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## RAYMOND L. RUSSELL

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Passed away Monday, April 7, 2025 at his home surrounded by his family. Ray was born November 8, 1934 in South Haven the son of Clarence and Helen Russell and has lived in the Osterhout Lake area for the past 50 plus years. He served in the US Army in Korea, was a long time member of the Lee Township Fire Department and helped establish the second Fire Station in Southern Lee Township. He was very proud of the new firetruck Engine 12, and gained notoriety as the "Fireman with the coffee pot." He also served on the Lee Township Board in several positions including Supervisor. His career centered around auto body repair. He learned the trade as a young man. He started his own body shop. Then he moved on as an employee of various other companies where he did auto body repairs, wrote estimates and even managed a body shop. He finished his career as an independent auto damage appraiser. He enjoyed visiting the casinos, watching westerns, and the lake life. He loved spending time with his family. He could be found many times socializing over a cup of coffee and a cigarette. Surviving are 3 sons, Ray "Butch" (Melanie) Russell of Grand Junction, Jim (Benny) Russell of Gobles, Mike Russell of Otsego; 6 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Russell; previous wife, Carole Russell; son, Tommy Russell; 2 great grandchildren; brother, Bill Russell; and a sister, Lorraine Dykstra. The family will have a memorial service 2-5 PM May 4, 2025 at the Lee Township Fire Department, Pullman, MI. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomington Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Wings of Hope Hospice in Allegan, or to the Lee Township Fire Department.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY



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Sunday Service Times: 9am & 11am  
Prayer Night: 6:30pm on Tuesday  
FUSION Youth Group: MS: 6-7:30pm /  
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269-637-6575  
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## Great activities for kids come the dog days of summer

The arrival of summer is a momentous day for children. Summer means school is closed and weeks of rest, recreation and fun in the sun are on the schedule.

Although summer may start off with a bang, it may not be too long before kids are uttering the dreaded, "I'm bored," leaving parents and caregivers looking for ways to keep children occupied. Having a list of activities at the ready can help families stay active and engaged during the dog days of summer.

### SUMMERTIME SWIMMING

Those lucky enough to have a backyard pool have a great source of entertainment right at home. Swimming alone can grow monotonous for kids, so work with friends' parents to devise a schedule to have the kids alternate whose house they visit for swimming sessions. Standard games like water volleyball or diving retrieval games can add some fun, but many times kids are happy to splash and float with friends. Stock a cooler with water, juice and healthy snacks so kids can just hop out of the water and grab a refreshment, rather than leaving a water-logged trail into the kitchen.

Those who do not have a pool can consider membership to a township pool, where everyone can mingle with neighbors.

### HOST A MOVIE NIGHT

The dog days of summer tend to be humid, hot and sometimes uncomfortable. Scheduling activities for later in the day makes the most of weather that has cooled off a bit. Purchase or borrow a projector that hooks up to a computer or tablet, and set up a screen in the yard. Stream a family-friendly movie and prepare ready-made bags of popcorn or cotton candy for the show.

### ADD WATER TO EVERYTHING

Favorite backyard games can be enhanced with the use of a little water. For



example, instead of tossing bean bags for cornhole, fill up water balloons. Kids who are playing tag or games like capture the flag may have to run through a garden sprinkler to get into their opponent's territory. Kids can put their engineering skills to use by building an obstacle course of hurdles and the like from tires or pool noodles. Poke holes into one pool noodle and feed a garden hose into the end to create a water hazard.

### GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT

Whether at a beach, park, or even walking the neighborhood, families can have a list of objects that must be found. The first child to find all of the items on the list gets a prize, such as choosing which ice cream shop to visit.

### DANCE IN THE RAIN

Summertime is known for the sudden arrival of storms. When a downpour occurs, have the family head into the garage with the door open to catch the amazing sights of Mother Nature. Take turns briefly running out into the deluge to dance and splash in the rain. Retreat to the indoors when thunder and lightning are close by.

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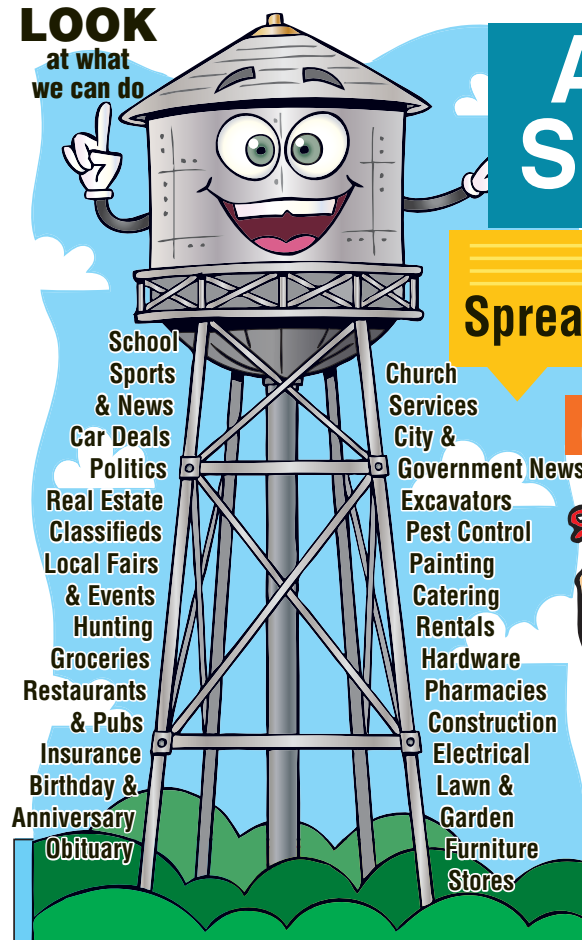
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# Bloomington 2025 Spring Sports CARDINALS

Photo by Richard Strange

## Varsity Softball

### Lady Cardinals Sweep Comstock in Dominant Doubleheader Performance

The Varsity Softball team continued their strong season on Thursday night, earning back-to-back wins over Comstock in a commanding doubleheader sweep. The Lady Cardinals combined for an impressive 47 runs across both games, showcasing their power at the plate and speed on the bases.

Natalia Garcia led the offensive charge with a perfect night, going 2-for-2 in the first game and 1-for-1 in the second. Junior Emma Reynolds was a key contributor as well, driving in four runs with a pair of doubles. Freshman Mikaela Flynn matched that performance with two doubles and four RBIs of her own.

On the mound, Junior Hailee Blazys delivered a strong pitching performance and sealed the night with a walk-off hit in the bottom of the third inning of game two.

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# Bloomingtondale 2025 Spring Sports

# CARDINALS



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## Varsity Softball

### Lady Cardinals Sweep Comstock in Dominant Doubleheader Performance

The Varsity Softball team continued their strong season on Thursday night, earning back-to-back wins over Comstock in a commanding doubleheader sweep. The Lady Cardinals combined for an impressive 47 runs across both games, showcasing their power at the plate and speed on the bases.

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# 2025 SPRING SPORTS

# BANGOR VIKINGS

## Softball

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#### Wildcats no match for the Vikings!

<b>From Coach Luter:</b>	Thursday, April 17
The Lady Vikings traveled to Marcellus last night to take on the Wildcats in another conference matchup. Isabelle Horvath was again dominant in the circle, striking out	18 in <b>Game 1</b> . The Vikings compiled 8 hits and won with a score of 10-0.
In <b>Game 2</b> the Lady Vikings won 6-0.	

#### Lady Vikings win Clipper Classics

<b>From Coach Luter:</b>	Saturday, April 19
On Saturday, the Lady Vikings participated in the Clipper Classic at Martin High School. After beating Allegan 1-0 in <b>Game 1</b> , they advanced to	the championship game to face the hosts. The Vikings won the championship by a score of 15-0. We now stand at 9-1 on the season.

#### Game 2 a 13-6 win

<b>From Coach Luter:</b>	Tuesday, April 22
The Lady Vikings pulled together to secure a 13-6 win. Lexy Wisniewski and Carley McCoy led the team in hits with 2 each. McCoy also led the team in RBIs. Carley McCoy earned the win, striking out 5.	



## Middle School Girls Softball

### Girls win 16-11 against Comstock

<b>From Coach Gardner:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
Last night, the Lady Vikings traveled to Comstock for a single game. It was a high-scoring game, but the girls won 16-11. Chloe Griffield led the way with 5 runs on 3 hits, including an	inside-the-park home run. Taylor Gardner pitched a complete game and only allowed 1 hit, getting the win. The girls got 16 runs off 10 hits and accumulated 17 stolen bases.

#### Girls struggle against Centreville

<b>From Coach Gardner:</b>	Saturday, April 19
Middle School Baseball lost both games of the double header on Saturday vs Centreville.	

## Baseball

### Boys Varsity Baseball

#### Vikings play against SW10 champs

<b>From Coach Cox:</b>	Thursday, April 17
Last night we played the defending Southwest 10 champs. We are back in action Saturday at the Clipper Classic in Martin.	<b>Game 1</b> Marcellus 10 Bangor 0 <b>Game 2</b> Marcellus 20 Bangor 9

#### Clipper Classics in Martin

<b>From Coach Cox:</b>	Saturday, April 19
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#### Vikings defeat Cardinals!

<b>From Coach Cox:</b>	Monday, April 21
Last night we traveled to Bloomingdale to take on the Cardinals in a SW10 conference matchup.	<b>Game 1</b> Bangor 12 Bloomingdale 1 <b>Game 2</b> Bangor 21 Bloomingdale

## Junior Varsity Baseball

### Our team first time players

<b>From Coach Cox:</b>	Tuesday, April 22
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We had our first contests of the season as we took on the Cassopolis Rangers. It was a good learning experience for us as some of our players were getting their first games of baseball ever in. We learned a lot about what we need to work on and what we did well as we dropped both games by a score of 20-0 and 16-7.



## Middle School Baseball

### MS Boys lose to Comstock 13-4

<b>From Coach Culbertson:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
Middle School Baseball lost 13 - 4 last night at Comstock. Talon Abbott did a good job	pitching, and Aaron Dominguez did a good job fielding 3rd base.

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## Soccer

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#### Vikings struggle against Hartford

<b>From Coach Robles:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
The Vikings soccer team traveled to Hartford for their second conference match. Although the team played well throughout the game, Hartford took advantage of an opportunity in the second half and scored the match's only goal, securing a 1-0 victory. Defensively, the Vikings excelled, with standout contributions from Madgalý	Gonzalez, Madison Lennox, Liliana Mandujano, and Maricruz Gomez, who effectively prevented Hartford's offense from threatening our goal. Amiyah Corona, Andrea Barajas-Gutierrez, and Isabela Macedo also had strong performances, while Solexey Calderon made several crucial saves to keep the goal secure.

#### Vikings no match for the Trojans

<b>From Coach Robles:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
On Saturday, the Bangor soccer team traveled to Sturgis but unfortunately fell to the Trojans with a final score of 8-0. Despite the loss, Andrea Barajas and Isabella Macedo delivered solid performances on the field.	

#### Vikings defeat Colts 2-1

<b>From Coach Robles:</b>	Monday, April 21
The Bangor Vikings hosted the Comstock Colts in a tough conference matchup and came out on top with a 2-1 victory. Freshman Isabella Macedo and Andrea	Barajas each found the back of the net, lifting the Vikings to a hard-fought win. The team showed great resilience and teamwork throughout the match.

## Middle School Girls Soccer

### Lady Vikes hit hard by the Huskies

<b>From Coach Jackson:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
The Middle School Lady Vikings traveled to Hartford to face the Huskies on Wednesday night for their first game of the season. It was a very hard fought game for a developing Lady Vikings Team. The Huskies came out with the win 8-2. Goals	for the Lady Vikings were scored by Nereida Sanchez and Camila Gonzalez. Keeper Kimberly Gamino gave a tremendous effort with many saves. The Middle School Lady Vikings will host Comstock on Monday, April 21st at 5 pm.

#### Girls defeat Colts 6-1

<b>From Coach Jackson:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
The Middle School Lady Vikings hosted the Comstock Colts on Monday night for their second game of the season. The Lady Vikings Team played very strong in both halves allowing them to come out with the win	6-1. Goals for the Lady Vikings were scored by Nereida Sanchez, Camila Gonzalez, and Brisma Barajas-Gutierrez. Keeper Kimberly Gamino had an amazing game coming up with many huge saves.

## Track & Field

### Girls Varsity Track

<b>From Coach Muñoz:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
The Lady Vikings were in Comstock on Wednesday for the first SW10 meet of the season. We had many good moments including personal records by Savannah Marfia, Sariah Labostrie, Bellah Gray, Breana Wines, and Yarnissia Campbell.	Bangor 49 - Bloomingdale 36 <b>Individual Highlights:</b> Jaelynn Little 2nd Place 100M, 1st Place 200M, 1st Place 400M Savannah Marfia 4th Place 100M, 4th Place 200M, 3rd Place 400M Sariah Labostrie 1st Place 1600M, 1st Place 800M Yarnissia Campbell 3rd Place 800M Bellah Gray 4th Place Discus

<b>From Coach Muñoz:</b>	Friday, April 18
The Lady Vikings competed in the Comstock Invitational on Friday. The team worked hard with 14 season/personal records set and finished fifth overall. <b>Individual Highlights:</b> Jaelynn Little 2nd Place 100M, 3rd Place 200M, 2nd Place 400M Savannah Marfia 3rd Place 400M	Sariah Labostrie 2nd Place 1600M, Cielo Maldonado 2nd Place 3200M Lauryn Anderson 4th Place Shot Put, 1st Place Discus The girls have their 2nd SW10 meet of the season on Wednesday at Viking Stadium. Field events begin at 4:30pm.

### Boys Varsity Track

<b>From Coach Hunter:</b>	Wednesday, April 16
The boys track team competed in comstock last night in the SW10 meet. <b>Results:</b> Bangor 87 Bloomingdale 41 Bangor 70 Comstock 61 Bangor 61 Decatur 71 <b>Individual highlights</b> Liam Mortensen 1st - shot put and discuss	Jonah Luter - 1st - 400; 2nd - high jump, 4x400 and 4x200 Tyler Caruso - 2nd - 800,1600, and 4x400 Trap Abbott - 1st - 3200 There were a lot of other good performances (personal records) that led to our success. Great job.

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The boys track team competed at the Comstock Invitational Friday and brought home a 3rd place trophy. Great job to them all. Leading the way was Tyler Caruso - placed 2nd in the 800 and 1600 meter runs. Jack Loomis and Trap

<b>Middle School Track</b>	Tuesday, April 22
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<b>From Coach Remington &amp; Coach Gildea:</b>
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Last night the middle school track team took on Hartford and Lawrence. Both the boys and girls teams came away with decisive victories. We had many PRs and 1st places, but the best part was the effort and team spirit of all. Great job team!	<b>Girls Scores</b> Bangor 90 Hartford 47 Lawrence 15 <b>Boys Scores</b> Bangor 77 Hartford 59 Lawrence 35
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## South Walnut Elementary Reading Month Highlights



South Walnut had many fun activities for reading month including a door decorating competition, picture book contest, and many, many guest readers.

Mrs. Hill's (and the reading intervention paraprofessionals) and Mrs. Hardester's class tied for the first place prize. Mrs. Ward's class received second place and Mrs. Fritz's class received third place. Special awards went to Dr. Erika Brown for Most Creative, and to Apple Tree Preschool as our Judge's Choice.

## Project Shine



Project Shine taught the second graders this month about the importance of balanced meals.

"The 2nd graders at South Walnut Elementary showed off their creativity today as they explored the "Sticks, Stones, and Bricks" MyPlate recipe," stated Project Shine.

"Using cucumber, pretzels, cheese cubes, and grapes, the students had a blast playing with food while learning about the importance of balanced meals."

## Glow Dance

This school year South Walnut had a dance, titled "Light up the Night" Glow Dance for the entire family.



## Bangor Middle School Student Wins Art Competition



Pictured: Iz Santiago, 8th grade

Students in Mrs. Rueff's art classes each entered the 2025 Silver Beach T-shirt contest. Students did research on St. Joseph and Silver Beach Pizza and put their skills to the test. We are proud to say we had an 8th grade winner and also Ghost M. from the HS who is not an art student of Mrs. Rueff's but entered the contest after hearing about it from her little brother who has 5th grade art. Iz will receive a T-shirt with his design and a gift certificate from Silver Beach Pizza! Congratulations!

## Reading Month Assembly

At the end of March, BMS students participated in an assembly to conclude reading month.

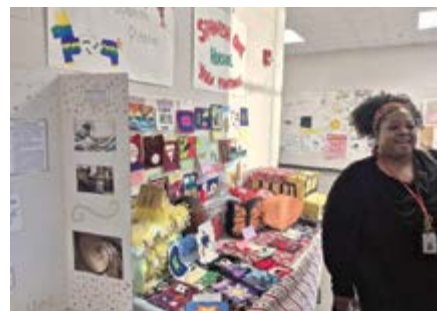
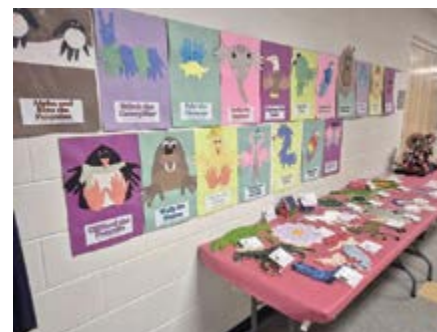
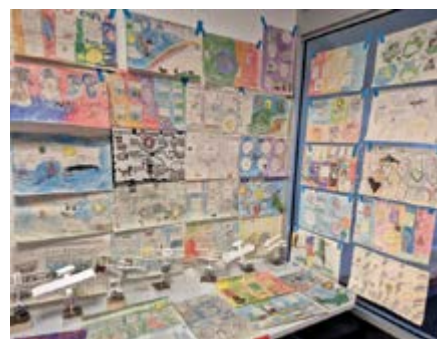
From March 3 through March 25 the students had silent reading during ELA classes, competing to read the most pages. The 5th grade class read the most pages, thus winning a pizza and Mario Kart party. During the assembly the top readers for each class were recognized, as were spring sports and robotics club members. The top readers per class also received prizes.

Students who read 150 pages or more were entered into a raffle for the chance to throw a piece at a teacher. The two top readers (Leo Alfonso and Ben Loomis) overall, received the honor of coloring Miss Embury's hair.



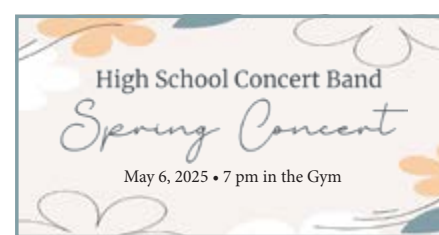
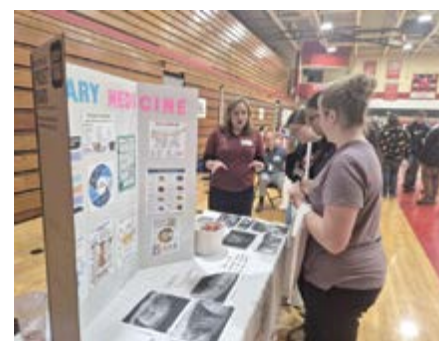
## Bangor Creates

Bangor Creates took place on Wednesday, March 26 at South Walnut Elementary. Student work and art from all levels at Bangor schools were on display for attendees to enjoy.



## Bangor High School Career Day

The first ever Career Day was held toward the end of March. Many vendors were in attendance, including Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University school of Medicine, police department, U.S. Army, and many local businesses. Middle and High School students participated in the successful event, which was organized by school counselor, Madison Munro.



## Grand Valley State Visit



Bangor High School Juniors and Seniors enjoyed a trip to Grand Valley State University in late March, for a campus visit.



2025 Senior Schedule			
April 29	Tuesday	Panoramic Photo	1:30 p.m.
May 1	Thursday	College Decision Day See Mrs. Munro	
May 4	Sunday	NHS Induction	2:00 p.m.
May 6-7	Tuesday Wednesday	Finals - 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th hours	Class Time
May 8-9	Thursday Friday	Finals - 2nd, 4th, 6th hours	Class Time
May 9	Friday	Seniors Last Day	
May 14	Wednesday	SWHS Senior Academic Luncheon	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 14	Wednesday	Senior Honors Banquet	6:00 p.m.
May 16	Friday	Bilingual Academic Dinner	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
May 21	Wednesday	Senior Breakfast & Mock Awards	9:00 a.m.
May 21	Wednesday	Graduation @ Viking Stadium	Arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

## Cesar Chavez March

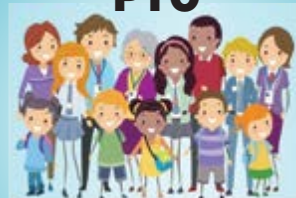


Bangor High School's Spanish classes, Hispanic Student Association, and Umoja group attended the César Chávez March in Kalamazoo, Michigan, which is an annual event at Western Michigan University (WMU) that celebrates farm worker rights and honors César Chávez.

The march typically begins in Bronson Park and concludes at the Bernhard Center on WMU's campus and continues to downtown Kalamazoo, followed by an assembly at the Bernhard Center, and a keynote speaker, often a member of the Chávez family.



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## VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMINGDALE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

### ORDINANCE: 20.251 Anti-Blight Ordinance

ADOPTED: April 15, 2025 • EFFECTIVE: May 15, 2025

#### 20.251 Sec. 1. NAME

This ordinance shall be known as the Bloomingdale Village Anti-Blight ordinance. (Ord. No. 4 adopt. Aug. 10, 1972; June 20, 2023)

#### 20.252 Sec. 2. PURPOSE

Consistent with the letter and spirit of Public Act 344 of 1945, being MCL 125.71, as amended, this ordinance is to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight in the Village of Bloomingdale by prevention or elimination of certain environmental causes of blight or its factors, which exist or which may exist. (Ord. No. 4 adopt. Aug. 10, 1972) (2023)

#### 20.253 Sec. 3 CAUSE OF BLIGHT AND BLIGHT FACTORS

It is determined that the following, items could cause the blight or /blight factors, if allowed to exist. On and after the effective date of this ordinance no person, shall permit or maintain any of these causes of blight/or blight factors upon any property in the Village of Bloomingdale owned, leased, rented or occupied.

1. The storage of junk automobiles except in a completely enclosed building. For the use of this ordinance, the term "junk automobile" shall include any motor vehicle which is not licensed for use upon the highways of the State of Michigan for a period in excess of six months and shall also include, whether licensed or not, any motor vehicle which is inoperative for any reason for a period in excess of six months.

2. The storage or accumulation of junk, trash rubbish or refuse of any kind, for a period not to exceed (30) days. The term "junk" shall include parts of machinery or motor vehicles, unused stoves or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of wood, metal or any other cast-off material of any kind. The term "junk" shall also include machinery of any nature not used for a period of one year unless the same is stored within a building.

The existence of any structure or part of structure, which is no longer habitable as a dwelling nor useful for any other purpose for which it had been intended.

4. The existence of any vacant dwelling, garage or other buildings which are not kept securely locked, the windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent entrance by vandals.

5. The maintenance of any building on any premises which is no longer used or useable for the purpose for which it was originally intended, and such non-use continue for a period of two years.

6. The existence of any partially completed structure, unless such structure is in the course of construction, in compliance with a valid building permit issued by the Village and the construction is completed within a reasonable time.

7. The existence of semi-trailers being used for storage, unless they are kept in a district zoned specifically for commercial business.

8. The storage upon any property of one or more junk snowmobiles or motorcycles, except in a completely enclosed building. This shall include any snowmobiles or motorcycles which are not registered with the state, cannot be lawfully driven where permitted, pursuant to state statutes, or whether so registered or not, any snowmobiles or motorcycles which are inoperable for any reason.

#### Enforcement

• The owner, and/or the occupant of any property upon which any of the causes of blight/ factors set forth above, shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate causes of blight from the property within ten days of the notice.

• Notice may be served personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by affixing the notice on two prominent places on the premises, in which case, a copy of the notice shall be sent to the owner or occupant at his or her last known address by regular mail with proof of mailing.

• Notice shall include a description of the blight to be remedied; it shall specify that the blight shall be removed within ten (10) days. Additional time may be granted by the Code Enforcement Officer where bona-fide efforts to remove or eliminate causes of blight are in progress.

• Whenever the owner and/or occupant fails to comply with the remedial order within the time prescribed, the Code Enforcement Officer may cause the blight to be removed and eliminated either through an available public agency or by contract and/or arrangement with a private persons. In such event, the Code Enforcement Officer and those persons conducting the removal may enter upon said premises for the purpose of removing and eliminating the blight. The cost of such removal shall be charged to the owner and

• The Notice of the costs of correction shall be served upon them by ordinary mail and delivered to the proper address or the last known address of the owner as disclosed in the Office of the Township Treasurer for said property. In event said costs shall remain unpaid for thirty (30) days following the date of notice, the cost of said removal and remedy shall be charged against the real estate upon which the blight existed and there shall be a lien placed upon said premises, and shall be assessed against said premises as an additional tax by way of special assessment for blight removal.

• Owners and occupants with a prior violation under this Ordinance found to have blight on their property are in immediate violation of this Ordinance and may be issued a citation without providing 10 days' notice.

• A violation of this ordinance is a civil infraction. Fines are:

- 1st Offense \$150.00
- 2nd Offense \$250.00
- 3rd Offense \$500.00

• Cost of prosecution and enforcement of this ordinance may be assessed against the defendant upon such violation as additional costs payable to the Village. (Ord. no. 12 eff. Sept. 25, 1989; amend. Eff. Aug. 3, 1992) (original ordinance adopted; Aug. 10, 1972 published; Aug. 17, 1972; June 20, 2023)

#### Ordinance approval/denial

Ordinance accepted April 15, 2025

Motion to approve T. Rankin seconded by R. Empson

Ayes: B. Strong, J. Crawford, T. Rankin, T. Fisher, T. Dickerson, R. Empson

Nays: None



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#### TIMELINE

April 14-30, 2025	Notice of vacancy advertised.
April 30, 2025	Deadline for submitting applications.
May 1-7, 2025	Board meets to review applications and hold interviews.
May 7, 2025	Board makes an appointment of the new board member.

*To be eligible, a person must be a registered voter and resident of Covert Public School District, at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the U.S., a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days.*

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## VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE

TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMINGDALE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE: 17.050 Manufactured HOMES

ADOPTED: April 15, 2025 • EFFECTIVE: May 15, 2025

17.050 VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, MICHIGAN  
(Ordinance no.8 effective Aug. 1, 1983)

This ordinance regulates the maintenance of manufactured homes (singlewide or double wide) in the Village of Bloomingdale, County of Van Buren, and State of Michigan and to provide fines for violation of this ordinance.

### 17.051 Sec. 1 MINIMUM SIZE

After the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person, to park or maintain any manufactured home less than a minimum size of 16 x 80 feet or less than area of 1,280 square feet (ord. No. 8 eff. Aug. 1, 1960) (ord. No. 8 eff. Aug. 1, 1983) (ord. No. 8 eff. Oct 24, 2003) (2023)

### 17.052 Sec. 2 LOT

It shall be unlawful to be placed on any parcel of land less than a full sized lot of 80 x 160 feet. (Original ordinance changed Oct. 21, 2003)

### 17.053 Sec 3 DWELLING

A per-manufactured or per-cut structure designed and used for living accommodations shall be used by a single family only. Under no conditions shall more than one (1) dwelling be allowed on a single lot. (Ord. No. 8 eff. Aug. 1, 1983)

### 17. 054 Sec. 4 AGE OF MANUFACTURED HOME

No manufactured home will be over 10 years old when placed on foundation.

### 17.055 Sec. 5 SKIRTING

Skirting shall be installed if the dwelling is not placed upon a basement or crawl space. (Ord. No. 8 eff. Aug 1, 1983)

### 17.056 Sec. 6 WHEELS

All wheels towing mechanism and/or undercarriage, shall be removed. (Ord. No. 8 eff. Aug. 1, 1983)

### 17.057 Sec. 7 WATER, SEWER

All manufactured home shall have an approved water supply, Village sewer and drain connections. (Ord. no. 8 eff. Aug 1, 1983)

### 17.058 Sec. 8 INSPECTION

All building construction, concrete slabs or placing of manufactured home within the Village shall be only happen after a Building Permit has been obtained from the building Inspector. (ord. No. 8 eff. Aug. 1, 1983)

### 17.059 Sec. 9 PENALTY

Any, person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a civil infraction. (Ord. No. 8 eff. Aug 1, 1983)  
1st offense \$150.00  
2nd offense \$250.00  
3rd offense \$500.00

### 17.060 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective on the 20th day following adoption. Adopted; July 12, 1983, Published; July 27, 1983, Effective; August 1, 1983; Amend. May 2023).

### Ordinance approval/denial

Ordinance accepted April 15, 2025. Motion to approve T. Rankin seconded by R. Empson  
Ayes: B. Strong, J. Crawford, T. Rankin, T. Fisher, T. Dickerson, R. Empson  
Nays: None

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JANUARY 08, 2025 • FEBRUARY 05, 2025

MARCH 05, 2025 • APRIL 02, 2025

MAY 07, 2025 • JUNE 04, 2025

JULY 02, 2025 • AUGUST 06, 2025

SEPTEMBER 03, 2025 • OCTOBER 01, 2025

NOVEMBER 05, 2025 • DECEMBER 03, 2025

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended (MCL 41.72a)(2)(3)) and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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Uniform Response handled a Domestic Assault in Bangor Township. It was found that the suspect was on parole and assaulted his father prior to running from the scene before Deputies arrived. Deputies searched the area but as unable to locate the suspect that night. The next day, an intense search was done, and the suspect was eventually located and put into custody. The suspect now faces numerous charges.

Uniform Response handled a Dog at Large running down M43 highway in Waverly Township. The Deputy was able to slow down traffic and catch the dog prior to it being hit or running off. The dog was returned to the family member watching it for another family member.

Platinum Powersports in Coloma has loaned our Marine Division two jet skis through the Yamaha Law Loan Program. They will be stationed in South Haven where the primary use will be for patrol and water rescue on Lake Michigan and the channel. The South Haven Elks Club #1509 made a \$500 donation and that will be used for the purchase of a PWC rescue board that attaches to the back of the jet ski to assist pulling victims out of the water. Last summer, 5 lives were saved by the marine division right off south beach. We are again this year are putting on extra patrols in the marine division throughout the summer months.

Uniform Response handled an Animal Cruelty call in Antwerp Township. It was found through the investigation the suspect shot the neighbors dog because he was tired of it barking. The dog survived the incident and was treated by a veterinarian. Charges are being sought for the incident.

I was able to Honor Two Local Teens in Hartford. The kids observed some juveniles light a construction trailer on fire and flee the scene. Before the fire got out of control, they ran over with fire extinguishers and put it out. By their actions, they saved the trailer and contents. Kamryn Johnson and Rigo Moreles were sworn in as Honorary Deputies. Kamryn and Rigo are a true example of stepping up and doing the right thing in our community.

While out on patrol, I stopped a truck pulling a horse trailer that the back gate was open going down the road in Bangor Township. I let the driver know why he was being stopped, and he advised he just picked up a pony. Panic set in with him when he was advised there was no pony in the trailer. Before we could back track his travels to locate "Rocket", the Geneva Township Deputy checked out with a pony on the side of the road. The driver/new owner followed me back to the scene to recover his pony. The pony was uninjured and appeared to have jumped out at the intersection while he was stopped.

A Deputy on patrol Stopped a Quad in Lawton on the railroad tracks. During the investigation on the stop, it was found the quad was stolen recently and that our office handled that call. The quad was altered and painted by the suspect. The suspect was also in possession of meth, scales, baggies, pipes, and had a suspended license. The quad was turned back over to the owner/victim, and the suspect was lodged on several charges stemming from this stop.

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**Social Hour: 5 p.m. • Dinner: 6 p.m.**

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**Van Buren**  
**REMINDER**

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGTON**  
TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMINGTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE: 12.050 OFFICER COMPENSATION  
ADOPTED: April 15, 2025 • EFFECTIVE: May 15, 2025

**12.050 Chapter 1134\***  
Effective: May 15, 2025

**12.051 Officers Compensation**

Sec.1 the following named officers shall receive as compensation for services to be rendered by them the amounts set opposite their respective office from and after March 26, 2008.

- President \$5,040.00 per year.
- Members of the Council (trustees) \$860.00 per year.
- Deputies/pro-tem; \$50.00 per month

every biennial election for a term of two years.

c. Village Clerk and Treasurer shall be employed position. Under this ordinance the initial Village Clerk will swear in the Council, President, Clerk and Treasurer (if applicable) and filing the bond required by law.

d. Open Council positions will be appointed as needed by vote of the Council with the appointee serving until the next General Election.

**BASIC STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. During the organization meeting each year the following committees shall be established.

1. Parks
2. Budget
3. Streets
4. Ordinances
5. Sewer
6. Business district, public safety, grants

B. New committees may be added when needed upon 2/3 vote of the Council

C. All committees will consist of three (3) members nominated by the President of the Village, one being the designated chairperson.

D. The Village President shall be the ex-officio member of all committees.

**Ordinance approval/denial**  
Ordinance accepted April 15, 2025  
Motion to approve G. Simpson seconded by R. Empson  
Ayes: G. Simpson, B. Strong, J. Crawford, T. Rankin, T. Fisher, T. Dickerson, R. Empson  
Nays: None

**12.052 PARTIAL YEAR'S SERVICE.**  
Sec. 2 Should any holder of the above named offices die, resign or become disqualified during the term of the office of such person, then they shall receive proportionate share of salary based upon the proportions of the year served by them.

**TERM AND MANNER OF ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

a. Three Village council members shall be elected at each biennial election for the terms of four years each 0r until their successors are qualified.

b. The Village President will be elected

**TIGERS**

**Gobles 2025 Spring Sports**

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Tigers compete against South Haven

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**, the Tigers travelled to South Haven to compete against South Haven and Bridgman in a double dual. The Tigers came away with some outstanding performances and 2 team wins beating South Haven 75.5 to 60.5 and Bridgman 76 to 59.

Mason Mansfield won the 100m and 200m dash and anchored the 4x100m relay as well as clearing 8'6 in Pole Vault competing for the first time in that event. Maximus Sager put together an outstanding 1st attempt at the 110m HH placing 2nd with a time of 19.84. Jose Boger also raced his 1st 110 HH and placed 5th overall with a time of 20.64.

In Field Events, Jack Gieger won the Shot Put in his first competition this year with a throw of 40' 4.5 and placed 2nd in the Discus at 92' 11. Max Sager and Coal Otis placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the High Jump. And Nathan Ray placed 3rd overall in the Long Jump and 2nd against Bridgman and South Haven while teammate Vinnie Romano IV placed 4th overall and 3rd against both Bridgman and South Haven.

Great first dual meet performance. The Tigers will be home April 28 against Allegan and Watervliet and then travel to Centreville on May 3.

### Tigers compete against some of the best in the state at Oakland University

On Friday, April 18, a few Tigers traveled to Oakland University to compete against some of the best in the state. Steven Juarez, Nathan Ray, and David Sager had great nights. Steven Juarez ran with courage and toughness but didn't set a PR but Nathan Ray and David Sager set PRs in the 400m Dash and 800m Run respectively. In the Anet era, Nathan Ray is 6th in the 400m Dash (54.08) and David Sager is 3rd overall in the 800m Run (2:05.18).



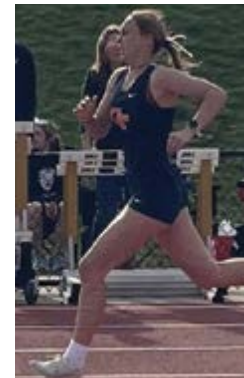
Top row: Steven Juarez, David Sager and Nathan Ray  
Bottom row: Lauren Shaffer and Madison Cooley

### GIRLS TRACK TEAM

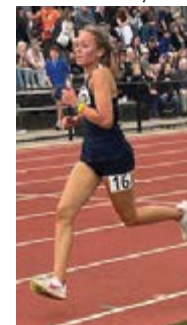
**Wednesday April 16th** in South Haven it was a chilly mid 40's Day. This did not keep our lady Tigers from setting 19 PR's and coming home with dual meet wins against both South Haven and Bidgean. They Defeated South Haven 100-32 and Bridgman 95.33-37.67. The highlight of the evening was **Daisy Estrada** smashing Gobles' school record in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.34. The old record was 12.8 set in 2013 by **Kim Barber**. The very next race was a close one with the Gobles team of **Olivia Platt, Ellie Wood, Ava DeYoung, and Madison Cooley** coming out on top with a 4x200 relay victory by 0.1 seconds. Overall we won 11 of the 17 events.



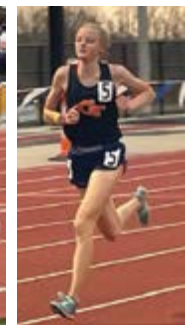
Daisy Estrada 100 Meters



Madison Cooley 400 Meter 3rd Place



Lauren Shaffer 1600m PR



Libby Smith 3200 Meters 3rd Place



Libby & Madison with their Plaques.

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**GRAND OPENING**  
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## Lizel's Liquidations & Thrift Store Opens May 1st

Lizel and Scot Granke are starting a new venture in their life, Lizel's Liquidations and Thrift Store. It is located at 102 S. State St, Gobles, MI 4955.

We are a recently married couple, only 3 years. Lizel is from the Philippines and has been in the US for almost 2 years. She is from a small village, Cagayan Valley. She enjoys the American lifestyle and even likes the winter snow. She decided to start Lizel's Liquidations because, Scot, her husband enjoys auctions. He accumulated enough to fill the store at least 3 times.

Scot is a Bangor native. His mom and dad owned the Bangor Tastee Freez for over 20 years, from the 1960's to the 80's. Prior to this venture he was a special education teacher at Paw Paw Middle School.

I love auctions and storage Liquidations. The mystery of



what you are getting in a storage unit is so surprising that I want to dive right in and dig through it to find treasures. Lizel enjoys the newer items and buys pallets to liquidate. The thrill of the unknown causes her to smile and want more.

Lizel's Liquidations has both new and used items. We also have a few vintage items, knock

knacks, Collectibles, household goods, jewelry, toys and tools. As our sign says we have something for EVERYONE!!!

We welcome you to stop by and shop or just stop in for a free cup of coffee and popcorn and just say hello. Stop in often, our inventory changes constantly.

We also take donations and put a portion of the profits back into the community. Keep us in mind!

***Our GRAND OPENING is MAY 1st.***

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**Tuesday - Sunday, 10am - 6pm**

