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THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL! 2021 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT
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THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL! 2020 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT
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SALE PRICED > \$22,994 \$355 mo

2018 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4
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2018 BUICK ENCLAVE ESSENCE FWD
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SALE PRICED > \$29,994 \$469 mo

2022 GMC TERRAIN SLE AWD
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2020 FORD ECOSPORT TITANIUM
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2014 FORD FOCUS SE
 Nice, economical, fun to drive sedan.
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2017 NISSAN PATHFINDER SV
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TIGERS

Gobles 2023 Winter Sports

Tiger Middle School Wrestling



Referee raises the arm of Cole Ringel in victory. Ringel and six other Tigers were undefeated. The team earned 24 wins altogether.

Tigers earn 25 wins in South Haven

Tigers Middle School wrestling attack left South Haven with 24 Wins. 16 were by Pin and 1 by Tech Fall). Leading the attack were Justin Gibson, Brennan Bradford, Danny Timms, Bryce Doorlag, Hunter Piper, Cole Ringel, and Finn Carlin. Each of them went undefeated Thursday night.

Tiger Varsity Basketball



Defense clicks in Homecoming win

Tonight was homecoming for the young Tigers and over the last 2 and a half games coming into tonight, we have really started to click on the defensive end. The chemistry of the team really started to come into place tonight and we had 21 team steals, and didn't allow second chance opportunities.

This was the best team effort we've come up with to date. We played unselfish basketball, and everyone was more worried about making the right play or rotation. We've won 3 of our last 4 and we will look to keep the momentum going next week. Gobles - 45 Martin - 21

Tristan Harbaugh - 16 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals

Aden Newberry - 10 points

Tony Lisowski - 6 points, 6 steals

Xavier Wilkes - 6 points, 6 rebounds

Tiger Varsity Wrestling



By Coach Erin Carlin • Feb. 3, 2023



Gobles Tiger wrestler, Jose Boger, right, gets statement win in post-season.

Young wrestlers shine in post-season

Tigers Varsity Wrestlers finished the regular season with a disappointing loss to Delton Kellogg. In the end, it was the youngest wrestlers who set the tone for post-season play. Jose Boger, Devin Doorlag, and Colton Colingsworth all stepped off the mat with statement wins.

From Coach Scott Sherrrod: Feb. 7, 2023

Strong efforts not enough to beat Allegan

We played alright offensively tonight when we weren't hurried by the press that Allegan kept on throughout the entire contest. Both their 2-2-1 and man full court press made us uncomfortable at times. When we played controlled basketball in the 3rd with our best against theirs, we played close to even scoring 16 and allowing 22.

Tristan Harbaugh had another strong performance tonight, and his offense was complemented by Tony in the first half, then Aden in the 2nd. We turn our sights to Delton-Kellogg this Friday where we look to continue build for the district tournament. Gobles - 40 Allegan - 71

Tristan Harbaugh - 20 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals

Aden Newberry - 7 points, 7 rebounds

Tony Lisowski - 7 points

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The Arlington Township Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 1st, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Ave., Bangor MI 49013, where the Planning Commission will consider a special use request in relation to recreational and primitive campgrounds listed in Section 3.09 of the Arlington Township Zoning Ordinance 2020-02 for parcel number 80-03-012-012-00 located at 46311 28th Ave owned by Krzysztof (Kris) Granat, 46311 28th Ave, South Haven, MI 49090.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and comment on the request. Comments may also be provided to the Planning Commission by mail to 52022 34th Ave Bangor, MI 49013 or by e-mail to mbutler@alliedmechanical.com and supervisor@arlingtontownship.com. Persons in need of special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact the Township by noon on March 1st at 269-427-7300

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The Arlington Township Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 1st, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Ave., Bangor MI 49013, where the Planning Commission will consider an application for a special use permit for parcel number 80-03-006-012-10 located at 56690 28th Ave owned by High Power Farms LLC, owned by Jill Cowens, 1010 W. New Circle Rd, Lexington, KY 40511.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and comment on the request. Comments may also be provided to the Planning Commission by mail to 52022 34th Ave Bangor, MI 49013 or by e-mail to mbutler@alliedmechanical.com and supervisor@arlingtontownship.com. Persons in need of special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact the Township by 12:00pm on March 1st at 269-427-7300

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DROP-OFF BATTERY RECYCLING STATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT:

- Hartford Public Library
- Paw Paw District Library
- South Haven Senior Services Center
- Van Buren Conservation District Office
- Van Buren District Library (VBDL)
- Antwerp Sunshine Library
- VBDL Bangor Branch Library
- VBDL Covert Branch Library
- VBDL Lawrence Branch Library
- VBDL Webster Memorial Branch Library

While dropping off your batteries for recycling, check out your local library and all the services they provide! Open a book, sign up for a variety of activities, or learn a new skill.

FIRE SAFETY

For fire safety, each battery recycling location has supplies, like tape and anti-static bags, available for use. It is recommended that large batteries (anything bigger than a AA battery) have the battery ends taped for transporting. Anti-static bags are available for packing batteries. We welcome you to grab a bag to take home, fill, and bring back to a battery recycling station. Instructions for safely recycling your batteries are at every battery recycling station.

WHY RECYCLE BATTERIES?

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OTHER RECYCLING SERVICES

The Van Buren Conservation District also offers electronic recycling at two year-round collection sites! Take items such as laptops, TVs, and other assorted electronics that take batteries or have cords for free, drop-off recycling. Visit Lakeview Community Thrift Shop at 1000 E. Michigan Ave in Paw Paw, MI or South Haven Senior Services Center at 8337 M-140 HWY South Haven, MI. Check out our website for more information at VanBurenCD.org or call our office at 269-657-4030 x5!

Looking for options to recycle other items? Check out our A-Z resource list on our website for local resources at VanBurenCD.org/recycling-resources/

Recycling events and services are funded through the Van Buren Conservation District Operations millage; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy grants; and in partnership with Van Buren County and local municipalities.

<p>JOURNEY FAMILY CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday Services: 9am and 11am 514 W. Van Buren St. Gobles, MI 49055</p>	<p>GO TIGERS!</p> <p>LANDSCAPE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS</p> <p>J. Gilbert Landscapes, LLC</p> <p>269-217-4830</p>	<p>Samuel Mancino's</p> <p>ITALIAN EATERY</p> <p>269-628-2814</p> <p>407 S. State St. • Gobles</p> <p>Open Mon-Thurs 11 am-10 pm Fri-Sat 11 am-11 pm • Sun 11 am-9 pm</p>	<p>NEIGHBORS HOUSE</p> <p>Bar & grill</p> <p>208 S. State St. • Gobles, MI</p>	<p>TIGER POWER!</p> <p>Stan's Yard & Sport</p> <p>215 S. State Street Gobles, MI 269-628-1111</p>	<p>MILLER</p> <p>D.L. Miller Funeral Home Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloomingdale: 521-3121 • Gobles: 628-2852 • Bangor: 427-7551
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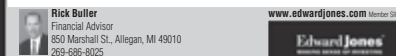
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Or be mailed to: Bloomingdale Township, P.O. Box 11, Bloomingdale, MI 49026. All bids must be received no later than March 3, 2023. The board has the right to reject any or all bids.



JV Boys Basketball

From Coach Alexander: Feb. 3, 2023

Vikings lose to Hartford

Last night the Bangor JV Boys Basketball team played Hartford and lost. Our next game is Tuesday against White Pigeon @ 6 pm.

From Coach Alexander: Feb. 3, 2023

JV Boys lose to White Pigeon

Last night the Bangor JV Boys Basketball team played White Pigeon and lost.

Varsity Boys Basketball

From Coach Linderman: Feb. 8, 2023

White Pigeon beats Varsity

Bangor Varsity Boys' Basketball lost a tough game 55-50 last night at White Pigeon. The Vikings led for most of the game but couldn't hold on in the 4th Quarter. Senior guard Jeffrey Howell led all scorers with 22 points, while senior guard Artavius Jackson hit 4 threes to finish with 12. Sophomores forwards Tyler Caruso and Liam Mortensen added 7 and 5 for the Vikings. Bangor takes on Decatur this Friday at home. Come out and support your Vikings.

Middle School Girls Basketball

From Coach Remington & Smith: Feb. 9, 2023

Girls show stronger teamwork

Our 7th and 8th-grade girls traveled to Bloomingdale last night. The 7th-grade team moved the ball around much better but could not get their shots to fall and ended up losing in overtime. The 8th-grade team showed a lot of hustle and determination but also fell short of a victory.

Varsity Wrestling

From Coach Ben Munoz: Feb. 6, 2023

SWC Tournament results

Varsity wrestlers competed at the Southwest 10 Conference Tournament on Saturday at Bangor High School. Congratulations to the following on placing:

- Aiden Muñoz (2nd Place @ 113)
- Fernando Muñoz (3rd Place @ 132)
- Jaiden Horvath (2nd Place @ 138)
- Daniel Adams (4th Place @ 144)
- Ethan Abbott (2nd Place @ 157)
- Henry Beelen (2nd Place @ 215)
- Zach Hayes (3rd Place @ 285)

The team next competes at team districts in Gobles on Wednesday at 6 pm.

From Coach Ben Munoz: Feb. 9, 2023

Vikings split in Districts

The wrestling team traveled to Gobles last night for the team districts. Where we defeated Bloomingdale in the first round but came up short in the championship against Martin. Aiden Muñoz, Henry Beelen, and Zachary Hayes won two matches each. On Saturday the team travels to Schoolcraft for the individual districts.



JV Girls Basketball

From Coach Luter's Sports Desk: Feb. 8, 2023

JV Girls lose despite effort

The JV Lady Vikes hosted White Pigeon last night in a conference matchup. The Lady Vikes fell behind early in the game and had a hard time coming back. Izzy Marfia led the team in scoring with 10. We are back in action Thursday night in Decatur.

Competitive Cheer

From Coach Brittany Marbut: Feb. 6, 2023

Div. 4: Girls take first place

Bangor Middle School Competitive Cheer took home 1st place in Division 4 at the Giant Invitational hosted by Kalamazoo Central. Both rounds made large improvements from our last competition, earning the girls a 50-point gain in their overall score. We will be at Delton Kellogg next Saturday 2/11 start time is 9 am.

Bangor Varsity Cheer competed in their 2nd competition at Portage Central. The team had many improvements in all three rounds. They had an overall raw score improvement of 139.66. They will be competing Monday in Berrien Springs at 6 pm.

From Coach Brittany Marbut: Feb. 7, 2023

Varsity Girls take 2nd Place

Bangor Varsity Competitive Cheer took 2nd place last night at the Rock the House Invitational in Berrien Springs. This team continues to work hard and received a new Round 3 high score. Our next meet is Wednesday in Dowagiac at 6 pm.

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CARDINALS

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Boys Basketball
On Friday, the Boys Basketball team hosted Decatur in the third game of a triple header which also included JV boys and Varsity Girls. The contest was closely contested for most of the game, but Decatur pulled away in the end, winning 61-47.

Girls Basketball
Girls Youth Basketball Night
On Friday, during halftime of the Girls Varsity game, we honored our Junior Lady Cardinals. Youth players were announced to the crowd and received their participation certificate for the season.

Middle School Girls Basketball
The 7th grade Cardinals basketball took a loss against Decatur on Monday. Although it was a loss, the ladies showed multiple wins in the second half of the game as they came together and showed teamwork, hustle and drive. Cadence Williams led the team in points as well as being a strength in defense!



Your 8th grade Lady Cardinals continued to stay hot this week, worked hard and tallied up two more wins, continuing their win streak and keeping the title of being undefeated. The Cardinals traveled to Mendon last Wednesday with a 45-9 victory over the Hornets. The Lady Cardinals worked together as a team on and off the court, which made this win really special. Bailey Allison was leading scorer on the night with 16 points while Emily Latham tallied up 15 points. Other scorers on the night were Kylie King with 7, Arianna Pacheco with 4, and Evalyn Hegelmann with 3.

Wrestling

Middle School Wrestling
The middle school wrestling team traveled to Gull Lake on Saturday to compete in an individual tournament that included 20 schools and over 400 participants. The Cardinals had another strong day of competition with 7 wrestlers placing in the top 4 in their weight classes. Nick Menzel was the leading wrestler taking home first place. Other wrestlers taking home medals were: Heath Bigelow, Daisy Bigelow, Kholby Armijo, Tony Leal, Leo Reyes and Jacob Gibson.

Kallie Harrison Honored
On Friday, Bloomingtondale presented Kallie Harrison with a ball commemorating Harrison's 1,000+ career points. The presentation took place during halftime of the boys varsity game. Kallie is a 2021 graduate of Bloomingtondale High School, was first team All-State her senior year, and currently plays on Western Michigan University's Women's Basketball Team.

After a long weekend, your Lady Cardinals were back in action against the Decatur Raiders and defeated the Raiders 44-5. Bailey Allison led the way with 22 points. Emily Latham also was in double digits with 10 points. Both Kylie King and Evalyn Hegelmann added 6 points. As the season goes on the 8th grade team continues to become a stronger unit. With each week, game, and practice they continue to build not only as individuals but as a team. We are all super excited for what the second half of the season holds.



Varsity Girls Basketball
Last week Tuesday, the Lady Cardinals played away at Comstock, securing another win for their season with a final score of 78-32. Contributions included Andrea Robinson with 21 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals, followed by Quinn Kelly with 19 points and 6 assists, and Sophomore Gretchen Hutchins with 14 points and 6 rebounds. Later in the week, the cardinals defeated the Decatur Raiders 54-27. Quinn Kelly led offensively with 24 points, while Junior Yulissa Perales and Freshman Natalie Gumpert dominated the boards!

Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game
On Monday night the high school kicked off its Winterfest activities with the first ever Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game. Proceeds from this game benefited the sophomore class (2025). We played two games, with the staff taking game one. The students rallied to win game two. With the score tied after two games, the event was settled with a dizzy bat breaker which the students won.

Varsity Wrestling
The Varsity Wrestling team competed in the Southwest 10 Conference tournament in Bangor on Saturday. The Cardinals wrestled well against tough competition. Stephos Georgiou was the team's lone player, taking 4th place in the 285 lb weight class.



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BLOOMINGDALE ELEMENTARY

Carnival of Force & Motion!

The carnival came to Bloomingdale Elementary...that is the FORCE and MOTION carnival! Almost 200 attended to come and play the games that our talented families designed and created. It was so fun to see our families come together and just have a night of fun and science! This was all made possible by the amazing Miss Morehead.



Hot Chocolate Party

Our exceptional student council awarded the whole school with an awesome hot chocolate party for completing the NWEA testing! The student council was able to provide our students with such a wonderful treat by the proceeds from the after school movie showing of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Their goal is to do some fundraisers to help treat our students with more surprise treats during the school year! We are so proud of how our students want to support one another's success!



Snow-Flakes Singing and Dancing

It was the most wonderful time of the year for our Kindergarten and First grade students. After months of practice, our little Cardinals put on a snowflake spectacular performance! They danced and sang their little hearts out!



Grinch tries to steal Cardinal Pride

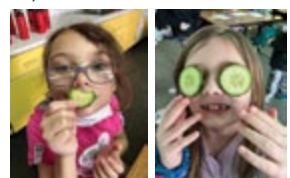
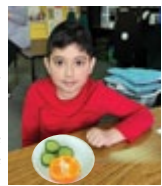
The Grinch tried to steal our Cardinal PRIDE but after seeing all of our amazing students hard at work, his heart GREW! So much so that he actually started to hug our students and made a new friend with one of Santa's reindeer! After his visit, our student council hosted a movie night of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*! It was one of many fundraisers that our student council has planned!



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Project Lean

Our students have been enjoying having Project Lean come in to provide lessons and activities on how to eat healthily. Project Lean is a program that is provided by the Van Buren Intermediate School District. They provide instruction on how to be healthy with nutritious snacks and how to get good physical activity. The students really enjoy their time with the Project Lean instructor.



Story Walk

Beautiful Pullman has created a Story Walk here at Pullman Elementary. It officially opened on Friday, December 9. Mrs. Tuinstra's class was the first to read the story.

The Story Walk was built for anyone to enjoy. It is an opportunity for families to be outside, get some fresh air and exercise and read a story all at the same time. The story will be changed periodically. It is open to the public outside of school hours.



Employees of the Month



January 2023
Kindergarten teacher: Jennifer Huff (right) and Instructional paraprofessional: Mandy Jewett (left)

Jennifer has been working for over 20 years as a Kindergarten teacher. She works diligently daily to ensure her students are learning academic skills, social-emotional skills, and behavior skills at a high level. Jennifer works well with her co-workers to support others' needs.

Mandy does an excellent job supporting all of the teachers she works with. She ensures that all of the students she works with are getting the best education possible.

2nd Grade Explores Space Via a Virtual Field Trip

The 2nd grade students at Pullman Elementary recently received a grant to take part in a virtual field trip through the Space Foundation Discovery Center of Colorado Springs, CO. In preparation for the special event, students learned about space by reading many books about different parts of our solar system.



When it was time for the virtual field trip, we made a zoom call and enjoyed a presentation called A Tour Through the Solar System. The presenter had a 3D sphere with projectors and was able to give the students great information about our planets and sun and also show images on the sphere to answer their questions. It was a fantastic learning experience and the students were talking about space for days following the presentation.

Cardinal PRIDE

At Pullman Elementary, we emphasize Cardinal PRIDE. We teach students behavioral expectations across all locations in the school with a focus on showing Cardinal PRIDE in each location. PRIDE stands for:

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- Effort

Kindergarten earned over 5,000 PRIDE points in the month of January and earned popsicles.



Grant for Decodable Readers

Pullman Elementary has received the Midwest Energy & Communications Strengthening Schools Grant for \$2,356. This grant will be used to purchase decodable readers from High Noon Books for students to practice and improve their reading. We are very excited to receive this grant and these high quality, wonderful books! The more children read, the better readers they will become.



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January Star Students of the Month



Back row: Andy Gutierrez, Alex Lagunes, Cain Jacobo-Hernandez, Gianni Cardona, Armando Cardona, Joel Suarez-Gallardo. Front row: Cielo Perales, Marel Salazar, Cheyanne Caldwell, Tucker Wendt, Andrea Garcia-Morales, Ailyn Carrasco.



Promoting Good Attendance All Winter Long

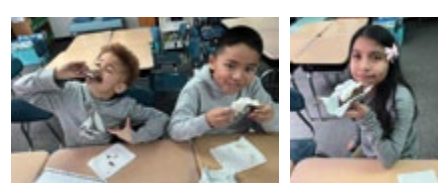
Every winter, bad weather — snow, slush, freezing temperatures or even heavy rains — can present challenges to getting children to school. So do the illnesses such as colds, flu, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months. Students might also have to stay home due to Covid-19.

- Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather.
 - Check to see who can give your children a ride to school if you aren't able to take them or the bus doesn't arrive.
 - Talk with your school about forming a "walking school bus" with other families to get students to school safely.
 - Contact your local government if roads to school are not regularly plowed.
 - Join other families to clear snow from the sidewalks closest to the school.
 - Tell school administrators about transportation challenges, including safety, and ask if they have plans for transporting students.
- Keep your children healthy.
 - Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
 - Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning or check to see if your school serves breakfast.
 - Ensure your children visit their medical provider and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid.
 - Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.
 - Reinforce the importance of avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick, and not sharing cups and/or utensils with others.
 - If your children seem anxious about going to school, ask teachers, school counselors, your medical provider and parents for advice on how to make your children feel comfortable and excited about learning.
 - If you are concerned your children may have Covid, call your medical provider or school nurse for advice.
- Keep your children engaged in learning if they cannot attend school in person.
 - Ask your teacher or school for resources that you can use at home to keep your children learning, including computer tablets, internet access and online learning platforms.
 - Identify who can support your children's learning at home, especially if you must go to work.
 - Encourage your children to call classmates and stay connected to the teacher to find out about what they missed.

To learn more about attendance and strategies that make a difference visit www.attendanceworks.org

Attendance Challenge

Throughout the school year, we have emphasized the importance of attendance. Our motto is, "If you're not at school you miss out!" We are tracking the average attendance rate for each grade level daily and rewarding the grade level with the highest average attendance rate. The 3rd grade students had 95% attendance for January and were rewarded with yummy ice cream treats! The February challenge is on now!



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

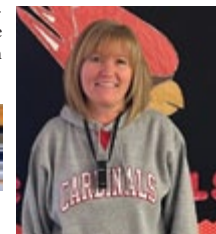
Math Nation

Two of my Geometry students won \$25 gift cards through their participation in the Math Nation program. To be eligible to win, the student must finish a chapter in the textbook, then complete the Chapter Test with a passing score. Their name is then entered into a drawing. The winners of the drawing for this quarter were CJ Chaffee and Angelo Maciel. Well done, you excellent math students! Keep up the good work!



Teachers and Staff of the Month

January Teacher & Staff of the Month

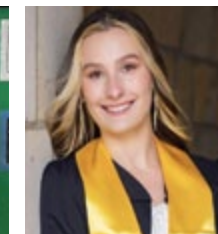


Mrs. Shawna Crain has shown great leadership with the new staff on the seventh grade team and has very strong classroom practices. Mr. Pfeiffer, an assistant principal at Bloomingdale Middle and High School, had a conversation with a student of hers from last school year and he expressed, "I did not realize it at the time, but now I see that Mrs. Crain is a great teacher because she cares about her students and holds us accountable. She is strict because she wants us to be successful." Shawna believes that all students can learn and all students should be held to high expectations!



Mr. Lance Flynn brings a positive energy everyday which is life-giving to our students. Lance's dedication to our athletic program stems from his desire to help our male student athletes mature into respectable young men. This past fall Lance was the head coach of the middle school football team. This winter he was the head coach of the seventh grade boys' basketball team. For this spring, he will be the head coach of the varsity boys' baseball team. Mr. Flynn does a phenomenal job of creating an engaging environment inside the classroom and in the nature of sports.

Welcome Hannah Felty



Ms. Hannah Felty is our new school counselor! She is a Bloomingdale alumnus who graduated in 2018. Ms. Felty graduated from the University of Michigan in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology - Law, Justice, and Social Change. She is currently completing a Master of Education in school counseling in PK-12 at Grand Valley State University. Ms. Felty brings professional experiences as a Michigan Research and Discovery Scholar, and her leadership roles at the Center for Campus Involvement Leadership, and the Student Academic Success Center. Ms. Felty brings an understanding about how to use quantitative and qualitative research methods, one-on-one or small group collaboration, and university and/or community partnerships to improve student academic success.

Ms. Felty has unique leadership experiences that she will bring to Bloomingdale Middle and High School and we couldn't be more excited! She is a positive addition to our school team!

February 2023

Harry Rawson - Employee of the Month for Support Group

Harry is a dedicated worker that has a great attendance record. He is dependable and communicative. He checks in with me on any concerns he may have or observations. Harry works well within a group structure and cares about the Bloomingdale Public School's image as a district. He is always a willing worker and helper.

Gary Rutherford - Employee of the Month for Transportation

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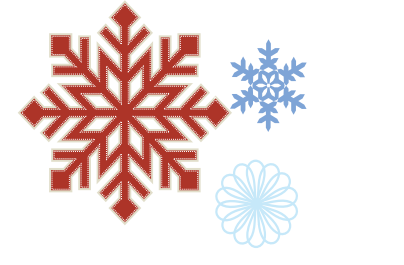
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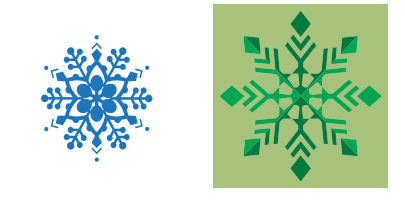


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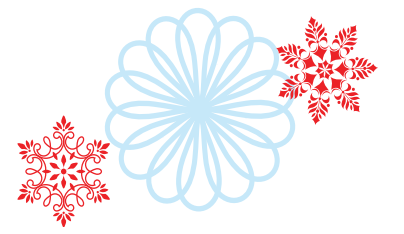


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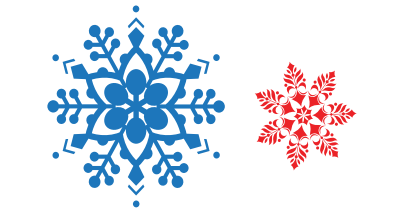
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CITY OF BANGOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday March 7th at 8:30 am

Appeal Hearings- Tuesday, March 14th 9am-noon and 1-4pm
Appeal Hearings- Wednesday March 15th 9am-noon
Appeal Hearings- Thursday March 16th 6-9pm
Letters must be received by 4pm March 16th.

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 4:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2023, 9:00 am to Noon and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 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.apglc@gmail.com for further information. Letter appeals will be accepted and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 15, 2023. Address listed below.

TENTATIVE RATIOS AND ESTIMATED MULTIPLIERS FOR 2023 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Agricultural	45.68%	1.0946
Commercial	48.52%	1.0305
Industrial	46.46%	1.0762
Residential	43.27%	1.1555
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION FACTOR OF 1.000 FOR ALL CLASSES IS EXPECTED AFTER COMPLETION OF BOARD OF REVIEW.

Don Smith, 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
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GOBLES CITY 2023 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 105 E. Main St., Gobles, Michigan 49055, to examine and review the 2023 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 7, 2023, 6:00 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023, 9:00 am to Noon and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 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 21, 2023. Address listed below. Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2023 are as follows:

Agricultural	47.27%	1.0578
Commercial	44.97%	1.1119
Industrial	50.00%	1.0000
Residential	48.10%	1.0395
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Ben Brousseau, Assessor Gobles City

Gobles City Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven-(7) days' notice to Gobles City. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Gobles City by writing or calling.

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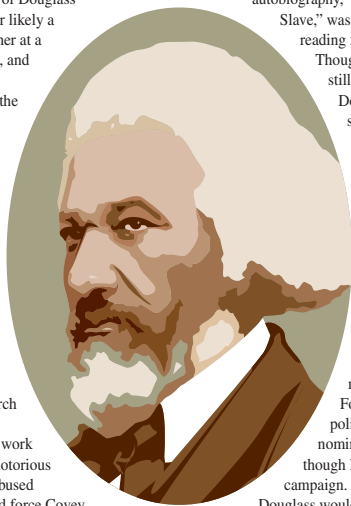
Black History Month

Influential and inspirational figures abound throughout African-American history. One of the more famous such figures is the abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass, who was born into slavery but would grow up to become a noted intellectual and ardent supporter of causes ranging from the abolition of slavery to women's rights to Irish rule. Born in Talbot County, Maryland around 1818 (the exact year of Douglass' birth is unknown), Douglass' mother was a slave and his father likely a white plantation owner. Douglass was separated from his mother at a very young age, a practice that was not uncommon at the time, and sent to live with his maternal grandmother, Betty Bailey. That arrangement did not last long, as Douglass was soon living in the home of a white plantation owner, who may or may not have been Douglass' father.

Douglass eventually found himself living in Baltimore with Hugh and Sophia Auld, the latter of whom would begin to teach the young Frederick Douglass the alphabet, ignoring the ban on teaching slaves. Though Hugh Auld would object to his wife teaching a slave child and demand she stop, the limited exposure to reading and writing had been enough to stir Douglass, who would learn to read and write from white children in the neighborhood and by teaching himself. Once Douglass learned to read, he became an avid reader, reading newspapers and political writings that would help shape his anti-slavery stance in the years to come. In addition, Douglass would use his literacy to help other slaves follow in his footsteps, teaching them to read and write at a weekly church service.

In 1833, Douglass was taken from Hugh Auld and returned to work for Thomas Auld, who would send the teenaged Douglass to notorious "slave-breaker" Edward Covey, who routinely and viciously abused Douglass until a physical confrontation between the two would force Covey to stop abusing Douglass once and for all.

In 1838, desperate to flee slavery, Douglass finally succeeded in doing so on his third



FREDERICK DOUGLASS AN INTEGRAL FIGURE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

attempt, when he escaped on a train using a false identification with the help of a woman named Anna Murray, who would soon become Douglass' wife. The couple would eventually settle in Massachusetts, where Douglass would become heavily involved in the abolitionist movement, sharing his story. In 1845, Douglass' first autobiography, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave," was published and became a bestseller. The book remains required reading for many of today's high school students.

Though the book was a success, Douglass' status as a runaway slave still put him in danger of being recaptured, a reality that forced Douglass to depart for Ireland, where he would spend two years speaking of the ills of slavery. Douglass also frequently spoke in England, where a group of his supporters collected funds to purchase his freedom. By 1847, Douglass was a free man and returned to the United States.

Upon his return to the United States, Douglass became even more heavily involved in the abolitionist movement, producing abolitionist newspapers and supporting women's rights.

With the arrival of the Civil War, Douglass had risen to a level of such prominence that he consulted with President Abraham Lincoln, who still did not earn the famed abolitionist's vote in 1864 election because of Lincoln's unwillingness to publicly endorse suffrage for freed black men.

Following the war, Douglass was appointed to numerous political positions, even becoming the first African-American nominated for the vice presidency of the United States in 1872, though Douglass had no knowledge of the nomination and did not campaign.

Douglass would pass away in 1895, leaving behind an enduring legacy that remains one of the more inspiring and influential tales in American history.

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Sealed proposals for this project will be received and publicly opened at the Facilities Office, Gobles Middle School/High School, 409 N. State St., Gobles, MI 49055 on Friday, March 3rd, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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Gobles Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; reserves the right to award the contract to the bidding entity other than the low bid entity; reserves all rights granted to it by law; and reserves the right to waive formalities as its interest may require.

NOTICE

2023 Geneva Township Board of Review will meet: Mon., Mar 13 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thurs., Mar 16, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sat, Mar 18, 2023 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. Or via email: geneva8009@yahoo.com Poverty Exemption Guidelines & Application available by calling: 427-7607

2023 Taxable Value increase is 5.0%.

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, email: geneva8009@yahoo.com. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids/services call 269-427-7607.

Poet

Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards. Wikipedia

Physician.....

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