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Date of Publication: 03/28/24

**Personal Representative:**  
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 Telephone: 269-626-4256

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**MISC:** PEX crimper; 440# electric hoist NIB; Black & Decker/Stanley tool combo set NIB; John Deere cookie jar NIB; electric meter lamp; candy dispenser; wall telephone; tool boxes & tools; walking sprinkler; Seiko mantle clock

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Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm  
AWANA 5:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 pm  
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Pastor Brett Champion



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00479 CR 687 South Haven, MI 49090  
269-637-6575  
11am Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Vern Swieringa (vswier245@gmail.com)  
Additional activities:  
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Community Potlucks the 2nd Wednesday every month @ 6pm  
Principe de Paz-Spanish Church  
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Spanish Bible Study every Wednesday 6pm  
www.kibbiechurch.com  
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## South Walnut Elementary

### Miss Bangor & Court Visit Elementary



The month of March is reading month at South Walnut Elementary, and the students were delighted to receive some special guests to come read to them. Miss Bangor and her court read books to the students. The students enjoyed listening to many guest readers throughout the month.

### Students Sing in Black History Month Program



Directed by music teacher Mr. Chris Measzros, a group of students performed Bill Withers' "Lean on Me" for the Black History Month program held at the high school auditorium.

## Bangor Middle School

### Bangor Creates Puts Student Art on the Stage



Bangor Creates night took place on March 20, at South Walnut Elementary. Attendees enjoyed music selections from the Middle and High School Jazz Bands, and admired the art projects of students from preschool aged up to high school.

## Bangor High School

### Black History Month Program



Pictured: Bangor Middle School student (far left) Noah Atkinson poses with his mother and sibling while enjoying dinner at the Black History Program.



On Leap Day, February 29, a Black History Month program was held at the Bangor High School auditorium. The evening was filled with musical and dance performances from students and guests, speakers and poets, trivia, and more. Bangor Alumni, Pastor Greg Jennings Sr. was the Keynote speaker. He is the father of professional football player, Greg Jennings Jr. A delicious dinner of soul foods served in the cafeteria followed the event.

### Robotics Teams Reaches the Finals in First Competition



From coach Leticia Derry: "We had our first competition (March 2). It was a great day. We made it through the qualifying matches and were chosen for an alliance in the finals. Our Drivers, Kiegan Conroy and Stuart Lounsbury were able to work with the great Programming from Humberto Garcia to keep us in the game. Our human players in the matches were Luis Alfonso-Arenas and Eduardo Velasco-Martin. Our Marketing Team is Angelina Mejia-Merino, Destiny McNealy, Isabel Lounsbury, Jadalyn Bowen, and Kelsee Roberts. We were eliminated in the finals after 2 matches. We have our next competition this weekend in St. Joe and hope to as well this weekend.

The Team is working hard to rebuild the Robot and add to what we built for the first competition. We had to make repairs from broken Polycarbonate to adding motors and another set of bumpers."

### Congrats Students of the Month



### Firefighter Visit



### Extra Sweet Sundae Bar



The first grader's enjoyed a sundae bar in celebration for Valentine's Day.



The second graders read books about Firefighters this month. On Tuesday, March 19, the Bangor Community Fire Department came and shared with second graders equipment they use in a fire. "Students and staff learned so much about what it sounds like when a firefighter is breathing and talking inside their masks," stated Dawn Wade, second grade teacher.

"These sounds can be scary but hopefully they will not be scared if they encounter a firefighter. Thank you, Bangor Community Fire Department for coming to South Walnut Elementary."

### 8th Grade Fundraiser Winners



Congratulations to the top sellers and \$100 prize winners for the 8th grade fundraiser. Cielo Maldonado was the top seller, followed by Jeviah Ulam, Quay Von Stanfill and Rachel Loomis. Steven Crans and Haylee Warren won \$100 each in the drawings. The BMS 8th grade class sold over \$7000 in chocolates, to raise \$3,100 for their class.

### Honors Band



Monday, March 25, a group of Middle School students participated in the MSBOA District 6 MS Honors Band. "Our students did a wonderful job preparing and playing a great concert," stated Bangor band director Mrs. Tiana Doe. The MS (7/8 grade) Concert Band earned a Division 1 rating at MSBOA District 6.

### High School Band MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble



Congrats to students who participated this month, and earned a medal.

### Students Make Wood Fire Pizza



### Honor Roll Students Enjoy



### Samara Russell Receives DAR Good Citizens Award



Congratulations to Bangor High School Senior Samara Russell, as she received the 2024 DAR Good Citizens Award. The DAR Good Citizens Award recognizes and rewards high school seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.



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**Ronny Lee Kurasz**

Ronny Lee Kurasz of Grand Junction, Michigan passed away peacefully March 23, 2024 at Douglas Cove Health and Rehabilitation in Douglas, Michigan. Ronny was born in Chicago April 20, 1944 and moved to Grand Junction, Michigan on Saddle Lake with her family in 1956. She attended Grand Junction School and graduated from Bangor High School in 1961. She served in the U.S. Army and then moved to Chicago where she had a long career at Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Medical Center serving as the administrator of the operating rooms. When Ronny retired, she moved back to Saddle Lake and became a long serving volunteer at Rescued Treasures in South Haven where she collected a lot of friends. For a few years, Ronny lived in South Haven and loved to walk to and from the Lighthouse and often referred to it as her lighthouse. Ronny is predeceased by her mother Marjorie Marie Kurasz (Randall) and her father John Kurasz. She is survived by her brother Gregg and his wife Rae Kurasz of Arlington, Virginia, several cousins, and many good friends. A gathering of friends and family will be planned early this summer.

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Uniform Response took a Single Vehicle Crash in Waverly Township. The crash was called in by a passerby and not the driver. The driver did end up at a hospital in Kalamazoo from the injuries sustained from the crash. The driver admitted to drinking. The Deputy is submitting the report to the Prosecutor's Office to obtain an arrest warrant for the incident.

Uniform Response was Dispatched to a dog out of control in a residence in Columbia Township in the early morning hours attacking several individuals in the house. It was found prior to arrival that the victims were able to get the dog outside. The dog's previous owner passed away and the relatives now take care of the dog. Three individuals were bit and needed medical attention. Upon arrival, Deputies were able to get to the victims without being bit. Deputies made disposition of the dog and the victims were able to get the medical attention needed. One victim did have to go to the hospital due to the severity of the injuries.

Uniform Response took a Contractor Fraud Complaint in Porter Township in which the complaint/victim filed in September. Our Criminal Investigation Unit assisted in the investigation due to the depth of it, all the follow-up required, etc. The 47-year-old contractor out of Scotts was accused of misusing over \$40,000 fronted to him for the job. The contractor didn't due the job he was paid for. The Prosecutors Office reviewed the case after it was completed and submitted. The suspect was charged with Larceny by Conversion-\$20,000 or more and Contractor-Fraudulent Use of Building Contract Fraud, hence charged for both Felonies committed. The suspect surrendered himself to the court and was due back in court this past week. As a reminder, you can never go wrong with finding out how long a company has been in business, check references through the BBB(Better Business Bureau), negotiate payment terms, and understand the scope of the work before you sign a contract.

Uniform Response took a Hit & Run Accident in Almena Township. The driver went off the roadway, hit a sign and mailbox, caused other minor damage to the landscape, and fled the scene. Deputies were able to track down the driver. A report will be submitted to the Prosecutor's Office for review and charges on the investigation.

To continue automatically receiving VBC Sheriff, VBC Administration, and General Van Buren County news releases and notes, please follow the instructions listed below and subscribe to the new, web based, Listserv service. This new service will deliver news by email and provide web-based access to past submissions, optional delivery by text messaging is also available.

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Uniform Response took a Larceny from a Motor Vehicle Complaint by Mattawan in a subdivision. The suspect went through the neighborhood going car to car looking for unlocked vehicles. One victim had a credit card stolen and used. Deputies are working the cases and hope to get a resolution quickly on it. As you've noticed, we continue to remind people to lock their vehicles, don't leave valuable items in them especially when it's unlocked. We continue to take these types of complaints. I cannot stress enough how important it is to lock your vehicle, don't leave valuable items in them, when possible, keep valuable items out of view, and no residence or area is off limits to a thief. Deputies hear on a regular basis "I didn't think that would happen in my neighborhood." It can happen in any area in the nation, and your residence isn't off limits for you to become a victim.

Through the end of February(starting from January 1st), Uniform Response has made 988 Traffic Stops. Uniform Response has taken 1,322 calls for service. Dispatch has received 17,063 phone calls. To break the calls down further with just 911 calls, 672 were abandoned 911 calls. 4,831 were answered 911 calls, and 203 text 911 calls.

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