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**Arlington Township**  
**NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS**

The Board of Review will be meeting in March to review the Assessment Roll and hear appeals. All meetings will be held at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bangor, Michigan 49013. The organizational meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30 am. No appeals will be heard at the organizational meeting. The appeal hearings will begin on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:00 pm. **APPEALS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Please contact the Arlington Township Assessor, Danielle Golembiewski by phone 269-225-9006 or by email at [Assessor@ArlingtonTownship.com](mailto:Assessor@ArlingtonTownship.com) to make an appointment.

If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters and supporting documentation to Arlington Township, 52022 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bangor, MI 49013. All letter appeals must be received by 2:00 p.m. 3-11-2025.

Monday March 10th	3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday March 11th	9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Assessments have been adjusted to result in anticipated multipliers of 1.0000 for all classes. With "Proposal A" in effect, the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and ownership transfers, are capped at the inflation rate of 3.1% for the 2025 tax year. Taxes are based on the Taxable Value. Also, note that if you should have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and this is not noted on your notice, you should contact the Assessor.

2025 Starting Ratios are as follows:		Factors:	
Ag:	45.31	Ag:	1.1035
Com:	45.50	Com:	1.0989
Ind:	47.92	Ind:	1.0434
Res:	46.86	Res:	1.0670
Personal:	50.00	Personal:	1.0000

Arlington Township Assessor  
Danielle Golembiewski

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE • PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL BUDGET • March 5, 2025 • 5:30 PM**

The Pine Grove Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 4-1-2025 thru 3-31-2026 at 26520 CR 388, Gobles, MI, 49055 on March 6, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. **The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 26520 CR 388, Gobles, MI 49055.

This notice is posted in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act).

The Pine Grove Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 3 days notice to the Pine Grove Township Board. **NOTE: individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Pine Grove Township Board by writing or calling the following: Supervisor, or Clerk, Michelle Meert, at 628-4380.**

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**REMINDER**

**TIGERS**

**Gobles 2025 Winter Sports**

**BASKETBALL**

**BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL**

**Varsity Boys team continues the roller coaster of a year.**

The Varsity Boys team continues the roller coaster of a year. The boys sit at 11 - 8 this year with some solid wins and some disappointing losses. Recently the Tigers have had solid wins against Climax Scotts and Fennville but sandwiched in between are some tough losses to Galesburg and Bloomingdale. The Tigers travel to Saugatuck on Friday and with a win would finish in 2nd Place in the conference, which is a big improvement from last year. Despite that positive feeling, the Tigers have a long way to go to reach their team goal as Conference Champions.

Next week the Tigers will head up to a pretty loaded district and will take on Kalamazoo Christian in the first round. The Tigers will have to bring their A game if they plan on making some noise next week with Kalamazoo Hackett waiting on the winner of Monday's matchup.

**8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**8th Grade Girls fell 2 wins and 4 losses**

The 8th grade Girls basketball team fell to 2 wins and 4 losses with a couple of home losses last week. Monday, February 17 they fell to Fennville and then Tuesday, February 18 the Lady Tigers lost to Saugatuck. They look to rebound this week with a home game versus Allegan on Monday, February 24 and then they will travel to Delton-Kellogg on Wednesday, February 26.

**7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**7th grade girl's currently sits at 3 wins & 3 losses for the season**

The Gobles 7th grade girl's basketball team currently sits at 3 wins and 3 losses on the season. We are a young and inexperienced team with 10 players, 3 - 7th graders and 7 - 6th graders. The young lady tigers are working hard! This season and played the undefeated Saugatuck Trailblazers. The lady tigers fell to the Trailblazers earlier in the season by a score of 33-13. The lady tigers fought hard and showed improvement from the first matchup by dropping the game by a score of 21-14. We will look to rebound back into the win column on Monday night when we play host to the Allegan Tigers.

**We played Monday and defeated the Fennville Blackhawks by a score of 20-4.**

We played back-to-back nights for the first time

**BOYS JR VARSITY BASKETBALL**

**JV Boys finish season with 12 wins**

The JV Boys basketball team finished the 2024-25 basketball season with a record of 12 wins and 4 losses.

**In the last game of the season the Young Tigers beat Bloomingdale 42 to 30**

As they have all season the team relied on their defense as they held the Cardinals to just 4 points in the opening quarter to gain control of the game. The Tigers continued to play great defense and played as a team to finish off the last game of the season with a win.

For Gobles, Ignazio Berzosa led the team in scoring with 19 points, with Briar Heintzman and David Sager adding 8 points apiece. The team was a joy to coach

Coach Beam

**WRESTLING**



Tigers wrestling advanced five to the MHSAA State Championships at Ford Field. Danny Timms, Devin Doorlag, Mason Mansfield, Colton Colingsworth, and Brody Marshall all placed at the Individual Regional Championships in Martin and will advance to the State Championships on Feb 28. Mason earned Gold, while Devin and Danny earned Silver. Tigers Coaches, Erin Carlin and John Weldon were recognized as Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year by their peers at the Regional Championships on February 15.

**VARSIY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM**

**Lady Tigers Competitive Cheer team had an outstanding season.**

This small team of 6 worked hard all season to continue to push for each goal they set for themselves. They ended Districts with the seasons highest score and highest round 3 score. They are a blend of young talent with 2 seasoned seniors and an exchange student from Italy. Bring it back Blue team one was coachable and hard working from the start. They really had one goal. Break 600, they did that in the 3rd meet the first league meet. Had some bumps and changes along the way but finished 4th in our league and went in to Districts with wanting to end with their best scores. Nerves were a little high and round 1 and 2 were solid performances just not their best ones they have put out. Round 3 was the best round of the day for them. The race was a tight one for the 4th spot this season. We were 9.4 points from the 4th place team moving on to Regionals. They went up 103 points from the first meet to the last meet. Its been a great first season with this team. Coach Sarah



**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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Pastor Gary Napp

Sunday Bible Study: 9am  
Sunday Service Times: 9am & 11am  
Prayer Night: 6:30pm on Tuesday

FUSION Youth Group: MS: 6-7:30pm / HS: 7:30-9pm on Wednesday

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11am Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Vern Swieringa  
(vswier245@gmail.com)

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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 (pastordelarosa72@hotmail.com)

Additional activities:  
Spanish Bible Study every Wednesday 6pm  
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
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Wed. Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

**Horseshoe Community Bible Church**

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Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Worship 11 am  
Evening Services 6pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30pm  
Pastor Don Miller

**Bloomingdale 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, Bloomingdale  
(269) 521-4233 •  
bdalechurch1858@gmail.com  
Church Office - Friday

**Northpoint Ministries of Gobles**

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

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**Monday** - Bible Study 7:00  
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**An investigation fee of \$100 dollars will be assessed for any work starting before obtaining appropriate permits.**  
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ELECTRICAL – MI Twp Services -----800-626-5964  
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**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  
And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected, and approved.  
**APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.** Contact the Assessor at 269-655-1144 or by email at BEN.APGLLC@GMAIL.COM for further information. Letter appeals will be accepted and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2025. Address listed below.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.02%	1.0200
Commercial	46.37%	1.0783
Industrial	43.78%	1.0783
Residential	44.98%	1.1116
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.  
Pam Visser, Supervisor Pine Grove Township  
Ben Brousseau, Assessor Pine Grove Township

Pine Grove Township Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, national origin, sex or disability.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice  
The township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Pine Grove Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Pine Grove Township by writing or calling.

Michelle Meert  
Pine Grove Township Clerk  
26520 C.R. 388  
Gobles, MI 49055

**ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
The Planning Commission will be meeting on March 12th 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Avenue, Bangor, MI 49013.  
The meeting will be to elect officers, set remaining quarterly meeting dates, and get an update on the Master Plan.  
A Dragonfly Site Plan update request, 26980 CR 215, Bangor, MI 49013. Parcel #80-03-005-016-10 will follow the Annual portion of the meeting.  
Persons needing special accommodations should contact the Township prior to March 12, 2025.  
Arlington Township Clerk, LuAnn Sell

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# In Celebration of Black History Month

**Van Buren REMINDER**

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Decedent's Estate  
File No. 2024-1216 DE  
Court Address/Phone No. 212 East Paw Paw Street, Suite 220 Paw Paw, Michigan 49079 269-657-8225

Estate of James Russell Boothby  
Date of Birth: 07-19-56  
**TO ALL CREDITORS**  
Bronson, PO Box 4073, Kalamazoo, MI 49003  
Spectrum, PO Box 94188, Palatine, IL 60094  
ChicCards, PO Box 9001016, Louisville, KY 40290

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, James Russell Boothby, died 10/22/2024.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Nicole Holland, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 East Paw Paw Street, Suite 220, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
February 19, 2024  
Nicole Holland  
32087 Valewood Ln.  
Gobles, MI 49055 269-720-8614

**2025 WINTER SPORTS**

# BANGOR VIKINGS

**Basketball**

**BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
**Varsity Boys defeated**  
From Coach Culbertson:  
Friday, Feb. 14  
Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Marcellus Friday night 47 - 80. Carson Pullins had 16 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals. Jonah Luter had 16 points, Monday, Feb. 17  
Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost 49 - 51 last night w/ Decatur. Jonah Luter made 4 threes and was the Tuesday, Feb. 18  
Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Bloomingdale 36 - 54. Julian Pullins made 5 threes and

**GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
**After 13 game losing streak, WIN against Bloomingdale!**  
From Coach Witkowski:  
Wednesday, Feb. 12  
Game at Bloomingdale  
Final Score. Bangor 39, Bloomingdale 11  
Stat Leaders:  
Scoring Lexi Wisniewski 8 points  
Izzy Horvath 8 points  
K'Liyana O'Steen 8 points  
Rebounds: K'Liyana. O'Steen 11 rebounds  
Ceilo Maldonado 8 rebounds

**FINAL SCORE**  
2.12.2025  
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL  
**39 11**  
VIKINGS BLOOMINGDALE

**BOYS JR VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
**JV Boys lose to Marcellus**  
Friday, Feb. 14  
From Coach Cox:  
Friday night we traveled to Marcellus. We fell early and weren't able to battle back. We ended up losing the game 49-30.  
Key player: **Christian Kovell had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.**

**Decatur takes the win**  
Monday, Feb. 17  
JV Boys Basketball. Last night we took on Decatur. It was a defensive battle but we fell short, losing 28-24. We are back on the court today in  
Bloomingdale with a 6pm start.  
Key player: **Bryatt Johnson with 7 points and 10 rebounds.**

**JV Boys lose to Bloomingdale**  
Tuesday, Feb. 18  
JV Boys Basketball. Last night we traveled to Bloomingdale. We came up short losing the game 34-19. .  
Key player: **Bryatt Johnson had 10 and 8 rebounds.** Final game of the season at White Pigeon on Friday.

**8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Girls Best Player of Season!**  
From Coach Gardner:  
Wednesday, Feb. 12  
Last night the 8th grade girls took to the floor against Hartford and played one of the best games of the season. The girls jumped out to a quick 15-0 lead to end the first quarter and finished the half up 20-7. In the second half the girls played great defense and passed the ball around with excellent court awareness. The girls were able to get a running clock for the third game in a row for the whole 4th quarter  
and walked away with a 40-13 win taking their record to 8-0. The girls have now outscored their opponents 250-92 on the season. Leading the way was Anika Mortensen with 11 points Ro'e'mya Reid with 10 pts Nereida Sanchez with 8 pts Sophia Burton with 5 pts Taylor Gardner with 4 pts and Chloe Criffield with 2 pts.

**FINAL SCORE**  
2.12.2025  
8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL  
**40 13**  
VIKINGS HARTFORD

**Girls outscore Comstock**  
Monday, Feb. 17  
Last night the 8th grade girls traveled to Comstock and were able to jump out to a quick 15-2 lead to end the 1st quarter. The girls again played great defense and caused many turnovers by Comstock which allowed them to go into the locker room at halftime up 21-4. The girls again came out in the second half and were quickly able to get a running clock again for the 4th game in a row and walk away with a 40-12 win taking their record to 9-0. The girls have now outscored their opponents 290-104. Leading the way was Taylor Gardner with 15 points Sophia Burton with 12 pts Anika Mortensen with 8 pts Nereida Sanchez with 4 pts and Ro'e'mya Reid with a single free throw.

**FINAL SCORE**  
2.17.2025  
8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL  
**40 12**  
VIKINGS COMSTOCK

**Basketball**

**GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
**Way to go Vikings!**  
From Coach Witkowski:  
Tuesday, Feb. 18  
Game vs Lexi Wisniewski 17 points  
Bloomingdale Belle Macedo 5 points  
Final Score. Bangor 39 Bloomingdale 24 points  
Stat Leaders: Cielo Maldonado 8 rebounds  
Scoring

**FINAL SCORE**  
2.18.2025  
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL  
**39 24**  
VIKINGS BLOOMINGDALE

**7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Vikings lose to Comstock**  
Monday, Feb. 17  
From Coach Corona:  
7th-grade girls traveled to Comstock on Monday. After a long 4 days break the girls started slow. Going into the 2nd half the girls started with better defense and putting up more shots. Unfortunately, they did not put up enough shots to bring home a victory.

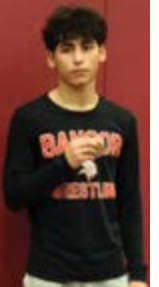


**Lady Vikings Rule!**

**Wrestling**

**VARSITY WRESTLING**  
**State Qualifier:**  
From Coach Muñoz:  
Saturday, Feb. 15

**Congrats to Aiden Muñoz!**  
He competed last Saturday in the MHSAA Individual Regionals at Martin. He went 2-2 and placed 4th. Aiden will compete in the State Finals on February 28th at Ford Field!



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## South Walnut Elementary

### A Note From The Principal's Office

Dear Viking Families,

Can you believe February is already here? I'm hopeful that Punxsutawney Phil won't see his shadow this Sunday, and we'll be in for an early spring! While the snow is fun (and the kids certainly love it), I'm ready for some sunshine and warmer days. Let's see what Mother Nature has in store!

At this point in the school year, it's common for students to face some challenges, which we often refer to as the "Third Marking Period Blues."

The mix of snow days, indoor recess, and shorter, drearier days can throw kids off. You might notice some changes in behavior, like struggles at drop-off or increased frustration. If this happens, rest assured that it's a normal phase that they can work through with support and encouragement. Keeping a consistent routine at home and talking with your child about how to manage these feelings can go a long way in helping them stay on track.

There's a lot to look forward to in the coming months, and we're excited for all the upcoming events and activities! Wishing you and your family a wonderful February!

Warmly,  
Haley Crowton  
Principal



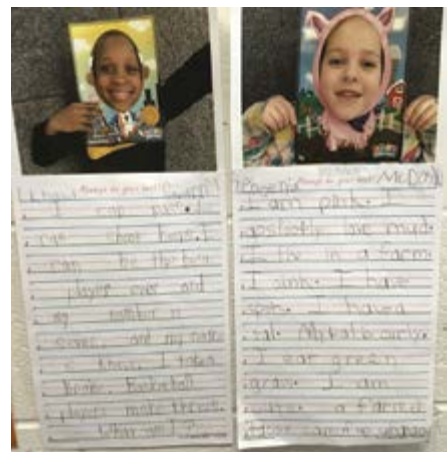
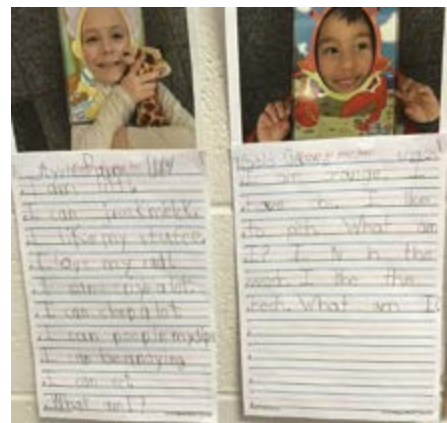
### Boys Clothing Donations Needed For Extra Clothes Closet

We are currently accepting donations of gently used boys' clothing for our Extra Clothes Closet. If you have items you'd like to donate, please drop them off at the main office. Your generosity helps ensure that all students have access to the clothing they need. Thank you for supporting our school community!



South Walnut Elementary  
**Book Fair**  
March into Spring with a new book!  
**FEBRUARY 27TH - MARCH 7TH**  
8:30 - 3:00 PM  
Late day hours TBA

## Writing Fun



**SOUTH WALNUT ELEMENTARY PTO**

**MEETING DATES**  
MONDAY, MARCH 3 AT 3:15 PM  
MONDAY, APRIL 7 AT 3:15 PM  
MONDAY, MAY 5 AT 3:15 PM

All parents are welcome to come and help plan for upcoming events. New ideas are always welcome.  
We will hold next year's election of officers at the May meeting.

## Bangor Middle School

### Honor Roll



Students who made the honor roll during the second marking period received a treat of hot chocolate and cookies this month. The students also received their award certificates for their achievement.

The BMS Clothes Closet is in need of...

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ALL of these items are needed in ALL sizes. Please limit donations to only containing these items, we have an abundance of other various articles of clothing.

Hello Winter! It's time for you to go!

**SENIOR Luncheon**

@ 12:30 p.m.  
Luncheon Dates  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
Wednesday, April 30, 2025  
Wednesday May 28, 2025

Free lunch for any senior citizen aged 62 years and up, residing within the Bangor School District.  
Come out and have lunch, enjoy student entertainment and updates about great things happening at Bangor Public Schools!

### Valhalla Nation Team 7809 The Bangor HS Robotics Team

Last year we:

- Competed at Berrien Springs event and made it into the finals
- Competed at the Sterling Heights event and 16 out of 40 teams

Our team has invested in several upgrades for our robots. These components are very expensive, but will help us be more competitive.

- New Robo Rio 2.0 (this was required)
- Swerve drive system
- More powerful motors

Community activities include:

- Demonstration at the senior citizens luncheon
- Made and sold items at a craft fair
- Assisted with the Toys 4 Tots fundraiser hosted by the Bangor Lions club
- Many of our High School members mentored the middle school team

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 or more.

You could also contribute supplies, food, technical support, and man power.

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**Sponsor Levels**  
All sponsors will get team pins.

- Bronze Up to \$500
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- Framed Team Picture
- Gold \$1000
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- Framed Team Picture & 2 Team Hoodies

Checks should be sent to: Bangor Public Schools - HS Robotics  
801 W. Arlington • Bangor, MI 49013

### Career Day Preparation



Ms. Munro talked to the fifth graders about future career choices, interests, and hobbies. This was to prepare them for the upcoming career day on March 21.

**BANGOR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY 2025**

We are excited to invite you to participate in Bangor Middle/High School Career Day! This special event offers students the opportunity to explore various career paths and gain insight into the diverse professional world. We are looking for businesses, professionals, and community leaders to showcase their fields, share experiences, and inspire the next generation of future leaders.

Friday March 21, 2025 Start At: 09:00 am  
Lunch Provided

To RSVP email Madison Munro mmunro@bangorvikings.org or Karen Babcock kbabcock@bangorvikings.org

803 W. Arlington St, Bangor, MI 49013

## Bangor High School

### Gone Boarding Travels To California



Five students from the Bangor Gone Boarding group attended this year's annual trip to California. The group visited several sites including the Red Bull Headquarters, Huntington Surf and Sport, Huntington Beach LifeGuard Station, GoPro and also went surfing in the Pacific Ocean.



Congrats to our Winterfest King Adrian Hernandez and Queen Isabel Marfia! (Crowned during Friday's game, 1/17/2025)

### The Bangor High School Concert Band had an opportunity to attend the SMC Band Clinic Day this month.



"The highlight of the day was to perform our music and have a workshop with Mr. Jason Fettig, the Director of Bands at the University of Michigan. We have many details to work out in our music but the ideas he offered were outstanding. We also had a tour of the campus and listened to the SMC Concert Band perform," said Band Director Tiana Doe.

"Shoutout to all of the students for doing this awesome event on a "non-school" day. We made some great music, thank you, and I'm proud of all of you."

**MSBOA DISTRICT 6 FESTIVAL HS Concert Band**

Where: Paw Paw HS Performing Arts Center  
When: March 6 at 9:25 am

We have been working hard on this performance and would love to have you there. It is free to attend.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM**

THURSDAY, FEB. 27TH  
6PM @ BHS AUDITORIUM  
FEATURING POETRY, DANCE, SONGS, RAFFLE, TRIVIA, ART AND MORE!  
FOLLOWED BY SOUL FOOD DINNER

Congratulations!  
**MSBOA District VI HS Solo Ensemble Results**

State Qualifying Division 1:	Division 2:
Madison Lennox	Bellah Gray
Ves Summerhill	Theo Garza-Rivera
Emelyn Gamino	Abigail Kruger
Anthony Franco-Rivera	Carley McCoy
Isabel Marfia	Emmaleigh Kish
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National Black History Month


Did you Know?

- Black History month began as Negro History Week in 1926. It was created by historian and scholar Carter G. Woodson
- Thurgood Marshall was the first African American ever appointed to the United State Supreme Court. He served from 1967 to 1991.
- Jackie Robinson was the first black player permitted to play in major league baseball, beginning in 1947.
- George Washington Carver, an African American agricultural chemist, is credited with inventing peanut butter.
- Madame C.J. Walker became the first self-made female millionaire in North American through her invention of hair products.





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**NOTICE**

2025 Geneva Township Board of Review will meet: Monday, March 10, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025 9 a.m. to Noon. at the: Geneva Township Hall 62127 CR 380

Appointments will be taken by phone 269-427-7607. Leave message, calls will be returned. Walk-ins accepted as time permits. Poverty Exemption Guidelines & Application available by calling: 427-7607

**2024 Taxable Value increase is 3.1%.**

Property owners may appeal by letter or agent to: Geneva Township Supervisor Nancy Ann Whaley 63133 16th Avenue, Bangor, MI 49013 Phone/Fax 269-427-7607 Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids/services call 269-427-7607.

**Van Buren Reminder's**

**WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Coming in our MARCH 30 Edition!

Deadline: Wednesday, March 26 @ 3 pm

Contact these Women in Business

Contact Pam or Katherine at the Van Buren Reminder 269-427-7474 reminder49013@aol.com



**BANGOR TOWNSHIP 2025 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Bangor Township March Board of Review for 2025 will be held at the Bangor Township Hall, 32550 CR 687 Bangor, MI 49013 on the following dates and times

Organizational meeting March 5th, 2025, at 12:30 PM

March 10th, 2025 (11 AM to 2PM and 4 PM to 7PM) = Appeal Hearing\*

March 12th, 2025 (NOON -3PM and 5PM to 8PM) = Appeal Hearing\*

\*\*\*All appeals will be heard by appointment only\*\*\* Please call 269-352-8994 to schedule an appointment. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided the protest letter is received prior to 5:00pm March 10th, 2025. Walk in appeals will be heard as time permits after all appointments have been heard.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2025 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Factor	Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	44.10%	1.1337	Commercial	46.53%	1.0745
Residential	43.53%	1.1486	Industrial	48.56%	1.0296
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000			

**American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice**

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 5 days notice.

Michael Richmond  
Bangor Township Assessor

Tempest Sullins, clerk  
Bangor Township Clerk

**SHERIFF'S CORNER**

**VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF DANIEL E. ABBOTT**



**There are numerous ways to get free smoke alarms in Van Buren County**

- Contact your local fire department first and inquire if they have any, most of the time, they will even install them for you.
- Contact the American Red Cross (here is the web link [https://www.redcross.org/local/michigan/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign/smoke-alarm-request.html?srsltid=AfmB00r1ExL1ATB9C\\_hTnFGRT7SKB9kg0zNKH8-a18s39odm15s9wkhj](https://www.redcross.org/local/michigan/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign/smoke-alarm-request.html?srsltid=AfmB00r1ExL1ATB9C_hTnFGRT7SKB9kg0zNKH8-a18s39odm15s9wkhj))
- Contact MI Prevention (here is the web link <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bfs/miprevention/alarms>)

Uniform Response handled a Fraud Complaint in Almena Township. The victim's son did a property check on his dad's residence and found 2 individuals there getting ready to remove a vehicle. They had purchased the vehicle on Facebook from the victim's ex-girlfriend which she had no standing or connection to it. Charges are being sought on her for the incident.

Deputies and Detectives continue to work a complaint in which Several Trailers were Recovered in Decatur Township. It was found that a couple of them were stolen from Berrien County and Benton Township. The one trailer had approximately \$45,000 worth of supplies and equipment in it. Our office had assistance from Decatur PD, Lawton PD, and MSP. Our office is also working in conjunction with outside county agencies on the case as well.

Detectives continued their investigation into the previously reported stolen property ring and identified another suspected individual residing in the Kalamazoo area. Detectives from both the Van Buren County and Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Offices executed a search warrant at this property, where they uncovered two pickup trucks filled with stolen goods. A 64-year-old man was interviewed by investigators regarding his involvement in the crime spree. The investigation remains ongoing, with authorities working to charge all individuals involved in the thefts, as well as those receiving stolen property related to these crimes.

Uniform Response Found a Handgun during a Vehicle Search in Paw Paw Township. The 20-year-old was not legally able to be in possession of it. The individual was charged for the incident.

Uniform Response Lodged a Juvenile for Assaulting his Family. It was found that the suspect assaulted different family members as well as throwing a knife at his mother.

Uniform Response handled a call in Keeler Township of an Individual Screaming in the Early Morning Hours. Deputies responded to the area and found a vehicle in a ditch with the driver passed out and 2 small children in the vehicle(3 & 5 years old). It should also be noted that a window was smashed out and it was around zero degrees. An investigation was conducted and the driver who was also the father of the children was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Child Endangerment. Thank you to the caller on this, if it wasn't for the caller, there's a chance both children would have frozen to death. The children were TOT(turned over to) family at our office. CPS(Child Protective Services) are now involved in the case.

**BIRD CAGE ANTIQUE LIQUIDATION PUBLIC AUCTION**

SATURDAY - MARCH 1 - 10:00 A.M. 5075 RUSSCHER ROAD, HOLLAND, MI

The Bird Cage Antique Store of Fennville, MI will be closing their doors. Duane Weeks, owner, has been in the business for over 40 years of buying and selling and is well known for his quality merchandise. Bring your trailers, you will want to become the new owner of his unusual finds. This will be the first of several auctions held to liquidate the inventory.

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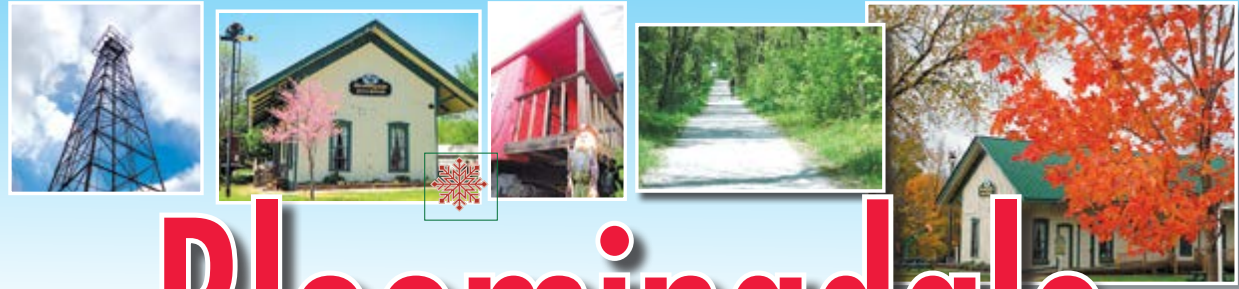
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# Bloomingtondale 2025 Winter Sports

## CARDINALS

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### Girls Basketball

#### Lady Cardinals Show Strong Team Effort Against Lawrence

The Bloomingtondale Lady Cardinals may have fallen to Lawrence Monday night, but they delivered one of their best all-around team performances of the season. The team displayed exceptional chemistry, with every player stepping up and doing their part.

A special shoutout goes to junior Makenzie Barnes for her lockdown defense. Kenzie consistently takes on the toughest matchups, whether in the post or on the perimeter, proving to be an invaluable asset to the team.

Leading the offense were DeeAhna Cross with 9 points, Gretchen Hutchins with 5, and Arianna Pacheco with 4.

### MS Girls Basketball

#### Middle School Girls Basketball Teams Close Out Home Season with Wins

The Bloomingtondale Middle School girls basketball teams finished their home season on a high note Monday night, securing victories in front of their home crowd.

The 7th-grade Lady Cardinals took down Lawrence with a strong performance, showing great teamwork and determination. Meanwhile, the 8th-grade team capped off the night with an impressive win over Watervliet, demonstrating their skill and resilience.

This game marked the final home appearance of the season for both teams, and they made it count with two hard-fought victories. The Lady Cardinals have shown tremendous growth throughout the season, and these wins add to an already successful year.

Great job, Lady Cardinals!



### Boys Basketball

#### Cardinals Soar on Senior Night with Win Over Bangor

The Bloomingtondale Varsity Boys Basketball team secured a big win over Bangor on Tuesday night, capping off an emotional evening of celebration and competition. The Cardinals honored their seniors—Isaac Goudzwaard, Rowan Albrecht, Reed Remington, Sam Youngblood, Josh Odell, and Kelsey Simms—during a special halftime Senior Night ceremony.

On the court, the team delivered a strong performance, with sophomore Aiden Byers leading all scorers. The victory was a fitting tribute to the hard work and dedication of Bloomingtondale's senior class, as the Cardinals continue their push toward postseason success.



### Competitive Cheer

#### Varsity Competitive Cheer Concludes Season at Districts

The Varsity Competitive Cheer team wrapped up their season on Saturday at the district competition held at Schoolcraft. The Cardinals put forth a strong effort, earning a final score of 510 points and securing a 10th-place finish in a highly competitive field.

Though the season has come to an end, the team showcased dedication, growth, and determination throughout the year. Their hard work and commitment to excellence have set a solid foundation for the future of Bloomingtondale Cheer. Congratulations to the athletes and coach on a season of perseverance and progress!



### Wrestling

#### Hegelmann Advances to State Finals

Bloomingtondale High School wrestlers took to the mats over the weekend in Regional competition, battling for a chance to qualify for the State Finals.

On Saturday, Jose Ruvira wrapped up his high school wrestling career with a hard-fought effort but was unable to advance. On Sunday, Molly Menzel and Evalyn Hegelmann put on strong performances, with Molly coming just one win short of qualifying for the State tournament.

Rowan Hegelmann dominated her way to the championship match, ultimately securing second place and earning a return trip to the State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit. This marks her second consecutive appearance at the prestigious event.

To the senior wrestlers, your coaches and the Bloomingtondale community are proud of your achievements and the legacy you leave behind. Thank you for your dedication—you are always welcome on the mats!

#### Middle School Wrestling Team Shines at Southwest 10 Conference Tournament

The Bloomingtondale Middle School wrestling team wrapped up an impressive season on Friday at the Southwest 10 Conference Tournament held in Bangor. The team demonstrated their skill and determination, with five standout wrestlers earning medals by finishing in the top four of their respective weight classes: Willie Bemis, David Anderson, Silvia Solis-Vaca, Raven Cornett and Corey Smalley.

Each of these athletes showed great perseverance, representing Bloomingtondale with pride and bringing home well-deserved recognition for their hard work throughout the season. The team's efforts at the tournament highlight the strength of Bloomingtondale Middle School's wrestling program and set the stage for future success.

Congratulations to the wrestlers for their outstanding performances and to the entire team for a fantastic season!



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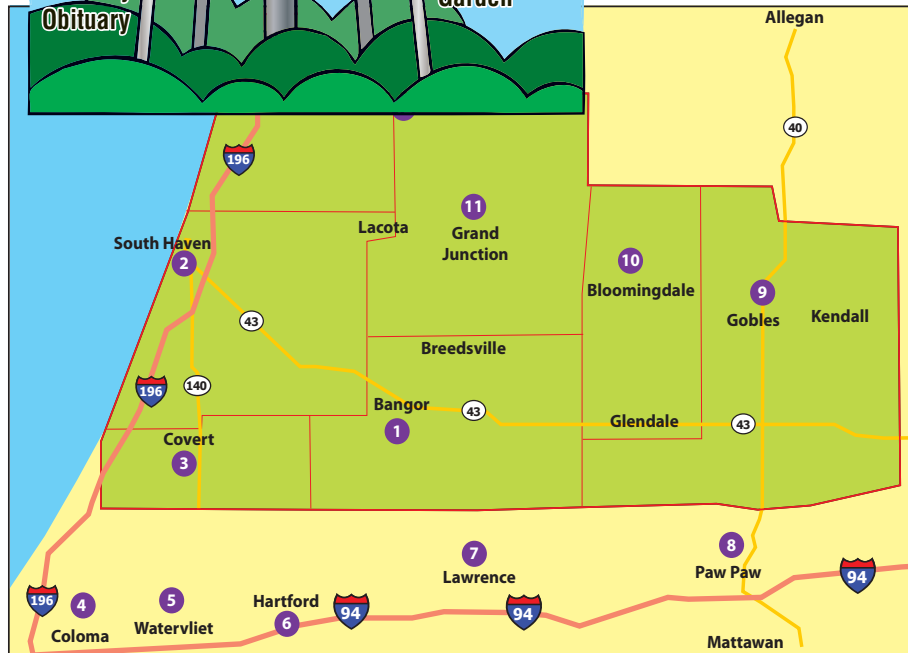
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