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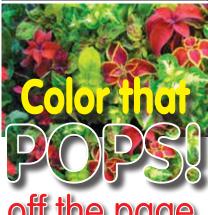
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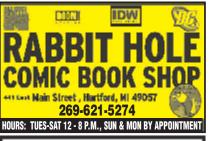
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Handprint butterfly photo card

All that is necessary for this craft is a printed photograph of the child's face, paper, scissors, glue, and finger paints. The child should dip hands into the paint and make four handprints on paper in some preferred colors. When dry, cut around the perimeter of the handprints. These will serve as the "wings" of the butterfly. Glue the picture of the child's face in the middle of a piece of paper or card stock. Draw a butterfly body underneath it (or print out a stock image to use). Draw antennae sticking out of the child's head and attach the handprints around the head and butterfly

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- 1B Bloomingdale Public School District No. 16 Bond Proposal 2
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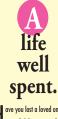
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Girls Track

From Coach Hunter:

Bovs Track

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

The boys track team competed against White Pigeon, Comstock and Bloomingdale last Wednesday in a conference meet. We came up short against WP and Comstock but beat Bloomingdale. Leading the way was Yrral Campbell winning the discus and Austin Birner winning the long jump.

On Friday, they went to the Comstock invite and brought home a trophy for 3rd place out of 11 teams. The 3200m relay and 1600m relay won as well as Jose in 400m dash and Angel in the 3200m run. 2nd place was Angel in the 1600m run and Yrral in the shot put and discus.

The boy's track team traveled to Hartford last night to compete against Hartford and Cassopolis in a league competition. We beat Cassopolis but lost to Hartford by 2 points despite a great team effort and performances

April 29

The boys track team competed at the Schoolcraft invite last Friday and finished tied for 3rd place as a team. Leading the way for Vikings was Yrral Campbell with 3 first place finishes - shot put, discus and part of the 800m discus relay. The rest of the discus relay was Liam Mortensen, Enrique Macedo, and Landen Valentine. Other highlights were On Wednesday, the girl's track team went to 2nd place finishes by Clint Cagle in the 100m dash, Austin Birner in the 200m dash, and Angel Barajas in the 3200m run. Another

Varsity Softball



From Coach Rickyna Luter: (Var. Softball) Last night the Vikings traveled to Decatur for our toughest matchup to date. Decatur has been a powerhouse in the conference for some time, and we were hoping to play at their level. We were able to keep it close in the first game but weren't able to generate runs. In game 2, we were struggling to put the ball in play as well. We dropped both games to the 1st place Raiders. We are hoping to bounce back on Thursday at home vs and support the Lady Vikings!

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Wednesday, April 26 From Coach Muñoz:

On Wednesday, the girls track team went to Hartford for a SW10 meet. We had a good meet and continue to show improvement. Team Scores

2024 Spring Sports

Bangor 41 - Hartford 74 Bangor 50 - Cassopolis 35 Individual Highlights:

- . Lauryn Anderson 1st (discus), 3rd (shot
- Jaelynn Little 1st (100m, 200m, 400m dash) April 25
- Savannah Marfia 2nd (400m dash) Yarnissia Campbell 2nd (800m)
- . C. Heimsath, N. Nevith, L. Anderson, A. Lee 2nd (4 x 100 relav)
- Y. Campbell, C. Heimsath, S. Marfia, I. Little 2nd (4 x 400 relay)

Wednesday, April 30

The girl's track team competed in the Schoolcraft Invitational on Friday. We did well and finished in 4th place out of 8. We have a SW10 meet on Wednesday in Lawrence at 5pm. Highlights:

- Jaelynn Little 1st Place (200m & 400m), 3rd From Coach Robles: The Lady Vikings Place (100m)
- Y. Campbell, J. Little, C. Heimsath, S. Marfia 3rd Place (4x400 relay)
- · Lauryn Anderson 2nd Place (Shot Put)

Wednesday, May 1 Lawrence for a SW10 meet with Lawrence and Centreville. We worked hard and walked away with PRs by Aliya Lee, Savannah great team effort on a cold and rainy evening. Marfia, Jaelynn Little, Navaree Nevith, Claire Heimsath, Madison Smith, and Lauryn Anderson. We host the Bangor Invitational on Saturday beginning at 10am. Team Scores

Bangor 25 - Centreville 110, Bangor 51 -Lawrence 50

- Individual Highlights:
- Lauryn Anderson 2nd (discus & shot put) Jaelynn Little 1st (400m), 2nd (100m,

200m, long jump) From Coach Marc Hunter: The boys track team went to Lawrence yesterday and competed in a conference meet against Lawrence and Centreville. The boys ran well and it was a total team effort to beat both teams. Great job. Next competition for some Kaiden Pearce scored two runs and Taylor is tomorrow at St Joseph, then our Bangor Cassopolis. The game starts at 4:30, come out invitational is Saturday at 10am. Come out and cheer on your Vikings

MS Girls Soccer



Bangor Shuts out Bloomingdale 4-0

From Coach Aparicio: Yesterday, we faced off against the Bloomingdale Cardinals in an intense and thrilling match. The first 10 minutes of the game were a clear indication that it was going to be a very competitive game, with both teams fighting for dominance on the field. We managed to adjust our strategy and make some changes that allowed us to balance the game. We were able to score in the first half, giving us a much-needed boost in the

In the 2nd half, the game slowed down due to fouls, but both teams maintained their intensity and desire to score. Our defense worked hard on keeping the ball out, and our offense kept pushing for the win. The final score Bangor 4-Bloomingdale 0. Goals: Andrea-2, Camila-1, Isabel-1

Lady Vikings Soccer

soccer team hosted the Bloomingdale Cardinals to a very intense soccer game. The Cardinals were able to find the net first leading the game 1 - 0. The Lady Vikings the end of the first half. The Lady Vikings continued to fight strong in the second half allowing them to score twice. In the last 30 seconds of the game, the Lady Vikings were given an opportunity to score with a couple of corner kicks but were not able to find the

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answered back and tied the game 1 - 1 before and defensively. We were led by Caleb but were not able to stop the Cardinal offense each striking out a total of 13 batters and White Pigeon 7 net losing the game 3 - 1. The Lady Vikings have made great improvements!

From Coach Nick Cox: (Varsity Baseball) We traveled to White Pigeon for a SW-10 conference game. We dropped both games. It was a struggle for us offensively Burrows going 3-5. On the mound, Anthony Hardester and Jaret McCoy pitched 6 innings only walking 2. We will be back on the field Monday when we travel to Decatur, Game 1 Bangor 3 White Pigeon 6 Game 2 Bangor 6

MS Baseball

From Coach Culbertson: Bangor Middle School baseball played its third game of the season against Eau Claire on Saturday. We lost a close game with the final score being 11-10 after 5 innings. The ten runs is the most we have scored all season so far.. Evan Broyles, Jaxson Valentine, and Talon Abbott all did a great job pitching in this game. Gardner made multiple defense plays in the outfield. Our next game is Wednesday at 4.30PM at Fennville

JV Baseball

From Coach Shawn Cox: (IV Baseball) We traveled to Bloomingdale and took down the Cardinals 12-0 in both games for our first wins of the season. It was an offensive explosion for us as we combined for 21 hits through the double-header including Jorge Dominguez going 3-3 and scoring twice and Ethan Nielsen going 3-4 and accounting for 5 runs. We all played very well as a team from start to finish of both games resulting in very convincing wins. We now sit at 2-2 on the season and travel to Saugatuck on Friday.





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Friday, April 26, 2024

Friday, the Tigers traveled to Three Oaks River Valley for the Mustang Invitational. Despite the rainy conditions, the boys placed 6 out of the 10 schools in attendance. Some of the highlights include the following medal winners. Coal Otis 4th in the High Jump with a jump of 5'6, Nathan Ray in the Long Jump with a jump of 16' 7. Mason Mansfield, 1st in the 100m Dash 11.83, 1st in the 4x200m relay (Nathan Ray, Steven Juarez, Alex Lee, Mason Mansfield) 1:37.00, and Stacey Austin 1st in the Discus with a throw of 120'6.

The meet award winners included MVP to Coal Otis for outstanding performances in high jump, 4x100, and 4x400m relays. The PR award goes to Stacey Austin in Discus for his 120'6 throw. That was almost 14' better than his previous best. Tough as Nails goes to Aden Newberry for gutting out the big 4 (this is the 3200m relay, 1600m run, 800m run, and the 3200m run), The MVS (Most Valuable Squad) went to Alex Lee's squad for a great night (Alex Lee, Steven Juarez, Mason Mansfield, and Coal



Team stretching at the end of a soggy night of competition

The Lady Tigers turned in another dominating performance and took home medals in all but two events and won 11 of the 12 running events. They outdistance 2nd place by almost 80 points scoring 183 to second place's 104. The meet award winners were Charlotte Zantello for getting PR's in both Shot and Discus. The Tough as Nails award went to Taleigh Sylvester for running the 1600 even though she was sore. The "Slay' award went to Sasha Doll for running the 300 hurdles. The 4x400 relay team of Deanna Wood, Abby Pattison, Daisy Estrada, and Madison Cooley was awarded the MVP for running the fastest time since 2016.

Dual meet action at Delton Kellogg with Galesburg-Augusta

The Gentlemen competed at Delton-Kellogg on Monday, April 29. It was a great night to compete and the Tigers split in the dual meet scoring. They lost to the Panthers from Delton 78-59 and beat the Rams from Galesburg-Augusta 66.33 to 60.67. The team set 29 PRs overall and had a great night. The 400m Relay team was 0.02 away from the 400m relay school record running 44.47. MVP was Mason Mansfield. The PR award went to Trystan Zaczek for accumulating 4 PRs (Discus, Shot 400m and 200m dash), Tough as nails went to Mason Northrup and MVS was Eli's squad.

The Lady Tigers set 21 Personal Records along the way to defeating both Galesburg and Delton. Overall the ladies won 9 of the 17 events for the evening, and kept their undefeated streak alive in ALL relays and Distance events. The PR award went to Ella Ringel in the 800 for shaving went to Amelia Fortis for running a great 800.



Left to right: Steven Juarez, Nathan Ray, Mason Mansfield, Alex Lee

Tough as Nails award went to Laruen Schaffer for winning the 800, 1600, and 4x800 relay. The MVP award went to Deanna Wood for running the leadoff leg in all 4 relays for the night and coming home with 4 wins. They are currently ranked in the top 20 in 12 out of the 17 events over 20 seconds off of her PR. The "Slay" award in Division 4 and are ranked 2nd overall. Keep up the great work Tigers

Great Performance at Parchment

The boys and girls middle school track teams showed out with another great performance at Parchment on Tuesday April 30th

The boys were able to put together a strong 2nd place finish along with several PRs. Highlights of the night included the following: Ethan Collison - 1st place 200M dash, Max Sager 1st place high jump, Justin Gibson - 1st place 3200M, Liam Wilkes - 3rd place shot put, and Landon Gerould - 2nd place pole vault. Zach Berzley and Austin Ringel continue to show improvement as they locked in two PRs on the night. Oliver Johnson continues his show of toughness as he guts out the 800, 1600, and 3200 to score points for his team.

The girls dominated again and finished in 1st place. Key performances were: Aria Diaz - 1st place 3200M, Ella Collins - 200M hurdles, Addison Tomsic - 800M, Faith Biron - 2nd place shot put, and another great showing by the 4x800 team of Aria Diaz, Addison Tomsic Alicia Krulowski, and Taylor Cooley. Sophia Stacey and Alyssa Sparks continue to show their grit as they have scored critical points for the team in longer races.

The team heads to Coloma for a SAC divisional meet this Thursday

Golf Jamboree

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The Gobles golf team made the short trip over to Chesire Hills to play in the Allegan Jamboree on 4/23. Tons of PR's were set by every golfer on the team. At the top of the leaderboard Sophomore Tucker Greffee shot an impressive 42 which put him tied for 2nd on the day. Brayton Dickerson showed his experience and also improved his score by over 10 strokes finishing with a 52. Rounding out the team Zac Conner, Logan Miller and Hunter Jacobs all improved scores by a minimum of 10 strokes and showed mounds of potential going into there home jamboree at Shamrock Hills on 4/25. Look for tons of improvement in the upcoming weeks from a young and hungry group of golfers!

Gobles defeats Saugatuck 11-9

Kylee Killeen drove in five runs on two hits to lead Gobles Varsity Tigers past Saugatuck Varsity Trailblazers 11-9 on Tuesday. Kylee Killeen tripled in the second scoring three, tripled in the first scoring two, and walked in the fifth scoring one.

Both offenses were strong at the plate as Gobles Varsity Tigers collected 12 hits and Saugatuck Varsity Trailblazers 12 in the high-scoring affair. Gobles Varsity Tigers were the first to get on the board in the first when Kylee Killeen tripled, scoring two runs. Gobles Varsity Tigers flipped the game on its head in the top of the second, scoring five runs on five hits to take a 7-3 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a triple by Kylee Killeen that drove in three. Kylee Killeen earned the win for Gobles Varsity Tigers. The righty surrendered 12 hits and nine runs over seven innings, striking out eight and

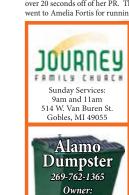
Gobles Varsity Tigers collected 12 hits in the game. Daisy Jackson led Gobles Varsity Tigers with three hits in four at bats. Kennadi Killeen and Makenna Hunt each collected multiple hits for Gobles Varsity Tigers. Alana Gonzalez led Gobles Varsity Tigers with four walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, collecting eight walks for the game. Kennadi Killeen, Jackson, and Gonzalez each stole multiple bases for Gobles Varsity Tigers. Gobles Varsity Tigers stole seven bases in the game.

Gobles defeats Martin 6-3

Daisy Jackson collected three hits in three at bats, as Gobles Varsity Tigers defeated Martin Varsity Clippers 6-3 on Monday at Gobles HIgh School. Jackson doubled in the first inning, doubled in the third inning, and singled in the sixth inning.

Gobles Varsity Tigers got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Jackson doubled, and Hailey Holland grounded out, each scoring one run. Gobles Varsity Tigers added one run in the third. Jackson doubled, making the score 3-1.

Kylee Killeen stepped in the circle first for Gobles Varsity Tigers. The starting pitcher allowed seven hits and three runs (two earned) over seven innings, striking out five and walking none. Gobles Varsity Tigers amassed 12 hits in the game, Kennadi Killeen, Holland and Kylee Killeen each collected multiple hits for Gobles Varsity Tigers. Gobles Varsity Tigers turned one double play in the game.



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Mother's Day is an opportunity to show stretching mat are some additional gifts moms how much they're loved and ap- that might make exercise-loving moms preciated. Though many moms may insist they don't want anything beyond spending the day with their children, gifts are a big part of Mother's Day.

No two moms are the same, and though standards like flowers and greeting cards will always have a place on Mother's Day, the following are some gift ideas that can put smiles on the faces of moms from all

Bookworm

There's no end to the gift options for mothers who love to curl up with a good book. Of course, some new books may delight Mom, but gifts that can improve the reading experience also merit consideration. For example, an ergonomic backrest reading pillow can make bedtime reading sessions more comfortable and en sure Mom's neck and back get ample support as she reads the latest page-turner. A nightstand book holder also can be ideal for moms who can't seem to keep track of

Fitness enthusiast

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Millions of moms manage to juggle the obligations of family life with a challenging career. Mother's Day can be a great time to recognize that balancing act. A self-heating coffee mug can ensure Mom's morning cup o' joe doesn't go cold as she traverses her way through a hectic morning routine. Another great gift is a charging mouse pad that can charge all of Mom's devices even while she's working. If you want to help Mom remain calm as she navigates her way through a day filled with personal and professional obligations, an essential oils diffuser can create a sense of relaxation on the most hectic of days.

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Our office sent 4 Deputies in different capacities to a Domestic Violence Extremist Conference. Several things are taught at the conference. In today's climate, our office wants to stay on top of everything possible and gain as much knowledge/contacts as possible

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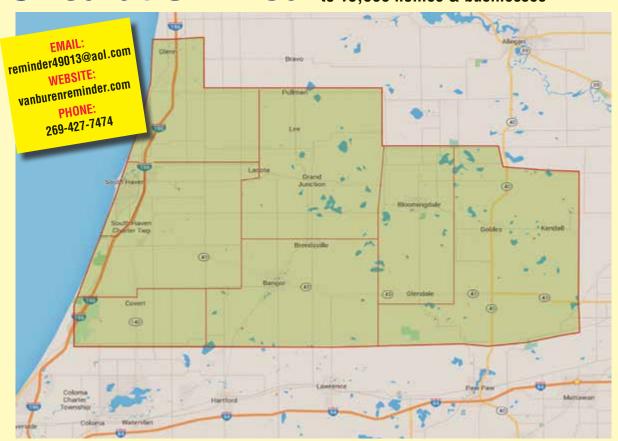
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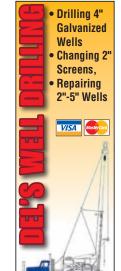
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In 2001 and 2007, the Bloomingdale School District (Pullman Elementary, Bloomingdale Elementary, Middle and High School) received voter approval to borrow a total of \$19,750,000. The voters approved 7.7 mills to retire the debt over the years ending in 2030 at which time the millage would cease. A property owner with a property taxable value of \$100,000 has been paying \$770 annually to retire this

Now comes the District on the May 7, 2024 Special Election ballot seeking approval of two proposals (Proposal I and Proposal II) totaling an additional \$32,400,000 in borrowing to pay for a wish list of District facility infrastructure and site improvements. The District intends to retire the debit over a period of 30 years.

Presumably, if both proposals are approved, property owners within the District will be burdened with 9.7 mills for the next 12 years (through 2036) and some unspecified number of mills over the remaining 18 of the 30 years (through 2055 over which the debt will be retired. If you are baffled by the language and information of both proposals - YOU ARE NOT ALONE! The ballot language and information of both proposals are unclear and confusing.

Perhaps this significant additional borrowing and indebtedness over the next 30 years would be more palatable to voters if the proposals explicitly stated how such \$32,400,000 of additional borrowing would result in increasing the academic performance of District students. Students within the District lag far behind their peers among Michigan schools in mathematics, English language arts, science and social studies testing scores. Student performance statistics are derived from annual Michigan M-Step (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) testing results. Refer to www.michigan.gov/mstep for details.

With a 25% decline in student enrollment since the year 2000 (1,444 in 2000, 1,104 in 2022) and a student to teacher ratio of 16:1, voters have to wonder why the low M-Step scores and what the District is doing to remedy these scores.

Before voters consider approving any additional District borrowing and indebtedness, and the resulting mills over the next 30 years, the District should explain to what extent student academic performance is projected to improve given such increased District indebtedness and resulting millage. That is, the District should provide the voters with anticipated measurable increased student academic achievement for which the District will be held accountable for achieving.

In seeking approval for this substantial borrowing, the District is asking voters to dig deeper into the crevasses of their wallets for more tax dollars. It appears the District ignores the current day-to-day financial burdens of voters dealing with the ever increasing cost of putting food on the table, purchasing a costly gallon of gasoline or propane, a dismal economy, stagnant employment wages and accelerating inflation

Come May 7, 2024, voters have a choice to either dig deeper into the depths of their wallets for more tax dollars for unspecified academic achievement objectives or succumb to continued property taxation without any measure of predicted academic performance outcomes, and no District accountability for achieving these outcomes.

Roger Flammang District Property Owner (269) 906-2246



Bloomingdale 2024 Spring Sports

Cardinals defeat Huskies 3-0

On Tuesday, the JV girls soccer team hosted Southwest 10 rival Hartford. The Cardinals defeated the Huskies 3-0 with all three goals coming off the foot of Luseidy Salamanca





High School Track and Field

On Friday, April 19, the Cardinal Track and Field teams traveled to Comstock for the annual Comstock Invitational where they competed against eleven teams. Four Cardinal athletes brought home medals and the coveted 1st place glass. Jaden Barnes took the win in the 1600 and also earned a third place medal in the 800. Rowan Hegelmann threw her way to first place in shot put. Isaac Goudzwaard vaulted to a 3rd place medal. Kelsey Simms also earned a medal in the 300 hurdles

April 24, 2024 - SW 10 Conference Meet with Centerville, Comstock, and Decatur

Overall first place finishers:

- Rowan Hegelmann Discus and shot put
- · Jaden Barnes 1600 and
- Janely Salazar Pole yault
- · Jose Ramos Long jump

Athletes earning at least one first place finish:

- · Alaysia Allen 1st place against Decatur in long
- Terrelle Pittsley 1st place

- Athletes earning at Personal Record:
- Josh Odell 3200, shot put · Zavier Gonzalez - shot put
- Daniel Hodgman shot
- Thomas Mellinger shot
- Abby Krall 300 LH
- Kailey Andrade 800m
- Jayden Bowen 400m
- Anika Kalinowska 200m • Emma Miller - 100m
- Julie Salazar shot put

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- finished second in discus
- to give Bloomingdale first and second!
 - Athletes earning a Season Record: Iose Ramos - 200m

 - Reed Remington 1600,
 - Kelsev Simms 300 LH • Isaac Goudzward - pole

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Your Varsity Softball team struggled this past week losing to both Bangor and Marcellus. The Varsity Softball team traveled to Bangor Monday the 22nd. The Lady Cardinals struggled at the plate while also making a few errors that helped Bangor get ahead. Evalyn Hegelmann and Emily Latham both collected one hit for the team in the first game. Evalyn Hegelmann also led the team with two stolen bases. In the second game of the double header, Senior Jackie Sivak led the team with two hits while Freshman Emily Latham tallied up another hit. Evalyn Hegelmann was again quick on the bases, collecting two stolen bases!

The Lady Cardinals played Marcellus Thursday. Marcellus started off hot and never let up. Hailee Blazys pitched game one striking out 8 and walking five. Offensively Lianna Ballenger and Emily Latham both lead the team collecting two hits each. Andreya Robinson led the team stealing three bases, including home. In game two, your Lady Cardinals struggled getting their bats going. Lianna Ballenger led the team with one hit in 2 at bats. Your Lady Cardinals struggled last week, but with each game they continue to improve, A huge shout out to Emily Latham, Mackenzie Barnes, Callie Sivak, Hailee Blazys, and Lianna Ballenger for their constant efforts and support for their team throughout the Marcellus games. It is not always easy to stay positive and uplifting and to give 100% when the game isn't going your way, so shoutout to these ladies for holding our team together! The coaches are all so incredibly proud of you. Your Lady Cardinals also hosted Lawrence Monday. The team struggled with errors allowing the Tigers to get ahead early in both games and your Lady Cardinals were not able to catch back up. In the first game Lianna Ballenger and Jackie Sivak both had a single, Emily Latham had two doubles and a single, Hailee Blazys had two doubles, and Andreya Robinson hit a 2 run homerun over the right field fence. In game two, Emily Latham had 2 triples, Hailee Blazys got walked once and had two doubles reaching base 3/4 times up to bat, Andreya Robinson was walked and had a double, and Lianna Ballenger was walked and had two singles. Your Lady Cardinals will host White Pigeon this Thursday, May 2nd at 4:30, be sure to come out and support.

MS Girls Softball

The Middle School Lady Cardinals softball team went on the road twice this past week and faced some tough competition dropping both games against Marcellus and Fennville. On Thursday against Marcellus the Cardinals offense led by Cadence Williams, with an inside the park home run, also had big hits and runs by Carly Billings, Mikaela Flynn and Taylor Blazys the Cardinals put up a combined 16 runs in both games. Saturday the Cardinals traveled to Fennville where the Cardinals offense stayed hot, scoring a combined 21 runs, the offense this time led by Kailynn Bond, Lilah Albrecht and Gracie Boyd all collecting RBI's. The Lady Cardinals will look to put together a complete game on both sides of the diamond next week! Thank you for the continued support and GO CARDS #TweetTweet

Varsity Baseball

Cardinals run ruled the Tigers 10-0 in 5 innings!



The varsity baseball team hosted Lawrence Monday night in a SW10 double header. Game one was all Cardinals, as Bloomingdale run ruled the Tigers 10-0 in 5 innings. Great job



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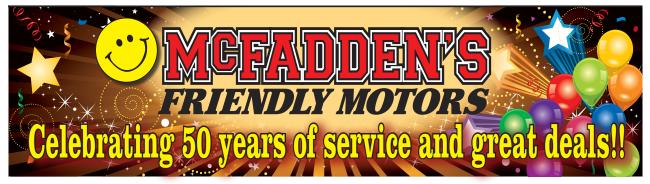
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