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February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month! CTE provides opportunities for students to explore careers, gain real-world skills, and find a path to a career they are passionate about. Did you know? Students who are enrolled in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate from high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.

Van Buren Tech offers 25 programs for students to explore the path that leads to college and career. Van Buren Tech is sharing in the stories of leadership and excellence from our community and raising awareness of the crucial role that CTE has in readying our students for careers and our nation for economic success.

National Technical Honor Society

The National Technical Honor Society is an educational non-profit that exists to honor, recognize, and empower students in Career & Technical Education. As the honor society for Career & Technical Education, NTHS serves over 100,000 active members annually in both secondary and postsecondary chapters across the country. Students are invited to join NTHS based on the following criteria: 3.0 overall GPA at home school, recommendation from school for outstanding character, and must be successful in their current CTE program. On Tuesday, February 14, Van Buren Tech inducted over 114 new members into the National Technical Honor Society and honored our record breaking number of 101 second year members. Second year members led the induction ceremony and welcomed the new members. Congratulations to all of Van Buren Tech's NTHS members!



Principal Meet & Greet

Van Buren Tech hosted a special luncheon and meet & greet with local principals. The Culinary Arts & Catering Management program served a plated Mediterranean meal with hand-crafted chocolate covered strawberries and homemade cookies. After lunch, the principals took a tour of our high tech facilities and then participated in a speed educating event hosted by VBT students. Thank you to all of the principals who came out to support our students and for being a part of Van Buren Tech.





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4. Must be pursuing a degree in a non-healthcare profession

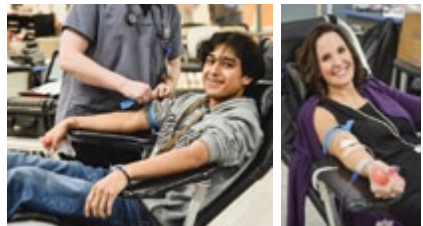
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Scholarship

Allied Health

Patients across Michigan need blood to win their battle with Cancer, Sickle Cell, and other blood related diseases. That's why the Allied Health program at Van Buren Tech hosted a blood drive to help save lives! Allied Health staff & students worked with Versiti Blood Centers and together they are making a difference in our communities. Thank you to the staff and students who participated and donated blood.



Cadet Teacher Academy

Makala Latham and Justin Hemenway are both students in the Cadet Teacher Academy (CTA) program at Van Buren Tech. The CTA program at Van Buren Tech participates in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), where students are challenged to develop ideas and projects that will make a difference in their communities by addressing important societal issues. Latham & Hemenway have created a nonprofit, called M.U.S.I.C., through FCCLA and their CTA program. They are raising money at their local high school in Decatur, MI for band instruments, repairs, and money to support students who would like to be in band but cannot afford it.

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2023 Winter Sports BANGOR VIKINGS

Varsity Wrestling

From Coach Ben Muñoz: Feb. 13, 2023
Four wrestlers advance to Regionals at Mendon

Congratulations to the following wrestlers on advancing to Regionals this weekend at Mendon. Aiden Muñoz, Fernando Muñoz, Henry Beelen and Zachary Hayes. All four wrestlers got 2nd place.

JV Girls Basketball

From Coach Luter: Feb. 10, 2023
Two late free throws win game for lady Vikings

Last night, JV Lady Vikings took on Decatur in a Conference match-up. After being defeated by the Raiders in our first contest, we were hoping to tighten our defense and bounce back. Kylie Withey knocked down two key free throws late in the fourth quarter to secure our win by a score of 24-22.

Kylie Withey and Isabel Marfia were leading scorers with 7 points each, while Cadence Mitchel chipped in 6 points. Leslie Andrade-Leon gave us great minutes while others were in foul trouble. It was a great team win!

Bangor - 24 Decatur - 22

Competitive Cheer

From Coach Sarah Briley: Feb. 13, 2023
Varsity cheer squad has season-high finish

Bangor Varsity Competitive Cheer finished their season with a bang at Delton Kellogg on Saturday. They improved their Round 1 score by 15 points. They ended with season-high scores for Rounds 1 and 2 and an overall season-high Total Raw Score. The team made so many improvements this year. Coach Briley is proud of all they have endured finishing strong. #bangorsback

From Coach Brittany Marbut: Feb. 13, 2023
Middle School Cheer takes second place at Panther Open

From Coach Brittany Marbut: Middle School cheer took second place at the Delton Kellogg Panther Open. The girls had a great season improvement and I'm so proud of their accomplishments. Team awards are Monday 2/13 at 6 pm in the Middle School library.

I look forward to the sideline and competitive season next year. Thank you to everyone for all the support this season!



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Thomas "Dale" Estes

Thomas "Dale" Estes, 77, of South Haven, Michigan passed away on February 12, 2023, at Bronson Hospital surrounded by his wife and daughters. Dale was born on April 11, 1945, in Manila, Arkansas to parents Edna Belle (nee Thomas) and Gilbert Guy Estes.

He graduated from Hartford High School in 1963. Dale was drafted into the Army in 1965, where he proudly served his country as a Combat Medic in Vietnam until 1967. He was elected as Commander of the American Legion Post 49 in 1970. Dale was employed at South Haven Rubber Company for over 40 years until his retirement in 2005.

Dale was a loving husband, father, Papa, uncle, and friend. He loved bowling, playing cards, and most of all spending time with his family. In 1974, Dale married Rita Hewitt. During this union, he gained a step-daughter, Barb, and welcomed two daughters, Diane, and Deanna. Dale and Rita divorced in 1994. In 2000, Dale married Ruth Goodrode (nee Cisco). Ruth brought 4 adult children, Marie, Patrick, Katherine, and Julie into this union.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (nee Cisco), daughters Diane (Keith) Duell, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Deanna (Terry Shaver) Estes, of South Haven, Michigan, grandchildren, Danielle Shaver, Kassidy, and Kylin Duell, his 5 step-children, 6 step grandsons, step granddaughter and 2 step great granddaughters, and sisters, Faye (Brad) Waldrop and Sharon Asaro, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Mae Linderman, Treva Montgomery, Boyd Estes, and Jean Burlingham. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will take place at a future date. In lieu of flowers, Dale requested that donations be made to the South Haven American Legion.

TOWNSHIP OF PINE GROVE

2023 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 26520 C.R. 388, Kendall, MI 49062, 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, veteran's exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

- 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, 2022, 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
The township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Pine Grove Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Pine Grove Township by writing or calling.
Michelle Meert
Pine Grove Township Clerk
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SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2023

- PRESENT:** Stein, Wiatrowski, Lewandowski, Bertorelli, and Kiry
 - ABSENT:** DeGrandchamp and Fisher
 - Minutes from January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting were accepted as presented.
 - Reports were received from Sgt DeBoer from SHPD, & Gail Gladney from VB County Commission.
 - The Agenda was approved with an addition of 8B. New Business
 - A Representative from Bloomingdale Communications was in attendance to discuss expanding services in the Township and requesting funds to help support this expansion.
 - The Affordable Housing had no new information.
 - More suggestions were offered for the Township's STR Ordinance.
 - Motion to appoint Cindi Compton as an alternate to the Board of Review.
 - Motion to show support for LMC Business Hub grant application.
 - Reports from committees were reviewed and received. W.C. Askew gave a report from Van Buren County Road Commission and Jean Stein reported for the Library.
 - Motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$152,016.25.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted, Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

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Bids must be received no later than February 28, 2023

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

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Pastor Brett Champion

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All students will demonstrate continuous growth towards academic skills and knowledge components of the District curriculum.



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All students will practice and personally develop the 5 Social-Emotional (SEL) Core Competencies of self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, social awareness and relationship skills.



Kindness, Respect & Safety

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Community Connections

We will foster connections among our schools and the community to increase authentic learning opportunities for students and improve civic engagement.



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Shady Brook is looking for a Grounds Keep to maintain both the Park and Campground. This is a part-time position, 5/10 hours a week. Please respond/apply by March 10, 2023. Job would start: April 1, 2023 thru the Month of October 31, 2023. If interested, please contact the Township Clerks Office for additional information. (269) 521-3800 ext. 3.



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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.

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TIGERS

Gobles 2023 Winter Sports

Tiger Varsity Basketball

From Coach Scott Sherrod: Feb. 10, 2023


Timid play costs Tigers basketball game

We struggled to put the ball through the hoop tonight and for the majority of the game we reverted to our early season form of timid play. I'm glad we get another chance at them the week after next. Jack Geiger was one bright spot in the game as he led the team in scoring and was 1 rebound away from a double double.

Gobles - 28 Delton Kellogg - 49

Jack Geiger - 13 points, 9 rebounds
Tristan Harbaugh - 10 rebounds

Tiger Varsity Wrestling



From Coach Erin Carlin: Feb. 13, 2023

Future is bright for Tiger team wrestling

Tigers Wrestling is building a legacy. Last year, the Tigers had 4 wrestlers on the team. This year, the Tigers are pushing 4 wrestlers onto Regionals. Team Co-Captain, Eli DeYoung, led the way. Every time Eli stepped on the mat, he had to wrestle his opponent and injuries. Mason Mansfield stood out with an impressive combination of strength and speed, leading to a first-place finish in the District playoffs. Trenton Mansfield had to battle through arguably the toughest weight class in the district to secure his spot. Then freshman Devin Doorlag, who has been a lightning rod all year, had to battle a bracket that contained the returning State Champion, to secure his spot in the Regional Playoffs.

Mason Mansfield takes down opponent. Photo: Kathie Brown

From Coach Scott Sherrod: Feb. 14, 2023

Tigers give complete effort but fall short

We came out tonight and did everything we wanted to do except win. We missed a number of foul shots and Constantine was able to capitalize on a hot shooting night with 10 triples. Every time we seemed to take the momentum and game, they answered with a 3. All that said, the young Tiger team played very well against a much bigger and athletic Falcon team. Tristan, Aden, and Tony played very well tonight along with the other members of the team throughout the contest. We want to win 2 of the next 3 games to gain momentum going into Districts. We have been building this whole year to peak at the right time, and we'll continue to build for the tournament.

Gobles - 37 Constantine - 47

Tristan Harbaugh - 19 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals
Aden Newberry - 8 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals
Tony Lisowski - 7 point, 3 steals

From Coach Erin Carlin: Feb. 13, 2023

Gobles hosts All-Girls Wrestling event

Gobles hosted their first Middle School All-Girls Wrestling Event. In all, 29 schools from Indiana and all over Michigan were represented. 80+ Girls left everything on the mat and represented the very best of what wrestling has to offer. In the end, Gobles' own, Rosie Bowman, finished with a Silver Medal in her weight class.



Rosie Bowman wins Silver Medal

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Arlington Township NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

The Board of Review will be meeting in March to review the assessment Roll and hear appeals. All meetings will be held at the Arlington Township Hall, 52022 34th Ave, Bangor, Michigan 49013. The hearings will begin on March 14, 2022. HEARINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please contact the Arlington Township Assessor, Danielle Golembiewski by phone 269-225-9006 or by email at Franielle269@gmail.com for available appointments.

If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters to Arlington Township, 52022 34th Ave, Bangor, MI 49013. All letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. 3-14-2022

Monday March 14th 2:00pm to 5 pm 6 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday March 16th 9:00 am to 12:00pm 1 pm to 4 pm

Assessments have been adjusted to result in anticipated multipliers of 1.0000 for all classes. With "Proposal A" in effect, the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and ownership transfers, are capped at the inflation rate of 3.3% for the 2022 tax year. Taxes are based on Taxable Value. Also, note that if you should have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and this is not noted on your notice, you should contact the Assessor.

2022 Starting Ratios are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Ag:	45.03	Ag: 1.1104
Com:	50.30	Com: 0.9940
Ind:	79.79	Ind: 0.6266
Res:	45.30	Res: 1.1038

Arlington Township Assessor
Danielle Golembiewski

TOWNSHIP OF PINE GROVE 2023 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 26520 C.R. 388, Gobles, MI 49055 to examine and review the 2023 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

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.apgllc@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
The township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Pine Grove Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Pine Grove Township by writing or calling.
Michelle Meert
Pine Grove Township Clerk
26520 C.R. 388
Gobles, MI 49055

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP 2023 NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW FOR 2023 WILL BE HELD AT THE BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP HALL, 109 E. KALAMAZOO ST., BLOOMINGDALE, MI 49026 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

MARCH 7, 2023 (3:30 pm) ORGANIZATION MEETING
NO APPEALS NO APPEALS
MARCH 15, 2023 (1:00 PM – 7:30 PM) APPEAL HEARING **
MARCH 17, 2023 (1:00 PM – 7:30 PM) APPEAL HEARING **

**ALL APPEALS WILL BE HEARD BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL 269-521-3800 EXT. 4 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. BY BOARD RESOLUTION, RESIDENTS ARE ABLE TO PROTEST BY LETTER, PROVIDED PROTEST LETTER IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MARCH 15th 2023 BY 5:00 PM.

TENTATIVE RATIOS AND ESTIMATED MULTIPLIERS FOR 2023 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR	CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
*Agricultural	49.88%	1.0024	*Commercial	50.95%	0.9814
*Residential	43.75%	1.1428	*Industrial	50.87%	0.9829
*Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000			

AMERICANS 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.
Contact: Michael Richmond at 269-521-3800 ext. 4.

MICHAEL RICHMOND – ASSESSOR

Covert Public Schools NOTICE OF VACANCY

Covert Public Schools is seeking applications/letter of interest for the current vacant position on the Covert Board of Education. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position until the November 2026 election.

Individuals must submit an application/letter of interest expressing interest in the Board position to the Secretary of the Van Buren Intermediate School District Board of Education, John Faul at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 South Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, Michigan 49064 OR via email to dmanson@vbid.org no later than noon on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Application/Letter of Interest form can be found at www.vbid.org.

Following a review of the submitted materials, the Van Buren Intermediate School District Board will schedule interviews with selected candidates on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Not all applicants for the board vacancy may be interviewed. If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and the responsibilities of a Board member, please contact Yolanda Brunt, Superintendent of Covert Public Schools OR Dave Manson, Superintendent of Van Buren ISD.

TIMELINE

February 20 -March 1, 2023 Notice of vacancy advertised.

March 1, 2023 Deadline for submitting applications.

March 1-7, 2023 Board meets to review applications and hold interviews.

March 8, 2023 Board makes an appointment of the new board member.

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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
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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.


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Bloomingdale 2023 Winter Sports

CARDINALS



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Alumni Basketball Game

On Thursday, Bloomingdale hosted its first ever Alumni Basketball Game. The game featured Cardinals from the class of 1997 to 2022. This was a great event for our community, and it was awesome to see so many of our former players return to the court.



Boys Basketball

The Varsity Boys Basketball team hosted Lawrence on Friday in its Winterfest game. The Cardinals started off strong, jumping out to a 6-0 lead. The game was close at the half, but Lawrence would pull away in the 4th quarter, winning 48-69. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Curtis Ciborski and Julian Moore.



Middle School Wrestling



Congratulations to the middle school wrestling team on another strong showing Tuesday night in Bangor. The team won 13 matches, the most they have recorded in one night all year. Jonathan Guthrie, Heath Bigelow, and Leo Reyes each won one match. Nick Menzel, Tony Leal, Kholby Armijo, and Jacob Gibson each won 2 matches.

Girls Basketball

Varsity Girls

The Varsity Girls Basketball team hosted Lawrence on Friday in a SW10 matchup. The game was closely contested throughout the game. Bloomingdale was able to make some big plays late in the fourth quarter and win the game 54-51. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Quinn Kelly and Andrey Robinson. The Cardinals are now 11-5 on the season and 11-1 in SW10 Conference play. On Thursday, February 23rd, the team will host Cassopolis in the Southwest 10 Championship game.



Middle School Girls

Your 8th grade Lady Cardinals brought home two wins this past week. Your 8th Grade Lady Cardinals continue their winning streak and continue to claim the title of being undefeated. As the season goes on everyone becomes a little more comfortable and everyone gets better at something. The 8th graders beat Bangor 34-6. Evalyn Hegelmann led the team with 14 points, she really dominated down low. Bailey Allison added 12 points to the win, while Emily Latham added 6, and Kylie King added 2. On Monday the 13th, both of your middle school teams played together and beat Lawrence 35-14. Seeing the two teams work together and pull out the win gets us excited for what is to come when they all reach high school. Emily Latham had an amazing offensive game totaling 15 points! Bailey Allison added 8 points, Kylie King added 6, Evalyn Hegelmann added 4, and Cadence Williams added 2! Your Lady Cardinals season is approaching the end, be sure to come out and support them at one of their next three games!



Varsity Wrestling

The Varsity Wrestling team competed in individual Districts on Saturday at Schoolcraft High School.

Congratulations to Stephos Georgiou on finishing in 3rd place in the 285 lb weight class, and advancing to individual regionals this Saturday in Mendon.



GO CARDINALS!

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