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<p>2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE 4X4</p> <p>P6669</p> <p></p> <p>Has the 3.2L V-6 engine with 9 speed automatic, Jeep Active Drive I 4x4, Uconnect infotainment with 7" touch screen, Apple Carplay, Android auto, warranty!</p> <p>Now Just \$17,491 \$286 Per Month</p>	<p>2020 CHRYSLER VOYAGER LXI</p> <p>P6630</p> <p></p> <p>3 rows of leatherette upholstery, full stow & go seating, second row bucket seats, 7" touch screen infotainment with Apple CarPlay, remote keyless enter and go, power lift gate, remote start and warranty!</p> <p>Now Just \$15,000 \$229 Per Month</p>	<p>2020 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4</p> <p>P615A</p> <p></p> <p>LIFETIME POWERTRAIN WARRANTY! 3.6L V-6 engine, 8spd manual transmission, air conditioning, cruise control, 3 piece hard top, tow package and more!</p> <p>Now Just \$26,491 \$406 Per Month</p>	<p>2019 FORD ECOSPORT SES AWD</p> <p>P6668</p> <p></p> <p>LIFETIME POWERTRAIN WARRANTY! Power sunroof, heated power seat, large infotainment touch screen, satellite radio, rear park assist, keyless entry, aluminum wheels.</p> <p>Now Just \$16,749 \$254 Per Month</p>	<p>2019 NISSAN ROGUE SV AWD</p> <p>P6664</p> <p></p> <p>Power seat, heated front bucket seats, large infotainment touch screen, blue tooth, aluminum wheels, privacy glass, warranty!</p> <p>Now Just \$12,991 \$198 Per Month</p>	<p>2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE</p> <p>P6582</p> <p></p> <p>Power seat, full stow & go seating with 2nd row buckets and 3rd row bench seating, premium infotainment with navigation & Bluetooth, warranty!</p> <p>Now Just \$10,691 \$167 Per Month</p>
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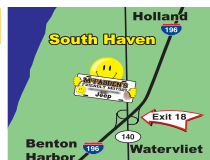
<p>2019 NISSAN MURANO PLATINUM EDITION AWD</p> <p>P6461</p> <p></p> <p>Panoramic power sunroof, large infotainment touch screen with nav, adaptive cruise control, power heated front bucket seats, warranty!</p> <p>Now Just \$21,491 \$326 Per Month</p>	<p>2018 RAM 1500 CREW CAB BIG HORN 4X4</p> <p>P6660</p> <p></p> <p>Black appearance group with 20" blackout wheels, 5.7L V-8, power seat, heated front bucket seats and steering wheel, 8.4" touch screen with Alpine speakers and subwoofer, remote start, tow package, anti-spin rear axle, warranty</p> <p>Now Just \$25,689 \$389 Per Month</p>	<p>2018 HYUNDAI TUCSON AWD</p> <p>P6658</p> <p></p> <p>Panoramic sunroof, power seat, blind spot monitoring, keyless entry and starting, 7" infotainment touch screen, Apple carplay, satellite radio, 19" wheels, warranty!</p> <p>Now Just \$15,500 \$236 Per Month</p>	<p>2018 FORD F-150 XLT CREW CAB 4WD</p> <p>P6603</p> <p></p> <p>Sport appearance pkg, 5.0L V8 engine, 10-speed automatic, sport cloth bucket seats with power seat, 20" wheels, remote start, tow pkg with reverse guidance, tail gate step, LED bed lighting and sold with warranty!</p> <p>Now Just \$25,189 \$383 Per Month</p>	<p>2018 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA JL 4X4</p> <p>P6619</p> <p></p> <p>Heated leather, heated steering wheel, large 8.4" touch screen, navigation, premium Alpine speaker with large subwoofer, remote start, keyless enter and go with remote proximity sensing, anti-spin rear axle, 8spd auto, 3.6L V-6, matching body color 3 piece hard top, LED light group, climate control, sold with warranty</p> <p>Now Just \$24,643 \$376 Per Month</p>	<p>2012 RAM 1500 4X4</p> <p>P6615</p> <p></p> <p>Rust free from Kentucky, 5.7L V-8 engine, automatic transmission, power windows, locks and mirrors, cruise control, air conditioning, bed liner, tow package, 20" wheels and is super clean inside and out!</p> <p>Now Just \$11,491 \$186 Per Month</p>
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A close-up photograph showing a person's hand holding a small, black, rectangular card skimmer device. The person is using the device to skim a card from an ATM. The background is slightly blurred, showing the ATM screen and keypad. The word "Regular" is visible on the ATM screen.

Beware of Skimmers & Shimmers

Thieves have various ways to steal individuals' personal data in everything from hacking into banking or shopping accounts to stealing physical mail. But thieves also have more sophisticated, often hidden ways to steal private financial data. Consumer Reports says the public should be aware of skimmers and shimmers, which are sophisticated devices that steal data when people use public credit and debit card readers at ATMs, gas pumps and other locations.

A card skimmer is placed on top of the point-of-sale terminal. When a person swipes his or her credit or debit card, the device collects data from it. That data can be used to make fraudulent purchases and to produce counterfeit cards. Among the newest tools scammers

use are shimmers, which are tiny types of skimmers that are capable of reading data from new chip-based cards, according to the ATM Industry Association, a nonprofit trade organization. Criminals can even retrofit hidden cameras at ATMs and other locations with card skimmers. Skimmers and shimmers are often Bluetooth-based circuit boards that can transmit stolen card data wirelessly. A thief can drive by a terminal to download card data remotely from a mobile device or laptop.

The ATM Industry Association says about half of the skimmers currently in use are relatively invisible. The credit scoring company FICO indicates the latest data showed there was a 70 percent increase in the number of debit cards that were compromised in 2016 at ATMs and other card readers used by merchants, and the numbers continue to grow.

Monitoring credit card and banking statements as well as credit reports is the best way to keep on top of scams.



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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

Arlington Township Residents Inspection Notice

All new construction, as well as mobile and modular homes require inspections.

Contact Zoning Administrator at (269) 427-7300 between 9 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m. to apply for a zoning permit or to obtain information.

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Zoning: Ryan Laylin - 269-414-8370
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April 8, 2025	October 8, 2025
May 13, 2025	November 11, 2025
June 10, 2025	December 9, 2025
July 8, 2025	January 13, 2026
August 12, 2025	February 10, 2026
September 9, 2025	March 10, 2026

March 27, 2026 4:00 P.M. - Annual Meeting

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP NOW ACCEPTING BIDS

Bloomington Township is currently accepting bids for Janitorial Services Contractor at the Bloomington Municipal Center. Interested parties will need to be licensed and insured. Please contact Supervisor Matt Ashbrook for project details. Please mail sealed bids to Bloomington Township, PO Box 11, Bloomington, MI 49026.

Melanie Kelly, Bloomington Township Clerk

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COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES

The Columbia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Township Hall. This meeting concerns an issue of critical importance: the future direction of our township.

As you know, PA 233 has granted the State of Michigan's Public Service Commission the authority to permit renewable energy facilities in Columbia Township, potentially overriding the community's vision of a rural farming community.

The Township has explored options to address this, including a working ordinance (which residents did not favor) and a Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance with an industrial overlay to guide potential development. However, the ultimate decision rests with the residents through public hearings and meetings.

We face a choice: proactively plan for potential renewable energy facilities, or leave the decision entirely to the State. I believe that the residents of Columbia Township should have a strong voice in this matter. Your opinions are crucial, and I encourage you to attend the public hearing and share your thoughts. If you cannot attend you can send an email to clerk@columbiatwp.com and reference the public hearing date and your comments.

I also want to inform you that there are two house bills, 4027 and 4028, currently under consideration that could potentially overturn PA 233 and return local control to townships. You may send an email to JRushlow@house.mi.gov to show support of the return of local control to the township. This is urgent as the bill is moving forward and it is time sensitive to respond.

Your participation in the public hearing is vital. I urge you to attend and make your voice heard. As a voting board member I want to make the right decision on this matter and I believe the right decision is what the majority of the residents determines, not me.

Sincerely, Columbia Township Supervisor
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2025 WINTER SPORTS BANGOR VIKINGS Basketball

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Vikings lose to White Pigeon

From Coach Culbertson:

Friday, Feb. 21

Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost at White Pigeon on Friday night 57-78. Jonah Luter made six threes and scored 23 points. Carson

Pullins made three 3s and scored 19 points. Julian Pullins made three 3s and scored 9 points.

Monday, Feb. 24

Big Win last night for Varsity Boys Basketball.

Bangor defeated Decatur 60 - 32 in the first round of districts. Carson Pullins made six threes, scored 24 points, and grabbed six steals. Julian Pullins scored

13 points. Jonah Luter scored 11 points and added 4 assists. Jaret McCoy and Terrance Payne each had 9 rebounds.

FINAL SCORE
2.24.2025
VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL
60 VIKINGS **32** DECATUR



Congrats to the Varsity boys basketball team on winning the District opener last night!

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Bangor 47 - Hartford 68

Bangor Varsity Boys Basketball lost to Hartford last night in Districts. The final score was 47 - 68. Jonah Luter was

the leading scorer with 19 points. Jaret McCoy scored 8 points and Carson Pullins scored 7 points.



GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Bangor vs White Pigeon

From Coach Witkowski:

Thursday, Feb. 20

Final Score.
Bangor 19
White Pigeon 64

only trailing conference leader White Pigeon 12-7, but then gave up 24 points in the second quarter.

Comments

Vikings played a great first quarter

Friday, Feb. 21

Bangor 36 - Marcellus 51

Final Score.

Bangor 36
Marcellus 51
Stat Leaders:
Scoring
Jaelynn Little 20 points
Lexi Wisniewski 8 points
K'Liyana O'Steen 6 rebounds
Lexi Wisniewski 5 steals
Jaelynn Little 5 steals

Comments

Vikings, played their 9th game in 3 weeks tonight and jumped out to a 13-0 but could not hold onto the lead and lost 51-36. Vikings were only behind 32-29 at the end of 3rd quarter
Bangor record Overall 8-11
Conference 6-10

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Vikings defeat Cassopolis

Game vs Cassopolis

Final Score. Bangor 31 Bangor 60

Stat Leaders:

Scoring

Jaelynn Little 16 points

K'Liyana O'Steen 7 points

Madison Lennox 5 rebounds

Lexi Wisniewski 5 steals

Jaelynn Little 3 steals

FINAL SCORE
2.25.2025
VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL
60 VIKINGS **31** CASSOPOLIS



8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Vikings lose to Mattawan

From Coach Gardner:

Thursday, Feb. 20

The 8th-grade girls took on a very quick Mattawan team and started with great defense, keeping the score close through halftime.

In the second half the girls came out and were able to continue the defense but weren't able to make up the deficit and ultimately lost their first game of the season 31-17.

Monday, Feb. 24

8th Graders defeat Cassopolis

Last night the 8th grade girls took to the floor for their last home game of the season. The lineup was changed to give the starters a break and the girls were still able to jump out to a quick 6-2 lead to end the 1st quarter.

The girls were able to go into halftime with a 14-4 lead and never looked back walking away with a 26-11 win with 7 of the 8 girls scoring. This group of girls were not only the conference

champions for basketball ending with a perfect conference record of 10-0 and overall 10-1 and have outscored their opponents now 333-146.

Leading the way tonight was Taylor Gardner with 13 pts Sophia Burton with 4pts Emma Farley Glaze with 3 pts Gracie Mortensen and Nereida Sanchez with 2 pts a piece and Ro'e'mya Reid and Anika Mortensen both with a free throw a piece.

FINAL SCORE
2.24.2025
8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL
26 VIKINGS **11** CASSOPOLIS

The girls will travel down to Niles-Brandywine tomorrow night for the final game of the season with a 4pm start.

go Vikings!

Basketball

7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Win!

Wednesday, Feb. 19

From Coach Corona:

The 7th grade girls hosted Lawrence Wednesday.

Tatum and Kimberly each scored 2 points. The girls won against Lawrence 22 to 12.

Brisma, Cassidy, and Diariana each had 6 points.

FINAL SCORE
2.19.2025
7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL
22 VIKINGS **12** LAWRENCE

Monday, Feb. 24

The 7th-grade team hosted Cassopolis in their final game of the season tonight. Brisma contributed 7 points to the team's effort, while Cassidy led the way with 8 points. After a strong defensive

performance in the first half, Bangor held a narrow 11-10 lead at halftime. Despite a valiant effort in the second half, the team ultimately fell short, losing 15-18 to Cassopolis.

Throughout the season, the girls have demonstrated significant improvement. Their progress from the beginning of the season to the end is a testament to their hard work and dedication, and I am extremely proud of their accomplishments.

GIRLS JR VARSITY BASKETBALL

From Coach Beck:

Tuesday, Feb. 25

JV loses 31-32 to Cassopolis

The JV girls lost last night in a close game to Cassopolis. The end score was 31-32 with Andrea having

13 points and Celio having 8 points. The JV girls last game is Thursday versus Hartford at Hartford.

Lady Vikings Rule!



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Community Grants Support Teachers at Paw Paw Middle School



During the months of December and January, Paw Paw Middle School Teachers Kaylah Laurian and Cassandra Taylor were notified that they had been chosen as recipients for community grants to help support their students. The teachers and staff of Paw Paw Middle School greatly appreciate the generosity of community partners: Honor Credit Union and Midwest Energy & Communications.

Mrs. Taylor was recognized with a \$500 grant from Honor Credit Union to support a positive behavior support initiative she is coordinating with the eighth grade class. Beginning after spring break through the final week of school, eighth grade students will have the chance to win special weekly prizes by collecting a set number of stickers. These stickers will be awarded when students demonstrate good behavior by meeting classroom expectations and exemplifying the Paw Paw Public Schools Core Values. This incentive program will serve two purposes: it's enjoyable for the students, and it creates more opportunities for teachers to give meaningful, specific praise when they catch students doing the right thing.

Ms. Laurian also received a generous grant. As part of Midwest Energy's Strengthening Schools Grants, she was awarded \$1400, which will be applied toward new novels for the Middle School's ELA (English Language Arts) curriculum. By selecting novels with the themes of community and technology, students will have access to

more genres of reading - escaping their day-to-day lives and exploring new places and perspectives through literature! These new novels will be added to some of their remaining curriculum this year and more widely distributed in the ELA curriculum next year!



Fiber Arts Club Grateful - Community Donations Exceed Expectations

Cedar Street's Aspire Academy Fiber Arts Club is in full swing, and students are now focusing on individual projects. Lots of learning has taken place! Students have learned how to properly iron fabric, operate sewing machines, troubleshoot mechanical issues, identify different types of fabric, and learn the right side from the wrong side. After helping Paw Paw Later Elementary with costumes for "The Music Man, Jr." the Club turned its attention to yarn projects: knitting and crocheting. They have learned how to read patterns, look at yarn gauges and have spent a lot of time learning that 'frogging' (pulling part or all of the crochet or knitting project apart to fix something or because it's just not working) is both satisfying and frustrating.

None of this learning or these projects would be possible without the generosity of the community! We have been fortunate to receive donations of yarn, fabric, scissors, thread, crochet hooks, knitting needles, fabric, irons, ironing boards, buttons, bias tape, and other notions. The Fiber Arts Club currently has three large totes of yarn, two banker boxes of fabric, and several drawers and cabinets full of notions. If you would like to help support these students, we would love to have one more sewing machine, self-healing mats for cutting, quilting rulers, and rotary cutters.

For the remainder of the school year, students will continue learning basic skills and practicing while completing projects with teacher support rather than instruction. Projects selected include a period dress (11th century), a sampler quilt, a collection of crocheted creatures, and a crocheted sweater. In addition to picking up some life skills, Fiber Arts

members learn to approach new challenges with a growth mindset, and take breaks - without crying! - as needed to think through problems and work as a team toward common goals.



Paw Paw Early Elementary Students Compete In WMU's Innovation Expo

Congratulations to the first and second grade teams from Paw Paw Early Elementary for competing in the WMU Innovation Expo in December! With over 400 students and 189 teams on site, Elementary STEAM Teacher Jessica Farnquist reported that all students gave fantastic presentations, and the second grade team was awarded the popular vote! To prepare for the competition, students collaborated for a month to solve a problem using an innovative solution. Working as teams, they pitched the market, benefits and description to the judges and other students, and four PPEE students even won raffle prizes!



Paw Paw Early Childhood Center 2025-2026 Enrollment is OPEN!

Enrollment is NOW OPEN, and applications are being accepted for the 2025-2026 school year at Paw Paw Early Childhood (PPEC) Center, Van Buren County's newest state-of-the-art Early Childhood Center. Families with preschool-aged children may access enrollment documents online at: <https://tinyurl.com/5ceh833> Click on the Early Childhood Application button. Once the registration packet

is completed, please print and drop off your packet to the main office at the Cedar Street Campus, 555 Cedar St., Paw Paw. For questions, please contact jenna.bowers@ppps.org or call 269-415-5715. Note: Please submit all enrollment packets to the Cedar Street Office as the new Paw Paw Early Childhood Center is still under construction. Thank you!

New York Author & Illustrator 'Virtually' Visits 3rd Grade Class

Mrs. Irwin's third grade class was thrilled to participate in a virtual author talk with Nick Bruel, the beloved creator of the "Bad Kitty" series. During the session, students had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about Bruel's creative process. Schools from across the country joined in. Mr. Bruel also showed students how to draw Bad Kitty! Their excitement didn't end there! Soon after, they discovered they had won a private Google Meet with the author and a set of "Bad Kitty" books for their classroom. The students were overjoyed and are looking forward to this special opportunity.



High School Cafeteria Addition Streamlines Meal Options and Unites Students

Paw Paw High School students have so many delicious and nutritious meal options these days, thanks to the Paw Paw voters who made this 2022 Cafeteria Addition Bond Project possible! The energy in this bustling space at noon is palpable. Students and staff can choose from traditional meal options, hot or cold grab and go sandwiches, pizza served hot and ready, a fresh salad bar, or subway sandwiches with unlimited toppings - the options are endless! Ensuring all students have healthy meal options and a safe space to enjoy eating together is team effort and a true point of pride for Paw Paw.



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Bloomingdale 2025 Winter Sports CARDINALS

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Girls Basketball

Lady Cardinals Celebrate Senior Night Against Lawrence

The Bloomingdale girls basketball team took the court Tuesday night for a special home matchup against Lawrence, marking an important evening for the program. At halftime, the team honored its two seniors, DeeAhna Cross and Gretchen Hutchins, in a heartfelt Senior Night ceremony.

Cross and Hutchins have been key leaders for the Lady Cardinals, demonstrating dedication, hard work, and passion for the game throughout their time at Bloomingdale. The ceremony was a chance to celebrate their contributions and thank them for their commitment to the program.

The Lady Cardinals played with energy and determination, looking to make Senior Night a memorable one. With the regular season winding down, the team continues to build momentum heading into the MHSAA district tournament.

Congratulations to DeeAhna and Gretchen on their senior seasons, and thank you for all you've done for Bloomingdale basketball! 🍷🏀 #GoCardinals



Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball Secures Historic Victory Over Gobles

The varsity boys basketball team had a thrilling week of basketball, picking up two key wins and building momentum heading into the postseason.

On Tuesday night, the Cardinals dominated Bangor on Senior Night, securing a 54-36 victory in front of their home crowd. On Wednesday, they hit the road to face Gobles, a team they hadn't beaten in six years. That streak came to an end as Bloomingdale battled to a 52-46 victory. Byers (18 points) and Pittsley (16 points) once again led the way, but it was Rowan Albrecht who delivered in the clutch, knocking down two big 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to help extend the lead against his former school. Goudzwaard added 3 points, but his highlight of the night was an ankle-breaking crossover that led to a crowd-pleasing layup.

Great job, Cardinals! Let's keep the momentum going!

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Bloomingdale High School Boys Golf Team Returns for Spring 2025

After a hiatus, Bloomingdale High School is excited to announce the return of the boys golf team for the Spring 2025 season! The revival of the program marks a new era for Cardinals athletics, providing student-athletes with the opportunity to compete, develop their skills, and represent their school on the course.

With the return of the program, the team will be looking to build a strong foundation and establish itself in conference competition. Players will have the chance to train, improve their game, and compete against area schools, all while embracing the values of discipline, strategy, and sportsmanship that golf demands.

Student-athletes interested in joining are encouraged to reach out to the athletic department for more information. With a new season ahead, the program is eager to grow, welcome new players, and bring competitive golf back to Bloomingdale.

Stay tuned for schedule updates and meet details as the Cardinals hit the greens once again in 2025! 🏌️🌳 #GoCardinals #BloomingdaleGolf

Bloomingdale set to host MHSAA District Tournament

Bloomingdale High School has once again been selected to host the MHSAA District Girls Basketball Tournament. This year's district tournament will take place March 3rd, March 5th and March 7th. All games will be played at Bloomingdale High School.

MHSAA Girls Basketball District #76
Bloomingdale High School

SCHEDULE

Game	Time
Fennville	3/3 5:30 pm
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BASKETBALL

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Gobles vs Hackett Catholic

Three Seniors after their last home game on Feb 18th against Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Central. Thank you ladies for all of your years of hard work and dedication to the program. You will all be missed.



#20 Zoie Wood



#4 Lilly Heintzman



#13 Erica Barber



Girls Varsity Basketball Pregame at Galesburg Augusta on Feb 14th



7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

7th & 8th graders

Win one and Lose one

Both of the Middle School teams were 1-1 this week. The 7th graders beat Allegan on Monday and on Wednesday fell 2 points short of avenging a loss earlier in the season to Delton-Kellogg. The 8th graders fell to Allegan on Monday and beat Delton-Kellogg on Wednesday evening. It has been a good season and the Lady Tigers finish their season at home on Monday, March 3 v. South Haven.



7th Grade Girls Basketball team



8th Grade Girls Basketball team

WRESTLING

War Zone Tournament

The Gobles Youth Wrestling Program traveled to Hastings for a War Zone Tournament. They all did a fantastic job representing the program. Gobles Wrestling has a bright future ahead!



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If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters and supporting documentation to Columbia Township, PO Box 323, Grand Junction, MI 49056. All letter appeals must be received by 2:00 p.m. 3-12-2025.

Monday March 10th 3:00pm to 9:00pm
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NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY

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 Wednesday, March 12, 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 Thursday, March 13, 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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