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Welding

Van Buren Tech's Welding program was honored to host Netflix's Metal Shop Masters contestant, Ivan Iler. Iler spent the day with the Welding program and inspired students by sharing his creative processes and his personal journey into welding. The Welding program is preparing to host the MITES Regional Competition at Van Buren Tech in May and the students were eager to share their current work with Iler. As students showcased their projects, Iler gave feedback, suggestions, and offered inspiration to motivate the students to keep pursuing this career of creativity with metals.



2023 Michigan FFA State Convention

Van Buren Tech's Agriculture & Natural Resources program attended the 2023 Michigan FFA State Convention. Josie Lock (Senior at Dowagiac High School) and Kailee Logan (Senior at Paw Paw High School) were both awarded the State FFA Degree (Michigan State University recognizes the commitment and value of completing an approved Michigan Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education program and earning the FFA State Degree by awarding 6 general credits that can be applied toward an academic program at MSU.) Congrats to both students on their hard work and dedication to Michigan's agriculture!

"With over 2,500 participants annually, the Michigan FFA State Convention brings FFA members, parents, and industry leaders together to celebrate agriculture education. Michigan FFA prepares students to fulfill the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture. We are committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education." (michiganffa.org)



DECA State Career Development Conference

Van Buren Tech's Marketing, Sales, & Business program attended DECA's 2023 State Career Development Conference in Detroit, MI. Three students from Hartford High School competed at the state level: Jasmin Antonio Reyes- Apparel & Accessories event. Gage Gardner- Food Marketing event. Damian Gargus- Quick Service Restaurant Management event. Great job to all of the students for competing and professionally representing Van Buren Tech. "Michigan DECA is an association of high school students who are planning careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. Michigan DECA has more than 8,000 members in 150 high school and area career centers across the state of Michigan." (Mideca.org)



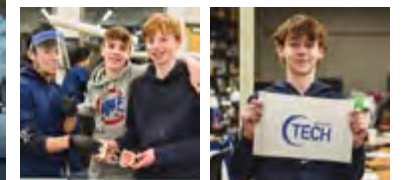
March is Reading Month

Van Buren Tech's Play & Learn Preschool welcomes Miss Bangor! Abigail Russell is currently a senior at South Haven High School and is also an exceptional National Technical Honor Society student in the Engineering and Architectural Design program at Van Buren Tech. She has recently been crowned Miss Bangor and will soon be competing in the Miss Blossomtime Pageant at the Blossomtime Festival in St. Joseph, MI. Abby's community service, involvement at Van Buren Tech, and dedication to her education is what makes Abby the perfect queen.



8th Grade Visits

Van Buren Tech welcomed over 15 local school districts to participate in 8th grade visits. All 8th grade visitors gained exposure to the programs of their choice and were able to actively participate in hands-on training with current Van Buren Tech students. Each program showcased its expertise and the students worked alongside the visitors to help answer any questions about attending Van Buren Tech in the future. If you are interested in attending Van Buren Tech, talk with your counselor or visit vbisd.org/vbtech



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5. **The Secret Life of Bees**

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To submit your pre-order at VanBurenCD.org/shop/ or fill out a form at the District's office (see address below). Stock is subject to availability and sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. Visit our online shop for seedling details and to check out our tree sale accessories.

Day-Of Sale

During our pickup times and locations (see below), we will be selling our leftover stock. If you want specific species, we encourage you to submit your pre-order ahead of our Day-Of Sale.

A special note: dune grass is only available for pickup and day-of sale purchases at our South Haven location.

Pickup Locations

Paw Paw Location
Van Buren Conservation District office
1035 E. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079

South Haven Location
Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum
903 S. Bailey Ave., South Haven, MI 49090

Pickup & Sale Dates & Time
April 13, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
April 14, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
April 15, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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South Walnut Elementary

Making Memories at the Mother and Son Dance



South Walnut boys had fun dancing the night away with the mother figures in their lives during a Mother and Son dance, held on March 10. The event was organized by the Bangor High School student council. Bangor senior Abel Muñoz (stage name DJ Eulove) provided the music.

Second Graders Sing for Seniors and Special Guest, Radio Host Paul Layendecker



Ms. Dawn Wade's second grade class sang to attendees of the senior luncheon this month, and were also recorded by Cozy 103.7 morning Radio host Paul Layendecker. The event was broadcast on the radio that following Saturday of the same week. Mr. Chris Measzros directed the students' musical performance.

Reading Month Activities



South Walnut celebrated Reading month with several fun activities. Students participated in a family Scavenger Hunt in which the students and their families search around town to find Peter Rabbit at various local places. Those who found all the pictures were then entered into a drawing to win a prize. Other reading month activities included celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, reading with a flashlight (Flashlight Friday) and more.

February Students Of The Month



Bangor Middle School

Middle School Band Receives a Division 1 Rating



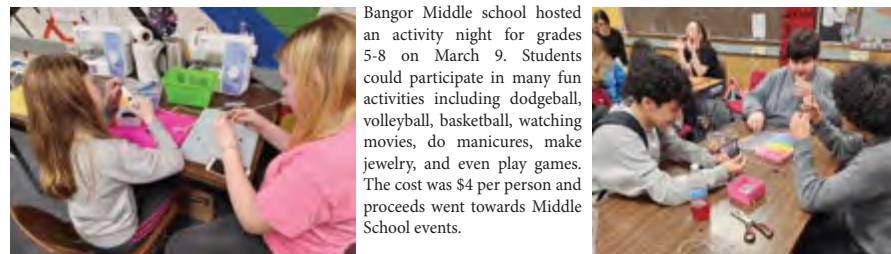
The Bangor Middle School Band received a 1 Rating for band festival from all judges at the MSBOA District 6 festival in Paw Paw. "The band really had a shining moment in sight reading," stated Band Director Tiana Doe.

8th Graders Visit The Van Buren Technology Center



8th graders took a trip to the Van Buren Technology Center this month, to experience what the Center has to offer. Students may begin taking VoTech classes in high school.

Students Enjoy Activity Night



Bangor Middle school hosted an activity night for grades 5-8 on March 9. Students could participate in many fun activities including dodgeball, volleyball, basketball, watching movies, do manicures, make jewelry, and even play games. The cost was \$4 per person and proceeds went towards Middle School events.

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SAT and PSAT Testing Starts in April

11th & 12th GRADERS: We will be administering the SAT testing series here at the high school immediately following Spring Break on **April 11, 12, and 13** starting each day at **8:00 AM**. All Michigan GED students who are enrolled as 11th graders are required to take this 3-day IN-PERSON exam series, as well as any 12th graders who did not take the SAT last year. We will be sending out full details in early March.

9th GRADERS: All 9th grade GED students will be scheduled to take the PSAT Test IN-PERSON here at the high school on **Wednesday, April 12th at 8:00AM**.

10th GRADERS: All 10th grade GED students will be scheduled to take the PSAT Test IN-PERSON here at the high school on **Thursday, April 13th at 8:00AM**.



Bangor High School

Bangor Robotics Competes In St. Joseph



On March 10 and 11 the Bangor High School Robotic team traveled to St. Joseph to compete in their first competition of the school year.



High School Band Receives a Division 1 Rating

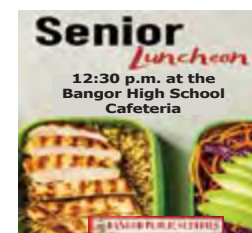


On March 8, the Bangor High School Band performed at the MSBOA District 6 Band and Orchestra Festival, held at Paw Paw High School. Bangor earned a Division 1 rating from all judges, including in sight reading. "I am so proud of this fantastic group of students. They worked very hard for this performance," stated Band director, Tiana Doe.

Bangor Alum Kate (Skarrit) Swanborg to be Guest Speaker at Graduation

The Guest Speaker for the 2023 Bangor High School graduation will be Bangor Alum Kate (formerly Skarrit) Swanborg, whom is the current Senior Vice President of Technology Communications and Strategic Alliances for DreamWorks Animation. She is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the studio's worldwide technology communications and business-to-business alliance efforts on behalf of the studio's technology partners. Kate also works with the producers and filmmakers of DreamWorks' feature films such as *Shrek*, *Kung Fu Panda*, *How To Train Your Dragon*, *Trolls*, and most recently, *Puss In Boots*, *The Last Wish*.

Through collaboration with DreamWorks' world-class engineers and technicians, Kate identifies technology innovations that enable the artists at DreamWorks to bring their imaginations to life. Mrs. Swanborg is a proud graduate of Bangor High School's class of 1988, and is also a graduate of Western Michigan University and the University of California, San Diego.



Senior Citizen Luncheon Schedule:
 • Mar. 29th, 2023
 • April 26th, 2023
 • May 31st, 2023

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Black History Month Program Features Dancers and Several Speakers

A Black History month program was held on Monday, February 27 at Bangor High School. The evening included a performance from Bangor senior Abel Muñoz of the National Anthem and a Barry White song, followed by history trivia with prizes.

Spoken Word performances from Charles Peterson aka the Poet, a dance performance from the Benton Harbor based group "The Ones," another Spoken Word performance from Danny Jennings, a song performance by Joyce Peterson and Son, a history reading from Samara Russell, family spotlight speech from Farah Abdul-Haqq Green, a poetry reading from 3rd grader Hamzah Green, and Keynote speech/song from school board member Dwayne Johnson. Attendees then enjoyed a soul food meal following the performances. Bangor alumni Cam London was the MC of the event.





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PRESENT: Stein, Wiatrowski, Lewandowski, Bertorelli
ABSENT: DeGrandchamp Fisher and Kiry
The Agenda was approved.
Motion to open a Public Hearing for the 5-Year Recreation Plan.
Several Residents from the township and area communities were in attendance and asked questions.
Most of the concerns were about future development of pickleball courts. A history of how the 14th Avenue recreation area came about was also discussed. Future plans for that area and funds for the future developments were also discussed.
Motion to close the Public Hearing.
Motion in support of Resolution 23-11 a Resolution to adopt the 5-Year Recreation Plan.
Meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 53053 County Road 388, Grand Junction, MI

SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1The Columbia Township Board will hold a public hearing and special meeting on the proposed Township budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 on March 29, 2023 at 6:00 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, including the proposed property tax millage rates, is available for public inspection on the homepage of the Township's website at www.columbiatwp.com/proposed-budget/.

The Township must hold a public hearing before the final adoption of the budget. Any interested person will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing regarding the proposed budget.

Additionally, the board will consider any final amendments to the current fiscal year (2022/23) budget and any other item(s) that may come appropriately before the board.

Contact Information. For those people who desire to contact members of the Township Board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before them at the meeting, please contact Christy Case, Township Clerk, clerk@columbiatwp.com prior to the start of the meeting.

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John Thomas Houdek, Tom to family, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2023. He was born March 26, 1933, in Chicago, IL, the son of George and Florence Houdek. His family moved to Michigan in 1938, with most of his childhood spent in Grand Junction, attending the one-room Wood School in Covert, and graduating from Bangor High School in 1951.

While attending school in Bangor he met classmate Carolyn Freestone and on September 7, 1952, Tom and Carolyn were wed. They started life together at Michigan State College living in the quonset hut and trailer village which served as married housing. Carolyn recently passed away in August 2022, just a few weeks before reaching their 70th wedding anniversary.

A lifelong Cubbies fan, he was very proud of the history and accomplishments of his parents, siblings and the extended Houdek family. He was always interested in how his nieces and nephews were faring and what they were doing. He liked to remind his children that they were among 24 Houdek cousins in the family.

As the youngest of six children, he was preceded in death by sisters Dorothy, Georgia, Virginia and brothers Dan and George.

John earned his Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and PhD from Michigan State and taught full time in the History Department for two years as a doctoral candidate. While at Michigan State he established lifelong friendships with several faculty members who generously enriched and supported his academic and family life. While in Lansing he also worked part time campus custodial jobs, on the Oldsmobile assembly line, maintenance of Forest Akers Golf Course and the Michigan gypsy moth survey.

In 1963 he joined the History Department faculty at Western Michigan University. His 35 years at Western included teaching both on campus and at numerous off campus extension class locations throughout the state. He also spent time within the Agriculture Department and developed a keen interest in the rural history of Michigan. After retiring he continued that research with colleague Charlie Heller, and they have published over thirty papers and articles about rural Michigan history. He was particularly proud of being able to document how many Michigan women were rural landowners and financiers during the nineteenth century. He never tired of scholarly research and writing and the WMU Archives staff were patient and unwavering supporters of his enthusiasm to learn more.

During retirement John remained active both at Western and in the Kalamazoo area, serving on many Boards and committees, with an emphasis on his interests in education, the arts and love of gardening.

He stayed connected to Michigan State and served on the Michigan State Alumni Board and was the recipient of the College of Arts and Letters Distinguished Alumni Award. He and Carolyn provided scholarships to students in the Social Sciences and Special Education at MSU.

At Western he and Carolyn volunteered countless hours and effort creating and maintaining the Honors College flower garden and expanded their campus beautification work with the help of WMU facilities staff. At one point he and Carolyn were caring for 72 garden beds around campus.

He was president of the WMU Theatre Guild, a member and advisor to Phi Alpha Theta and Emeritus Council President. He and Carolyn provided scholarships and support to numerous WMU students.

John and Carolyn were also deeply involved in multiple volunteer roles in the community including the founding of Kalamazoo in Bloom and the Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek.

To the very last days of his life John was an avid reader of reference books and maintained the ability to draw out the most obscure yet fascinating historical facts when sharing his perspective of current events. As an unwavering Democrat his opinions were often laced with a sharp wit and "Houdek" sense of humor.

He deeply loved and supported his children and grandchildren and never tired of hearing what they were studying, how their careers were progressing and where in the world they were living.

He is survived by children, Karen (Edward), Diane (John) and Steven; grandchildren, Bryan, Matthew (Sonia), Kelly and Peter and great-grandchildren, Jack and Mila.

In accordance with John's wishes there will be no memorial service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Langeland Family Funeral Homes Burial & Cremation Services, 622 S. Burdick St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

John's remains will be placed in the columbarium of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo. Those wishing to make a gift in his memory may do so to the Emeriti Council Book Scholarship Fund in care of the WMU Foundation, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5403. To leave an online condolence, please visit <https://www.langelands.com>

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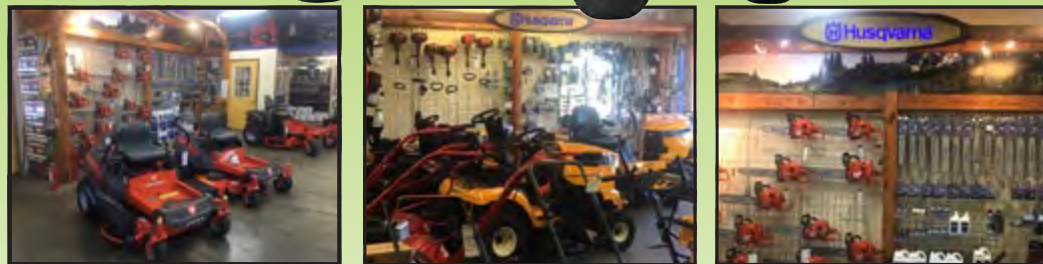


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