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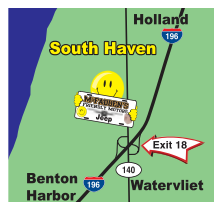
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Arlington Township NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

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 organizational meeting will be held on March 7th, 2023 at 10:30 am. No appeals will be heard at the organizational meeting. *The appeal hearings will begin on March 13, 2023, at 9:00 am. APPEALS 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 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:		Factors:	
Ag:	45.80	Ag:	1.0917
Com:	46.08	Com:	1.0851
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2023 Winter Sports BANGOR VIKINGS

Varsity Boys Basketball



The Bangor Varsity Basketball team celebrates their win over Hartford

From Coach Zack Linderman • Feb 25, 2023

Vikings defeat Hartford

The Boys' Varsity Basketball team defeated Hartford 53-49 on the road Friday 2/2. Senior captain Jeffrey Howell finished with a season high 22 points and 19 rebounds. Junior forward Yrral Campbell had 12 points and 6 rebounds while sophomore guard Malik Jeffries contributed on both ends of the floor with 6 assists and 4 blocked shots. Freshman guard Javon Pittsley scored 7 points, including two free throws with 3 seconds left to seal the game.



From left: Nolan Crandall, Jeffrey Howell, Artavius Jackson, Ty Osteen, Keshawn Williams.

Viking Nation honors senior hoop stars

Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball Seniors who were honored on Senior Night for their contributions to the basketball program over their time at Bangor. Also a huge shout out to the Bangor Student Section who brought incredible energy throughout the entire game.

More Viking B-Ball News

From Coach Alexander
March 1, 2023

JV Boys win

Last night the Bangor JV Boys Basketball team played Bloomingdale and won 37-29. We were led by an outstanding overall team defense, Tearon's 14 points, and Mason's 13 points.

From Coach Linderman
March 1, 2023

Varsity loss

Bangor Varsity Boys' Basketball lost last night 58-48 at Bloomingdale. Senior Jeffrey Howell led the Vikings with 17 points in the loss.

7-8th Grade Boys Basketball

From Coach Zack Linderman
Feb 25, 2023

7th-8th Grade Boys Basketball team qualify for State Tournament

Congratulations to the Bangor Boys' 7-8 Grade Winter Travel Basketball Team who went 2-1 in the St. Joseph Lions Club Shootout to qualify for the Middle School State Championship Tournament.



Top Row (L-R): Luke Remington, Jayden Ulam, Christian Kovell, Carson Pullins, Will Summerhill, Jaret McCoy. Bottom Row (L-R): Jonah Luter, Isaiah Irvine, Hayden Conroy.

Varsity Girls Basketball

From Coach Paul Marfia • Feb 28, 2023

Viking girls end season with seven wins

Varsity Girl's team ended their season last night at Bloomingdale with a tough loss to the Conference Champion Bloomingdale Cardinals. We dug an early hole when we could not get shots to fall and Bloomingdale hit 4, 3-pointers in the 1st quarter. Our girls showed their fight and character and never gave up to battle to the end to fall short 49-35. We have an outstanding group of seniors that took a team that did not win a game last year and managed 7 this season. Last night we were led by Senior Ester Lopez with 11 points, Lilly Alcauter with 8 points, and Cloe Hull with 5 points and 11 rebounds. Thank you girls for representing Bangor so well.

2023 Winterfest Pep Rally

From Coach Zack Linderman • Feb 25, 2023

Viking Nation enjoys Winterfest Pep Rally

Bangor celebrated it's winter athletes at the Winterfest Pep Rally. In an energy-filled two hour assembly DJed by Senior Abel Munoz, teams of Bangor Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors battled it out in a variety of events in a fun afternoon of competition. Some of the games included Madman Volleyball, Thunder & Lightning, and Tug of War.

<p>Fire Up Vikings!</p> <p>BANGOR COMMUNITY FIRE DEPT.</p>	<p><i>Let's Go Vikings!</i></p> <p>FREESTONE PICKLE COMPANY</p> <p>610 N. Center St. • Bangor www.freestonepickles.com</p>	<p>GO TEAM!</p> <p>Good luck to our local student athletes!</p>	<p>Proud to be a Viking!</p> <p>ROCKY JOHNSON Insurance Services</p> <p>Hastings Mutual INSURANCE COMPANY</p> <p>(269) 427-7263</p>	<p>Bangor Lions Club</p> <p>Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday • Bangor Tavern</p> <p>Accepting New Members</p> <p>LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL</p> <p>We Serve</p>	<p>We've Got Your Back!</p> <p>Bangor Area Community Foundation</p> <p>www.bangoracf.org</p>
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP
MARCH, 2023

The Bloomingdale Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at Bloomingdale Municipal Building located at 109 E. Kalamazoo Street, Bloomingdale, MI on March 15, 2023 immediately following Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 pm. *The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Bloomingdale Township Clerk's office, 109 E. Kalamazoo St., Bloomingdale, MI.

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Q: Athlete who set a new women's marathon world record in 2019 with a time of 2:14:04
A: Brigid Kosgei

Q: The world's first female prime minister
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Q: First woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest
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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:

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Gobles 2023 Winter Sports



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Varsity Boys Basketball

From Coach Scott Sherrod • Feb. 24, 2023
Varsity end season with loss, but look to Districts

Galesburg started the contest strong jumping out to a 23- 6 lead. They've been playing good ball all year long and their boys were the aggressors tonight.
While this isn't the way we wanted to end the regular season, we're still excited to make another run at Districts. We have a full week for Harbaugh to get healthy after missing his first contest of the year tonight. Newberry's emergence to close out the year has really opened things up offensively, and Otis joining the team has improved our rebounding and athleticism greatly.
Until the week of Districts...
Gobles - 24 Galesburg Augusta - 69
Aden Newberry - 8 points

JV Boys Basketball

From Coach Brian Beam • March 1, 2023
Junior Varsity Boys Basketball earns 10 wins this year!

The Gobles JV Boys Basketball team finished their season last week and finished the season with 10 wins and 10 losses.
This group improved so much through out the year and their work ethic in practice really paid off.
I would like to say Thank You to Larry Gilbert for helping Coach this season, his experience was invaluable to the team. Also, many Thanks to; Wendy Beam for keeping the book for us this season, Richard Beam for doing the statistics each week and Avery Greffe for being the team manager.
All a coach can ask from a team is to work hard in practice and give maximum effort each game and this group did just that.
The future of the basketball program is in good hands with this group and I look forward seeing them grow in the years ahead.
Team members this year were: Alex Akers, Aiden Beam, Caleb O'Connor, Jayden Otis, Brett Ivester, Nathan Ray, Tucker Greffe, Valin Barrett and Gavin Lanting.



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100 Days! Class Compares Now and Then



We have officially made it to 100 days! Mrs. Patterson's class compared life now to life 100 years ago. They came up with some great ideas for similarities and differences. The third grade classes got their pictures taken at 100 years old and wrote about their lives at this age. There were a lot of grandmas and grandpas in our classrooms on February 9th.

The Bookworm Machine just keeps growing!



There are a lot of new books that have just been purchased for it. Thank you to MEC, Midwest Energy and Communications, for rewarding us with a grant for \$1,000! The book titles range from *Fancy Nancy* to *Bad Guys to Fly Guy*. We are so excited to keep the love for reading alive!

Aeros Gymnastics Group



On February 10th, Gobles students in grades 7 through 12 had the opportunity to attend a fun educational assembly. The assembly was an Aero's Gymnastics Group from the Aerokhanas Great Lakes Adventist Academy. This group travels around the State of Michigan performing acrobatic feats at schools, and between tumbling performances, presents educational information regarding good decision making, anti-bullying, anti-drug, and making good choices. Our students seemed to really enjoy the performance, paid close attention to the lessons taught between tumbling performances, and were even given the opportunity to participate in the fun. What a great educational experience for our student body.



M-Step Schedule

Week of April 17th and April 24th - 5th Grade
Week of April 10th- 3rd Grade
Week of May 1st - 4th Grade

Please help to ensure that your child is here for M-Step testing and on-time. Help them to be well rested, eat a good breakfast, and receive some encouragement from you before testing. Thanks for supporting your child to do his or her best on tall M-Step Tests. See also M-Step parent letter coming home for all 3rd-5th grade students.



Band Students Qualify

This February, 14 Gobles High School band students competed at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 6 Solo and Ensemble event. We sent a percussion quintet, trumpet duet, and seven solos. Each group prepared at least two minutes of music and performed it for an adjudicator. A score is given in the following categories: tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and interpretation. An overall rating is given based on the scores given in each category. All of our students received a Division 1 (superior) or 2 (excellent) rating!

Our percussion quintet, trumpet duet, and three soloists qualified to compete at MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble on March 18th at Portage Northern High School! Congratulations to all of our hardworking students!



Pam Westcott (accompanist), Emma Nuyen (Div. 1 horn solo), Emily Redmond (director)

Student Council Receives Salvation Army Rising Star Award



Congratulations to our high school student council for being nominated by the Salvation Army Board of Directors as one of five organizations to receive the Rising Star Award for Kalamazoo County. These students are being recognized at a special awards night celebration on May 11th for their dedication to helping those in need during the holiday season. During the Christmas season, they volunteered at the Kalamazoo Christmas shop, which provides Christmas presents for those in need free of charge. They also volunteered as bell ringers. Students also started a competition challenging Parchment Schools to see who could raise the most money for the charity by ringing the traditional Red Bell outside local businesses. This tradition will continue next year; the awarded trophy now sits at Gobles High School until the following year. They are also the first school ever to be selected for this award. Please congratulate these student leaders for their dedication to Pride & Tradition, Responsibility, Leadership, and Integrity!



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Winter Homecoming 2023



King TK Kubruno and Queen Mina Buchkowski

Prince Jack Gieger and Queen Charlotte Zantello

This winter's homecoming theme is "Into the Galaxy." Activities during the spirit week included dress-up days, lunchtime games, and a window painting competition. Though the seniors took first place in the dress-up days competition, the junior proved too tough to beat at the lunch game competitions. The junior class also dominated their peers in the battle for points at Tiger Trivia and Trivial Pursuit Gimkit competitions. Walking into the pep assembly this afternoon, the class rankings were as follows: freshman 15 points, sophomores 31 points, seniors 40 points, and juniors 45 points; making this a close race.

This year's homecoming assembly had plenty of pep and loads of energy. Though all the classes managed to grab a win, the juniors dominated taking first in three out of six games. This and the window competition determined our winners of the spirit jug. In the window decorating contest the Freshman took 4th earning three points, the juniors placed 3rd earning six points, and the winner of the *Into the Galaxy* window paint competition was the seniors earning 12 points. That means the sophomores took second and earned their class 9 points.

The awarding of the Spirit Cup and crowning of Gobles homecoming royalty took place at the boy's varsity basketball homecoming halftime presentation. In 4th place with 25.5 points, was the freshman class. In 3rd place with 41.5pts was the sophomore class. The results of the battle between the Juniors and Seniors was close. The seniors took 2nd place, the 54.5 points and the Juniors took home the spirit jug with 58 points.

This year's winter homecoming court included:

Freshman Class: Prince Candidate Valen Barret & Princess Candidate Gabrielle Durrón-Morrero. **Sophomore Class:** Prince Candidate Jack Gieger & Princess Candidate Presley Adams. **Junior Class:** Princess Candidate Charlotte & Prince Candidate Eli Huizenga.

Candidates for King and Queen are all from the senior class and members of the Class of 2023, and the candidates are as follows: Queen Candidate Olivia Greene & King Candidate Nolan VanHorn; King Candidate TK Kubruno & Queen Candidate Morgan Brunner; Queen Candidate Kaya Huizenga & King Candidate Gavin Hancox; King Candidate Thomas Wright & Queen Candidate Mina Buchkowski; Queen Candidate Jaiden Woodard & King Candidate Kyle Summerville; King Candidate Austen Hatten & Queen Candidate Morgan Kohlert.

At the conclusion of the presentation sophomore Jack Gieger and junior Charlotte Zantello walked away with the prince and princess crowns while senior TK Kubruno and Mina Buchkowski took the hardware home for Gobles King and Queen! Congratulations to all Gobles court members.



Update National Honor Society New Members

Mrs. Butler, NHS advisor, is pleased to announce the list of students eligible to apply to the National Honor Society. These students have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher and applicants will now be evaluated by the Faculty Council in the areas of **character, leadership, and service** as the National Honor Society strives to recognize well-rounded students who excel in many ways.

The National Honor Society is not just an honorary organization. Though membership looks great on college entry forms and summer job applications, the NHS is, foremost, a service organization. While it is, indeed, an honor to be a member, it is also a responsibility. Members are expected to participate in several community projects. Among the good work that NHS members do are multiple Red Cross Blood Drives, fundraisers and heart health education for the American Heart Association, the holiday food drive, and helping at many school events. Mrs. Butler commented, "We try to stay busy with some good deed most of the school year. The hope is that students who participate at the HS level in events such as a blood drive will, in their future, step-up to organize or help in community projects when they recognize a need."

Current members and newly eligible students, by grade, are: (seniors) Taryn (Liz) Bartlett, Mina Buchkowski, Samantha Carlson, Kaylee Germain, Gavin Hancox, Kaya Huizenga, Samantha Paladi, Alanna Pierce, Dulce Ramos-Martinez, and Thomas Wright, (juniors) Stacey Austin, Claire Bodin, Salvador Boger, Marianna Burch, Eli DeYoung, Brayton Dickerson, Gaige Flees, Tristan Harbaugh, Daniel Hitchcock, Joshua Hitchcock, Hailey Holland, Kennadi Killeen, Anthony Lisowski, Emma Nuyen, Ella Ringel, Olivia Sweet, Ethan Wait, Xavier Wilkes, Christian Witt, Deanna Wood, Oskar Wood, and Charlotte Zantello, and (sophomores) Presley Adams, Alex Akers, Erica Barber, Amanda Carlson, Dante Clemence, Sasha Doll, Braylen Dorrington, Jackson Geiger, Nicholas Graves, Lily Heintzman, Tyler Johnson, Chloe Kneller, Mercedes McEwen, Caleb O'Connor, Ethan Penny, Cole Stapert, Alyson Tripp, and Zoie Wood.

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Louisa May Alcott
Best known for her novel Little Women, Louisa May Alcott actually published more than 250 works despite passing away at the relatively young age of 55 in 1888. An advocate for women's rights, including the right to vote, Alcott was the first registered woman voter in Concord, Massachusetts.

Helen Keller
Despite a childhood disease that left her deaf, mute and blind, Helen Keller became a nationally recognized advocate for people with disabilities in addition to an expert author and lecturer. An ardent anti-war activist, Keller, who passed away in 1968, also campaigned for women's suffrage and workers' rights.

Sandra Day O'Connor
The first female justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor served as an Associate Justice for a quarter century until her retirement in 2006. A breast cancer survivor, O'Connor was awarded the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama in the summer of 2009.

Dr. Sally Ride
Dr. Sally Ride was the first American woman, and then-youngest American, to enter space. A Los Angeles native, Dr. Ride is currently the President and CEO of Sally Ride Science, a company devoted to creating entertaining science programs and publications for upper elementary and middle school students.

Pearl S. Buck
Award-winning writer Pearl S. Buck won both a Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel Prize for Literature, becoming the first American woman to win that prestigious award. Buck was also a noted humanitarian whose works helped shed light on a host of topics, including immigration, adoption, missionary work, and women's rights.

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BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Bloomingdale Township Board will conduct a Public Hearing March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Bloomingdale Municipal Center, 109 E. Kalamazoo Street, Bloomingdale 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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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

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

In lieu of a free dump day on a specific day this year, Bloomingdale Township will be offering free dump day passes to Bloomingdale Township residents. This pass can be used on any day that the transfer station is open and is good for one pickup truck load. You must show proof of residency at the Township office to obtain the pass. We are usually in the office Mon. - Thurs. from 9 till noon, however it is best to call first.

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A Timeline of Milestones in U.S. Women's History

1848 - The first women's rights convention, the Seneca Falls Convention, is held in New York, where 300 women and men sign the Declaration of Sentiments in a plea to end discrimination against women.

1848 - The Married Woman's Property Act is passed in New York, enabling married women to conduct business on their own, file lawsuits on their own behalf, collect rents and receive inheritances. The Act is used as a model for other states, all of which pass their own versions by 1900.

1860 - The Act Concerning the Rights and Liabilities of Husband and Wife is passed in New York, paving the way for other states. It acknowledges "mothers as joint guardians of their children," granting married women the same legal authority over their own sons and daughters as fathers.

1869 - Wyoming, a territory at the time, becomes the first state to grant women the right to vote in all elections.

1869 - Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton form the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA).

1872 - Victoria Claflin Woodhull becomes the first female U.S. presidential candidate.

1872 - Equal pay for equal work under the law is guaranteed to federal, but not private sector, employees.

1919 - The First Woman's Bank of Tennessee opens as the first bank to be directed, managed and staffed entirely by women. The bank welcomes deposits from men and women, although its shareholders are male.

1919 - Congress passes the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote.

1920 - The 19th Amendment is ratified by 36 states and becomes law, ensuring that the right to vote cannot be denied on the basis of sex.

1938 - The Fair Labor Standards Act establishes a federal minimum wage to eliminate pay differences between men and women for hourly jobs.

1948 - The Women's Armed Services Integration Act allows women to serve as full, permanent members of all of the branches of the U.S. military.

1963 - The Equal Pay Act is passed, protecting all workers against discrimination in pay rates.

1974 - The Equal Credit Opportunity Act is passed, prohibiting credit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or receipt of public assistance. Prior to its passage, banks required a male cosigner on credit applications from single, widowed or divorced women, regardless of income.

1974 - The Fair Housing Act is amended to prohibit housing discrimination on the basis of sex.

1978 - The Pregnancy Discrimination Act is passed, making it illegal for employers to dismiss women from their jobs for becoming pregnant.

1981 - Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman appointed to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

1993 - The Family and Medical Leave Act becomes law.

1994 - The Gender Equity in Education Act is passed to train teachers in gender equity, promote math and science learning by girls, counsel pregnant teens and prevent sexual harassment.

1994 - The Violence Against Women Act funds services, resources and rights for rape and domestic violence victims.

2007 - Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

2016 - The Department of Defense opens all military combat positions to women for the first time.

March is **Women's HISTORY month**

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 2. Jane Eyre
 3. Little Women
 4. Reading Lolita in Tehran
 5. The Secret Life of Bees

- 5 Movies**
1. Hidden Figures
 2. On the Basis of Sex
 3. Brave
 4. Whale Rider
 5. He Named Me Malala

Bloomingdale 2023 Winter Sports CARDINALS

Photo by Richard Strange

Basketball

Varsity Boys Basketball

On Tuesday night, the Varsity Boys Basketball team hosted Bangor in their final regular season game of the season. The lead went back and forth between the two evenly matched rivals, but in the end, Bloomingdale came out victorious, defeating the Vikings by a score of 58-48. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Curtis Ciborski and Julian Moore. This was the final home game for our three seniors, Elesio Garcia, Carlos Castro and Julian Moore, who were honored before the game in a senior night ceremony.

Middle School Girls Basketball

Varsity Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Basketball team on Defeating Bangor in the first round of districts Monday night by a final score of 49-35. This was a great team game, with everyone contributing to the victory. The win advances Bloomingdale to the District Semifinals where they will meet Watervliet.

Green Out Scrimmage

On Saturday, February 25th, our Varsity Girls Basketball team traveled to Fennville for a scrimmage to benefit Megan Hoyt. Megan plays basketball at Fennville, and is the daughter of Denise Lindsey, a teacher at Bloomingdale Middle and High School. Megan was recently diagnosed with Adrenocortical Carcinoma (ACC). Our two communities came together and scrimmaged to help raise money for Megan's medical bills.

This fundraiser was a big success and was able to raise a lot of money for Megan and her family. We're proud of our Lady Cardinals for doing their part in this important cause.

Fundraiser A Big Success

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Winter Sports Awards Ceremony

The Middle and High School Winter Sports Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 15th in the high school auditorium at 6:30 pm. All family and friends are invited to attend and celebrate the accomplishments of our student-athletes.

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