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Girls Basketball

Lady Cardinals Battle Hard Against Decatur

The Bloomingdale Lady Cardinals took to the court Tuesday night in a competitive matchup against Decatur. Though they came up just short on the scoreboard, the team displayed great effort and teamwork throughout the game.

Senior DeeAhna Cross had a standout performance, scoring a season-high 15 points, including an impressive four three-pointers. Also contributing to the scoring effort were Gretchen Hutchins, who added six points, and Ariana Pacheco, who chipped in with five. Despite the final result, the Lady Cardinals continue to grow and improve as a unit. With this kind of effort and individual performances stepping up, the team remains poised for success in their upcoming games, Keep working hard, Lady Cardinals!



7th Grade Girls Basketball

7th Grade Girls Basketball Secures Victory Over Bangor

The Bloomingdale Middle School 7th grade girls basketball team put on a strong performance Monday night, defeating Bangor 32-15 on their home court. The Cardinals showcased excellent teamwork and determination, controlling the game from start to finish.

Leading the charge for Bloom ngdale was Molly Kubiszak who emerged as the team's FINAL SCORE



Bovs Basketball

Varsity Boys Basketball Cruises to Victory Over Marcellus

The Bloomingdale High School varsity boys basketball team secured a dominant 62-43 victory over Marcellus on Friday night in front of a supportive home crowd. The Cardinals controlled the game from the start, executing strong offense and tough defense to maintain their lead.

This impressive win showcases the team's hard work and dedication as they continue their season. With momentum

on their side, the Cardinals are looking ahead to build on their success in upcoming matchups



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Cardinals Dominate Raiders in Statement Win

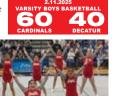
The Bloomingdale Cardinals returned to the win column Tuesday night with a commanding 60-40 victory over Decatur. The team jumped out to a 12-point lead after the first quarter, extended it to 20 by halftime, and stretched it to 27 by the end of the third, leaving no doubt about their

Eight Cardinals contributed to the scoring effort, with Javon Pittsley leading the charge with 22 points, fueled by six three-pointers. Aiden Byers followed with 16 points, playing a key role in the offensive surge.

It was a night of sharpshooting as the Cardinals drained a total of twelve three-pointers. Ryder Flynn and Kelsey Simms capped off the long-range barrage in the fourth quarter, ensuring the victory was never in doubt

This buzzer-to-buzzer dominant performance brings the Cardinals to a 9-9 record, positioning them as strong

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Wrestling

Bloomingdale Wrestling Shines at District Tournaments, Makes History

The Bloomingdale High School wrestling team had a packed and successful weekend at the District tournaments, with several athletes securing spots in the upcoming Regional

On Saturday, standout wrestler Jose Ruvira fought hard to earn a fourth-place finish, securing his place in the Regional tournament. His performance showcased resilience and determination as he competed against some of the toughest wrestlers in his division

The excitement continued into Sunday as the Girls Wrestling District Tournament took center stage, Molly Menzel and Evalyn Hegelmann each delivered impressive performances, finishing third in their respective weight classes and earning spots in the Regional tournament at Portage Northern.

Making history for Bloomingdale, Rowan Hegelmann dominated her competition and became the school's first-ever Girls Wrestling District Champion. With her outstanding achievement, she advances to Regionals, adding her name to the school's record books

Each of these wrestlers is now among the top 32 competitors in the state in their respective divisions and weight classes, a testament to their dedication and hard work throughout the

With Regionals on the horizon, Bloomingdale's wrestlers are set to continue their pursuit of excellence on the mat. Congratulations to all, and best of luck in the next round!

Competitive Cheer

Varsity Competitive Cheer Ends Conference Season on a High Note

The Varsity Competitive Cheer team wrapped up conference competition Thursday night with their highest score of the season. The evening was also a special occasion as the team celebrated their seniors, Alyssa Garcia, Emilee Newcomb, and Nayla Sustaita, alongside 67 other seniors from the conference. It was a night filled with emotion, recognition, and appreciation for the hard work these athletes have put in throughout their high school careers

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ment store at its headquarters in Chicago on February 2. The retailer had previously been a catalog-only operation.

• William Burke Miller interviews trapped cave

explorer Floyd Collins on February 3. Collins was trapped in a cave in Kentucky on January 30, and Miller was small enough to climb into an opening in the cave and conduct an interview while hanging upside down. Miller ultimately won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the incident, which unfortunately ended with Collins' death on February 13.

and Soviet politician Grigory Zinoviev.

• World heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey marries actress Estelle Taylor on February 7 in San Diego. The two starred alongside one another on screen and on stage, but ulti-

mately divorced in 1931.

• The film "The Lost World" premieres at the

fellow politico Ali Çetinkaya during a fight at the Grand National Assembly of Turkey on

tained during the skirmish on February 14.

• Ellen Wilkinson, an MP from the Labour Party, defies protocol when she addresses the British House of Commons without wearing a hat on February 11. Conservative MP Reginald Applin asks the Speaker of the House to deter-

100 Years Ago This Month: Historical events from February 1925

Imperial Russia, is arrested by the Russian se-

cret police on February 12. Golitsyn, who was

arrested on suspicion of association with coun

terrevolutionaries, is convicted and executed

Paavo Nurmi runs a record-breaking two

mile race in Madison Square Garden on Feb

ruary 14. The Finnish runner, nicknamed the

"Flying Finn," completes the race in eight min-

utes and 58.2 seconds.

• On February 15, the London Zoo announces

it will install lights to lift the spirits of the ani-mals during the city's famed spells of fog.

• Bavaria lifts the ban on the Nazi Party on Feb-

ruary 16. The ban was initially implemented af

ter the Beer Hall Putsch, a failed coup d'état or

chestrated by Adolf Hitler and others in 1923.

• The Mayflower Hotel opens its doors on Feb

ruary 18. The hotel, located at 1127 Connecti-cut Avenue NW in Washington, D.C., earns

the nickname the "Hotel of Presidents" and

• Fifty-one miners are killed in a coal mine ex-

An additional 70 employees escape or are res-

American actor Gary Cooper appears in his

first film on February 22. Cooper would go on to stardom, even though his appearance in

"The Trail Rider" was as an uncredited stunt

The last emperor of China, Puyi, accepts an offer of protection from the Japanese Empire

on February 23. Puyi had been stripped of all

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of his imperial titles and privileges months ear

sion in Sullivan, Indiana, on February 20.

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ne if Wilkinson's non-compliance with the dress code was in order, but the speaker ultimately rules in Wilkinson's favor.

Nikolai Golitsyn, the last Prime Minister of

• The small town of Nome, Alaska, is saved from a developing diphtheria epidemic on February 2 upon conclusion of The Serum Run. The run was a transport of diphtheria antitoxin via dog sled that involved 20 mushers and roughly 150 sled dogs. The final leg of the run is led by Gunnar Kaasen and his lead sled dog, Balto, who becomes a canine celebrity as a

result of the undertaking.

• Sears, Roebuck, & Co. opens its first depart-

Ten people are arrested in Russia on February
 as part of a plot to assassinate revolutionary

Astor Theatre in New York City on February 8. The film is the first production to include special effects.

• Turkish politician Halit Karsialan is shot by

February 9 Karsialan dies from injuries sus-

graphic record is made by Art Gillham on February 25. Gillham and his orchestra use mi-crophones to perform "You May Be Lonesome" and "Hesitation Blues."

Norwegian carpenter and inventor Thor Bjørklund receives a patent for the cheese slices on February 27. A 6.2 magnitude earthquake strikes in the

Canadian province of Quebec on February 28. The epicenter of the earthquake is in the St. Lawrence River near La Malbaie, and no majo casualties are reported. TF252626



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🔟 Lisa Dawn (Esh)Strohauer 🥃

two years Jacob James Cody Strobauer was born, and almost three years later Jesse Benjamin Hunter Strohauer completed their family. They lived in a small house with tall ceilings and a stairway that was as steep and narrow as a ladder. They loved their little house with the hedge that made the yard feel like a hidden park and the giant walnut tree that shaded them from the summer sun and the kitchen table where they all sat together for breakfast. This was their home for twelve beautiful years until Mike had her dream house built for them in the corner of her parents vintage orchard. It was an airy farmhouse with a wraparound porch and a tire swing, with a fireplace inside and a fire pit outside, all places to gather as a family. They gathered around the table for dinners and board games and storytelling and laughter. There was a large window near her bed that was a great blessing in the later years of her life. She loved to watch the seasons and the weather, the deer and turkeys and foxes, from her bed. And the birds. How she loved the birds. She loved to identify their calls and watch for the flash of feathers. She wrote of the ho she loved and called it My Wild Eden.

Lisa collected cookbooks, vintage dishes, jadeite and cooking utensils. She loved words and kept many lists, lists of names and the things her children said and moments she never wanted to forget. She loved to collect vintage old-timey sayings as well and taught her granddaughter Isabel to say "I don't cotton to that, Popie" when her grandpa was teasing her. She collected memories and treasured them. On a spring evening when the boys were small, she and Mike took them to a pond near their house. The spring peepers were so loud their song seemed to seep into their bones. She said 'let's remember this forever.' And they did. Another time when the boys were older and they were returning from camping they noticed the stars were extra bright. The four of them lay on their backs to stare up at the stars and soak in the beauty. Then someone saw a star fall. And then two saw another one fall. Then they all saw one together. They lay there watching stars fly across the sky and she said 'let's remember this forever.' And they did

First and foremost, Lisa was a wife, and a devoted mother to two sons. She was the shining nucleus of their family and each of them feels the crater of her absence and speaks of how important she was in their lives.

Jakob: My mama successfully passed on the legacy of love that her mother had before her. She taught her children a love of the land and of nature. She walked us through the woods showing us how to identify trees by their bark and the birds by their song. She taught us how to sew, bake, and grow a garden. I remember fondly days spent with her in the kitchen, as she taught me how to put together amazing meals. Her patience was extraordinary as she helped me learn to knead dough. I will never forget the shelves of hundreds of books which she had read, some of them more than once. This woman set me on my path to a beautiful future. Mama was one of the few people in my life that wholeheartedly supported my dreams of farming and my brother's of being an artist. She raised two very different sons but was able to connect with them both on their own level. She was always just a phone call away for her boys whenever they needed advice, affirmation, or just to talk anytime

I knew no matter how bad my day was that a call to my mama could put everything into perspective. She exemplified true Christian principles in her unconditional love. She was such a well-rounded, multi-faceted human. Her proclivity for all things beautiful and pure has left a lasting impression on anyone that was ever fortunate enough to cross her path. Folks often talk of loved ones that have passed as if they are completely gone, but I feel my mama in so many ways around me and throughout my day. The aroma of fresh-baked bread, the 2-note whistle of a black-capped chickadee, the feel of thin pages in a well-loved book, she's always here

Jesse: Nobody on this earth understood me or listened to me or looked out for me to the extent that my mama did. Never a mom like her there was. She always said she loved me more than she ever has but that she'll love me more tomorrow. She taught me about the love of God, not only with words, but also by being an example of what that would look like. Mom was the most Christlike person I've ever met. There was no one I felt more comfortable talking to about my personal troubles with mental illness, God, relationships, or anything. She worked as an assistant at the school Jacob and I went to She looked out for us, and became not just our mom but mom to every kid in the class. There are still former students who maybe didn't have a stable family who talk about the difference Mom believing in them made for them. I didn't fit into traditional churches, so on Sunday mornings, or any morning, I would sit with her on the bed and we might pray together or read scripture or just talk. That was church and it was preferable to anything else by far. She stoked my love for poetry, art, books, nature and all the beauty we so often gloss over. She could express lifetimes of wisdom in a single sentence. She knew the names of the birds and the local plants. Her love and compassion for others never dwindled. The love she put into the

world lives on in everyone she came into contact with. Mom always put others before herself and looked after the interests of others. She was always the person to go to if you needed support or advice. She tended gardens where the zucchini leaves grew to her height. When I was little she would hold her hands over my ears for me instead of her own during fireworks. Even up to the last week of her life she was buying cookbooks on-line so I'd have good food to eat when I came home. She was also buying books for her plenty of activities to keep them busy when she was gone. Love was

her almost 40 years ago that we

were meant to grow old together.

rain. My North. South. Fast and West. Lisa was every season. The promise and hope of Spring re-birth, the ecstasy of high Summer, the golden unbridled joy of her fa-vorite season Autumn, and the quiet rest and peace of Winter. She met me every day with her beautiful smile, spite of her pain. Always a calming safe harbor for everyone; the untamed child-husband, her boys and definitely her beloved granddaughters. We all adored her. e fell in love with Lisa the first time they met her. Thrift store clerks, grocery store checkers, nurses, doctors, dentists & hygienists, the boy's friends, pharmacists, chiropractors, optometrists, waitresses, tattoo artists, retail workers and last, but not least, our incredible Hospice team. After she left us, I have been spend ing every day sorting through the remnants of an extraordinary life. She was a prolific reader, passionate home chef, and she studied constantly. She left behind a wealth of journals, poems, multiple selfpublished cookbooks, lists of things she loved, specially purchased books and activities for Iz and Ada, the most incredible home-made bookmarks you can imagine (a real labor of love) and innumerable mixed CD's for every occasion (and every family member). The last one she made was titled 'Early Summer 2024' with songs by Peter Gabriel, CCR, Johnny Cash, and The Pogues (one of her faves) She loved camping, summer nights, autumn leaves, writing, gardening, fire-fly nights, full moons, and our sweet dog Jenny. We treasured our evenings when we would make a scratch supper together (or pop in frozen dinners) and take turns picking a movie to watch. Her deep faith sustained her, and she wrote many papers about grace and love and freedom that she shared with many others. Her lust for life and family were ever present. Looking ound our Orchard House, her 'Wild Eden', I see her everywhere. Her 1940 farmhouse idealist vision will endure forever in our home. The only critical thing missing is her, the Heart of our family. Always selfless, always kind, and always loving. On our weekly Friday date trips to South Haven we played the 'Abundance Game'. We would count the things that made us happy such as dogs, murmurations, the untamed Lake Michigan surge down the channel in vinter storms, a new take-out menu, giant herds of deer, hordes of swans on Hutchins Lake, devilled eggs from the Lodge, countless birthdays celebrated on the Idler's topside, wood smoke from the fire pits, and families we could see having dinner together at their dining room tables. She bought a clicker for Isabel to count abundance as she saw them! To paraphrase a friend, we

Lisa was also a friend who was fun and loval and interesting. She was hilarious and never ran out of things to talk and laugh about. And she was happy.

Despite what Lisa was going through she always had a smile and a witty joke for the people around her. She was unendingly positive. She had a memory that could keep one entertained for hours as she laughingly recalled stories from the past. She was supportive and always ready to listen. She was gentle and calm and had a face reminiscent of a Botticelli painting. Throughout Lisa's life she learned how to recognize simple beauty and show it to those she loved. She spoke in poetry. She could take the simplest moments and write them into art

The notebooks full of poetry that she has left, let us glimpse a part of her even in her absence

in the freshness of morning. while the sun rose like a ripenina peach.

again, my forever love.

Lisa passed away peacefully in Bloomingdale Michigan on January 23rd, 2025 surrounded by loved ones, at home, in the Orchard that she loved, Born September 24th, 1966 in Allegan Michigan. Preceded in death by her parents Delmon and Carol Jean Esh. Surviving are Husband of 35 years Mike Strohauer, Son Jakob James Strohauer, Daughter-in-law Katie Strohauer, granddaughters Isabel and Ada of Kalamazoo Michigan, Son Jesse Strohauer of Gobles Michigan, and sister Michelle Brand & husband Jay Brand of Pullman Michigan. Lisa requests that any donations in her honor be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter. A celebration of Lisa's remarkable life will be scheduled this summer in her Orchard, time & date to be announced at a later date.

7 remember walking barefoot down a dirt road. I remember autumn leaves that fell like rain.



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Uniform Response handled a Domestic Violence Call in Paw Paw Township. After the investigation was complete, the suspect was lodged for domestic assault.

In the Month of January, Uniform Response had 286 traffic stops. Also in the month, they handled 772 calls for service.

Our Office Participated in the Job Fair at ISD. It was another successful event with oositive feedback

Uniform Response handled a Single Vehicle Crash in Bloomingdale Township. The driver was not injured and was found to be intoxicated. The driver was lodged for the incident Detectives have been Following up most of the week on all the Stolen Property Recov ered from Last Week from a Kalamazoo Residence. Detectives were able to locate more victims, some of which didn't even know their harns/residences were broken into being they were out of town. Detectives have been steadily getting the victims property back to them, and a lot of the items had sentimental value which is priceless.

Our Narcotic Unit, Uniform Response, along with Decatur PD Executed a Search Warrant in the Village of Decatur. It was an ongoing investigation by the Narcotic Unit. Several items were recovered and seized for evidence. Once the investigation is complete, it'll be sent to the Prosecutor's Office for review and charges.

Our Emergency Management Division Hosted Radiological Emergency Preparedness Training for REP Core Concepts and Plume Plan and Review. The attendees where several Emergency Management Divisions from other offices and Health Department Officials With our EOC/Training Room under construction, Paw Paw Fire Department once again allowed us to use their facilities. I cannot thank them enough for their hospitality. I would like to note once again how fortunate we are in Van Buren County that Law Enforcement, Fire Department's, and EMS all work together and support one another and this is another prime example of that

Our Narcotic Unit Executed a Search Warrant in South Haven. It was an ongoing investigation into the sales of crack. The suspect will be facing delivery of crack cocaine, possession of cocaine, and maintaining a drug house. The Detectives had South Haven PD assist during the execution of the warrant









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Individuals must submit an application/letter of interest expressing interest in the Board position to the Secretary of the Van Buren Intermediate School District Board of Education, John Faul at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 South Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, Michigan 49064 OR via email to dmanson@vbisd.org no later than noon on Friday, February 28, 2025. Application/Letter of Interest form can be found at www.vbisd.org.

Following a review of the submitted applications, the Van Buren Intermediate School District Board will schedule interviews with selected candidates between March 3-11, 2025. Not all applicants for the board vacancy may be interviewed. If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and the responsibilities of a Board member, please contact Yolanda Brunt, Superintendent of Covert Public Schools OR Dave Manson, Superintendent of Van Buren ISD.

TIMELINE

February 17 -28, 2025 - Notice of vacancy advertised.

February 28, 2025 - Deadline for submitting applications. March 3-11, 2025 - Board meets to review applications and hold interviews.

March 12, 2025 - Board makes an appointment of the new board member.

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BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

JV Boys win at Climax Scotts

The JV Boys basketball team went on the road on Monday and defeated Climax Scotts 36 to 30.

The team trailed until the 4th quarter and with the help of some defensive adjustments and some timely scoring came away with the victory.

The team was lead in scoring by Ignacio Berzosa with 17 and Briar Heintzman with 9. The story of the game was about the defensive intensity that Harper Dominque and Cole Ringel brought in the 2nd half. The boys

are learning to win the close games and by playing together as a team are improving each week.

The Tigers return home for games against Galesburg on Thursday and will attempt to avenge a defeat earlier in the

The young Tigers improve to 11 and 2 on the season.





Mon, Feb 10 Danny Timms, Jose Boger, Devin Doorlag, Mason Mansfield, Colton Colingsworth, Brody Marshall, and Edgar Raseman all placed at the Individual District Championships in Lawton and will advance to the Regional Championships on Feb 15. Danny and Mason earned Gold, while Devin and Edgar earned Silver.



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GETTING TO KNOW THESE INFLUENTIAL **BLACK AMERICANS**

February packs a lot of notable events into its 28 or 29 days. One of the most noteworthy things about February is that it is Black History Month. Also known as African American History Month, this is a month-long celebration of the achievements of African Americans that recognizes their central role in United States history

The number of Black Americans who have made contributions to the country and the world are innumerable. Here is just a brief cross-section of some of the trailblazing individuals worthy of recognition.

Shirley Chisholm

Although the United States Congress is now diverse, it wasn't always this way. Shirley Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to Congress during the racially contentious era of the late 1960s. She represented New York's twelfth district from 1969 to 1983 and was the first woman to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 1972.

Richard Allen

Allen was a minister, educator and writer based in Philadelphia. Allen founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the first independent Black denomination in the U.S. Allen was born into slavery, but bought his freedom in the 1780s. Because of restrictions dictating where Blacks could sit at church, Allen left to

Bayard Rustin

Although Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is often credited with the 1963 March on Washington, it actually was Rustin who organized and strategized the event. Ruskin had controversial ties to Communism and was a gay man, so he wasn't always publicly on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement. Nonetheless, his brilliant mind and innovative ideas helped serve his community.

Medgar Evers

Many people tirelessly contributed to the Civil Rights movement, and Evers is one of them. Evers was a World War II veteran and later a civil rights leader in Mississip pi. He became the NAACP's first field officer in that state and helped lead protests against segregation at schools, public parks and more.

Dorothy Height

Height is known as the "godmother of the women's movement." She used her experience in social work and education to advance women's rights, becoming a strong leader in the Young Women's Christian Association and the president of the National Council of Negro Women.

Ashe was the first Black player selected to the United States Davis Cup tennis team and the only Black man ever to win the singles title at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open. Ashe suffered a heart attack during a tennis clinic, so he became a spokesperson for hereditary heart disease. Later, when he contracted HIV from a blood transfusion used during a heart surgery, he founded the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS. Ashe was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.

TOWNSHIP OF PINE GROVE 2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 26520 C.R. 388, Gobles, MI 49055 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 4:30 pm Organizational Meeting Monday, March 10, 2025, 9:00 am to Noon and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Noon to 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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Kobe Bryant

The basketball world mourned in 2020 when Bryant and his daughter, Gigi, tragically perished in a helicopter crash. An NBA star who won five championships and a member of the gold-winning U.S. men's Olympic basketball teams in 2008 and 2012, Bryant also was an advocate for the homeless. His Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation sought to reduce the homeless population in Los Angeles.

Mae Iemison

Jemison holds the honor of being the first Black woman to orbit space. Sl was on the shuttle Endeavour, and also is a physician and teacher. After leaving NASA, Jemison founded the Jemison Group, which develops technologica

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system design for NASA, invented the Super Soaker water gun, a toy that was immensely popular in the early 1990s.

 Arguably one of the greatest Olympian the world has ever seen, American Jesse Owens became the first athlete to win four gold medals one Olympiad at the 1936 games in Berlin. • Following in Owens' footsteps

- The banjo originated in Africa. Wilma Rudolph overcame polio to win three gold medals in the 1960 Olympic Games. The 20th of 22 children, Rudolph broke three world records
- portable air conditioner that proved especially valuable in World War II,

Each February, the United States commemorates the impressive contributions of

Black individuals

Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In that same year, the As-

Black History Month traces its origins to 1915, 50 years after the Thirteenth

sociation for the Study of Negro Life and History (later known as ASALH) was

founded to promote the achievement of Black Americans and others of African

descent, In 1926, a more formal holiday was established by Dr. Carter G. Wood-

History Month. February was chosen because it coordinates with the birthdays

Black History Month is loaded with opportunities to learn more about influ-

ential Black individuals. Local libraries, television channels and schools often

focus on such individuals throughout the month of February, providing ample

chances for individuals from all walks of life to learn more about people and

• Watch documentaries. During Black History Month, many networks

feature documentaries on influential figures who made their marks in the Black

• Visit a cultural center. Museums and other cultural or community centers

emphasize Black history in February. Even in smaller towns one may be able to

• Watch movies. Curate a collection of films that were directed by Black di-

rectors or feature Black actors in lead roles. Films that chronicle the biographies

• Learn about local Black history. There may be specific Black individuals

in your local community who are notable for their accomplishments or efforts.

In addition, many people might be surprised to learn about events in their own

• Read MLK Jr's famous letter. People can revisit the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by reading his "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is considered

community and beyond. Streaming services also may have documentaries or

special interview series available that highlight certain Black figures.

of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass - two individuals who were es-

son with a national Negro History Week, which evolved into today's Black

sential to the fight for equal rights for Black people.

events that have shaped the nation.

attend speeches or readings at local libraries.

of Black historical figures also can be educational.

communities that helped to shape Black history.

School in New York City was the first free school for African-· Booker T. Washington was the

· Started in 1787, the African Free

· When her autobiographical work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" made the bestseller list. Maya Angelou became the first African-American woman to aut a non-fiction bestseller.

- In 1987, neurosurgeon Ben Carson led the first successful operation to separate a pair of Siamese twins who were joined a
- In 1975, Lee Elder became the first African-American golfer to play in the Masters Tournament. wenty-two years later, Tiger Woods would become the first African-American to win the

the back of the head.

- . The American Community Survey reported in 2005 that there were 2.4 million black military veterans in the United States, the highest of an minority group.
- considered the father of gospel music. His "Take My Hand Precious Lord" was recorded by the likes of Elvis Presley and Mahalia

· Thomas Andrew Dorsey is



Nichelle Nichols is an American actress.

singer, and voice artist best known for her portraval of Nvota Uhura in Star Trek: The Original Series, and its film sequels. Nichols' portrayal of Uhura was ground-breaking for African American female characters on American television Wikipedia

You have the first important non-traditional role, non-stereotypical role... You are changing the minds of people across the world." -Martin Luther King, Jr.



Notable figures to celebrate this Black History Month

Each February, individuals across Canada and the United States celebrate Black History Month. Both nations have much to celebrate, and these are just a few of the individuals who have done much to advance the causes of Black people in the United States

• Fannie Lou Hamer: The subject of a new biography by historian Keisha N. Blain released in late 2021, Fannie Lou Hamer rose to prominence during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s in the United States. Born to sharecropper parents in Sunflower County, Mississippi, in 1919, Hamer became an activist in 1962, ultimately providing a powerful voice to a widely underrepresented segment of the African American population fighting for civil rights in the 1960s.

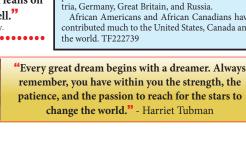
• Viola Davis Desmond: Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1914, Viola Davis Desmond took a stand for African Canadians in 1946 when she refused to sit in the balcony at the Roseland Theatre in New Glasgow, a section designated for Blacks. Desmond was forcibly removed and arrested and ultimately fined and sentenced to 30 days in jail. She took her case all the way to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, which upheld the verdict. Desmond passed away in 1965, but in 2010 the province of Nova Scotia issued an official apology and pardoned her.

• Bayard Rustin: The March on Washington is among the most widely remembered events during the civil rights era in the United States, and Bayard Rustin was one of the event's principle organizers Rustin, who was candid about his sexuality as a gay man in private, often worked behind the scenes during the Civil Rights Movement, which occurred during a period when homosexuality was still criminalized. Rustin later became a public advocate for gay rights in the 1980s.

• Elijah McCoy: The son of former slaves who had escaped enslavement in Kentucky via the Underground Railroad, Elijah McCoy was born in Colchester, Ontario, in 1844. Despite his humble origins, McCoy would become an influential inventor and engineer, ultimately holding more than 50 patents in Canada, the United States, France, Aus-

African Americans and African Canadians have contributed much to the United States, Canada and







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vital for anyone hoping to understand the Civil Rights movement in the United Black History Month provides plenty of chances to learn about influential figures and historical events TF232721

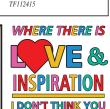
have made tremendous

allows the use of computer plug-ins including speakers, scanners and disk drives, among other things. · Lonnie G. Johnson, an engineer whose work has included spacecraft

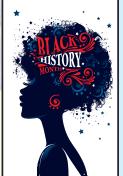
AND CELEBRATING BLACK Over the course of history, blacks

contributions that have impacted all aspects of society. The following the more notable persons and some lesser known tidbits to celebrate this Black History Month.

- Until the 1800s, this popular and unique instrument was considered played exclusively by blacks.
- · C.B. Brooks invented the first street sweeper, a truck equipped with brooms, in 1896. • Frederick Jones invented a
- first African-American to be honored on a United States stamp. during which it was used to preserve medicine and blood serum.



CAN GO WRONG — Ella Fitzgerald



The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." —Amanda Gorman

Opportunity may knock only once but temptation leans on the door bell." Oprah Winfrey. •••••

Wrestlind

Team Competition From Coach Muñoz: Wednesday, Feb. 5

Bangor Varsity Wrestlers wrapped

Team Results:

Bangor 27 vs

0-1

Individual Results:

Saturday, Feb.

Bangor Varsity

in Saturday's

MHSAA Boys

Wrestlers competed

Individual Districts

at Lawton and the

Districts on Sunday

Individual Results:

Aiden Muñoz 1-1

Wyatt Schneider 0-

Girls Individual

in Dowagiac.

Luis Alfonzo Arenas

Basketbal

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

From Coach Witkowski:

Thursday, Feb. 6

Final Score

Centreville 44

Stat Leaders:

Game at Cassopolis

Lexi Wisniewski 11

. Ceilo Maldonado 6

. Madison Lennox 5

O'Steen 5 rebounds

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL Varsity Boys struggling

Wednesday, Feb. 5 Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost Wednesday night to Bloomingdale 47 -52. Ionah Luter led Friday, Feb. 7 Friday night Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Centreville 22 - 62. Monday, Feb. 10 Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Burr Oak at home 58-69. Jonah Luter scored 23 points, Jaret McCoy scored Tuesday, Feb. 11

with 20 points. Julian Pullins made 5 threes and scored

Jonah Luter scored 11 points and Terrance Payne had

14 points, and Iulian Pullins scored 9 points. Terrance Payne added 8 points with 14 rebounds

tough stretch of 3 Final Score.

Lady Vikes Fall Short

games in 4 days all on the road against 3 of the 4 top teams in the conference. Vikings fell behind 9-0 but closed the gap to 12-8. Bangor record Overall 5-7 Conference 3-6

halftime. Vikings

played good man

and zone defense

and had balance

players scored

tonight. The

scoring as all varsity

Vikings road show

will continue on

Vikings travel to

for their 5th game in

Wednesday as

Bloomingdale

Bangor record

Overall 6-8

was able to

a 40-4 win.

Vikings played

the undefeated

Centreville team

Vikings trailed by 12

going into the 4th by

holding the bulldogs

hard against

Conference

Lady Vikes Beat Comstock Tuesday, Feb. 11

Game at Bangor Final Score, Bangor 45 Comstock 22 Stat Leaders: Lexi Wisniewski 11 points Jaelvnn Little 10 points K'liyana O'Steen 8 points Madison Lennox 4 rebounds Jaelynn Little 3 assists Lexi Wisniewski 4 steals Comments

half in the jumping



Lady Vikes lose to Centreville Viking Girls Going Strong

8th grade girls traveled to Marcellus and jumped out to 16 points Anika a quick 10-0 lead. They girls again played excellent defense and only both chipped in allowed Marcellus to 6 pts a piece and score 4 points in the Chloe Criffield first quarter and not added 4 pts. a single basket the The girls have rest of the game. outscored their We started the opponents 173-74 3rd quarter with a on the season and running clock and continued

scoring and walk away wit

Monday, Feb. 10 Lady Vikings way was Taylor Gardner with 15 continue their strong offensive and points Sophia defensive game. The Burton with 12 pts girls jumped out to Roe'mva Reid with a quick 10-0 lead in 4pts and Gracie the first quarter and Mortensen, Nereida never looked back. Sanchez, and Anika The girls didn't Mortensen all allow Bloomingdale chipped in with 2 to score a single pts a piece. point in the 2nd and The girls record now 3rd quarters and stands at 7-0 and were able to have a they have outscored their opponents running clock the whole 2nd half of 210-79

the game and walked away

8[™] GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Leading the way was Taylor Gardner with Lawton 53 Mortensen with 8 pts Nereida Sanchez and Sophia Burton

FINAL SCORE

Monday, Feb. 10 The Bangor Middle School wrestling team competed tonight at the Comstock SW10 Jamboree against Comstock, & Bloomingdale. Everyone wrestled great tonight with

Aiden Muñoz 0-1 up team competition Isabel Marin on Wednesday with the MHSAA Team Districts at Lawton

Daniel Marin

Hernandez 0-1

Hernandez 0-1 Wyatt Schneider 1-0 Araceli Bowen 0-1 Ismael Revna 0-1 Avden Hamlet 1-0 **Jack Loomis 0-1** Trap Abbott 1-0 Brendon Jackson 1-0 Enrique Macedo 1-0

Jack Loomis 1-2 Trap Abbott 0-2 Enrique Macedo 2-2 Isabel Marin Hernandez 2-2 Araceli Bowen 0-Aiden Muñoz will compete Saturday in the MHSAA Individual Regionals at Martin. Wrestling starts at 9am.

Avden Hamlet 0-1 MS WRESTLING

From Coach Babcock:

Aaron Dominguez (2-0)Eduardo Betancourt (1-1)Talon Abbott (0-2) Paxdvn Powell (0-2) Maria Marin (0-2) Leah Small (1-1) Cassopolis, Decatur and huge strides



3-point shot.

7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL **Girls show determination**

The Vikinas

appreciate

Wednesday, Feb. 5 From Coach Corona:

with a 37-5

Leading the

We traveled to Coloma, where although we didn't incredible growth and a relentless

Kassidy and Clarrisa each scored 2 points, showcasing their We're pushing new plays, and taking more shots.

Bangor 7th grade team traveled to Bloomingdale. Brisma Barajas Gutierrez scored 4 points, while Daphne Fritz also had 4 points Clarrisa Criffield led the team with 7 points, including a

in progression

throughout the

Michael Merritt

Monday Feb 10

(2-0)

season so far.

The Bangor girls played strong defense, limiting Bloomingdale to 2 points in the 2nd quarter and 4 points in the 4th quarter. However, they were unable to secure a

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Friday, Feb. 7 Game at Cassopolis Bangor 39 Centreville 67 Bangor Varsity Boys 3 threes to score 9 Stat Leaders: Basketball lost 41-70 points. Jaret McCoy Jaelynn Little 15 at Comstock last scored 7 points and Lexi Wisniewski 7 had 9 rebounds. night. Ionah Luter points scored 22 points. Terrance Payne also O'Steen 8 rebounds Julian Pullins made had 9 rebounds. Comments Vikings finished a **BOYS JR VARSITY BASKETBALL**

IV Boys come up short

Wednesday, Feb. 5 From Coach Cox: Last night we took

on Bloomingdale at home on night two of a back to back. We came up short 47-22. We are back on the court Friday Tuesday, Feb. 11

Last night we traveled to Comstock to take on the Colts. We came up short losing Key player Ethan Nielsen

vs Centreville.

showed great leadership with great A&E(attitude and effort)

Marcellus.

in action Friday at Key player Ethan

Vikings had their best first

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