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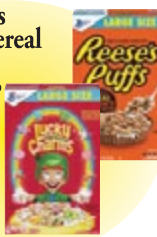
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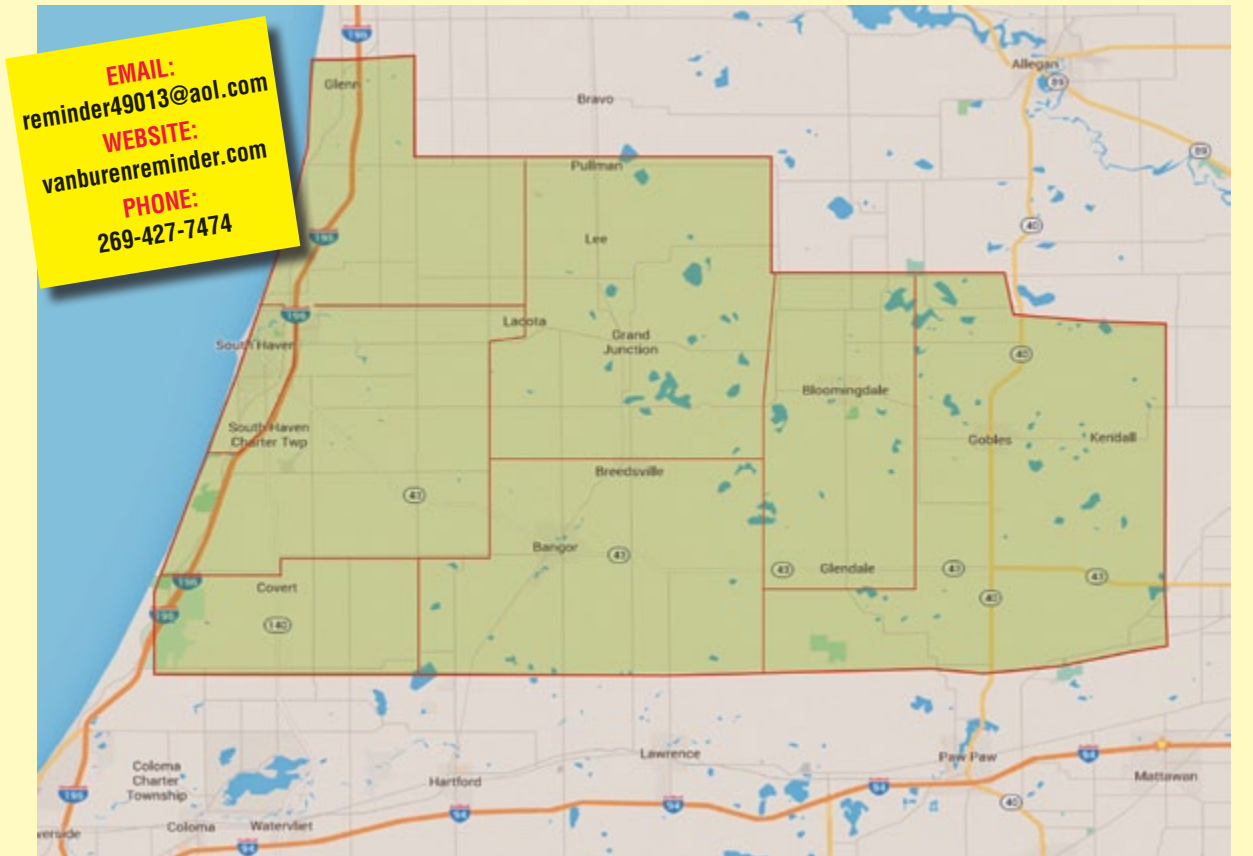
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If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters and supporting documentation to Arlington Township, 52022 34th Ave, Bangor, MI 49013. *All letter appeals must be received by 5:00 p.m. 3-14-2023.*

Monday March 13th 9:00 am to 12:00pm • 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday March 14th 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm • 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Assessments have been adjusted to result in anticipated multipliers of 1.0000 for all classes. With "Proposal A" in effect, the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and ownership transfers, are capped at the inflation rate of 5% for the 2023 tax year. Taxes are based on the Taxable Value. Also, note that if you should have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and this is not noted on your notice, you should contact the Assessor.

2023 Starting Ratios are as follows:

Ag:	45.80	Factors:	Ag:	1.0917
Com:	46.08		Com:	1.0851
Ind:	27.86		Ind:	1.7947
Res:	42.23		Res:	1.1840

Arlington Township Assessor
Danielle Golembiewski

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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.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.

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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 1.0000 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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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%	1.0000			

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

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.apglc@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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Gobles City Clerk
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Classified Ads on Page 6! So much to see, So much to SAVE!

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 Paul 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.

To be eligible, a person must be a registered voter and resident in the area covered by 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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BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP INVITATION TO BID

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The Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Send sealed bids to Bloomingdale Township office by 8:00 a.m. on March 14, 2023. Bids must be on a per mow rate and Proof of Insurance must be provided with bid. Bids will be opened and contract awarded during Regular Board Meeting of Board at 7:00 p.m., March 15, 2023.

For more information, contact the Bloomingdale Township office, 109 E. Kalamazoo Street, Bloomingdale, or phone James Lisowski (260) 521-3800 ext. 1.

Judy Little, Clerk

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP • VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSE COORDINATOR

Arlington Township is looking for a person to serve as the coordinator for all marijuana business activity occurring in the Township. The person will serve as the primary Township contact for marijuana businesses. The position involves regular contact with marijuana businesses and the Township Trustees. Work must be performed on an as needed basis, and should average 20-30 hours per week. Salary is negotiable. This is a part time position without benefits. Candidates must be available for occasional evening meetings. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who is highly organized and detail oriented. Basic computer and word processing skills are a must.

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South Walnut Elementary

Dancing the Night Away at the Father/Daughter Dance



South Walnut Students had lots of fun at the Father/Daughter Dance, held Friday, February 10. The event was organized by the Bangor High School student council. The theme was "Ties and Tiaras" and Bangor senior Abel Muñoz, known as "DJ Eulove" provided the music.

A Magical Ice Skating Adventure



The South Walnut P.T.O. worked with the South Haven Ice Skating rink to host a Family Ice Skating Event. Two groups with two different time slots visited the skating rink. The first group skated from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the second group skated from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. There were several families that came to skate, despite the freezing cold weather. The skaters enjoyed music and drinking hot chocolate.

★ Students of the Month ★

Kindergarten:

Fritz- Bailey A. **Guntz-** Stephanie A. **McGuire-** Valeria R. **Vance-** Owen k.

1st Grade: **Brown-** Heaven W. **Hardester-** Brighton F. **Moench-** David V.

2nd Grade: **Kolosar-** Emily W. **Vassar-** Aviyanna C. **Wade-** Aron M.

3rd Grade: **Reddinger-** Ariana E. **Ward-** Elizabeth Aquino **Johnson-** Ray C.

4th Grade: **Folkert-** Clarissa C. **Loomis-** Isaac B. **McQueen-** Jayla C.

Bangor Career Academy

CAP & GOWN INFO FOR GRADUATES

Please order your cap & gown by March 1, 2023
Cap & gown ordering info has been emailed to all potential graduates. If you are hoping to graduate and would like to participate in our May 25th graduation ceremony this year, but did not receive the cap & gown ordering info, please reach out to Director Steve Galvan at: sgalvan@bangorvikings.org.



Congrats! These Students Passed Their GED Tests:

ELA: Makayla, Olivia, Isaiah, Dominic, Jameson, & Jennifer
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Senior Luncheon

12:30 p.m. at the Bangor High School Cafeteria

Senior Citizen Luncheon Schedule:

- Mar. 29th, 2023
- April 26th, 2023
- May 31st, 2023

Free lunch for any senior citizen aged 62 years and up, residing within the Bangor School District.

Come out and have lunch, enjoy student entertainment, and updates about great things happening at Bangor Public Schools!

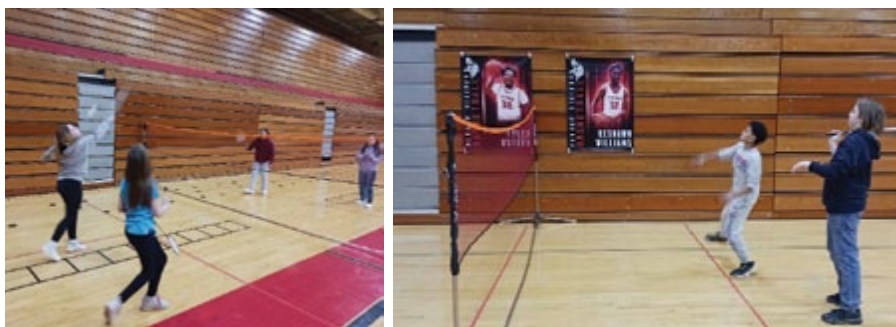
Bangor Middle School

Vikings on the Rise and Student of the Week Achievement Breakfast



Middle School students selected for Student of the Week or Viking on the Rise enjoyed a breakfast with their families this month.

Batty for Badminton



Mr. Millins' middle school P.E. classes have enjoyed playing badminton the last few weeks. Badminton has many benefits such as improvement of motor coordination and reflexes. The roots of the sport can be traced to ancient Greece, China, and India, and it is closely related to the old children's game battledore and shuttlecock.

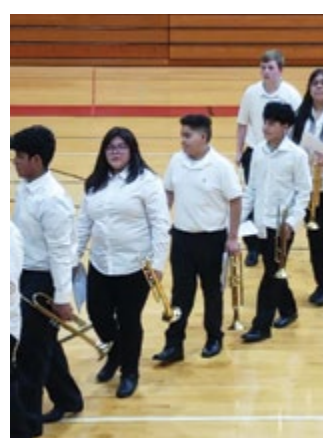
Middle and High School Pre-Festival Band Concert



The Bangor Middle and High School bands performed for a full house on Monday, February 20. Both bands performed three pieces, which they will perform for the upcoming MSBOA District 6 Concert Band festival. "The purpose of the concert is to help prepare us for festival," stated Band Director, Mrs. Tianna Doe.

"For the next few weeks up until festival we can really start tweaking all the details to be ready."

The 7/8th grade band competes on March 7 at the performing arts center in Paw Paw, at 12:10 p.m. The High School band competes on March 8 at 11:45 a.m., at the same location.



Bangor High School

Abel Muñoz Performs National Anthem For Navy Retirement Ceremony



Bangor senior Abelardo Muñoz performed the national anthem on an electric guitar for a military event this month. Muñoz performed for the Retirement Ceremony for Senior Navy Counselor (Surface Warfare) Peter J. Pennock of the United States Navy. It was Senior Pennock's wish to have the National Anthem performed with an electric guitar. Muñoz was also gifted a Navy Challenge token for his performance.

Band Students Strike a Chord at Solo & Ensemble Competition



Bangor High School band students had great performances at the Solo & Ensemble festival this month. The students who competed were: Haley Welsh-Gluck, Jack Loomis, Ethan Abbott, Trap Abbott, Abigail Kruger, Isabel Marfia, Breana Wines, James Gleason, Ayden Hamlett, Adrian Hernandez, Carley McCoy, Kenzie Parish, Annalis Ramos, Aanzhenii Smith, Nicole Winkleblack, and Wes Summerhill. Wes, Adrian, Carley, James, Nicole, Abigail, Isabel, and Daniel have all qualified for State Solo and Ensemble in March.

BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Black History Month Celebration

February 27, 2023

@ 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Black History Month Celebration which includes delicious food, a fashion show, student and staff presentations and more!

Hispanic Student Association Visits Hope College



On February 14th/Valentine's Day, the Bangor Hispanic students group visited Hope College. The students toured campus, visited with college representatives & participated in various enlightening workshops.

BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

A King's First Queen

MOTHER & SON DANCE

Featuring: DJ Eulove!

For: Boys in Preschool-5th

Date: Friday, March 10

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Location: South Walnut Cafeteria

Cost: Tickets \$5 per person or \$15 max per family at the door

Photos and light refreshments will be available for purchase at the dance!

Sons may bring mom, grandma, aunts, or other special female guests!

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

-George Washington Carver

2023 Winter Sports

BANGOR VIKINGS

Varsity Boys Basketball

From Coach Linderman: Feb 16, 2023

Vikings take on Cardinals and come away victorious

The Bangor Boys' Basketball team got a hard-fought 62-52 Win over Bloomingdale last night. Junior forward Yrral Campbell led the Vikings with 18 points while senior guard Artavius Jackson had 14 and senior guard Jeffrey Howell added 11. Bangor improved to 6-11 on the season.

From Coach Linderman: Feb 20, 2023

Varsity loses to Comstock

Our Bangor Boys' Basketball team lost a tough one 58-46 to Comstock last Friday on Senior Night. After trailing by more than 20 in the 3rd Quarter, our 5 seniors led us back in the 4th Quarter and made it a game. Shout out to seniors Nolan Crandall, Jeffrey Howell, Artavius Jackson, Tyler Osteen, and Keshawn Williams and everything they've done for the basketball program in their time at Bangor. Also a special shout-out to our student section, who was incredible throughout the entire game.

From Coach Linderman: Feb 22, 2023

Mendon wins over Vikings

Varsity boys basketball lost to Mendon last night 62-31. We play @ Marcellus Friday night at 7:30.

Varsity Wrestling

From Coach Ben Muñoz: Feb. 20, 2023

Beelen, Hayes move onto State Finals at Ford Field

Congratulations to Henry Beelen and Zach Hayes on qualifying for the individual wrestling State Finals. The tournament is held at Ford Field on March 3 & 4.

JV Boys Basketball

From Coach Alexander: Feb 22, 2023

JV boys fall to Mendon

Last night the Bangor JV Boys Basketball team played Mendon and battled in the 4th quarter trying to erase a 10-point deficit, but unfortunately we ended up losing 43-39.



Bangor Vikings Trap Team

Are you in grades 6-12 and interested in joining the Bangor Vikings Trap team?

Sign-ups are open from 2-1-23 until 3-20-23!

Steps/Requirements to Participate:

- New members must complete a hunter safety class.
- Visit www.claytargetgo.com and click on the AMS logo, fill out the student profile and save it. Then, respond to the verification email (will be sent to your email shortly after) to finish signing up.
- Use the team ID bar063 to join Bangor Vikings Trap Team.
- The cost to participate is \$37 dollars. (Students who were previously on the trap team also must update their profiles on www.claytargetgo.com.)

Homeschooled students are also welcome to join along with students from neighboring school districts! Please contact coach Bill Mock with any questions at wmockkw@gmail.com



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Joshua Lynn Durian



Joshua Lynn Durian 43, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 10th, 2023 in Dallas TX. He was born on Oct. 16th 1979 in St. Joseph MI, the son of Matthew Durian and Tina Dotson (Durian). Josh grew up in Gobles, eventually making his way to Bay City MI, where he met Kathryn (LaVasseur) Durian, the one true love of his life. Together they have a daughter Crislyn, his little princess, he was step father to son Martino (Sampson) and Lesley (LaRoche) and grandfather to Kayson. His heart was full of love and pride for them.

Along his journey he lived in Colorado with his family where he owned his own painting business, blessing many with his talents. They returned to Gobles, Michigan for a short time, before spending the last few years of his life in Texas.

Joshua had a passion for Detroit Lions, Michigan Wolverines, and Detroit Tigers. Listening to music, gaming with Madden and MLB, better than playing them he loved to watch Tino, Trent, Mason and his brothers compete!

Josh could shoot a mean hoop of backyard basketball with family and friends. Mornings were a special time of serving up a hot cup of coffee, Josh simply enjoyed the moment, whether in quiet reflection or an easy chat, it was the time spent with his favorite people that made the moment perfect.

He was big brother to sisters Tanya and Sophie and brothers Matthew, Nathen, Jeremiah, and Caleb Durian. Josh never parted without an "I love you" and an "I got you!"

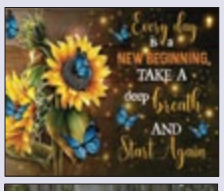

He will be dearly missed by his family and loved more than he could ever know. The best way we can honor Joshua in his passing is to live our lives with purpose, love, and grace. We, his family, were his greatest blessing and he loved and cherished us deeply, as we did him.

Joshua is preceded in death by his grandparents John, Joyce Durian, Jackie, Jim Boone and Malcolm, Nettie Durian, uncles Don Cassada, Don Dieterman and Troy Dotson. He is survived by many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces; his stepmom Marge (Lisowski), and those mentioned above.

Following his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service is being planned for the near future. Arrangements entrusted to the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmlillerfuneralhome.com

I leave you with Joshua's words from a letter sent home.... "I do care and my love of each of you is true and real and it was my spirit and my soul speaking to you. I hope these words find you well in mind, body and spirit."

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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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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

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 2023 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

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Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, 4:30 pm Organizational Meeting
 Monday, March 13th, 2023, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm to 6:00 to 9:00 pm
 Wednesday March 15th 2023, 9:00 am to Noon
 Friday, March 17th, 2023, 9:00 am to Noon

Also, 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; letter appeals will be accepted and must be received no later than 12:00 pm March 17th, 2023.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2023 are as follows:

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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Bloomington Township Board will conduct a Public Hearing March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Bloomington Municipal Center, 109 E. Kalamazoo Street, Bloomington Michigan. The intent of the Public Hearing is to hear and consider objections to the proposed Public Improvements, the special assessment district tentatively designated, and all other matters relating to the proposed public improvements for eradication and control of aquatic weeds for Great Bear Lake. Plans and costs are on file with the Township Clerk. This Public Hearing will be held as required under Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, to hear objections to the proposed project.

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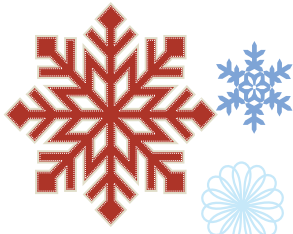
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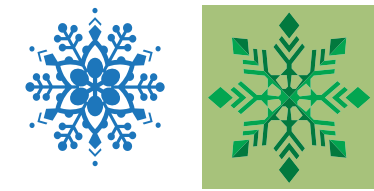
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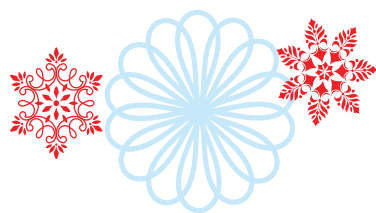


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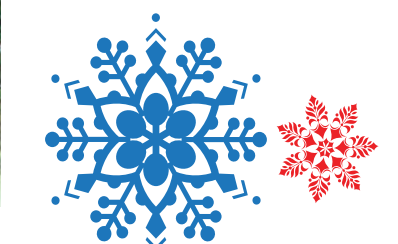
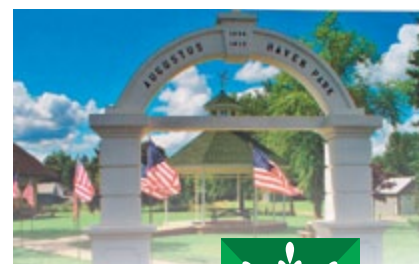
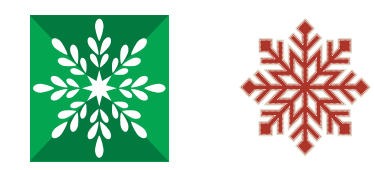
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CARDINALS

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Basketball

JV Boys Basketball

The JV Boys basketball team defeated Bangor Thursday night in a Southwest 10 matchup at Bangor. This was a great team game, with several Cardinals scoring points.



Varsity Girls Basketball

On Friday, the Varsity girls basketball team defeated Decatur 66-33 in a conference road game. On Tuesday, the team followed up with another strong road win, this time defeating Centreville 43-36. The team is 14-1 in conference play with an upcoming conference championship game vs. Cassopolis.



Middle School Girls

What a great day to be a Lady Cardinal. Your 8th Grade Lady Cardinals started off to a slow start only scoring eight points in the first quarter, but quickly snapped out of it and brought home another victory. The 8th Grade defeated Hartford 42-6 Monday. Bailey Allison was awesome on the offensive end with 19 points. Emily Latham and Evalyn Hegelmann both added 8 points, Kylie King chipped in 5, and Arianna Pacheco added 2. Kylie King continues to do a stellar job on defense. Even though she's a 7th grader who plays up on 8th, she is never afraid to dive onto the ground for a loose ball and continuously comes up big on the defensive end. Your Middle School Girls Basketball teams will combine for the last two games of the season. The Lady Cardinals play home at 5:00 on Wednesday the 22nd and away in Bangor the 28th at 6:00. Be sure to come out and support.



Wrestling

Middle School Boys



The Middle School Wrestling team wrapped up their season Friday night at the Southwest 10 Conference tournament. 6 Cardinal Wrestlers placed in the top four in their weight class.

Jonathan Guthrie 3rd Place, Kholby Armijo 3rd Place, Nick Menzel 2nd Place, Tony Leal 2nd Place, Daisey Bigelow 2nd Place, and Joe Rodriguez 2nd Place.

Varsity Girls

The Varsity Girls Wrestlers made a long trip to Grayling on Sunday to compete in the MHSAA Girls Wrestling Regional Tournament. Molly Menzel, Emilee Newcomb, Julie Salazar and Rowan Hegelmann each competed. This was the first time competing in the regional tournament for each girl and only the second time in school history that Bloomingdale has sent wrestlers to this tournament. Unfortunately, none of the girls were able to qualify for the state finals. They all wrestled tough and showed grit and determination in their effort to compete in this meet and throughout the season. We are extremely proud of these young ladies and what they were able to accomplish this year, and we're excited about the future of Bloomingdale Wrestling and the continued growth of our girls division.



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African American History

FACTS & FIGURES TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. AMERICANS AND CANADIANS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY, WHILE THE U.K. DEVOTES THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY.

Over the course of history, blacks have made tremendous contributions that have impacted all aspects of society. The following facts and figures recognize some of the more notable persons and some lesser known tidbits to celebrate this Black History Month.

- The banjo originated in Africa. Until the 1800s, this popular and unique instrument was considered played exclusively by blacks.
- C.B. Brooks invented the first street sweeper, a truck equipped with brooms, in 1896.
- Frederick Jones invented a portable air conditioner that proved especially valuable in World War II, during which it was used to preserve medicine and blood serum.

• Computer scientist Mark Dean, born in 1957, led a team that developed the ISA bus, which allows the use of computer plug-ins, including speakers, scanners and disk drives, among other things.

• Lonnie G. Johnson, an engineer whose work has included spacecraft system design for NASA, invented the Super Soaker water gun, a toy that was immensely popular in the early 1990s.

• Arguably one of the greatest Olympians the world has ever seen, American Jesse Owens became the first athlete to win four gold medals in one Olympiad at the 1936 games in Berlin.

• Following in Owens' footsteps, Wilma Rudolph overcame polio to win three gold medals in the 1960 Olympic Games. The 20th of 22 children, Rudolph broke three world records.

• Started in 1787, the African Free School in New York City was the first free school for African-Americans.

• Booker T. Washington was the first African-American to be honored on a United States stamp.

• When her autobiographical work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" made the bestseller list, Maya Angelou became the first African-American woman to author a non-fiction bestseller.

• In 1987, neurosurgeon Ben Carson led the first successful operation to separate a pair of Siamese twins who were joined at the back of the head.

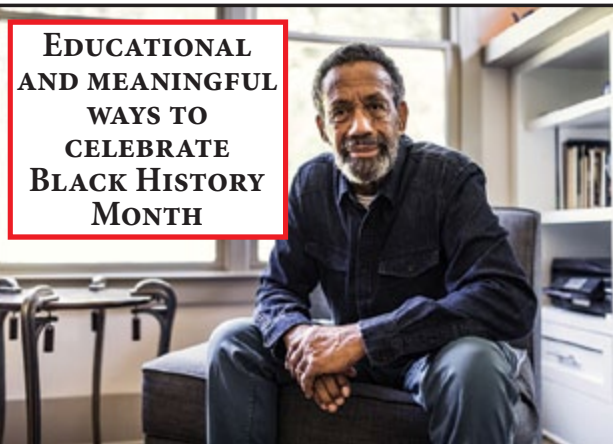
• In 1975, Lee Elder became the first African-American golfer to play in the Masters Tournament. Twenty-two years later, Tiger Woods would become the first African-American to win the prestigious tournament.

• The American Community Survey reported in 2005 that there were 2.4 million black military veterans in the United States, the highest of any minority group.

• Thomas Andrew Dorsey is considered the father of gospel music. His "Take My Hand Precious Lord" was recorded by the likes of Elvis Presley and Mahalia Jackson.

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EDUCATIONAL AND MEANINGFUL WAYS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Each February, the United States commemorates the impressive contributions of Black individuals.

Black History Month traces its origins to 1915, 50 years after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In that same year, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (later known as ASALH) was founded to promote the achievement of Black Americans and others of African descent. In 1926, a more formal holiday was established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson with a national Negro History Week, which evolved into today's Black History Month. February was chosen because it coordinates with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass — two individuals who were essential to the fight for equal rights for Black people.

Black History Month is loaded with opportunities to learn more about influential Black individuals. Local libraries, television channels and schools often focus on such individuals throughout the month of February, providing ample chances for individuals from all walks of life to learn more about people and events that have shaped the nation.

• **Watch documentaries.** During Black History Month, many networks feature documentaries on influential figures who made their marks in the Black community and beyond. Streaming services also may have documentaries or special interview series available that highlight certain Black figures.

• **Visit a cultural center.** Museums and other cultural or community centers emphasize Black history in February. Even in smaller towns one may be able to attend speeches or readings at local libraries.

• **Watch movies.** Curate a collection of films that were directed by Black directors or feature Black actors in lead roles. Films that chronicle the biographies of Black historical figures also can be educational.

• **Learn about local Black history.** There may be specific Black individuals in your local community who are notable for their accomplishments or efforts. In addition, many people might be surprised to learn about events in their own communities that helped to shape Black history.

• **Read MLK Jr's famous letter.** People can revisit the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by reading his "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is considered vital for anyone hoping to understand the Civil Rights movement in the United States.

Black History Month provides plenty of chances to learn about influential figures and historical events. TF232721

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"The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." —Amanda Gorman

"Opportunity may knock only once but temptation leans on the door bell." —Oprah Winfrey.



Notable figures to celebrate this Black History Month

Each February, individuals across Canada and the United States celebrate Black History Month. Both nations have much to celebrate, and these are just a few of the individuals who have done much to advance the causes of Black people in the United States and Canada.

• **Fannie Lou Hamer:** The subject of a new biography by historian Keisha N. Blain released in late 2021, Fannie Lou Hamer rose to prominence during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s in the United States. Born to sharecropper parents in Sunflower County, Mississippi, in 1919, Hamer became an activist in 1962, ultimately providing a powerful voice to a widely underrepresented segment of the African American population fighting for civil rights in the 1960s.

• **Viola Davis Desmond:** Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1914, Viola Davis Desmond took a stand for African Canadians in 1946 when she refused to sit in the balcony at the Roseland Theatre in New Glasgow, a section designated for Blacks. Desmond was forcibly removed and arrested and ultimately fined and sentenced to 30 days in jail. She took her case all the way to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, which upheld the verdict. Desmond passed away in 1965, but in 2010 the province of Nova Scotia issued an official apology and pardoned her.

• **Bayard Rustin:** The March on Washington is among the most widely remembered events during the civil rights era in the United States, and Bayard Rustin was one of the event's principle organizers. Rustin, who was candid about his sexuality as a gay man in private, often worked behind the scenes during the Civil Rights Movement, which occurred during a period when homosexuality was still criminalized. Rustin later became a public advocate for gay rights in the 1980s.

• **Elijah McCoy:** The son of former slaves who had escaped enslavement in Kentucky via the Underground Railroad, Elijah McCoy was born in Colchester, Ontario, in 1844. Despite his humble origins, McCoy would become an influential inventor and engineer, ultimately holding more than 50 patents in Canada, the United States, France, Austria, Germany, Great Britain, and Russia.

African Americans and African Canadians have contributed much to the United States, Canada and the world. TF222739

Actress



Nichelle Nichols is an American actress, singer, and voice artist best known for her portrayal of Nyota Uhura in Star Trek: The Original Series, and its film sequels. Nichols' portrayal of Uhura was groundbreaking for African American female characters on American television. Wikipedia

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Varsity Boys Basketball

From Coach Scott Sherrod: Feb. 17, 2023

Late effort leads to victory

Tonight was a tale of two halves. We struggled to score and play defense in the first half and entered halftime down 32-18.

At halftime, we talked about defensive intensity and the boys came out and delivered. We stormed back and played what might be our best half of the season. Aden, Tristan and Xavier Wilkes took control of the ball on offense and the whole team engaged on the defensive end. We brought the game to within 2 points and couldn't get over the hill after that. Once we started fouling, they hit their free throws and the extended the lead.

Gobles - 53 Black River - 60

Tristan Harbaugh - 22 points, 13 rebounds, 5 steals
Aden Newberry - 15 points 3 blocks
Jayden Otis - 8 rebounds

From Coach Scott Sherrod: Feb. 21, 2023

Tigers beat Delton Kellogg

The young Tigers played composed all night long. Aden Newberry and Xavier Wilkes carried the load in the first half with Aden scoring 12 of his 16 in the first half.

Tristan came alive in the 2nd half and in a pivotal point in the game Xavier Wilkes stormed down the court notching 3 of his 10 assists! Jayden Otis played solid minutes in his 2nd full contest on Varsity, and everyone who entered the game worked as a true team.

Gobles - 57 DK - 50

Tristan Harbaugh - 18 points, 7 rebounds
Aden Newberry - 16 points
Jayden Otis - 8 points
Jack Geiger - 7 points, 8 rebounds
Xavier Wilkes - 10 assists

Tiger Varsity Wrestling



Eli DeYoung, right, takes on opponent in recent match. Photo: Kathie Brown

From Coach Erin Carlin: Feb. 20, 2023

Tigers return to State Championships

Gobles Tigers Wrestling is going back to the State Championships. Following their impressive District Championships, the Tigers took 4 into the Regional Championships. Three of them are now heading to Ford Field on March 3.



Both Eli DeYoung and Mason Mansfield secured their trip to states early with 2 straight wins. Trenton Mansfield followed up his District Playoff performance with a gritty Regionals performance. In a bracket loaded with top talent, Trenton had to overcome an early loss and battle his way into the State Championships.

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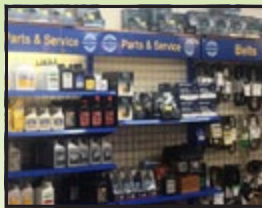
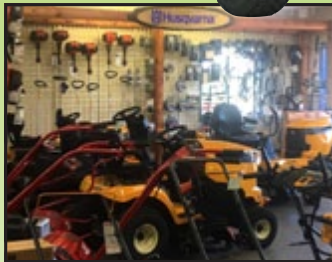


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