Unit was very active this past week with search warrants from cases they are working. Multiple people were arrested, and other cases are being worked as well as charges coming on other individuals. Just a reminder to the public if you suspect drug activity, please call our office, and pass on the information. We have a form on our website you can email in with information, and you can do this anonymous as well.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

Questions regarding Property Tax Assessments may be directed to Columbia Twp. Assessor, Anne Richmond, at 269-434-6227, ext. 1 The Board of Review will hear Property Tax Appeals

Mon., Mar. 11, 3:00PM--9:00PM Tues., Mar. 9:00AM--3:00PM Call Columbia Twp to schedule an appointment.

Columbia Township Hall, 53053 CR 388 Grand Junction, MI 49056 269-434-6227

Mary Phelps, Clerk of Columbia Township



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ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may b raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalre quest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regard ing potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Alaina G., a.grzeskowiak@trileaf.com, 1821 Walder Office Square, Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL 60173, 630-227-0202.

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING The Arlington Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Sec tion 4.34 Anti-Funneling on inland lakes on March 28th at 6:00 PM at the Arlington

Township Hall. There will also be a general discussion on ordinances. For questions or for persons in need of special accommodations, please contact Matt Butler At PC1@arlingtontownship.com or Clerk@arlingtontownship.com by 1:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

Georgette Peterson, Arlington Township Clerk



Black History Leadership Society



Black History Month 2024

2024 Honorees: Dr's W.C. & Laverne Candy Askew, Arise & Shine Founders of Evangestic World Outreach Ministries 2024 Youth on the Rise Scholarship \$1,000.00 receipient Breanna Hall









ain Lola Wilson, Program Chair Ladies, Susie Whitmore and Juanita Cunningham ecretary, Phyllis Tyler. (Not pictured

Varsity Girls Basketball

cardinals were Andreva Robinson and Yulissa Perales.

Varsity Boys Basketball

game 56-54 and advanced to the semifinals

night in the opening round of the district basketball

The varsity boys basketball team hosted Fennville Monday

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Townline United Methodist Church

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BANGOR TOWNSHIP 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Bangor Township March Board of Review for 2024 will be held at the Bango 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
Agricultural	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 OF HEARING

File No. 2024 2008 GM In the matter of Raul TAKE NOTICE: A

hearing will be held on 04/04/2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Van Buren County Probate Court, Court room #3 before Judge David J. DiStefano 3501 for the following purpos

HEARING REFER-ENCE: Petition for Ar pointment of Guardian for a minor *Hybrid* You may use Zoom to appear in Virtual Room 3 using meeting ID 277 444 5820. If you have any technical questions please contact the court by calling or emailing us at 269-657-8225 or probate@vanburencountymi gov. or You may appear in

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