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Marion Joan (Peterson) Dienhart of Gobles, Michigan and Braden-

Marion, affectionately known as "Yaya" was born July 10, 1929, in

Detroit, Michigan, to Harold R. Peterson and Mary M. Myslewiec

Harold Peterson's family, descendants of Norway and eventually

founded Peterson/Precision Spring Companies. Her mother Mary

was a descendant of Poland whose family had a dairy farm in Pin-

conning, MI. She attended Cooley High School in Detroit, Michi-

gan, where she earned multiple varsity letters in basketball, track and

married Alexander L Buiwitt and together they had 4 children.

swimming. Swimming, it turned out, was her favorite. She was captain of her basketball team, and president of her sorority. She later

n Florida, passed away on December 8th, 2024 at the age of 95.

Her swimming passion continued throughout her lifetime. You could find her at every local pool around Kalamazoo ensuring there were programs for the youth. She taught all of her children, and grandchildren how to swim.

In 1952, Marion was selected to participate and travel to Finland introduce synchronized swimming to the Olympic Games. While Finland, her team won the Bronze Metal. The introduction was successful, and synchronized swimming is now recognized as an

Her passion led her to become the swimming pioneer of the community. Marion was the lead swimming instructor at the YWCA in Kalamazoo. She was instrumental in obtaining an Olympic size pool at the Elks Golf Club in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was also a dedicated Brownie and Girl Scout leader for many years.

She was an avid learner, attended Western Michigan University

where she studied Journalism and Accounting and Davenport University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism She loved to submit her short stories to share with the world. She was always focused on health and wellness. In her later years, she studied Cosmetology and held licenses in Florida, California, and

She loved spending her winters in Bradenton Florida with summers back in Michigan. The last five years she enjoyed living with her daughter in California. Wherever she was, you would always find her sitting in the sunshine.

Marion will always be remembered for her sweetness, kindness, grace, appreciation of beautiful things and overall wit and "one liner" humor. Her life was full of love of family, friends, and she expressed constant gratitude and wonder. She ended nearly every conversation with "love you more".

Surviving are her children: Christine (Joey) Ballesteros, Brad (Terri) Buiwitt, and Joann (David) Buiwitt-Shafer-Carpenter; grandchildren: John, Jennifer, Britni, Broc, Luke (Emily) Shafer, and Summer Mraz; great-grandchildren: Colton Brockman and Elowen Shafer; nephew Randy Peterson; and constant compan ion, her Labrador Winter. She was preceded in death by her daughter Angela and brother Raymond.

A celebration of life Mass will be held Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 11 AM at St. Mary Church, 209 S. Brown St., Paw Paw,

Michigan 49079. Committal will follow at Robinson Cemetery, in Gobles, MI 49055. Celebrate Marion's life online by sharing your favorite stories and photos on her dedicated webpage at BetzlerLifeStory.com. Memorial contributions may be made to

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# BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY. .

# Camp Kidwell – Festival of Trees

The Bloomingdale Elementary Student Council took part in the Camp Kidwell Festival of Trees fundraiser this year. The student council students created handmade ornaments for a wreath that was auctioned off December 8th to raise funds for camper scholarships for the 2025 camp season. The wreath represented our school mascot and our community spirit. We are very proud of the Bloomingdale Elementary Student Council.

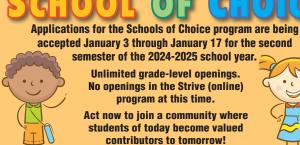
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Second grade teacher Lauren Sager and high school counselor Hannah Felty collaborated to start a new program to connect our buildings by integrating high school students into our elementary classrooms as positive role models connected to clubs, sports, and activities that Bloomingdale has to offer. It's so important that our youngest learners see what they can look forward to in our district and give the older kids a chance to show off what they are

Applications are available at all school building offices.

The program, Cardinal Buddies, meets in our elementary classrooms once a month, for one hour. It starts by introducing the three to four high school students volunteering their time in each room and giving them the opportunity to talk about the club, sport, or activity they are part of. Then each class reads a book and does a simple activity that aligns with the theme of the book. The read aloud books and accompanying activities were sourced from the public library.





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# **Veterans Day Tribute at Bloomingdale Elementary**

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Bloomingdale Elementary School held a heartfelt Veterans Day program, honoring local veterans with a collaborative event involving students, staff, parents, and the community. Organized by teachers Kara Caldwell and Julie Morehead, the program included musical performances by second and third graders, speeches by Student Council members, and a slideshow celebrating veterans connected to the school. We praised the students' efforts in learning the value of honoring veterans. Highlights included a performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the high school band and patriotic songs by students. The event concluded with tokens of appreciation for attending veterans and reflected the community's respect

Thank you Anita Manley and Lori Harris for leading this great event!



# **PULLMAN ELEMENTARY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

# **Pullman Elementary Honors Veterans**

Pullman Elementary hosted a special assembly to honor local veterans and show gratitude for their service. The event began with the kindergarteners leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem performed by Mrs. DeVries and

A touching video tribute to veterans, created by Mr. Larson and Mrs. Harris, was shared, capturing the heartfelt appreciation of our students and staff. The assembly concluded with a presentation of "The Poppy Lady," a tribute to the symbol of remembrance, after which first graders distributed handmade poppies to the veterans in attendance.

Pullman Elementary is proud to celebrate and thank those who have served our country, making this assembly meaningful and memorable



# Math Night

Math Night was a great success! Students who attended had the chance to play engaging games that helped boost their math skills. A huge thank you to Mrs. DeVries and Miss Hill for creating a fantastic experience for our students. We also appreciate the support from all the staff who helped make this event possible and the families who joined us. It was wonderful evening of learning and fun!



# Halloween Parade

Students and staff at Pullman Elementary had a spooktacular time celebrating Halloween with a festive parade. Students trick-or-treated throughout the school dressed in





# **Fun Cider-Making Experience**

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The activity not only allowed students to enjoy the tastes of the season but also provided a fun, educational lesson on the process of making cider. Pullman Elementary extends heartfelt thanks to Stocchiero Farms and Overhiser Orchards for their generous support in making this memorable experience possible









# **BLOOMINGDALE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOO**

# High School Personal Finance Class:

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# **Cardinal Pride Breakfast Celebrates Attendance Excellence:**

On the mornings of Wednesday, November 14th, and Thursday, November 15th, Bloomingdale Middle and High School hosted the "Cardinal Pride Breakfast" in the school cafeteria to honor students in grades 6 through 12 with commendable attendance records. This special event recognized students who have maintained four or fewer absences across all classes since the start of the school year. A total of 160 high school students and 124 middle school students were invited to attend these celebratory breakfasts.

The event, organized by the Cardinal Pride Team, is part of a new initiative to promote and celebrate positive school attendance, a priority and focus for Bloomingdale Middle and High School this academic year. Assistant Principal Nikki Meloche spoke with pride about the students being honored and emphasized the significance of building regular attendance as a skill critical to future success."We're incredibly proud of our students who have shown their commitment to being here and learning," shared Assistant Principal Meloche. "Developing consistent attendance is more than just showing up; it's a skill that will serve our students in college, careers, and beyond. Today, we were able to recognize their dedication and celebrate the investment they are making toward a successful future."

Principal Brandon Lukes also welcomed students and their families to the event, expressing appreciation to the food service staff for their hard work in preparing the breakfast. He recognized the food service team's daily dedication to providing students with nutritious meals, underscoring the positive impact they have on the school community.

This year, attendance is a central goal for the school and the district as a whole. The Cardinal Pride Team launched this quarterly breakfast as part of a larger strategy to address ongoing attendance challenges in recent years. The team hopes that celebrating positive attendance will motivate students and create a culture that values presence in the classroom







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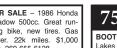
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Try to convince you by using spoofed caller ID numbers or officials' real names, or by emailing fake documents

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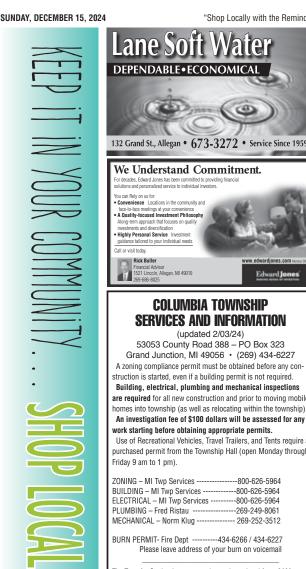
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A zoning compliance permit must be obtained before any con-Building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections are required for all new construction and prior to moving mobile homes into township (as well as relocating within the township) An investigation fee of \$100 dollars will be assessed for any

purchased permit from the Township Hall (open Monday through

The Transfer Station is open one day each weekend from 9AM to 5PM. That day is Saturday EXCEPT when we alternate to the first Sunday of each month. The Township has joined with VBCO Con servation District for free collection of up to 10 tires (passenger and semi) per day for landowners in Van Buren County (businesse are not included), from the month of May through October. The ransfer Station is located at 18868 52-1/2 St, Grand Junction

The township provides a variety of other services including notary, copies/faxes, hall rental, end of life cemetery arrangements

Notices are posted at the Township Hall and on the Township Website.

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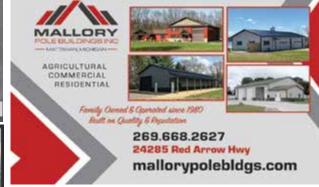
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 $^{**}$ Uniform Response handled a call in the City of Hartford.  $\,3$  young children came up to an unknown residence and the callers didn't know whose kids they were. The parents did show up on scene and statements were taken. CPS is now involved with the complaint.\*

\*\*Dispatch and Uniform Response was extremely busy this past week with numerous

\*\*Our Narcotic Unit Conducted a Search Warrant in Almena Township 1.6 pounds of Meth was located. The suspect cooperated with Detectives during the investigation and

\*\*Uniform Response handled 890 calls for service in November, putting the total number for the year at 10.228. Uniform Response had 267 traffic stops in November, putting the total for the year at 4.739. Dispatch took 7.993 phone calls in November putting the total number for the year at 99,550. The total number of all the calls that came in on 91

\*\*Our Accident Reconstructionist Assisted South Haven Police Department on a Fatality Crash Reconstructing the Scene.\*\*

\*\*A Decatur Woman was Arrested in Decatur Township on 2 Counts of Resisting and Obstructing. Detectives and Deputies executed a search warrant, and she was anything but cooperative. She now faces 2 felonies for her actions.\*\*

\*\*2 Motorcycles were recovered from a Field in Lawrence Township. Anyone with any nformation on these are asked to contact our office. The information was passed along to law enforcement agencies in the surrounding area to locate the owners. Right now, it is not known if they are stolen or not, but it is believed that is the case.\*\*

\*\*Our Snowmobile Patrol will be starting to Hit the Trails with Snow on

\*\*Our Property Checks have Ramped up the Last Month into this Month. Just a reminder if you are leaving for any period, we have a property check form you can fill out and we'll check on your house. This service is free of charge, and we are happy to do it to give you a peace of mind while you are away.

# Celebrate their life

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