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514 W. Van Buren Street, Gobles • (269) 628-2288
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Kibbie Christian Reformed Church

00479 CR 687 South Haven, MI 49090
269-637-6575
11am Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Vern Swieringa (vswier245@gmail.com)
Additional activities:
Children's Worship ages 4-8yrs old
AA Meetings every Thursday 7pm
Community Potlucks the 2nd Wednesday every month @ 6pm
Principe de Paz-Spanish Church
3 pm Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Alfredo De La Rosa (pastoralarosa72@hotmail.com)
Additional activities:
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www.kibbiechurch.com
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Phone: (269) 427-2101
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210 Chestnut Street NW at Pine
Bloomington, MI 49026

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BBkids Church 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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Everyone Welcome
Wed. Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm
Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

Horseshoe Community Bible Church

4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, MI
Phone (269) 521-4580
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Evening Services 6pm
Wed. Bible Study &
Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
Pastor Don Miller

Bloomington Christian Church

Sunday School 9:45 am (classes for all ages)
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Gospel Kidz 5:15 pm (3yrs-6th Grade)
Tuesday Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm
Senior Bible Study 1st & 3rd Friday 11:00 am
208 East Pine Street, Bloomington
(269) 521-4233 •
bdalechurch1858@gmail.com
Church Office - Friday

Northpoint Ministries of Gobles

04077 M40, Gobles MI 49055
269-628-9199 • northpointgobles@gmail.com

Pastors: Gary Lounsbury & John Losen Jr.

Sunday - Worship Service 11am
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Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7pm

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Sundays
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Evening Service 6 pm

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Tuesday 9:30-11:00 am

Wednesday Nights Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
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Townline Church

9:15 am - Sunday School for ALL ages
10:30 am - Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am - Worship on Facebook Live
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The Covert Public School District is seeking letters of interest for the current vacant position on the Board of Education. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position until the November 2026 election.

The letter of interest should include the following information: Your name, address, telephone number, a statement that you are a citizen of the United States and a qualified and registered voter in the Covert Public School District, and a brief statement indicating why you want to become a board member.

All interested individuals must submit their letter of interest for consideration by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, to Geoffrey Rose, Board President, Covert Board of Education Central Office, 35323 M-140 Highway, Covert, MI. 49043.

After reviewing the submitted materials, the Board will schedule interviews with candidates at a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and the responsibilities of a Board member, please contact Mrs. Yolanda Brunt, Superintendent of Covert Public Schools, at (269)-764-3710.

To be eligible, a person must be a registered voter and resident of Covert Public School District, at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in Michigan for at least 30 days. Property ownership isn't a requirement for candidacy.

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- Funerals are too expensive
- Funerals are only for religious people



WRESTLING

Tigers win Team Championship



Gobles top 7th Ranked Decatur and win Team Championship at Decatur Team Duels Tournament.

Gobles over Niles (58-24), Gobles over Coloma (53-22); Gobles over Holton (62-11), Gobles over Decatur (48-33); Gobles over Parchment (84-0).

Finn Carlin, Edgar Raseman, Mason Mansfield, Devin Doorlag, Aiden Dukes, and Brody Marshall anchored an impressive week that was capped with the Team Championship over #7 Decatur. Each of these boys went undefeated over the week.



2025 Blue and Orange Golf Outing

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025
 Location: Shamrock Hills Golf Course
 Registration: Starts at 8:00 AM
 Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM
 Cost: \$70 per player • 4 Person Scramble LIMITED TO 36 Teams
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 Contact: Greg Eichler
 gregory.eichler@gobles.org
 89-854-6324
 Justin Crawford • jpc0304@gmail.com
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 Shamrock Hills Golf Course • (269) 628-2070



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Girls MS Basketball (H) Home Upcoming Event: Monday 1/20/2025 @ 5:00 PM Opponent: Martin Public Schools	Boys Junior Varsity Basketball (H) Home Upcoming Event: Wed. 1/22/2025 @ 5:30 PM Opponent: Bloomingdale High School
Boys/Girls Varsity Wrestling (H) Home Martin/South Haven/ Lawton/Gobles/rescheduled from 12-4-24 Upcoming Event: Monday 1/20/2025 @ 6:00 PM Opponent: Martin Public Schools	Boys/Girls Varsity Wrestling (A) Away Lawton/Parchment/ Galesburg/Gobles Upcoming Event: Wed. 1/22/2025 @ 6:00 PM Opponent: Lawton High School
Girls Varsity Cheerleading (A) Away Coloma Invite Upcoming Event: Monday 1/20/2025 @ 6:00 PM Opponent: Coloma High School	Boys Varsity Basketball (H) Home Upcoming Event: Wednesday 1/22/2025 @ 7:00 PM Opponent: Bloomingdale High School
Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling (H) Home @ Lakeside Bowl Upcoming Event: Tuesday 1/21/2025 @ 3:30 PM Opponent: Allegan Public Schools	Boys/Girls Varsity Wrestling (H) Home @ Lakeside Bowl Upcoming Event: Thursday 1/23/2025 @ 4:00 PM Opponent: Coloma High School
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball (A) Away Upcoming Event: Tuesday 1/21/2025 @ 5:30 PM Opponent: Allegan Public Schools	Boys/Girls Middle School Wrestling (A) Away @Delton, B-dale, Fennville, South Haven, Gobles Upcoming Event: Thursday 1/23/2025 @ 5:30 PM Opponent: Delton Kellogg High School
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball (H) Home Upcoming Event: Tuesday 1/21/2025 @ 5:30 PM Opponent: Coloma High School	Girls Varsity Cheerleading (A) Away SAC Jamboree @ Delton Upcoming Event: Thursday 1/23/2025 @ 6:00 PM Opponent: Delton Kellogg High School
Girls Varsity Basketball (A) Away Upcoming Event: Tuesday 1/21/2025 @ 7:00 PM Opponent: Allegan Public Schools	Girls Junior Varsity Basketball (H) Home Upcoming Event: Friday 1/24/2025 @ 4:15 PM Opponent: Martin Public Schools
Boys Varsity Basketball (H) Home Upcoming Event: Tuesday 1/21/2025 @ 7:00 PM Opponent: Coloma High School	Girls Varsity Basketball (H) Home homecoming Upcoming Event: Friday 1/24/2025 @ 6:00 PM Opponent: Martin Public Schools
Girls Middle School Basketball (H) Home Upcoming Event: Wed. 1/22/2025 @ 5:00 PM Opponent: Black River Public School	



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We Care. The Reminder puts the employees and the customers first and Pam Harris, the owner, has experienced what it means to struggle and to succeed. That being said, the Reminder's goal is to successfully deliver quality and quantity advertising commensurate with the audience that you are trying to reach.

Where are the papers going? Glad you asked. 14,000 plus and if you add the internet exposure it is endless. Reference the map area below of Van

Buren County. Also note that the Reminder has store drops where you can pick up a paper for free at the locations below.

Who reads the Reminder? Everybody. Check it out and you will find how effective advertising can be. Some ads in the Reminder may only be applicable for a week or two, but like your Facebook feed, it just scrolls away until the next issue rolls around. Every week is a new adventure with some repeat ads. Yes, the Reminder includes the same old, same old. We try to keep up with facelifts for our clients, but keeping it the same is also a good thing because your logo is your branding and getting it in your face is the purpose of the advertising.

But what about the internet? The Reminder's website is available to download the weekly paper or search the archives. There you will find information about our prices, school newsletters and seasonal or local happenings.

So, give us a shout and our designers will give you something to be happy about!



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Blinkers Restaurant
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BP Gas Station Phoenix Road
Barden's Farm Market</p> | <p>6. Hartford
Wash-N-Dri
Coin Express Laundry
Harding's Market
Marathon Gas Station
Marathon CR681
Hostetter Metal Sales
Lone Pine Amish Store</p> | <p>9. Paw Paw
Copper Grille
Family Fare Grocery
Robin's Nest Restaurant
April's Tea Pot Dome
Tea Pot East
Dave's Place Flea Market
Marathon Gas Station Red Arrow
Marathon Gas Station Hazen St
Lawson's Citgo M-51</p> | <p>Mancino's Restaurant
Healy's True Value
Hometown Pharmacy
Robin's Nest Restaurant
Shell Gas Station
Woody's Goodies
Nino's Pizza (box outside)
Malia's Mexican Restaurant (Box outside)
The Den Cafe</p> | <p>12. Pullman
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Preferred Market
Mobil Gas Station</p> |
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Cousins Park
Kal-Haven RV park
Big Boy restaurant
Phoenix Quik stop
Phoenix Farm Market (In Summer)
Laundromat
Paper box@ Kerry Mark spa
Village coin laundry</p> | <p>3. Covert
Marathon Gas Station (Box Outside)
Citgo Gas Station
Public Library</p> | <p>7. Lawrence
Lawson's Gas Station
Marathon Gas Station
Acapulco Mexican Restaurant</p> | <p>10. Gobles
Village Market Gas Station
Village Market</p> | <p>11. Bloomington
Wagoner's Market
Bent and Dent Amish Store</p> | <p>13. Grand Junction
Country Fare Restaurant
Mr. Grocery Gas Station
Grand Junction Liquor</p> |

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Bloomingtondale 2025 Winter Sports CARDINALS



Girls Basketball

SW10 Matchup Split Victories

The JV and Varsity Girls Basketball teams hosted White Pigeon in a SW10 matchup on Friday. The teams would split victories, the Bloomingtondale's JV team winning the first contest and the White Pigeon's varsity team winning game two.



WINTERFEST 2025

- Monday 1/27** Alumni Basketball Game 7:00 PM (HS Gym)
- Tuesday 1/28** JV/Var Boys Basketball vs. Centreville 6:00 pm (HS Gym)
- Wednesday 1/29** MS Girls Basketball vs Hartford 6:00 PM (MS Gym)
- Thursday 1/30** Boys & Girls Basketball vs Comstock 6:00 PM (HS Gym)
- Friday 1/31** Winterfest
Pep Rally: 2:00 PM (HS Gym)
Chili Cook Off: 5:00 PM (HS Lobby)
Varsity Girls vs Comstock 6pm
Varsity Boys vs Comstock 7:30pm

We have a full week of home athletic contests. Come out and cheer on the Cardinals!

3RD ANNUAL

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

BLOOMINGTONDALE HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH

7:00 PM



GO CARDINALS!

Competitive Cheer

Cheer competes in Parchment and Allegan Invitational

The Varsity Competitive Cheer team competed at Parchment on Thursday and at the Allegan Invitational on Saturday. The team has improved on their round scores all season and is putting out some really strong routines. On Thursday, they scored 158.5 in Round 1, 126.46 in Round 2, and a 169.0 in Round 3. A total score of 453.96.

JOIN US FOR OUR

CHILI COOK OFF

HOSTED BY

THE BLOOMINGTONDALE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 5-7PM

TICKETS \$5

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ENTERING YOUR CHILI, CONTACT LANCE AT LFLYNN@BDALECARDS.ORG

Alumni Basketball Game

The 3rd Annual Alumni Basketball Game will kick off a week's worth of Winterfest activities at Bloomingtondale High School. Come out and cheer on our alumni and staff on Monday, January 27th at 7pm in the high school gym.

Chili Cook Off

Join us at Winterfest for a Chili Cook Off to help support our high school baseball team.

Friday, January 31st, 5-7pm

For just \$5, you will get to taste each chili and vote for the best one. The winner will be announced during the varsity boys game.

If you would like to enter your chili into the contest, contact Lance at LFLynn@bdalecards.org



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<p>BLOOMINGTONDALE COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>We're calling for a Cardinal win! 269-521-7300</p>	<p>The Cardinals appreciate your support!</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>FARM BUREAU INSURANCE</p> <p>Kridler Insurance Agency (269) 238-0280</p>	<p>Samuel Mancino's ITALIAN EATERY</p> <p>269-628-2814 407 S. State St. • Gobles Hours: Sunday to Wednesday 11am-8pm Thursday to Saturday 11am-9pm</p>	<p>Southwestern Michigan Dust Control</p> <p>521-7638 P.O. Box 152, Bloomingtondale, MI</p>	<p>We've got you covered.</p> <p>Van Buren REMINDER</p> <p>Serving: Bangor, Bloomingtondale, Covert, Glenn, Grand Junction, Lacota, Pullman & South Haven</p> <p>269-427-7474 www.vanburenreminder.com</p>

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*I thought of you with love today
 But that is nothing new.
 I thought about you yesterday
 and the days before that too.
 I think of you in silence.
 I often speak your name.
 Your memory is my keepsake
 Which will never change.
 God has you in his keeping.
 You will forever be in my heart.*

*R.I.P. My love
 Always Crash (Nancy)*

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Uniform Response took a Larceny in Geneva Township of a Trailer and Lawnmower. The lawnmower was a John Deere G100 with a 52" deck. The trailer was an assembled dump/tilt trailer with license plate D895011. Anyone with information on this is asked to our office.

Uniform Response handled a Traffic Crash, Finding a Lost Driver Incident in Porter Township. Upon arrival, Deputies found the car had left the roadway and crashed into a tree, was cold to the touch, and snow was accumulated on it. During the investigation, a nearby resident called dispatch advising a male subject came to their residence, stating he was having car trouble and was cold. Prior to arrival, the driver left the residence walking. Deputies found his footprints by checking the area leading off the roadway into a field. They followed the footprints through a field, wooded area, and into an edge of a swamp. They located the driver unresponsive and lying on the ground under some brush. They were able to get him to respond and become somewhat coherent. His clothes were wet and starting to freeze as well as him not being able to feel his legs. Deputies were able to get him out of the swamp and back to the road so emergency treatment could be rendered moving from the scene. No doubt the Deputies action saved his life.

Narcotic Detectives Executed a Search Warrant on Christmas Eve in Bangor Township. Two individuals were found to have meth in their possession. Both individuals were arrested this week after the drugs were analyzed and the bench warrants were issued. They were charged with Possession of Meth and Maintaining a Drug House.

Dispatcher Brooke Smith was Honored this week with a Stork Award. She received a call from a subject in Bangor advising a 29-year-old woman was in labor. Brooke remained calm and provided critically established medical protocols for assisting in childbirth & determined that the delivery was imminent. In approximately 2 1/2 minutes from receiving the 911 call she successfully assisted in delivering a healthy baby girl. She continued to provide comfort and assurance until EMS arrived on scene.

Our Reserve Deputies in 2024 worked/volunteered 3,581.25 hours. I cannot express enough how important this division is to not only our office, but to the citizens of Van Buren County. A lot of those hours put in frees up our Uniform Response Deputies so they can be on the road in our community as well as our Corrections Deputies so they can do their jobs in the jail.

Uniform Response for the total year of 2024 had 5,002 traffic stops. They handled 11,120 calls for service. Dispatch took 108,018 telephone calls in 2024. The total number of 911 calls received was 38,580. The total number of calls for service in 2024 was 65,248. In comparison from 2023, that number was 75,674. Those numbers are from Law Enforcement, EMS, Animal Control, Fire Department's, Traffic Stops, Misc.

Uniform Response handled a PPO(Personal Protection Order) Violation. The suspect lives in Alabama that was violating to PPO and the victim lives in Van Buren County. Charges were authorized on the incident.

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We Love you, Hayden & Payton

Seven ways to celebrate MLK Day

The third Monday of January is widely celebrated as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (or MLK Day), and is a federal holiday to honor the life and legacy of this great man. The day presents an opportunity to celebrate and honor Dr. King in notable ways. Here are some of the many ways to celebrate Dr. King and serve in his name.

- Give what you can. Donate money or goods to a nearby charitable organization. This can include donating to a food pantry or dropping off clothing at a homeless shelter.
 - Donate time. Dr. King's legacy is a testament to cooperation. When people work together and support one another, the world becomes a better place for future generations. Volunteering time at a local nonprofit organization is a start.
 - Watch the "I Have a Dream" speech. Dr. King was a skilled orator, and this speech is about 17 minutes long. Many people know of this speech but may not have listened to it in its entirety, nor have fully absorbed its message. MLK Day is an ideal time to listen to the speech from start to finish.
 - Promote equality initiatives. Racism, segregation and inequality remain a problem even today. Use MLK Day as a catalyst for change aimed at promoting equality among all people.
 - Spearhead mixers and other friendly socials. Dr. King espoused a message of kindness and respect for others. By bringing people together from different backgrounds, individuals can learn that they likely have more in common than they realize. Host special social gatherings that can take place on or around MLK Day.
 - Plant a tree or another enduring symbol. A Greek proverb says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit." It means that planting trees represents actions that will benefit future generations, even if the person planting them will not live long enough to reap the benefits. Dr. King facilitated greater racial harmony and peace even though he was not able to enjoy it more fully. Planting a tree in his name will benefit future generations.
 - Learn more about Dr. King. Visit a cultural center that is offering a special MLK Day exhibit; otherwise, read biographies or watch a movie about Dr. King's life and work.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a celebration of a man who did great things that continue to benefit generations of people who came after him. TF251577

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Notable moments in the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Few individuals in American history have made an impact as sizable as Martin Luther King, Jr. King wore many hats throughout his tragically short life, from minister to activist to scholar, leaving behind a legacy that is worthy of celebration.

Though King was assassinated before he even reached his fortieth birthday, his life was filled with many notable events. Many of those events positively affected, and continue to affect, the lives of millions of others. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University notes that the following are some of the major events of King's life.

- January 15, 1929: Now commemorated annually as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (in 2023, the holiday is observed on Monday, January 16), January 15 marks the day King was born in 1929. King was born in Atlanta, where his father was a pastor at the Ebenezer church.
- September 20, 1944: Despite being only 15 years old, King begins his freshman year at Morehouse College. King was only a high school junior in 1944, but he was admitted to Morehouse, where his father studied for his ministerial degree, after passing the school's entrance exam.
- August 6, 1946: King's letter to the editor of The Atlanta Constitution is published. The letter reflects King's belief that Black Americans are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as White Americans. King's father later admitted this letter was the first time he and his wife recognized their son's "developing greatness."
- February 25, 1948: Following in his father's footsteps, King is ordained and appointed assistant pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in his hometown of Atlanta.
- June 8, 1948: King earns his bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Morehouse College.
- May 6-8, 1951: King graduates from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. He delivers the valedictory address during the graduation ceremony.
- June 18, 1953: King marries Coretta Scott near the bride's family home in Marion, Alabama. Coretta Scott King would also become a vocal activist, advocating for



peace and gay rights and expressing her opposition to apartheid in the 1980s. She would not remarry after her husband's assassination.

- June 5, 1955: King earns his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University.
- December 5, 1955: King becomes president of the Montgomery Improvement Association after the organization is formed at the Holt Street Baptist Church. MIA is formed in response to the arrest of Rosa Parks five days earlier after she refused to vacate her seat for a white passenger.
- January 27, 1956: A threatening phone call late in the evening inspires King to carry on with his activism.

- January 30, 1956: King's home is bombed while he is elsewhere delivering a speech. His wife and daughter are not injured in the blast.
- January 10-11, 1957: King is named chairman of what becomes the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which was an organization of southern black ministers working together to combat segregation.
- June 23, 1958: King and other leaders meet with U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, D.C.
- September 17, 1958: Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story is published. It is King's first book.
- September 20, 1958: King survives a stabbing during a book signing in Harlem, New York. During a surgery after the stabbing, doctors remove a seven-inch letter opener from King's chest.
- April 16, 1963: King writes his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in response to criticisms of the Birmingham Campaign, a collective effort on the part of the SCLC and the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR) to combat segregation in the Alabama city. The letter becomes one of King's most famous writings.
- August 28, 1963: King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
- January 3, 1964: King is named "Man of the Year" by Time magazine.
- December 10, 1964: King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.
- March 17-25, 1965: King helps to lead civil rights marchers from Selma to Montgomery.
- June 7, 1966: King and other leaders resume James Meredith's "March Against Fear" from Memphis to Jackson, Mississippi. Meredith was unable to continue after he was shot and wounded.
- April 3, 1968: King delivers his final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," as he returns to Memphis to lead a peaceful march of striking sanitation workers.
- April 4, 1968: King is shot and killed on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. He is buried in Atlanta five days later. TF231651

2025 WINTER SPORTS BANGOR VIKINGS

Basketball

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Bangor loses to Marcellus & Gobles

From Coach Culbertson:
Thursday, Jan 9
Varsity Boys played Marcellus at home last night. The game was tied at the end of the first quarter but Marcellus gained a lead in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Julian Pullins scored 17 points with 5 threes, Jonah Luter scored 14 points, and Carson Pullins scored 10 points and 8 assists. Bangor lost 49-75.

Monday, Jan 13
Bangor played Gobles at home last night. Bangor had the lead 13-7 after the first quarter. The boys were down 6 points at halftime and down 9 to start the 3rd quarter. Julian Pullins scored 14 points with 4 threes and Jonah Luter scored 10 points. Bangor ended up losing 53-33. Our next game is at home tonight vs Bloomingdale. JV starts at 6 PM and Varsity 7:30 PM. Go Vikings!!!

Lexi Wisniewski ATHLETE OF THE WEEK for January 6-11



Congrats to Alexis (Lexi) Wisniewski on being nominated for Kalamazoo-area winter sports Athlete of the Week (Jan. 6-11). Let's vote for her Viking Fans! Lexi scored 24 points in the last contest. Click the link to vote: <https://poll.fm/14910671>

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Marcellus takes the win at 45-30

From Coach Cox:
Thursday, Jan 9
JV Boys took on Marcellus. We played a very competitive first half and struggled with the zone in the second half losing 45-30. We will be back on the court Monday as Gobles travels to Bangor, 6 pm tip-off for JV.

Key players
Christian Kovell had 12 points, hitting 4-5 three-pointers
Terrence Payne had 10 rebounds with gre

Vikings lose to Gobles 54-33

Monday, Jan 13
JV Boys Basketball. It's going to be a busy week for Bangor basketball this week. We took on Gobles Monday night and lost 54-33. We were led offensively by Landen Valentine with 18 points. Terrence Payne had 10 rebounds. We are back in action Tuesday night home vs. Bloomingdale.



Wrestling

VARSITY WRESTLING

Buchanan Super Duals

From Coach Muñoz:
Saturday, Jan 11
Bangor Varsity Wrestlers faced tough competition at the Buchanan Super Duals on Saturday.

Team Results:
Bangor vs Buchanan 24-46
Bangor vs Hopkins 18-57
Bangor vs Edwardsburg 18-63
Bangor vs Niles 57-18
Bangor vs Hartford 33-46

Individual Results:
Daniel Marin Hernandez 2-0
Aiden Muñoz 4-1
Isabel Marin Hernandez 2-3
Wyatt Schneider 1-4
Araceli Bowen 1-2
Ismael Reyna 2-3
Ayden Hamlet 0-4
Jack Loomis 3-2
Trap Abbott 5-0
Brendon Jackson 4-1
Enrique Macedo 2-3



Third SW10 meet of the season

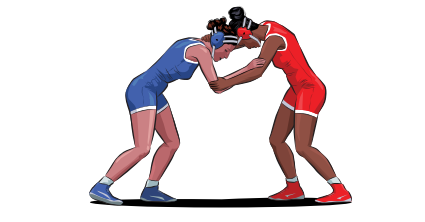
Wednesday, Jan 15
Bangor Varsity Wrestlers were in Lawrence for their third SW10 meet of the season.

Team Results:
Bangor vs Decatur 24-59
Bangor vs Lawrence 71-0

Individual Results:
Daniel Marin Hernandez 2-0
Luis Alfonso Arenas 2-0
Aiden Muñoz 2-0
Isabel Marin Hernandez 1-1
Wyatt Schneider 1-1
Araceli Bowen 2-0
Ismael Reyna 1-1

Ayden Hamlet 1-1
Jack Loomis 1-1
Trap Abbott 1-1
Brendon Jackson 1-1
Enrique Macedo 1-1

We are at Kalamazoo Central High School for the Ron Russo Classic on Saturday. Wrestling starts at 9am.



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