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On Jan. 18, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce helped developer Scott Jones and Ivy Rehab cut the ribbon to officially open the very first business in Jones' new shopping center in the fifth block of Main Street in Belleville. Clinic director Richard Fruitman (with scissors) was joined by business development specialist Sheila Shefferly, Ivy Rehab regional director of operations Scott Sherry, patient coordinator Natalie Stevens, and staff therapist Katie Kitchen. Among the chamber members present was chamber board chairman/city councilman Steve Jones. Also helping to celebrate the event was Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson.

VBT board approves dissolution of blended rate without comment

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted to dissolve the blended rate program that had been in place since 2003 without comment at its regular meeting on Jan. 18.

Trustee Sherry Frazier was absent and excused.

The item was placed on the Consent Agenda, which usually contains actions that need no discussion.

The agenda item asked to consider dissolution of the blended rate program "per the Closed Session discussion of Dec. 21, 2021."

The budget implication notation said that

\$408,000 would come from the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and \$408,000 from the Fiscal Year 2023 budget from Fire Wages – On Call (101-336-706-000).

In a news release sent to the Independent a day before the Jan. 19 action, Supervisor Kevin McNamara was quoted as saying that the blended rate program cost the township \$300,000 a year and the ending of the program would allow the township to hire three, full-time fire fighters.

Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman said there are six employees now in the blended-rate program.

In other business at the Jan. 18 meeting, the board:

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On Jan. 20, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce helped The Hair Station, at 151 Main St., Belleville, with its ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark its opening as a new business in the former Barber Bob location. From left are Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson, Amy Eversole, Kendra Duperon, Zach Sloan, Hair Station owner Diane Sloan, Jacqueline Sloan, Hannah Earls, Steve Jones, Rachell Rukstelo, Mary Herring, Bea Herring, and Heather Herring. and Tracy Starks (not pictured). Diane Sloan thanked her father Woody Sloan, who could not be present for the event, for all his help and support.

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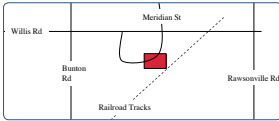
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Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education for this year are, from left seated, secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick, president Amy Pearce, vice-president Susan Featheringill, and treasurer Simone Pinter. Standing, from left, are trustees Calvin Hawkins, Dionne Falconer, and Kelly Owen.

Van Buren Public Schools honors school board members

Van Buren Public Schools is joining 537 local and 56 intermediate school districts across Michigan in celebrating January as School Board Recognition Month.

"In another year full of challenges for public education, our school board members persevered through the adversity of 2021 to provide the best possible education for our students," said School Superintendent Pete Kudlak.

"Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one of the very small ways to express appreciation for all they do."

School board members represent the views and priorities of their community in the complex system of maintaining and running a district's public schools and too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized, he said.

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part," Supt. Kudlak said. "No matter what challenges lie ahead for our district in 2022, our school

board members will continue to govern to improve student achievement and provide exceptional education for all our community's children."

The individuals serving Van Buren Public Schools and their years of service are: Kelly Owen, nine years; Simone Pinter and Susan Featheringill, five years; Darlene Loyer Gerick, four and a half years; Amy Pearce and Calvin Hawkins, three years; and Dionne Falconer, one year.

"Thank you for your continued service!" Kudlak said.

Public Safety Director: Sumpter residents can warm up, cool down

Sumpter Township Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said the township offers a place for residents to warm up or cool down 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

He said all they have to do is call (734) 740-1530 and they will be let into the comfort of the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., right across from township hall.

The regular hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., but it's available after hours by request, Director Luke said.

The township has been criticized for not posting this information on a sign in front of the building, but Director Luke said he doesn't want people to think they can use the building only when the sign is up.

He said he has posted the phone number on Nixle and Channel 12 local access that runs continually to let the residents know it is always open, if needed.

Luke said the Community Center was designated a shelter under the township's Emergency Operation Plan in 2015 and was first opened as an official warming center in April 2018 leading up to a dangerous cold spell forecast for the area.

A Nixle message was sent out, which in turn automatically posted to the Sumpter Police Department website and both the police department and fire department Facebook pages, Luke said.

It was again opened as a warming center in January 2019, leading up to another forecasted dangerous cold spell, he said. At that time, Sumpter Township was added to the warming center list kept by the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security / Emergency Management, and it, in turn, furnishes information to regional media when an expected need arises, he said.

Luke said at that time, Sumpter Township was one of 27 Wayne County municipalities on the list. A Nixle message was sent out (again with auto-posts to the other three locations). Same hours as above and continue to this day for both warming and cooling center, he said.

Luke adds these other statements:

- It was first opened as an official cooling center on or about July 21, 2019, leading up to excessive heat forecasted for our area. A public notification was made via the methods specified above and the sign in front of the community center.
- Open as a warming center on or about

Nov. 12, 2019. A public notification was made via the methods specified above and the sign in front of the community center.

- Open as a cooling center on or about July 6, 2020, even though the community center was otherwise closed due to COVID. A public notification was made via the methods specified above and the sign in front of the community center.

- Open again as a cooling center on or about July 15, 2020, for another round of excessive heat (again, Community Center otherwise closed due to COVID). Notification made same as above. Following this date, Luke said he believes that was the time he spoke at length at a board meeting about the center being open whenever needed as a warming or cooling center with no official announcement required.

- Open as a warming center on or about Nov. 17, 2020 (Community Center still otherwise closed due to COVID). Luke said notification was put out on the typical sites as above but was not posted on the sign in front of the community center as, "We did not want the public to mistakenly think the only time it was open was when the sign

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City of Belleville 2021 Employee Wages & Cost to City

Employee Name	Total Compensation
City Council	
Kerreen Conley	\$1,500.00
Kelly Bates	\$1,000.00
Thomas Fielder	\$1,000.00
Jesse Marcotte	\$1,000.00
Kenneth Voigt	\$1,000.00
City Manager	
Tracey Schultz Kobylarz	\$12,259.14
Police Chief/City Manager	
David Robinson	\$87,171.41
Deputy City Manager	
Timothy McLean	\$33,696.01
City Clerks	
Briana Hootman	\$42,559.22
Verna Chapman	\$30,160.26
Treasury/Building	
Angela Plummer	\$41,368.45
Treasury/Water	
Takisha Hammons	\$35,444.41
Police Clerk	
Emma Pelker	\$9,179.48
Department of Public Works	
Richard Rutherford	\$66,176.50
Stephen Adams	\$60,668.21
Steven Demond	\$54,743.21
Nicholas Demond	\$37,233.82
Gary Kropf	\$13,072.50
Arnold Smith	\$4,128.50
Christopher Fielder	\$1,190.25
Police Officers	
Todd Schrecengost	\$74,160.34
Kristin Faull-Schlund	\$71,656.32
Jeff Wickham	\$71,576.61
Matthew VanDeweghe	\$68,417.92
Barton Devos	\$61,259.66
Sarah Maher	\$54,074.63
Chad Adam	\$52,722.69
Ashley Rossignol	\$41,699.55
Michael Papin	\$24,300.74
Fire Department	
Allison Reed	\$5,827.14
Christopher Zweng	\$5,079.23
Edward Smith	\$4,953.77
Richard Landskroener	\$4,860.83
Donald Deyoung	\$4,610.54
James Beaumont	\$3,370.53
Samuel Wyputa	\$1,862.67
Ryan Russow	\$1,685.51
Garrett Kissel	\$1,684.01
Colette McClinton	\$1,134.80
Justin Reed	\$971.74
Kristopher Rix	\$949.26
Aaron Zehel	\$683.31
Senior Transportation Drivers	
Patricia Howard	\$4,086.00
Carrie Serwatka	\$3,738.00
2021 TOTAL \$1,110,306.16	
2020 TOTAL \$1,722,068.12	
Difference - \$611,761.96	
2021 employee total wages & cost to city had approximately a 35.52% decrease since 2020.	

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

School district nurse praised for COVID help

Van Buren Public Schools nurse Dionisia Munoz was nominated for the 2021-22 national LifeChanger of the Year award and at Monday's school board meeting she was honored for the nomination with a series of statements on her work, a framed poster, and handshakes all around the board table.

Jason Salhaney, principal of Owen Intermediate School, was the one who nominated her for the award. The winners are yet to be determined. He said she has been available 24/7 for questions from the staff and that is greatly appreciated.

School leaders said it was great to have a nurse around before COVID struck, but afterward a lot of the staff members were bewildered by situations and turned to her for help. They even asked her questions for their families and friends.

"She takes care of our care with tender loving care," said Tyler Elementary Principal Aleisa Pitt who said she sometime calls her in the nighttime and Dionisia is always gracious and helpful.

BHS Principal Nichole Crockett said this nomination confirms Dionisia as a life-changer. "She was a life-saver and trained everyone to do what they needed to do. Then came COVID. Thank God, she was here."

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said she has been valuable during a very stressful time and is someone they can count on to help them, no matter what time it is.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

People around town are very interested to know what is going up on the property that has been vacant for so long on the corner of Main and Third streets. All the trees have been cut down. I sent City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson an email question and he replied:

"I know the property was sold, but I have no idea what the new owner intends to build there. I'm hoping for something awesome though, as our downtown is too beautiful to have vacant lots..."

So, I looked on the city web site and found that on Jan. 6, Scott Jones (Belleville Main LLC) bought the 0.133-acre of property at 310 Main St. from Woodrow Sloan for \$250,000. He also got the 0.251-acre parcel next door at 342 Main St., without additional cost from Sloan.

As someone noted, "Scott Jones will own the whole town and we can call it Jonestown." Scott also owns most of the fifth block of Main Street next to the bridge, where he is building a beautiful new addition to the business community. He also owns 149 South St. and recently bought Stoney Creek Motorsports at West Columbia and High Street for his corporate headquarters.

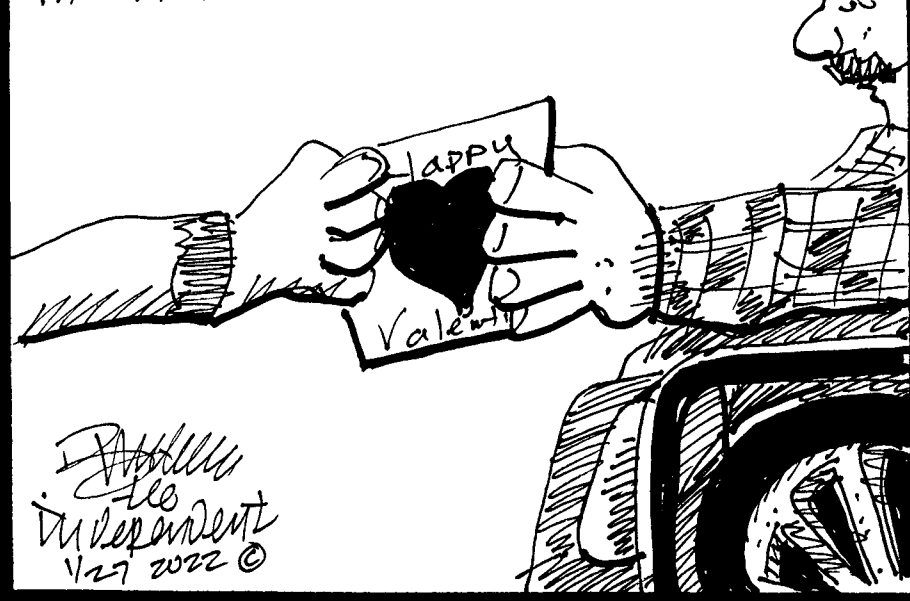
He also owns lots of properties in Van Buren Township.

DTE has a list of local, public EV charging stations that was interesting. They are:

- Dunkin' Donuts, 10950 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township;
- Atchinson Ford, 9800 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township;
- DTE Energy – Western Wayne Center, 8001 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township;

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- DTW Airport South Cel Lot, 34697 Eureka Rd., Romulus.

According to the list, Atchinson also has a private EV station. The Atchinson station is marked as a high-power station that is DC fast-charge or supercharger. We called Atchinson and were told that both of their stations are superchargers.

Raphael Finkelstein of Sumpter Township said he was dealing with some identity theft and he was told to report it to the police. He said he was heading to the Sumpter Police Department and, at the corner of Judd and Sumpter roads, two French bulldogs ran out into the road. He said they rounded the dogs up and took them to the FMAR shelter on Arkona Road and those at the shelter called police. The police said the owners had just called and they were on the way to the shelter to get their dogs. Happy ending.

A public hearing on a new golf cart ordinance will be held Feb. 22 before the Belleville City Council. A resident on Church Street presented a ton of background information last year on the idea and others joined in support. Deputy City Manager Tim McLean had experience with golf cart ordinances in another community he served.

It's going to be a little involved because golf carts can't be crossing county roads and we've got a few of those in the city. It's expected that by the Lake Fest there will be

golf carts all over town.

Be sure to get to that city council meeting in late February if you support or oppose such an ordinance.

On our website we have more than 37 messages for and against a property owner's idea of putting a fuel station, with EV stations, with a party store and a restaurant next door at the northwest corner of Haggerty Road and the I-94 South Service Drive.

These are the comments below our story on the VBT Planning Commission in December where the property owner came to run his plans past the planners. He has yet to file any request for a rezoning from residential to commercial necessary for part of the property.

That corner has been turned down two or three times in the past for commercial development.

I remember when a brick house was on the property and it had been abandoned and filled up with feral cats. Al Ostrowski was VBT's animal control officer at the time and I went in the house with him to watch him set the traps to catch the cats so he could relocate them. Then the fire department burned the house down as a training exercise.



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Letters**Letter to President Biden about the danger of death from vaccine**

Jan. 11, 2022

"President" Joseph Biden

The White House

Office of the President

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20500

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine

Dear "Mr. President,"

I'm writing this letter to you with a heavy heart concerning the COVID-19 vaccination and my husband's accidental death after receiving the shot.

My husband's name was Jim Clark. After having a COVID test which was positive, he never showed any symptoms of being sick. Jim later tested again and was negative and returned back to work and was fine.

Jim later went to his physician for his yearly check up required by his medical insurance. During his visit I was with him when his physician insisted he get his COVID vaccination. The time period was less than a month from being sick and he was told it was OK to get the shot. He refused, at first, but she insisted it was necessary to do it. She knew the dates of the test. Knowing he had COVID a few days earlier that was now negative he got the shot.

Less than a few days later Jim was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was immediately taken to triage. In triage several medical persons and doctors were racing with trying to save his life with double pneumonia, strokes, and a heart attack.

Less than a month later Jim passed away in the hospital. He could no longer battle COVID-19 again. The COVID vaccination was too soon and too much for him. Jim should have been told to wait for at least 90 days.

Jim passed away from COVID.

This was an accident. It never should have never happened. I'm sure this has happened to many others during this pandemic.

I believe in you, "Mr. President." You can make a difference for families who are now struggling, left behind with debts and grief.

Most of us cannot afford a life insurance policy. Even if we did, most of the policies are so small that after a few months you realize you're not going to make it. That's me and many others like me.

Accidental Death Life Insurance companies should be forced to add this to all their policies because that is what this was. This was an accident. The shot should have never happened. If you are admitted to a hospital after taking a COVID-19 shot within 90 days and die they should have to pay out on the policy due to national pandemic.

This should go back retroactive to the day this pandemic started in 2019. This change at the least will help those left behind who have these policies. If someone had an Accidental Death policy like this, the government should require policy holders to get paid within 30 days. (With proof of a COVID vaccine being given and a death certificate.) Even if the policy ended because the person is now deceased.

This will also help all those who are filing in class-action lawsuits against COVID-19. Providing a shorter time for the help that is needed.

Please talk to our legislators with your years of experience and knowledge. Make this happen for all Americans in this situation. I believe that you, "Mr. President," have the power to change this loophole in our insurance forever by adding a requirement clause to pay out during emergency pandemics.

Please make this possible.

Thank you,

Toni G. Clark

Sumpter Township

CC: Vice President Kamala Harris
 Congresswoman Debbie Dingell
 U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
 U.S. Senator Gary Peters
 Gov. Gretchen Whitmer
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Editor's Note: At the time of his death on June 7, 2021, James Clark was serving as the elected treasurer of Sumpter Township.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Jan. 27:** Boys Swim/Dive vs John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Jan. 28:** Girls & Boys Bowling vs Stevenson at Lodge Lanes 3 p.m.

• **Saturday, Jan. 29:** Girls Varsity Basketball vs Grosse Pointe South, noon; Boys Varsity Basketball hosting Fast Break Invitational, 8 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 1:** Boys Freshman Basketball vs Dearborn, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball 7 p.m.

Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Jan. 29** – President's 2022 Charity Fund Raiser to benefit Ele's Place Ann Arbor, from 5 p.m. until midnight at Van Buren Eagles #3996. Tickets are \$20; open to the public. Ele's Place is a nonprofit, community-based organization with the mission to create awareness of and support for grieving children, teens and their families. Event will include entertainment by Tequila Mockingbird starting at 8 p.m. Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. includes pulled pork and chicken, baked beans, mashed potatoes, salad, dinner rolls and butter and assorted desserts. Purchase tickets at foe3993.com/ events or at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township.

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Obituaries



Arville Dean Smith



ARVILLE D. SMITH

(November 25, 1931– January 19, 2022)

Arville Dean Smith, age 90, a longtime resident of Belleville, passed away suddenly on January 19, 2022, surrounded by family. He was born on November 25, 1931, in Kay Jay, Kentucky, to Clarence and Nannie (Centers) Smith. Arville served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and retired from General Motors. He was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Stars #73, the Rawsonville Shriners Club, and Free and Accepted Masons, Myrtle Lodge #89, serving as Worshipful Master in 2009. He was also a member of Shriners International.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen (Green), whom he was married to for 63 wonderful years and their 5 children: Linda (Scott) Douglas of St. Cloud, FL., Cathy (Ray) Eggers of Romulus, MI, Dianne Smith of Belleville, MI, Arvil (Denise) Smith, Jr. of Ucross, WY, James (Angela) Smith of Kalamazoo, MI, and niece KathyLynn (Rogelio) Rendon of Detroit, MI. He is also survived by his brother, Bennie Smith of Detroit, MI, 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren, and an abundance of loving nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, twin sister Joyce Downey, and his other siblings Janie Smith, Jimmie Smith, and Christine Tripp. Arville loved fishing, hunting and was a true farmer at heart. He cherished his time riding horses and being a cowboy with his son, Arvil Jr., in Wyoming. He enjoyed spending his winters in Florida with his daughter, Linda Mae. He loved his trips visiting other Masonic temples with his son, James. He treasured time spent going out to eat and splurging on strawberry shakes with his daughter, Cathy. He loved enjoying everyday life and his time spent with his daughter, Dianne. He loved visiting with his niece, KathyLynn, sharing stories and good times. Arville said many times how blessed and thankful he was to have so many loving family and friends in his life. He loved his Masonic, Eastern Stars and Shriner families, and was grateful for his kind and caring neighbors, especially Michael Teall.

Arville Smith was a man who left this world better than it was when he found it.

His family and friends will miss him forever.

Visitation was held Sunday and Monday at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service was on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 1 PM, with visitation Noon until the funeral began.

KAREN MARIE STALMACK

(January 31, 1950 – January 16, 2022)

Age 71, of Belleville, MI. Survived by sister Joanne K. Bennett of Belleville, many nieces and nephews, and two best friends Gracia and Janice. Visitation and service was Jan. 21 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

www.davidcbrownfh.com

DEBORAH LYNN EVANS

(October 20, 1958 – January 23, 2022)

Age 63, of Belleville. Survived by her parents M. Wanda (Charles R.) Ruggles, fiancé Marty Stawkey of Belleville, two cats, two children she sponsored in Zambia. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 stay at 108, positive tests up at 7,984

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code stayed at 108 as of Saturday, Jan. 22, according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department. As of Tuesday morning the health department had not posted new figures.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 7,984 on Saturday, Jan. 22, up from 7,624 on Monday, Jan. 17.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 5,434 positive cases, 61 deaths; City of Belleville, 955 positive cases, 22 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,595 positive cases, 25 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had 75 positive cases on the week it came back from winter break, Jan. 4-7 and 75 cases

Jan. 10-14. From Jan. 18 to 21, there were 30 cases. There is a total of 466 positive cases posted since the beginning of the school year.

Upcoming Meetings

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Lewis Andrew 'Jack' Paulsen

LEWIS ANDREW 'JACK' PAULSEN

(September 27, 1924 – January 16, 2022)

Jack Paulsen, beloved husband, father, step-father, grandfather "Papa Lew", great-grandfather, uncle and dear friend passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at age 97. He was born in Little Rock Arkansas to Lewis and Robbie Paulsen on September 27, 1924. Jack was a veteran of WWII in the US Army Combat Engineers serving in both the European and Pacific Theaters before returning to his wife Marion in Glenview, Illinois. He turned to his army education and experience and finished college as a structural and mechanical engineer, a field he worked in for over 40 years. Jack loved to build and was often renovating or repairing the homes of friends and family in his spare time. Jack enjoyed golf and played weekly until the age of 96. He was proud of the 3 hole-in-ones he achieved over the years. Fly-in fishing was another activity that he looked forward to every summer. Jack and Marion retired to Fairfield Glade, Tennessee where they enjoyed golfing and entertaining friends and family. Jack was an accomplished guitar and piano player and was often called upon to perform his special "boogie woogie" style which brought joy to all. Jack loved traveling to new places, working crossword puzzles, reading science magazines and publications, building RC airplanes and woodworking. His love of life was contagious.

Jack was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marion, his parents, his step father Bill McCormick, his sister, Doris, his son John and grandson Jacob.

In 2008, Jack was happily married to Margaret "Marge" Williams with whom he shared a joyous 14 years. She survives at the Pavillion for Senior Living, 130 Lebanon Hwy., Carthage, TN 37030, c/o Marge Paulsen.

Jack is also survived by his children Karen (John) Holden, Steve (Sandy) Paulsen and Jeanne (Ken) Middlebrook and step-children Tom (Nancy) Williams, Edward (Ron Rupert) Williams, Bob (Marty Polasko) Williams, Peggy (Don) Jackson and Don (Julia) Williams

and their families. Jack was a dear Papa Lew to grandchildren Robbie (Hunter) Weeks, Andrew (Dana) Paulsen, Mikki (Matt) Smith, Catherine (Colby) Buswell, Samantha (Jacob Phillips) Middlebrook, Dr. Michael (Maggie) Paulsen and Jennifer (Simon Fletcher) Carty. He is also survived by great grandchildren Lily, Sophie, Jada, Walker, Leif, Weston, Nora, Luna, Gunnar and Atlas.

Cremation has taken place and Jack is resting in the St. Francis Catholic Church Columbarium in Fairfield Glade, TN. A celebration of his life will happen at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please honor his memory by planting a tree or donating to Rainforest Trust.

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Dan Fogelburg



Charles Eldon Doty, Jr.

CHARLES ELDON DOTY, JR.

(November 11, 1946 – January 20, 2022)

Charles Eldon Doty, Jr., age 75, longtime Belleville resident, passed away suddenly, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, MI. He was born November 11, 1946, in Detroit, MI, son of Charles E. & Harriet G. Doty. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1964. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting baseball cards and trains. His passion was woodworking; he loved remodeling his family homestead on Renton Road over the years.

Mr. Doty is survived by his son Derrick Doty of Belleville, MI, sister Sandra (Jim) Baker of Ypsilanti, MI, niece Shawn (Dan) Kouba of South Carolina, nephew Christopher Lauri of Belleville, MI, also many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two sisters, Marilyn Funkhouser and Carolyn Plice.

A gathering will be held 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 1 p.m. Pastor Tom Hazen will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated.

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NEOLA ANN LAWYER

(September 21, 1953 – January 19, 2022)

Age 68. Survived by her sister Audrey Krueger, 11 nieces and nephews. Visitation was Jan. 24 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Entombment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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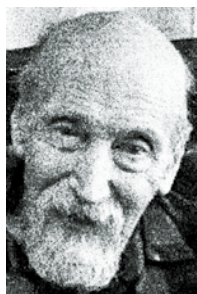


ALEXANDER RUDY PAICH

(November 16, 1937 – January 9, 2022)

Alexander Rudy Paich, age 84, of Belleville, Michigan, died Sunday, January 9, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born November 16, 1937, in Wyandotte, Michigan, the son of Rudy Lee and Anna (Blazincich) Paich. Alex was employed as a Steel Fabricator using that skill working in plumbing and also as an electrician. He served in the Michigan National Guard where he received an Honorable Discharge. Alex enjoyed hunting, but he will always be remembered for the love he had for his Family and Friends; especially those wonderful Paich Pig Roasts he was so famous for. He is lovingly survived by three children: Alex (Diane) Paich, Tony (Kitty) Paich and Simone (Larry) Pinter; eight grandchildren: Nicholas (Michelle) Paich, Andrew (Holly) Paich, Kellie Paich, Tiffany (Musaad) Allaban, Katrina Paich, Tabitha (Matthew) Davenport, Mathew (Lauren) Pinter, and Kristian (Steve) Lee; 11 great-grandchildren: Penelope, Gwenyth, Alexander, Stanton, Jack, Aleyah, Adam, Laelah, Oliver, Parker and Leo; 2 brothers: Steve Paich and Joe Paich; one sister, Milly Leach; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Anna; one brother and eight sisters. Funeral Service was held Friday, January 14, 2022, at 12:00 noon at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel. Interment was held on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 11 a.m. at London Township Cemetery, London, Michigan. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Rd., Romulus, MI 48174.

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Richard Barney



RICHARD HENRY BARNEY

(March 11, 1931 – January 8, 2022)

Richard Barney, 90, of Belleville, Michigan, passed away in his sleep at Cedarwoods Assisted Living.

Richard was born in Columa, Michigan, grew up in Ypsilanti, played football and graduated from Ypsi High in 1949. Continued his education and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1952. Served in Korea from 1952 to 1954. Worked and retired from Ford Motor Company while simultaneously earning his Master's Degree at Eastern Michigan University. Huge fan of all Detroit and local sports teams.

Preceded in death by his wife of 52 years Jennie (Watts), sons Curtis and William, and daughter Teri.

Survived by son Richard Jr., daughter Dana, eight grandkids, and four great-grandkids.

Richard was a great father and man who was loved and respected by all who knew him.

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VBT FD gets help from Sumpter, Belleville to fight Saturday's fire

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

He had been working in his pole barn with the wood-burning stove heating it on Saturday afternoon, when he left it for 45 minutes, as he had done several times before without a problem.

This time, when the homeowner got back

to his pole barn at 14454 Martinsville Rd., the building was full of black smoke.

Van Buren Township fire fighters could not get into the building for an hour and a half or two hours because of the explosions from propane tanks inside, said VBT Fire Chief Dave McNally.

He said his department got mutual aid

from Sumpter Township and Belleville fire departments, who all worked together in very cold temperature with gusting winds.

He said the pole barn was apart from the home and so the home was not damaged, but there was a truck or trailer stored on the exterior of the pole barn.

Chief McNally said they know the origin of the fire was the wood stove, but how it got to be a problem has not been determined. He said the homeowner did a lot of work out in his pole barn and the stove warmed the place.

Woman falls in Belleville

A woman in her 50s reportedly fell down the stairs at Johnny's restaurant in the City of Belleville on Saturday afternoon and hit her head. Belleville fire fighters were called to her aid, but that call was quickly canceled by Huron Valley Ambulance which was able to get to the site at once to help her.

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Thoughts and prayers go to Fred Diiorio, husband of Patty of Mary Ellen Nail Boutique & Spa, who is battling COVID in the hospital. Our thoughts also go out to Marlene Mills, of Hott Hair/Denny's Salon, who lost her sister Brenda Gaston on Jan. 14. Thinking about you.

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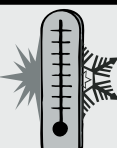
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• Held a public hearing, during which no members of the public spoke, on the 2022-26 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and then unanimously approved the five-year plan. The approval must be done by Feb. 1 for the township to qualify for parks and recreation grants from the state and federal governments. Supervisor McNamara said the township is working on an immense amount of grants. Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud said Phase I of the Iron Belle Trail is \$5.5 million and they are short \$1.85 million. McNamara

said work on the Denton Road Bridge is not included. He said the museum is in the Parks and Rec. Plan. Director Renaud said the township is partnering with a firm with 30 years in the design field, working with the Detroit Historical Museum and others, and the township will have an open meeting in March or April about the museum. "We're taking our time to make sure we are doing this right," Renaud said. Trustee Reggie Miller asked when the museum will reopen and Renaud said, "We have to be cognizant of COVID";

• Approved the personal services agreement for Fire Marshal Andrew Lengahan to also serve as Deputy Fire Chief, effective

Jan. 1 with a salary of \$82,000. Lenaghan has more than 33 years of experience in municipal and federal fire protection. In 2012 he was appointed by Governor Snyder to the State of Michigan Bureau of Fire Services Fire Safety Board where he served for seven years. He has an associate's degree in fire science from Henry Ford Community College and he is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force;

• Approved the purchase of three 2002 Ford Police Interceptors for the patrol fleet that is in the 2022 police budget. Cost is state-bid pricing of \$38,900 per vehicle for three vehicles, with a total of \$116,700. Vendor is Atchinson Ford. This item was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business because a member of the audience wanted discussion on it;

• Approved the supervisor's appointment of Kimika Garrett, of Sadie Lane, to the planning commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2022. On her application for an appointment, Garrett said she is consulting manager for Accenture Consulting;

• Approved the supervisor's appointment of William Osier to the Construction Code of Appeals Board with a term to expire Feb. 28, 2025;

• Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Daniel Belanger, Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Todd O'Neil, Denise Loughby, and Tammy Wall to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire Feb. 1, 2023. The Recreation Committee gets appointed every year;

• Approved Resolution 2022-01, Van

Buren Township Poverty Exemption guidelines. This information guides the Board of Review in granting exemptions. It is less restrictive than the recommended federal poverty standards;

• Approved the fireworks display permit application by the Michigan Fireworks Club for a display from a barge in Belleville Lake near the Belleville Yacht Club on Saturday, July 2, with a rain date of Sunday, July 3. McNamara said the launch location is the same that was approved for the last three years;

• Approved the personal services agreement with Tammy Dohring as the Executive Assistant to Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud. McNamara said this is just a change in title and it will go into effect Jan. 1 and was approved as part of the 2022 budget. Her salary is \$60,000;

• Received the Planning Commission Annual Report for 2021, as compiled by Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act;

• Heard Clerk Leon Wright say he would like to see the township put together a presentation for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which occurred the day before the township board meeting. He said he would put something together and Supervisor McNamara said, "Sure," adding that King reminded us that all people are created equal. Clerk Wright said President Biden said George Floyd was more important than Martin Luther King and that is not correct. "I disagree," Wright said. "He kind of misspoke on that";

• Heard McNamara offer congratulations to Bryce Underwood, the 14-year-old Belleville High School football quarterback who was named National Freshman Player of the Year. McNamara said the teen is 6'3" and 190 pounds and you wonder how much bigger he can grow;

• Heard McNamara announce residents can order free at-home COVID test kits and receive four per household by mail by going to covidtest.gov and fill out the form;

• Heard John Delaney, second vice

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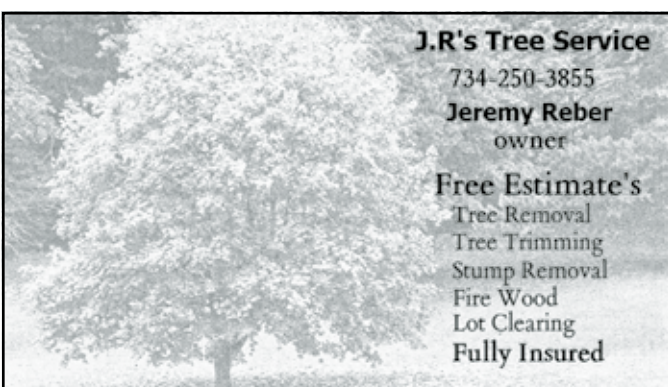
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president of the VBT Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) say that the purchase of three police vehicles should have been on the new business part of that afternoon's agenda rather than on the Consent Agenda, which is a rubber stamp for housekeeping items. Expensive items should be discussed, he said. While the cars may have been discussed during budget talks last fall, they haven't been discussed since then and residents may not have been able to get to the budget talks that were during business hours. "We don't know how we're spending our money all the time ... It's not fair to the public... In the future it shouldn't be on the consent agenda," he said. "I agree," said Trustee Reggie Miller. McNamara said, "We used to just buy them ... We buy three every year";

• Heard Delaney also say the acrylic protection for the clerk and treasurer protecting them from Armageddon is interfering with the HVAC system and an air balance test should be done, studying the clean air being kept out and the dirty air being kept in. He said the treasurer and clerk are protected, but not the planning

department or the trash permit area. He also said the museum needs to be open and it could be funded by Henry Ford and Greenfield Village because Van Buren Park is where Ford, Firestone, and Edison met together. Also there was gas lighting there in the 1800s to 1930s and those posts have disappeared; and

• Heard Clerk Wright suggest the American

Rescue Plan Act Fund could be used toward building of the community center. There was \$1.45 million sent and another \$1.45 million is coming later. He said while the township is seeking many grants, grants are not a sure thing. Trustee Miller said that money can be used for the community center under the law. She said she attended a Michigan Townships Association meeting

that said that. McNamara said the money was set up at first to help where you had loss because of COVID and now you can use it for just about anything. Miller said you can only keep it three years without spending. After much discussion, McNamara said, "When we need monies, I will come to the board and tell you what I want to do".

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was up, or they'd received a notification through the other means." He said he instead created a slide that he attached to the Nixle post and began running non-stop on Channel 12 local access (continues to this day with a minor wording edit) to let

residents know that it's ALWAYS open to them should they need it.

• On Aug. 25, 2021, leading up to an expected spell of excessive heat, "We sent out a reminder via the typical means, with the slide attached again, stating, 'With the heat index expected to reach 100 degrees this afternoon, Sumpter Township wants to remind our residents that the community

center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., operates as a cooling center (or warming center in colder months) whenever there is a need."

• On Jan. 4, 2022, Luke said he received an email from the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security / Emergency Management, something they frequently do leading up to a hot/cold spell, asking for municipalities to confirm their continued operation of warming centers. Luke said he confirmed Sumpter's information and noted that Sumpter Township was one of only nine on the list offering the warming center and one of only four who were offering 24-hour service, if needed.

Luke said over the years there have been five uses of the service, with one being a multi-day stay.

Mia Gregory, Jiaxi Li earn Master's Degrees from Georgia Tech

The Georgia Institute of Technology presented degrees to approximately 4,900 undergraduate and graduate students during the Institute's 261st Commencement exercises Dec. 17-18, at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Mia Gregory of Belleville earned a Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Jiaxi Li of Belleville earned a Master of Science in Computer Science.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 3, 2022 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Not Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations
-- Proclamation -- Belleville High School Football Championship

Proclamation honoring the Belleville High School football team for their MHSAA Division 1 Football State Championship Title was presented to Coach Jermain Crowell and Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak.

B. Council Follow Up List
1) Rick Rutherford provided an update on the grant to refurbish Victory Station as well as the roads in Hillside Cemetery.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 20, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, December 20, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Resolution # 22-001 -- Change of Signatories
MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-001** adding Steve Jones and Ken Voigt, and removing Tom Fielder as signatories on the city's bank accounts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Discussion -- Date(s) for Departmental Budget Study Session(s)

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to set the date for the City Council strategic planning session on January 31, 2022, at 6 p.m., with location and facilitator to be decided.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to set the dates for the departmental budget study sessions on March 15, 2022 and March 28, 2022, both at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-002** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Deputy City Manager Tim McLean informed City Council that the city has a tentative bargaining agreement in place with both the GELC and the POAM.

• Reminded everyone that the DDA's strategic planning session will be held next Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 6 p.m.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Henry - No comments.
• Council Member Jones - Hoped everyone had a happy New Year.
• Council Member Bates - Hoped everyone had a happy New Year.
Congratulated the Belleville High School Football Team on their championship.
Congratulated the University of Michigan Football Team on finishing out their season.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Hoped everyone had a happy New Year.
• Inquired as to when disposed Christmas trees will be picked up.

• Thanked Coach Crowell and Superintendent Kudlak for being present at the meeting.

• Stated that the Belleville High School Football Team will be receiving trophies for their championship, courtesy of contributions from community members.

• Noted that the robotics team challenge theme will be available on January 8th.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Rosemary Otzman

Inquired as to whether the trophies for the Belleville High School Football Team will be for the individual players or the entire team.

• Chris Zweng

Inquired if the Early Childcare Center had opened today.

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• To return with thoughts on who shall facilitate the City Council strategic planning session taking place on January 28th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Approved: January 18, 2022

Published: January 27, 2022

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2022 HYBRID

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Zoom meeting ID for public participation: 868 5933 3948. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Recording Assistant Beaudry, Deputy Supervisor Selman, Assessor Stamper, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Fire Chief McNally, Director of Community Services Renaud, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Executive Assistant Dohring, Senior Principal Planner Krishnan and an audience of two (2) in person and three (3) watching via Zoom.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Martin moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Consent Agenda item #12, Approval of the purchase of (3) 2022 Ford Police Interceptors for patrol fleet, was moved to New Business item #1. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Amended Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2021, Prepaid List of December 23, 2021, Prepaid List of January 6, 2022, Prepaid List of January 13, 2022, Voucher List of January 4, 2022, Voucher List of January 18, 2022, Approval of the appointment of Kimika Garrett to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2022, Approval of the re-appointment of William Osier to the Construction Code of Appeals Board with a term to expire February 28, 2025, Approval of the re-appointment of Daniel Belanger, Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Todd O'Neil, Denise Willoughby and Tammy Wall to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2023, Approval of the Dissolution of the Blended Rate Program per the Closed Session discussion of December 21, 2021, Approval of Resolution 2022-01: Van Buren Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines, Approval of the Personal Services Agreement for Andrew Lenganhan, Approval of the Personal Services Agreement for Tammy Dohring, Approval of the Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Boynton moved; Miller seconded to go into public hearing at 6:08 p.m. to discuss the 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion Carried. Director of Community Services Renaud and Senior Principal Planner Krishnan presented the 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Miller moved; Budd seconded to close the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E /

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The Board acknowledged the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 17, rookie of the year Bryce Underwood was recognized for his achievements on the football field for the Belleville Tigers and residents can go to covidtests.gov and fill out a form to receive 4 free COVID-19 tests per household.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):

A resident expressed their belief that township purchases over a certain amount should not be on the consent agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boynton moved; Miller seconded to approve the purchase of (3) Ford Police Interceptors for patrol fleet. Motion Carried.

Martin Moved; Budd seconded to approve the adoption of the 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The board received the Planning Commission Annual Report for 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: A resident spoke on their dislike of the protective glass in front of the Clerk and Treasurer's offices and their opinion that the Belleville Area Museum should be open.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: Clerk Wright and Trustee Miller inquired about the plan for the usage of the American Rescue Plan Funds. Clerk Wright commented on how he would like to see the funds used towards the new Recreation Center and Trustee Miller said that was a permissible usage for the funds per the Michigan Township Association. Supervisor McNamara said he would like to hold off until the Township knew the status of pending grants. Clerk Wright also announced UMED would be visiting the Township on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings to offer COVID testing to employees.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved; Martin seconded to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: January 27, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 269 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Jan. 16:

0112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0408 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0857 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.
0929 – suicidal person, E. Archwood Dr.
1251 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1434 – domestic, McKinley St.
1441 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse Rd.
1656 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

1840 – sexual assault, S. Bellridge Dr.
1947 – assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
2017 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.
2024 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2159 – welfare check, Sawgrass Ct.
2223 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.

Monday, Jan. 17:

0155 – property check, Ecorse Rd.
0936 – mental subject, Andover Dr.
1052 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1125 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1228 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1248 – welfare check, Kahla Dr.
1310 – larceny, Van Buren St.
1326 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1550 – 911 welfare check, Lauren Ct.
1602 – property damage accident, Stonebridge Dr.
1638 – noise complaint, Water’s Edge Ln.
1701 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1710 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1730 – civil matter, Hull Rd.
1846 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1858 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1948 – breaking & entering, Beckley Rd.
2007 – domestic, Outer Dr.
2109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water’s Edge Ln.
/ S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 18:

1121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Ln.
1233 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1302 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1427 – suspicious person/vehicle, Patty Ln.
1426 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ S. I-94 Service Dr.
1504 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1548 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
1556 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1605 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1703 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1711 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd.
1742 – civil matter, America
1748 – assist other dept., Florence Ln.
1801 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1900 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Van Born
1919 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2130 – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd.
2241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
2247 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, Jan. 19:

0455 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
0609 – assist fire dept., S. Ponderosa Trl.
0630 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0808 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0942 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0940 – juvenile complaint, McBride
0951 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1134 – property check, Briarwood Dr.
1159 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1216 – hospice death, Belle Pointe Dr.
1346 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Huron River Dr./Hannan Rd.
1413 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1444 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.
1607 – assist fire dept., Riggs Rd.
1617 – welfare check, Denton Rd./Ashbury Dr.
1658 – larceny from auto, N. Cumberland Dr.
1829 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.
2001 – fraud, Bayshore Dr.
2030 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Van Buren St.
2040 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
2227 – private property impound, Denton Rd.

2354 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.

Thursday, Jan. 20:

0149 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Anna
0951 – trespassing, Springwood Blvd.
1005 – private property impound, S. Industrial
1201 – fraud, Sawgrass Ct.
1324 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1359 – misc. complaint, Dorchester Dr.
1515 – abandoned auto, Hamilton Ct.
1544 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1817 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vernon St.
1823 – assist fire dept., Renton Rd.
1847 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Jan. 21:

0106 – assist other dept., Outer Dr.
0808 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
0851 – fraud, N. Sunset Ln.
1000 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1124 – assist fire dept., W. I-94/rest area
1157 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1312 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
1352 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1404 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1421 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
1547 – malicious destruction of property, McKinley St.

1621 – parking complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1839 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
1900 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
2023 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2211 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
2236 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Saturday, Jan. 22:

0016 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
0029 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
0059 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0217 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0224 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
0342 – traffic offense, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0644 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
0810 – follow-up by officer, Belleville Rd.
0830 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0939 – threat, W. Archwood Dr.
1034 – welfare check, Water’s Edge Ln.
1039 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1328 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

1451 – assist citizen, Martinsville Rd.
1654 – mental subject, Alba Ct.
1755 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1902 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1955 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
2157 – hospice death, Locust Dr.
2209 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 104 traffic stops, with 11 of them being on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 16:

0040 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0055 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
0134 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Sunset
0200 – traffic stop, Main St.
0857 – misc. complaint, Estrada Dr.
0942 – intrusion alarm, W. Wabash Ave.
1019 – vehicle lockout, Roys St.
2300 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2352 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Monday, Jan. 17:

1200 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1429 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
1935 – parking complaint, Light Tower Ct.

Tuesday, Jan. 18:

0051 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
0242 – property check, W. Thornhill Ct.
1241 – traffic stop, Church St./Second St.
1756 – civil matter, Anaheim St.
1758 – assist citizen, Henry St.
2107 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2129 – noise complaint, Church St.
2342 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Liberty

Wednesday, Jan. 19:

0127 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Roland St.
0904 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1203 – trespassing, Main St.

1704 – traffic stop, Fourth St./Main St.

1710 – traffic stop, Main St.
1724 – traffic stop, Main St.
1831 – traffic stop, Main St.
1856 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
2124 – traffic stop, South St.

Thursday, Jan. 20:

0757 – suspicious person/vehicle, Spencer St. / Sumpter Rd.
0829 – property check, Thornhill/Victorian Ln.
1133 – traffic stop, Madelon/E. Huron River Dr.
1214 – traffic stop, Main St.
1225 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1524 – welfare check, Potter Dr.
1638 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1646 – abandoned auto, Oxford Ct.
1708 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.
1836 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1932 – trespassing, Henry St.
2023 – assist citizen, Main St./Third St.
2107 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

Friday, Jan. 21:

0134 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
0307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
1404 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2008 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2117 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty

Saturday, Jan. 22:

0017 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
0207 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
0227 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0447 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
1023 – property damage accident, Main St.
1133 – private property impound, Carmell St.

There were 24 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 16:

0427 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0856 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0920 – traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1308 – civil matter, Nevada St.
1337 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1342 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Wear
1522 – mental health call, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1546 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1917 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1921 – welfare check, 188000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Jan. 17:

0516 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0950 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1050 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1328 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1352 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.
1441 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1533 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.
1538 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2046 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2112 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2128 – 911 hang up, New Mexico St.

Tuesday, Jan. 18:

0114 – suspicious circumstance, Redwood St.
0744 – suspicious circumstance, Willis/Sumpter
1111 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
1119 – death investigation, Creekside Dr.
1121 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1147 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1231 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clark
1250 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Sherwood
1442 – suspicious circumstance, Pecan St.
1444 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1623 – alarm, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1840 – neighbor dispute, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1857 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.

Wednesday, Jan. 19:

1107 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1119 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1121 – neighbor dispute, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1224 – suspicious person, Clary Rd./Martinsville
1322 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1416 – neighbor dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1444 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1526 – larceny, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1800 – suspicious vehicle, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1832 – 911 hang up, Wayside Dr.
1845 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 20:

0812 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1118 – malicious destruction of property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1429 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1516 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2133 – mental health call, First St.
2241 – family trouble, First St.

Friday, Jan. 21:

0056 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0506 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
0904 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Willow
0951 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1020 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Willis
1150 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1542 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1647 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
2121 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2249 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Willow Rd.
2312 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd.
/ Sherwood Rd.

2344 – C3299 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Sumpter

Saturday, Jan. 22:

0933 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1050 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1122 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1330 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1401 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1508 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1737 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1753 – follow-up investigation, out of township
2224 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 127 patrol checks, 69 traffic stops and six misc. details.

“You have to be odd to be number one.”
— Dr. Seuss



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

**The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.**

**The purpose of the public hearing is for public input
pertaining to a proposed ordinance that would permit the
operation of Golf Carts on some city streets in Belleville.**

**The Public Hearing will take place at the Municipal Building,
6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.**

**Briana Hootman
City Clerk**

Publish: January 27, 2022, February 3, 2022, February 10, 2022 and February 17, 2022.

Community Chorus starts rehearsals for Spring Concert season

The award-winning Belleville Community Chorus continues its 15th season, beginning

rehearsals for the Spring Concert season at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville.

The chorus members invite all singers to join them, whether new to the group or those who have sung with them in the past. If you sing soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or you're not really sure, you're welcome to be part of this fun and

dynamic group.

One caveat -- all unvaccinated individuals are requested to wear masks until the pandemic issues are resolved.

Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. The members perform a variety of choral music, for the enrichment, education,

and enjoyment of their members and audiences in the surrounding communities.

Not a singer? The chorus can always use a few helpful folks who would be willing to help coordinate the organization behind the scenes.

For more information, call Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235 or contact her at claudiarou47@yahoo.com.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on February 9, 2022**, for the Electrical Upgrades for HVAC Replacement Project at McBride Middle School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at McBride Middle School Main Entrance, 47097 McBride Ave., Belleville, MI 48111, on **January 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.**

All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must be included. A sworn and notarized criminal background check affidavit must be included and a sworn and notarized non-collusive affidavit must be included. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=6d06aabc6764626ab866c7a3647e995>

Documents will be available for viewing on **January 21, 2022**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

Publish: January 27, 2022

Public Notice



The Belleville Downtown Development Authority is accepting proposals for landscape maintenance, fertilizer, and mulch services for its four City parks. Please visit <https://bellevilleonthelake.com/dda/> for the bid specs. **Bids will be accepted until Friday, February 11 at 12:00PM.**

Publish: January 27, 2022,
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February 10, 2022

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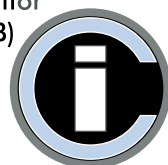


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