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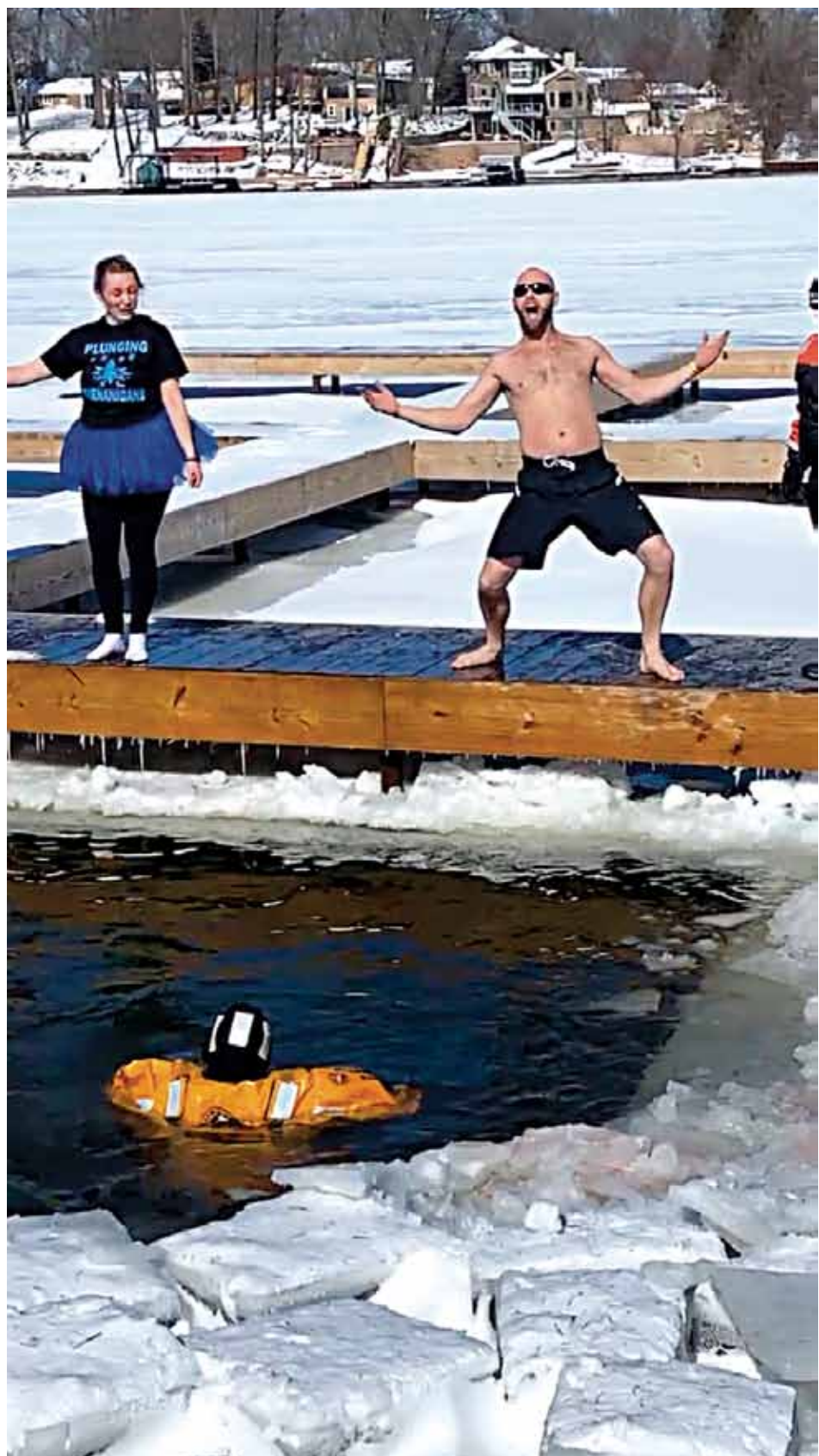
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Plunging Shenanigans won the first-place award for raising the most money for Special Needs Olympics on Saturday.



Organizers, from left, are: Seth Evans, VBT police officer and dive team member; David Katz, plunge director, works for Michigan Department of Corrections; Sue Campbell, director of Area 23 Special Olympics; and Ty Patton, BYC site director.

Polar Plunge



Dustin Anderson

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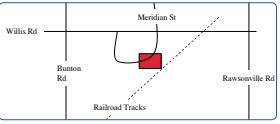
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Police: 2 Tyler students taken from school by mother's ex-boyfriend

On Feb. 16 at about 9:34 a.m., Van Buren Township police officers were dispatched to Tyler Elementary School to investigate a possible kidnapping/child abduction.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said it was reported that two students left the school with their mother's boyfriend who was known but did not have permission to take the children.

The mother reported that she did not know where her children were and that she had intended to leave her boyfriend that day as she was frightened of him, Chief Wright said.

She reported that her boyfriend took her children to stop her from leaving him. Uniformed officers began investigating and utilized the township's Flock camera system to assist with this investigation.

The VBT police dispatch center sent out a message to area police departments to be on the look-out for the suspect and his vehicle, and a Canton Township police officer located the suspect vehicle and effected a traffic stop on it.

Both children were taken into protective custody and the suspect Joe Casas, age 30, of Van Buren Township was detained. VBT police officers responded to the traffic stop and took custody of the children and placed Casas under arrest.

VBT police detectives conducted their investigation and learned that the mother had been the victim of domestic violence, felonious assault, and unlawful imprisonment leading up to this event, Chief Wright said.

A warrant request was presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for review and consideration and the prosecutor charged Casas with:

- Two felony counts of kidnapping - child enticement, with a penalty of life or any term of years;
- Three felony counts of unlawful imprisonment, with a penalty of 15 years and/or \$20,000;
- One felony count of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), with a penalty of 4 years and/or \$2,000;
- One count of domestic violence: 93-day misdemeanor and/or \$500; and
- Habitual offender - fourth offense notice. The maximum penalty cannot be less than the maximum term for the first conviction.

On Feb. 18, Casas was arraigned via video from the VBT lockup before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin and a not-guilty plea was entered. A cash bond of \$250,000 was set and Casas remains in custody. Casas is scheduled to appear at a probable cause hearing at the 34th District

Court on March 3, at 10:30 a.m.

No injuries reported in police car-school bus crash on Belleville Road

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A Van Buren Public Schools school bus was rear-ended by a Van Buren Township police car just before 7 a.m. on southbound Belleville Road on the bridge over I-94.

Damage appeared minor and there were no injuries in either vehicle, said Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright. On Friday, he said an internal investigation was under way to determine what happened.

He said he and Lt. Ken Floro interviewed witnesses available and there were no claims of texting while driving, as claimed on social media.

Police closed the roadway while students were transferred from the slightly damaged bus to another bus, witnesses said. Chief Wright said he talked to School Supt. Pete Kudlak who said it was a district safety protocol to transfer the students.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Police Lt. Floro at (734) 699-8930.

VBT board approves Supervisor McNamara's appointments to DDA

At the Feb. 15 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees the board approved Supervisor Kevin McNamara's three reappointments to the Downtown Development Authority, with terms to expire March 9, 2026.

Reappointed were Jim Chudzinski, Joyce Rochowiak, and Velon Willis.

Under requirements of the DDA Act, Chudzinski and Willis are business owners within the district and Rochowiak serves as a member at large.

Also serving on the DDA are chairman Craig Atchinson, vice chairperson Carol Bird, secretary Chris Brown, Supervisor McNamara, and directors Joe Baskin, Jr., Dawn Chappell, Victor Delibera, and Mark Laginess. DDA members are non-compensated.

Full-time, paid employees are DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland and Assistant Executive Director Lisa Lothringer whose offices are in the DDA headquarters at Harris Park.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Feb. 15, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees posed for a picture with Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain and his wife Christina as they all celebrate Laurain's 40 years of service and his retirement. Laurain holds a framed copy of the resolution the board passed praising him and Christina holds a transparent plaque. From left are Trustee Don Boynton, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Director Laurain and Christina, Treasurer Leon Wright, Trustee Kevin martin, and Trustee Reggie Miller.



Those who worked for three years to earn the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police accreditation for the Van Buren Township Police Department are, from left, retiring Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, accreditation managers Sgt. Louis Keele and Officer Adam Byrd, and Police Chief Jason Wright.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Emergency scanner reveals the ups and downs of our area

On Tuesday morning, the Belleville Fire Department was called to 451 W. Columbia Ave. for a fire alarm at the school district's new Early Childhood Development Center. It turns out the police got there first and reported it was an accidental pull by a child.

This isn't the first time the fire department was called to that new building by a false alarm. A fireman recounted at a recent city council meeting that the building had just opened when the fire department crew got a complete tour of the building on New Year's Eve after a false alarm.

On Feb. 16, at about 8:41 a.m., we heard a call to fire fighters for a "confined space rescue." It seems the elevator at Columbia Court in Belleville was stuck on the third floor with maintenance workers inside. The fire department left at 9:15 a.m., so it didn't take much time to rescue them. That's not the first time there has been problems with that elevator over the years.

Another interesting incident took place last week when Sumpter police and Wayne County Sheriff's deputies arrested a man in his home. We've been told he is charged with carjacking a pizza delivery vehicle – while he had his tether on from yet another criminal charge.

This appears to be a quiet community, but there is a lot going on under the surface, if you can look.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Thank you to all the people who keep bringing donations to help keep our local paper functioning. Such nice surprises and some don't even leave their names. A local paper is valuable and we're all pulling together to keep it alive. Things are looking up.

And, the scam reports keep coming.

On Monday, Clarence Collins of Van Buren Township said he received a call from someone with a foreign accent who said she was from Medicare. She said he was supposed to have received his new red, white, and blue card in the mail and if he hadn't she would help him.

All he had to do is give her information from his current Medicare card. He said he told her that when Medicare calls, he's supposed to ask for her ID number. All he heard was "click," as she hung up.

The number the caller was calling from was in Connecticut. He said he wants people to remember to ask for an ID number when you get a call like this.

Sarah McDonald of Van Buren Township got a letter from something called Bmt which is a "Member of the FDIC." It concerned \$922.12 that it said was hers in a checking account from 2018. If she does not contact them by Feb. 25, it warned in bold print, that the amount will be handled as unclaimed property in her state and this is her final notice.

They wanted her signature and email address and updated home address. The information was to be sent to BMTX, Inc. in Dallas, TX.

Her dad brought the letter to me because

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



he knew it wasn't right and wanted others to be aware.

At the Feb. 15 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara was talking about how proud he was that the VBT Police Department is now accredited by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

He said the Canton Township Supervisor had been bragging about it when Canton got accredited. Now, VBT is, too, and they have stickers to put on the cars.

The Romulus Police Department was accredited last fall, as well, and Sumpter Township Police announced that it started the accreditation process last spring and expects it will take two years to complete.

Other nearby police departments that are accredited are Monroe (2021), Dearborn (2020), and Northville Township (2018).

It took VBT three years and Police Chief Jason Wright said that was because of software issues and COVID slowed them down. But now they've got it.

Just 7% of the police departments in Michigan have this accreditation. I looked at the list of 42 in Michigan with this accreditation and found no Canton Township listing.

I checked it out and found Canton is not accredited by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police but is fully accredited by the national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

It was first accredited in 2007 and must be re-certified every three years. In 2020 it was fully reaccredited. Its web site says, "Canton continues to hold the title of largest municipal law enforcement agency in Michigan to be nationally accredited."

Thank you to Tim Craiger of Van Buren Township who stood out in the bitter weather on Saturday to take pictures for the paper of the annual Polar Plunge. He said it was so cold his teeth hurt. He said people there said they believe it is the coldest day ever for the local Polar Plunge and they considered not going forward on Saturday because it was 32 degrees and hard to keep the water in the plunge area from freezing. All this was done to raise funds for Special Olympics.

Diane Madigan and her husband Carl Johnson, who used to live in Van Buren Township and now live in Tennessee, sent us an amaryllis bulb for Christmas and the bulb produced more than a dozen big, beautiful blossoms. Then it rested and we thought it was done. It wasn't. It sent up another stem that sprouted buds at the top. So far, there are four more huge, bright, gorgeous blossoms and we are enjoying them on these cloudy, dark days. Thank you, Diane and Carl.



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Letters

About the Sumpter Rd. \$6.5 million bike path

To the editor:

I was born and raised in Belleville-Sumpter area. I was at Sumpter Township today to pay my water bill. In front of me was an elderly senior citizen paying his water bill. He was talking to the clerk about being evicted out of his rental and he was a month overdue to leave. He said, "I used the water, so I will pay the bill."

Then he asked the clerk if she knew anywhere that was renting. He said he gets a small Social Security check. She told him several places, but he had already checked. He said one of the places you had to have dementia to qualify, and another place said he was 64th on the list.

I picked up a copy of the *Independent* and started reading it and I see the story about the \$6.5 million grant being requested by Sumpter Township for a bike trail along Sumpter Road. I don't have anything against riding bikes. I have ridden my bike on these roads in Sumpter Township, Belleville, Van Buren Township since I was five years old. It just seems to me it comes down to spending \$6.5 million on something that is not a necessity. I doubt that senior who can't find a place to live, will be riding a bike down that path.

There are many things more important than a \$6.5 million bike path.

Don Whitehead
Sumpter Township

Thank you, sir – You are one in a million

Dear *Independent* Readers:

I hope that all of you will read my letter about my wonderful experience last Friday at the gas station on Main Street.

I needed gas and saw that there was a pump available. It was on the end near Main Street and it was only for one car. I drove up, got my keys, and money. Someone came up behind me. I started to open my gas cap which is tricky, when the gentleman behind me got out of his car and asked me if I would like him to pump my gas.

I said, really – you would pump my gas? It was very cold and the wind was really blowing. I told him my gas cap was tricky. He said he would get it open. I should go pay and he would start pumping. I was in shock that a stranger would offer to pump my gas in this weather.

I told him I was going to get him a lottery ticket for being so nice and thoughtful. He said I did not need to do that. I went in and paid and got his lottery ticket, a shiny \$5 gold one.

He finished, closed my cap, and did not want to take the ticket. I told him there should be a lot more people like him in this world who were kind and cared about other

people.

I left and he took my spot. As I drove away I tooted my horn and gave him a big wave. I thought this was a day-brightener story. Thank you, sir. You are one in a million.

Kathy Niemann
City of Belleville

Music Lakeside looking for physical help to put up, take down stage

Everyone looks forward to Thursday evenings in the summer to gather with family and friends at the Music Lakeside events put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts at Horizon Park in Belleville.

This has been an ongoing project for 12 years and continues to grow in popularity each year.

Crowds of more than 500 gather to listen to new musicians each week and also returning favorites. Artists like Thornetta Davis, Paul Keller, The Polish Muslims, Bugs Bedow, Kielbasa Kings, Tequila Mockingbirds and many more have graced our stage.

An added feature this last season was the return of the local artisan displays. Each week a special artist was featured and that artist displayed and sold a variety of art media.

But this year we are really in need of some physical help. Our faithful leaders are having some health issues which will limit their ability to set up and take down the stage. This is a big job and requires some strength and commitment.

The hours are 5 p.m. for set up and then again at 9:30 p.m. to take it down. It takes only about an hour or less to do each job.

If you would like to see this event continue this year and can commit some time each week or even one week to help us out, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please email Ken Voigt at:
musiclakeside48111@gmail.com

Thank you in advance,
The Belleville Area Council for the Arts
Cheryl Wagner

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Feb. 24 – Sumpter Township Bid Committee meeting at 4 p.m. to consider the sealed bids and proposals on three township-owned properties that are for sale.

• Monday, Feb. 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

• Tuesday, March 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting

• Monday, March 14 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Diana Davis Nash

DIANA DAVIS NASH

(December 24, 1948 – February 13, 2022)
Diana Davis Nash, age 73, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022, at her home, surrounded by family. Diana was a bright light, who had a smile for everyone she that knew her. She was born December 24, 1948, in Muskegon, MI, daughter of Douglas William & Elvira (Neumann) Davis. She graduated from Brighton High School, class of 1966, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Concordia College. Diana began her Career in Banking as an associate. She went on to receive her Cosmetology License and worked at Fran Coys Salon, before retiring from Lear Corporation in 2005.

Diana, enjoyed her retirement living on Belleville Lake and traveling. She traveled to Paris, Italy, and the Caribbean. She found time for a few hobbies. She made jewelry, pottery, and was a bit of a writer as well.

Mrs. Nash is survived by her loving husband of 22 years, James L. Nash; three children: Aaron Almashy of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jourdain (Travis) Blair of Belleville, MI, and Austin Nash of Rochester, MI; six grandchildren: Melissa, Cameron, Caleb, Cole, Jack, and Carson Blair; three sisters: Linda Alley of Romulus, MI, Shirley Bennett of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Billie Barton of Brighton, MI. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, her mother on February 9, 2022, also two sisters: Mary Zerilla on March 12, 2010, and Violet Murphy on September 5, 2021.

A gathering will be 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2022, with a 6 p.m. Memorial Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Celebration of Life will follow at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue and would be appreciated.

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Clarification:

On page 3 of the Feb. 17 *Independent*, we reported that Sumpter Township Trustee Peggy Morgan voted "no" on the Feb. 8 motion to have the county look into a \$6.5 million bike path for the township. She said she recalls actually voting "yes," and we apologize for the misunderstanding.

Trustee Morgan told the *Independent* she voted yes because this was just for a preliminary study of the proposal and the project could be stopped at any point.

We went back to the video recording of the meeting and listened to the vote several times and it still sounds like a "no" vote to us. It doesn't matter to the passing of the resolution, since everyone else voted clear yeses.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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Carlene Jo (Gerweck) Stoner

CARLENE JO (GERWECK) STONER

(May 17, 1942 – February 15, 2022)

Carlene Jo (Gerweck) Stoner, 79, of Belleville, MI, died after a prolonged illness on February 15, 2022. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Carlene was the beloved wife of Robert J. Stoner for 61 years. Carlene grew up in Monroe and lived with her family in Plymouth for many years before moving to Belleville. She and Bob had an accounting business in Belleville for 40 years. Carlene was thoughtful, kind, and generous. She was a creative and talented artist. She loved living on Belleville Lake and watching the pair of eagles, foxes, squirrels, and the variety of wild birds that came to their feeders. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and then with her great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Robert; daughter Ronda (Sande); son Robert; grandchildren: Jacquelyn (Roberto) Moran, Kristen Stoner, and Robert Stoner IV. She has two great-grandchildren, Max and Ellie Moran. She is also survived by her sister, Holly (Craig) Simon of Monroe, MI.

Carlene was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Arlene Gerweck, brother Ronald Gerweck, and nephews Joshua Haver and John Gerweck.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: OperationSmile.org; Humane Society of Ann Arbor; or HRC.org.

A Memorial Gathering in the coming months will be announced on Facebook at a later date. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MARY ALMEDA SKELTON

(September 10, 1932 – February 18, 2022)

Age 89, of Chelsea, MI. Survived by son Michael, daughter-in-law Marilyn, 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and brother Bill Young. Memorial service Feb. 25 at First United Methodist Church, Belleville.

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Agnes Loretta Travis

AGNES LORETTA TRAVIS

(April 23, 1934 – February 9, 2022)

Agnes Loretta Travis of Belleville, MI, passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, in her home. For nearly 65 years, until her death, she was the wife of Rev. Bernie Travis, pastor of Liberty Gospel Church of Belleville. She had suffered a stroke in the early hours of Tuesday, January 25.

Mrs. Travis was born in Livingston County, Kentucky, on April 23, 1934. She is survived by her husband, pastor Bernie Travis; sons Michael Travis of Warren, MI, and David (Cindy) Travis, also of Warren; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one sister Glidel (Rev. Charles) Sexton of Northville, MI; two brothers, Bobby (Nancy) Hardin of Flint, MI and Wally Hardin of Zephyr Hills, FL; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends across the U.S.A. and other countries. She was preceded in death by her parents Ephraim Crossland Hardin and Florena Hardin, three sisters, two brothers, and Debi Travis of Warren, her daughter-in-law of 38 years.

Mrs. Travis is fondly remembered for the generosity and hospitality she extended to people in need, whether family, friend, or stranger, providing love, nourishment and a home while making a new start in life.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 19, at Great Lakes Christian Church in Warren, MI, followed by a memorial dinner in the church fellowship hall.

LAWRENCE ROBERT DZIOBAK

Lawrence (Larry) Robert Dziobak of Hartland, Michigan passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Patrica; sons Eric (Kim), Todd (Julie); daughter Wendy Dziobak Martin; and grandchildren Miranda Dziobak, Brendan Dziobak, Devan Dziobak, James Martin, and Lauren Martin. He is also survived by a brother Benjamin (Jackie) Dziobak, a sister Patricia (Mark) Phillips, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Preceding Larry in death were his parents Stephen and Margaret (Schmiede) Dziobak, a brother Stephen J. Dziobak, and a son-in-law James Martin.

After graduating from Eastern Michigan University, Larry was hired by the Taylor School District where he became a teacher, then counselor, and then an administrator. He was also a driver ed teacher during most of his career in Taylor.

Larry was an avid fisherman and hunter. He had great respect for all living things, with a particular soft spot for dogs. He enjoyed spending time with family up north at his cottage. Most importantly, he cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place this spring. Donations in his honor may be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society.

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Virginia Mae Carnahan

VIRGINIA MAE CARNAHAN

(May 24, 1929 – February 17, 2022)

Virginia Mae Carnahan, age 92, life-long Belleville, MI, resident, passed away early Thursday, February 17, 2022, at Regency of Canton. She was born May 24, 1929, in Belleville, MI, daughter of George Albert & Frances (Stejakowski) Sobolewski. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1948. She worked for over 65 years in the Insurance Industry and then she worked at Meijer as a greeter for 20 years. She was a dedicated and active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church for many years. She was the Treasurer of the Ladies Guild for 20 years and on the Rosary Team at Cedar Woods Assisted Living Center. She also participated on the Money Counters Team, the Welcome Team, and the Funeral Luncheon Team where she enjoyed catering with Lucy Remus. She also worked the Bingo Tent for many years of the National Strawberry Festival. She loved roses and her gardens and cherished her dachshund, Reggie.

Virginia is survived by son Edward E. (Linda Schweigert) Carnahan of Manchester, MI; two step-daughters-in-law Shirley and Teresa Carnahan, both of Belleville, MI; 11 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a sister Marion (Orman) Reynolds of Belleville, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Delbert Carnahan; three brothers Albert, Robert, and Harry Sobolewski; a sister Barbara Sobolewski in childhood; stepsons Phillip Burl, Kenneth and Keith Carnahan; step-daughter-in-law Marie Carnahan; two grandchildren Ken and Kurt Carnahan; also one great-grandson Shane Carnahan.

Visitation was 4-8 PM Monday with 7 PM Rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. On Tuesday there was an 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, New Boston. Father John Hedges served as Celebrant. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Virginia's grandfather helped to build St. Stephen's Catholic Church and many members of her family attend services there.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, St. Anthony Catholic Church, or St. Stephen Catholic Church, and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Mary Lou Johnson

MARY LOU JOHNSON

(January 25, 1945 – February 15, 2022)

Mary Lou Johnson, age 77, longtime Belleville resident, passed away Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at home with her family by her side. She was born January 25, 1945, in Cincinnati, OH, to John and Elsie Ellis (Faulhaber). Mary loved to travel and go to the theatre and have lunch with her girlfriends, garden, tending to her flowers outdoors but most of all Mary cherished being around family.

Mary Lou Johnson is survived by her husband of 61 years, Melvin F. Johnson; children Karen Taylor of Belleville and Linda (Jay) Thompson of Ann Arbor; grandchildren Jason (Krissy) Taylor of Coolidge, AZ, Joseph Taylor of Belleville, MI, and Jacob (Kristen) Thompson of Howell, MI; and great-grandchildren Macaileigh, Arleigh, Leiland, Jaxon, Shelby, Lily, and Luna.

Mary is preceded in death by her siblings Joan Kepf, Gloria Murray, and John Ellis.

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Doyle Ray Cole

DOYLE RAY COLE

(November 16, 1948 - February 19, 2022)

Doyle Ray Cole, age 73, of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2022, at home, surrounded by his family. He was born November 16, 1948, in Letcher, Kentucky, son of Grant & Justine (Bowling) Cole. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines. He retired from General Motors Powertrain after 37 years of loyal service. He enjoyed hunting, yard work, and wood working. Most of all he cherished time spent with his family, especially his grandbabies!

Mr. Cole is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Gwen M. (Ary) Cole; two sons Michael (Kristin) Cole of Saline, MI, and Bryan (Danielle) Cole of Willis, MI; daughter Tuesday Cole of Belleville, MI; 6 grandchildren: Fallon, Taylor, Bryce, Madison, Autumn, and William; one great-grandson Layne; three siblings: Guy (Barb) Cole of Stockbridge, MI, Cindy Hurd of Ypsilanti, MI, and Jeff (Anne) Cole of South Dakota; sister-in-law Carol Cole; his beloved beagle Buddy; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Doyle was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Brad and Tony Cole, sister Sandy Morgan, also brother-in-law Richard Hurd.

Visitation was 12-6 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2022, with a 6 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Mr. Don Dreffe officiated. Interment was in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Sarah Mae Moore

SARAH MAE MOORE

(March 06, 1926 - February 19, 2022)

Sarah Mae (Hudson) Moore, age 95, of Ypsilanti, MI, long-time Belleville area resident, died Saturday, February 19, 2022, at the Gilbert Residence, Ypsilanti, MI. She was born March 6, 1926, in Erin, Tennessee to Newberry M. and Laura Mae (Keel) Hudson. She graduated from Erin High School in Erin, Tennessee, class of 1942. She moved to Detroit, MI, to live with her sister Yvonne Hudson to work at American Lady Corset factory, which made parachutes during World War II. Then she married Louis Larry Moore on May 11, 1944, and they moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where Larry served in the U.S. Navy. She was employed then at Florida Power and Light during his term of service. They moved back to Tennessee with her parents and bought a farm in Tennessee Ridge, Tennessee, where their daughter Laurel Dianne was born in 1946.

In 1949, they moved to Allen Park, Michigan, where their son Larry Hudson was born and onto Ypsilanti, Michigan, to work at the Kaiser Frazier plant where both Sarah and Larry worked. In 1952, they bought a home on Robson Road in Belleville, Michigan. Later Sarah took a job at Ford Motor Company where she worked 16 years before retiring. In 1974 after Larry died, she moved to Belleville Manor on Belleville Road where she lived for many years. During that time, she worked as a

secretary for 12 years under Pastor Jay Frazier at Grace Baptist Church and was a member there since 1952. She also helped anyone who needed anything done or a ride somewhere, prayer, advice, or comforting. The last few years, she has been unable to drive because of the loss of eyesight, and has wonderful people helping her, especially her niece Barbara Hubbard, neighbors Carol, Dorothy, and Hazel, who drove her to church.

Sarah is survived by her children: Laurel Dianne Marsh, son Larry Hudson (Nancy) Moore, and Ruth Moore (Robin) Hook; grandchildren: Tom (Anna) Ehrenberg, Tim (Janice) Moore, Nikki (Bud) Raymor, Chelsea (Justin) Horn, and Jared (Sarah) Hook; 9 great-grandchildren who she adored, also her long friend in life, Claudia Frazier, who was so important in her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Larry; sisters: Ethel, Christine, Yvonne, Willene, and Louise; brother William "Buddy"; son-in-law Philip Marsh; also life-long friends: Veronica Morris, Mary Grant, and Darlene Griffith.

The funeral was at David C. Brown Funeral Home with viewing for friends and family at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2022, with a 12 Noon Funeral. A private burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. No graveside service. A dinner will be served at Haab's Restaurant, 18 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Gilbert Residence, for a bench in her honor, would be greatly appreciated.

Her favorite saying when she would say goodbye to someone was "Here, There, or in the Air". She is at rest with her Heavenly Father, Who she has believed and trusted through this life...

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Curtis Frank Rowe

CURTIS FRANK ROWE

(September 28, 1951 - February 13, 2022)

Curtis Frank Rowe, age 70, of Van Buren Township, MI, died Sunday, February 13, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born September 28, 1951, in Romulus, MI, the son of Edward and Frances (Barron) Rowe. On September 25, 1973, he married Nancy Lynn Burnette in Manti, Utah and she survives.

Curtis retired from General Motors (Powertrain Plant) after 31 years of service. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ypsilanti Ward. He was also a former member of the Moose Lodge. Surviving besides his loving wife Nancy, are his children: Jared (Tonya) Rowe, Jaime (Kevin) Smith and Jenny (Matthew) Diehl; 14 grandchildren: Edward, Jacob, DeVaun, Alexander, Gwendolyn, Elliott, Kelsey, Hanna, Elena, Adeline, Madison, MacKenzie, Chase and Paris; two sisters: Yvonne (Doug) Warner and Gail Amey; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Frederick Rowe. Funeral Service was held Friday, February 18, 2022, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ypsilanti Ward, with Bishop Brian Cutliff, presiding. Burial followed in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI. Contributions in his memory may be made to his family. Envelopes are available at Janowiak Funeral Home, Geer-Logan Chapel, Ypsilanti, where the family received friends on Thursday, February 17, 2022, and at the Church.

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City DDA denies chamber request for free police, fire, DPW

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Feb. 16, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority was about to approve the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce request for a \$2,000 grant for marketing of the Belleville Lake Fest, when Mayor Kerreen Conley stopped the vote.

She pointed out that at the bottom of the request was this statement: "DDA funds requested *** \$2,000 PLUS a commitment to provide in kind contributions for Police, Fire, Maintenance, Garbage."

Mayor Conley said the DDA can't waive costs of the city and the \$2,000 grant from the DDA was not a problem. She said there is no number provided with the services they are requesting, which could be something like \$6,000.

Mike Kole, who filled out the request form for the chamber, was not present at the meeting to explain.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said last year the city only charged for police overtime because the city has to pay it some way. He said it was \$5,000 to \$6,000 and the fire department was about \$1,000 more.

Chief Robinson said last year when it was raining at Lakefest, he sent people home to save money.

He said the city was of the understanding that Lakefest is not hosted by the chamber and the chamber is simply a fiduciary and was supposed to create its own 501c3 for Lakefest.

DDA members agreed they have seen nothing that shows the chamber has created a 501c3.

DDA member Denise Baker pointed out in the request it says the applicant provides security.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern suggested the DDA send it back to the chamber for a proper request.

DDA member Kelly McWilliams asked if the application says it's for marketing only

and she was told this application needs to be updated.

DDA member Jennifer Winter agreed with Mayor Conley that they need a number on how much the chamber is requesting.

"They can't just tack on a gift," McGovern said.

Baker repeated that the DDA grant is only for marketing.

Mayor Conley said the DDA could approve the \$2,000 grant and not the other request. She said the DDA doesn't know if the chamber needs the marketing money now for the event in June.

McGovern said they could approve the grant without the gift of police, fire, and garbage.

Baker said last year the DDA made an exception and give two grants to the chamber – one for Lakefest and one for Winterfest – based on the understanding that the chamber was making an application for the 501c3 so Lakefest would be a separate entity in the future.

"Just send it back," said DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner.

DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams agreed that the application said the grant was just for marketing.

McWilliams said it was the wrong application, but it was pointed out just the dates on top for application needed to be changed.

Richardson-Williams' first motion to approve the application, seconded by McWilliams, was reworded to, "approve \$2,000 for Lakefest, period." This motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Steve Jones, who is a chamber officer and listed with Kole as in charge of Lakefest, entered the meeting at this point. The DDA asked him if the 501c3 application had been filed and Jones said he didn't know the status.

The DDA was about to consider the chamber's request for Winterfest, which

also included the request for free services.

Richardson-Williams said the DDA has the rule that you only can apply for one grant, she said of the chamber.

McGovern said the chamber is applying for the 501c3 although it has been a year since the chamber said it would do that to make Lakefest a separate entity.

"We had COVID," said McWilliams, a member of the chamber, trying to explain the delay. The rest of the DDA board members laughed at this excuse.

Richardson-Williams asked if the DDA wanted to make another exception to give two grants to the chamber.

Baker said the DDA doesn't want to continue this year after year.

McGovern said they could table the Winterfest grant until the 501c3 application is filed.

"When will it stop?" Richardson-Williams asked.

"Winterfest will always be a chamber event," Jones stated.

"If they get that 501c3 that will be another entity," Winter said.

Mayor Conley said they could provide the Winterfest money as long as action is being taken on the 501c3.

Baker said, "No gifts."

Tom Fielder called out from the audience, "Point of order." He said they needed to rescind the Lakefest motion claiming the wording called it a chamber event. They rescinded the motion.

McWilliams said she was in the chamber and Mayor Conley said she might have to recuse herself unless the DDA allows her to vote. They voted to let her vote.

Mayor Conley made the motion to approve \$2,000 for advertising/marketing for Lakefest, contingent on evidence on the 501c3. That was seconded by Winter and approved unanimously.

Then a motion was made to approve \$2,000 for advertising/marketing for Winterfest, without gifts, and it passed unanimously.

In other business at the one-hour-and-40-minute meeting on Feb. 16, the DDA:

- Unanimously approved the request of the Belleville Central Business Community for a \$2,000 marketing / advertising grant, as submitted;

- Unanimously approved setting aside \$5,000 for DDA Director Tim McLean to begin maintenance projects that have been listed as needed within the district. McLean said he would put together a policy on how the money for maintenance will be allocated by the DDA and board members can consider the policy at the next meeting. This will give McLean some funds to get started and if more funds are needed before the next meeting they could have a special meeting;

- Approved Pioneer Landscaping of Van Buren Township, the lowest of two bidders, for landscaping and maintenance in the district at a cost of \$735 per mowing with edging at \$1,400 for 2022. Costs were given for three years. Fresh mulch will be

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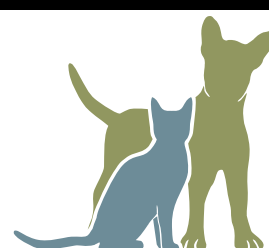
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Carl Zahn of Belleville on Lewis University's Fall 2021 Dean's List

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Public Schools nurse Dionisia Munoz was nominated for the 2021-22 national LifeChanger of the Year award and at the Jan. 24 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.

School district nurse nominated for National LifeChanger of Year

Van Buren Public Schools nurse Dionisia Munoz has been nominated for the 2021-22 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Munoz was nominated by her colleague Jason Salhaney for her persistence and dedication to her community. He said Munoz spends her days in and out of the eight schools that make up Van Buren Public Schools. Because of COVID-19, she no longer works the typical 8-4, but often continues later into the evening to ensure contract tracing and calls have been made for that day.

"She makes herself available 24 hours a day if needed," said Salhaney, principal at Owen Intermediate School. "At the conclusion of every staff notice about a student having COVID-19 or being quarantined, she states, 'Please let the

teachers know so that the student doesn't fall behind.' Keeping schools open and students learning is her primary mission."

Outside of her duties with COVID-19, Munoz provides ongoing training to teachers, secretaries, and families. She attends Individual Election Plan meetings to coordinate and address health concerns that students or families have. Munoz has a wealth of knowledge and continuously cultivates partnerships with local hospitals, health care providers, and the county health department.

Each school year, LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Eighteen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2021-2022 school year.

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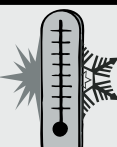
Ananda Harrington earns place on SVSU's Deans' List

UNIVERSITY CENTER, MI -- Almost 2,000 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the Fall 2021 semester Deans' List.

Ananda Harrington, of Belleville, was among those honored for academic excellence. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better. Saginaw Valley State University is located on a suburban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region.

Matyson Vlademar of VBT named to fall Deans' List at Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE -- Matyson Claire Vlademar of Van Buren Township has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year. Vlademar, a senior majoring in nutrition and health sciences, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Education and Human Sciences. Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center.



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Belleville DDA

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applied annually and fibar put in Victory Park playground area at a cost of \$2,700. The DDA received no bids on contracts for applications of fertilizer and crabgrass killer. Randy Brown did not bid on mulch and bid \$21,248 for mowing, weed trimming, and edging;

• Heard McLean report that he will start soliciting bids that week for the restriping of Main Street. Fielder said the cost had doubled for restriping and that's why DPW Director Rick Rutherford backed away from the project. McGovern said it still needs to be done because you can't see parking lines. Fielder said the last time it was done was in 2017-18;

• Heard McGovern say the maintenance agreement with the city is old and hasn't kept up. They are looking at hiring employees for the city to take care of this. McGovern said based on the numbers she has seen, the DDA's maintenance money paid to the city is underpaid. "It's going to cost money to have the city look great," she said. Later in the meeting, Winter said, "We can't have Disney if we don't have money," referring to Robinson's statement that he wants the city looking like Disneyland;

• Heard McGovern set a special meeting for 6 p.m., March 9, to discuss the maintenance agreement. Fielder called out from the audience that they had to vote on it, so they voted to hold the meeting; and

• Heard Fielder report that fentanyl is now being found in marijuana. He said, "Marijuana isn't always wonderful stuff to make us money."

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VBT DDA hires Anthony Costantino to remove, replace banners

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Anthony Costantino of C2A Enterprises LLC has been selected to do the removal and replacement of banners three times a year on 72 light poles in the streetscape along Belleville Road.

At the Jan. 25 in-person meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority the group voted unanimously to select Costantino's company. DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said she had hoped to get three bids for the DDA to consider but came up with just two.

C2A Enterprises of Ypsilanti bid \$3,040 each swap-out for a yearly total of \$9,120. Banner Sign Company of Detroit bid \$4,370 for each swap-out for a yearly total of \$13,110.

The DDA had been informed that the owner of Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles had retired and sold the business. Director Ireland said staff requested proposals from more than ten different companies to swap-out and maintain the banners on the streetlights along Belleville Road, but the response was not as successful as she had hoped.

Ireland said there are a lot of companies that will make the banners and there are a few that would install new banners only, but not do maintenance work. She said Old Glory's cost was just shy of \$4,000 each swap-out.

Neither of the bids included maintenance of the banners or bracket repair and this will be done for a separate fee on an as-needed basis.

In a memo submitted along with his bid, Costantino said his company has been highly recommended by Old Glory Flags, who has been completing the banner swap for VBT since 2007. The memo said Anthony Costantino has been working alongside Old Glory Flags for more than a decade performing this task.

Costantino said there are 36 seasonal banners and 36 township logo banners and they are replaced seasonally three times a year.

Banners are removed and replaced by ladder which requires three team members to complete this task in a safe manner, he said.

"A change we will implement is that the installation team will no longer work in the right lane of Belleville Road so that lane will remain open for traffic and the installation won't cause any disruption," he wrote. "Instead, C2A Enterprises will operate along the sidewalk in a small utility vehicle. This will greatly reduce the opportunity for a tragic car accident to happen and increase the safety of our team members while ensuring that there are no traffic backups."

If there are extenuating circumstances in which the right lane is needed to perform the job, then an arrow board will be rented at the cost of the township to ensure the safety of everyone, he said.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the DDA, said Chris Costantino, the father of Anthony, owns Rose's restaurant where his wife works. He asked if he should recuse himself from the vote, and DDA members voted to allow that, even though most said they didn't think it was necessary.

In other business at the half-hour meeting, the DDA:

• Heard Supervisor McNamara say he is going to ask Congresswoman Debbie Dingell for \$15 million in federal infrastructure money to widen Belleville Road from Tyler to Ecorse. He said the DDA would be asked to put in some money for this and the DDA would have to get the rest of its easements. He said there would be a lot of paperwork and it's a long shot. Ireland said it is unclear whether they would need room for three or five lanes. One property owner's house is right next to the road and that person won't give an easement, Ireland said, noting the DDA has been given the opportunity to buy that house for several million dollars; and

• Heard Ireland report that three tax cases have been settled with the Michigan Tax Tribunal, with the DDA district having to refund one taxpayer \$343.42, another \$872.21, and to Walmart, \$5,353. There are three cases left to settle.

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The Belleville Band Boosters are putting on their annual BHS Jazz Band Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser this Saturday, Feb. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Commons area at Belleville High School. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes spaghetti and home-made meatballs, salad, garlic bread and a beverage. Tickets are available at the door along with car-side carryout. Raffles for gift baskets and 50/50 will also take place. Visit www.bellevillebands.org.

The Ford Tri-Motor in the featured program at the in-person Historic Presentation Night coming up on Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport. The cost is \$10 per person for non-museum members and free for members. The storyline features the museum's very own flyable Tri-Motor airplane, which was part of Ford Motor Company's involvement and contribution to the development of commercial aviation. Guest speaker is Cody Welch, a Tri-Motor chief pilot. Registration is available online at www.yankeearmuseum.org.

New Boston Coney Island & Grill, located in the former River's Edge Diner, Trixie's, and Tiffany's on Huron River Drive, has re-opened with new owners --Azira and Harold, offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner favorites, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday. Like them on Facebook for daily specials, home-made soups, and desserts. Call (734) 606-5313.

Hats off to Shannon Moore of Photography by Shannon on Main Street in Belleville who recently held a Valentine's photo shoot just for pets with some of the proceeds going to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter and to The Buster Foundation of Van Buren Township. Moore dropped off a check to both rescues last week in the amount of \$1,900 each. There were tons of pictures posted on Shannon's Facebook page and it looked like a load of fun. With the help of friends and family, Shannon held 52 photo appointments that day, featuring 82 dogs, and one bearded dragon. Cool. I love my small town, its people, and businesses. Shop local.

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City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The City of Belleville Board of Review will be held on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: February 10, 2022
February 17, 2022
February 24, 2022
March 3, 2022

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Zoom meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Communications Specialist Japowicz, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Water and Sewer Saums, Downtown Development Director Ireland, Assistant DDA Director Lothringer, Police Chief Wright, Director of Public Safety Laurain, Communications Intern VanSlyke, Fire Chief McNally, Director of Planning and Economic Development Powers, Administrative Assistant Schmidtke, Lieutenant Bazy, Sergeant Keele, Officer Byrd and a maximum audience of nineteen (19).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved; Wright seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved; Boynton seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022, Prepaid List of February 3, 2022, Prepaid List of February 10, 2022, Voucher List of February 15, 2022, Approval of the reappointments of Jim Chudzinski, Joyce Rochowiak and Velon Willis to the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority,

with terms to expire March 9, 2026. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The Van Buren Township Police Department was presented with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation by MACP Executive Director Robert Stevenson, MACP Director of Professional Development and Accreditation Neil Rossow and MACP president Chief Ronald Wiles. This accreditation is only held by 7% of police departments in the State of Michigan.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): HR Director Sumpter congratulated The Van Buren Township Police Department on their accreditation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve of Resolution 2022-02: Honoring Director Gregory Laurain for 40 Years of Service to the Van Buren Township Community. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Martin, Boynton, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Absent/Excused: Frazier. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Miller seconded to adjourn at 6:45. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: February 24, 2022

District Library Board hears report on new date for elegant donor party

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The elegant party to honor those who donated extra funds to the construction of the Belleville Area District Library has been postponed until April 29, to allow time for all the donor signs to be put in place throughout the library.

This was part of the report given by Alma Hughes-Grubbs, chairperson of the library board's marketing committee, at the library board's regular Feb. 8 meeting. She said the committee met on Jan. 19 and determined the party should be postponed from the original March 11 date to April 29.

The public, grand opening stays on the previously approved April 9 date. She said the committee will meet again on Feb. 9 to work on the details for both the private donor party and the public grand opening. She said artist Michele Montour will bring the proposed special invitations for the donor party.

"We are putting together the activities," she said, noting Mary Jane Dawson is checking on the catering and bartender for the donor party. She said they are also considering the time capsule and what to put in it.

Hughes-Grubbs said they are planning to have young people take part in the grand opening and there will be tours. There will be a video showing construction of the building.

John Juriga said they will have musician Paul Keller playing.

"We're in the home stretch to have it all come together," said library chairperson Sharon Peters.

In other business at the 55-minute meeting:

- Heard a report on the building committee meeting, with Juriga saying that humidity is 35% in the building now because the air quality project is done. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said they have found that DTE needs to get more gas to the building. Juriga said they are flushing the hot water heater to see if that will stop the clogging of the dishwasher. He also said the heated floors are on and he got on the floor "with

the little buckeroos" to test it. Juriga said the staff had sprayed disinfectants on computers which got on the cherry wood and workers are coming out to redo the wood finish. He said, "Now we know that the virus is airborne and not a touch thing." Suchy said, "We're at a place we can ease up";

- Heard Suchy say they are putting alarms on the emergency exits and there was an issue with the furnace the afternoon of Feb. 3. They found it was not a software problem, but it was clogged with snow, a physical problem;

- Heard Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire remind them that they agreed to put the "renewal" of the library millage on the primary election ballot in August, so they will have to pass a motion on that at the March meeting. The board agreed if the millage doesn't pass in August they will put it on the November ballot;

- Heard Juriga thank Weise for doing such a good job plowing the snow in the library parking lot. Dawson said she wishes the city would have done better plowing around the front of the library at the handicap ramp on Fourth Street, where the snow is piled up and she had to walk through it;

- Heard Barbara Miller comment on what great service she has had from staff on her visits to the library. She also said how nice it was to see all the meeting rooms being used at the library that evening. Suchy said she tallied it up and the library booked 60 different meetings of various kinds since September; and

- Heard Suchy say the library was closed Feb. 2 and 3, due to the winter storm warning. She said Belleville's library was in good company with a significant number of libraries in Southeast Michigan also closed for the weather. She added, "It appears that our community hit its COVID peak on Jan. 17 at a seven-day average of 82 positive cases per day for Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren. We have continued to juggle staff due to COVID exposures and cases. I think we're done."

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**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
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Keystone Academy board expels student for vaping on campus

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After an open disciplinary meeting with a student and the student's parents at noon on Feb. 7, the Keystone Academy Board of Directors voted unanimously to expel the student for the rest of the school year.

The parent/guardian of the student and the mother of the student were present remotely, as was the eighth-grade student. They were given the option to have a closed session and declined.

The board discussed the events involving the student. They were told the student was caught by administration in possession of and using a vape product on school grounds.

The board heard the evidence and approved the consequence recommended by the administration, which was to expel the student for the remainder of the school

year.

The three members present of the five-member board voted unanimously for the expulsion.

Present were president Vesta Losen, treasurer Charlene Derrick, and secretary Patricia Kirkpatrick. Absent were vice president Steven Harsant and director

City Council approves 3-year contracts for police, office employees

After a closed-door session at the end of the Jan. 18 regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, the council reconvened and approved two, three-year union contracts for city employees.

The two bargaining units are the Belleville Police Officers Association / Police Officers Association of Michigan (BPOA/POAM) and the GELC union for general employees.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said all city employees will receive a 2.5% pay

Darren Hickonbottom.

Also present were the board's legal counsel Nicole Burnside and Keystone Principal Jorvonna Drain.

The board tabled six action items and unanimously approved the expenditure of board funds not to exceed \$11,000 for four board members to attend the 2022 National

Charter Schools' Conference June 19-22 in Washington, D.C. Expected to attend that conference are Losen, Harsant, Derrick, and Kirkpatrick.

Another board meeting was scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, to attend to pressing business items.

increase each year of the three-year contract.

Also, all city employees hired after July 1, 2021 will have a Health Care Saving Plan for retiree health benefits instead of the traditional health care plan. This gives the employee more options for retiree health care and also reduces the city's long-term liabilities for health-care cost.

City Manager/Chief Robinson said there were many simple language changes that got rid of outdated items. For the GELC, job classifications were updated, getting rid of positions that no longer exist.

For police, now that they work 12-hour shifts, all language that included the word "days" was converted to "hours."

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

SEEKING BIDS



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for the lawn maintenance services at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Friday, March 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022.

A mandatory pre-bid tour and meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. All questions by interested bidders are to be raised at this time.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Hugo Cardenas, Building and Grounds Superintendent, at hcardenas@vanburen-mi.org.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

SEEKING BIDS



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for the landscaping maintenance services at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Friday, March 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022.

A mandatory pre-bid tour and meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. All questions by interested bidders are to be raised at this time.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Hugo Cardenas, Building and Grounds Superintendent, at hcardenas@vanburen-mi.org.

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Romulus Chamber sets Black-Owned Business Showcase, Feb. 26

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a new event on Feb. 26, called the "Black-Owned Business and Vendor Showcase." The Showcase is free to attend and open to the public. It will be held at the City Event Centre at 37451 Ecorse Rd. in Romulus.

The City Event Centre is a member of the Romulus Chamber and owned by Rasaq Gbadamosi, a native of Nigeria. The event is sponsored by the *Telegram Newspaper*.

The Black-Owned Business and Vendor Showcase is the newest offering from the Chamber's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force. The Task Force held an "Intro to DEI" event last fall and is also working on a Women in Business Panel Discussion for March.

Jazmine Danci, executive director for the Chamber, said that, currently, about 10% of the Chamber's members are black-owned businesses, but they are hoping to see that increase.

"Black and other minority-owned businesses are an important part of the economy," Danci said. "We hope the Showcase will bring together new consumers and buyers, strengthening

the whole community."

Black-owned businesses from Romulus and the surrounding area are invited to purchase table space at the Showcase on a first-come-first-served basis online at Tinyurl.com/yr95upb5, or the link is on their Facebook page. Vendor spaces

are \$40 for those who do not belong to the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and \$20 for current members. If you want to join, there are discounts available as well.

Danci said the Greater Romulus Chamber aims to build and strengthen the

local economy by providing networking opportunities and promotions for its members. See its website at www.romuluschamber.org, call (734) 893-0694, or follow it on Facebook @RomulusChamber.

Court Watching:

Accused bank robber has preliminary exam moved to March 4

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Sergio Luis Bellew, 26, of River Rouge was due for his preliminary exam Jan. 19 at 34th District Court on a charge of bank robbery of the Belleville Chase Bank on April 16.

But the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Jane Gillis said Belleville Police Sgt. Todd Schrecengost was present, as were other witnesses, but they were missing the person who was robbed at the bank and she has been MIA for the last few days.

Prosecutor Gillis said the bank people are the problem and the banks want their lawyers involved.

Judge Tina Brooks Green suggested starting the preliminary exam that day and

then having a continuance when the main witness could be present.

Bellew's appointed defense attorney Lillian Diallo pointed out the last time they were at court on this case, they needed one witness who had gone to Florida.

Judge Green offered to start the testimony and then adjourn for the one other witness. They decided, instead, to reset the in-person preliminary exam until March 4.

The original bank robbery charges filed in May were dismissed on Sept. 29 by Judge Lisa Martin on a motion by the defense since a necessary witness in the case was in Florida and could not testify. The charges were dismissed with prejudice so they could be refiled and they were refiled on Nov. 8.

On Dec. 1, Scot Allen Hall, 35, of Port Huron, the alleged driver of the getaway car, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court. He attended the court session virtually from a drug treatment facility.

City of Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said at the time of the robbery that the suspect entered the bank and presented a note to the teller demanding money. There was no weapon seen or implied, he said.

Both Bellew and Hall were charged with another bank robbery in Redford Township. Circuit Court Judge Bridget Hathaway was set to hear a motion to dismiss the charge against Bellew on Jan. 24.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 at 121, positive tests at 8,739

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code grew from 114 last week to 121 as of Monday, Feb. 21 according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 8,739 on Monday, Feb. 21, up from 8,701 on Monday, Feb. 14.

On Monday, Feb. 21, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 5,961 positive cases, 81 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,014 positive cases, 12 deaths; and Sumpter Township, 1,764 positive cases, 28 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had zero positive cases on Monday, Feb. 14, and 5 on Feb. 15, and 1 each on Feb. 16 and 17. There was no school on Friday, Feb. 18, and no school on Monday, Feb. 21. As of Feb. 21, there has been a total of 527 positive cases since the beginning of the school year.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will be held on the following dates:

March 8th, Tuesday
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Organizational Meeting)
No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 14th, Monday
1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 15th, Tuesday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review OR by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 15, 2022.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 8, 2022.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 238 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Feb. 13:
0004 – 911 welfare check, Bramblewood Ct.
0016 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
0054 – 911 welfare check, Brandi Dr.
0124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0332 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briar Dr.
0428 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0813 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0821 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service
0821 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0856 – misc. complaint, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1152 – hospice death, N. Sunset Ln.
1204 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1206 – domestic, Hamilton St.
1225 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1243 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1336 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1435 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1534 – fraud, E. Sadie Ln.
1651 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1655 – civil matter, Dover Ct.
1721 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1908 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1912 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1943 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1958 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2006 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Michigan Ave.
2021 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2116 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2234 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2240 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2308 – noise complaint, Victoria St.
2334 – domestic, Elwell Rd.

Monday, Feb. 14:
0427 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0729 – property damage accident, Tyler/Lancaster
0753 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0847 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1019 – assist citizen, Morton Taylor Rd.
1138 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1146 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
1302 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
1308 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.
1333 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Van Born
1454 – fraud, McBride
1541 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1815 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1844 – Menards property check
1849 – vehicle lockout, Oak Ln.
1937 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2053 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Alden Dr.
2104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl.
2143 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
2245 – family trouble, Harmony Ln.
2259 – civil matter, Ladonna Ln.

Tuesday, Feb. 15:
0051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0821 – fraud, Denton Rd.
0833 – ordinance violation, Robson Rd.
1005 – threat, Edison Lake Rd.
1036 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1038 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1048 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1152 – road hazard, N. I-275/Tyler Rd.
1213 – private property/property damage accident, W. Archwood Dr.
1323 – parking complaint, Westlake Cir.
1352 – civil matter, Woodbury Green
1405 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1525 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1543 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Bayshore Dr.
1625 – unattended death, W. Huron River Dr.
1706 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1720 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.

1743 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1750 – road hazard, Hannan Rd.
1856 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2051 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.
2116 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
Wednesday, Feb. 16:
0604 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
0644 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
0650 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0934 – kidnapping, Tyler Rd.
1016 – intrusion alarm, Martz Rd.
1136 – domestic, Stamford Rd.
1204 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275
1246 – ordinance violation, Brookside Dr.
1312 – property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
1507 – vehicle lockout, Westlake Cir.
1538 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1642 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
1734 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1759 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1822 – welfare check, Lake Pointe Pass
1840 – welfare check, Fret Rd.
1946 – domestic, Beckley Rd.
2013 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
2043 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 17:
0017 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0040 – property damage accident, E. Sadie Ln.
0641 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0858 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0901 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Alden Dr.
0924 – trespassing, Tyler Rd.
1013 – private property impound, Lake Villa Dr.
1305 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1429 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1439 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1445 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1449 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1515 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1613 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1620 – animal compliant, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1818 – welfare check, Colony Ln.
1821 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1937 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1956 – 911 welfare check, Holly Ln./Redwood Dr.
2011 – suicidal person, Rose Blvd.
2046 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2057 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2139 – property damage accident, rest area
2151 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

2153 – property damage accident, EB I-94/rest area
2222 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
2350 – property damage accident, E. I-94 Belleville ramp / Belleville Rd.
2358 – property damage accident, Quirk/McBride
Friday, Feb. 18:
0022 – property check, Westlake
0036 – assist other dept., Bramblewood Ct.
0105 – fraud, Lighthouse
0409 – property check, Southport Apartments
0427 – property check, Rolan Meadows
0433 – property check, Parkwood
0833 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park
0845 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.
0855 – motorist assist, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1044 – assist other dept., Rawsonville I-94 ramp
1056 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1209 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd.
1318 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
1339 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1348 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / W. I-94 Belleville ramp
1528 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
1614 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1618 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr.
1621 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1718 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.
1738 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1745 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
1832 – welfare check, Jackson St.
1911 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1922 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1928 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cranberry
2007 – vehicle lockout, Hamilton St.
2041 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.

2256 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
2257 – domestic, Outer Dr.
2316 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
Saturday, Feb. 19:
0042 – breaking & entering, Outer Dr.
0049 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
0403 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0425 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0538 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0540 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0631 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / W. I-94
0706 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
0921 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1017 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1047 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1059 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1107 – assist fire dept., Hull Rd.
1244 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1308 – family trouble, Robson Rd.
1314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1318 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1518 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1532 – intrusion alarm, Stoneybrook Ct.
1533 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1614 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1632 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1643 – hospice death, Bog Rd.
1710 – threat, Denton Rd.
1839 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1845 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1955 – parking complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2051 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2102 – assist citizen, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor
2341 – family trouble, Outer Dr.
2354 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
Also on this week's log are 41 traffic stops with seven of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 13:
0148 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0158 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
0217 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Estrada Dr.
0302 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2138 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Huron River Dr.
2315 – traffic stop, High St.
2343 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.

Monday, Feb. 14:
0119 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
0628 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
0922 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1949 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2058 – traffic stop, Main St.
2148 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.
2309 – domestic, N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, Feb. 15:
0814 – trespassing, Henry St.
1355 – suicidal person, Menlo Park Dr.
1400 – misc. complaint, Harbour Pointe
1724 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2114 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
Wednesday, Feb. 16:
0458 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1321 – larceny, N. Liberty St.
1458 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2323 – domestic, N. Liberty St.
2346 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

Thursday, Feb. 17:
0028 – intrusion alarm, Light Tower Dr.
0050 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
0101 – traffic stop, South St.
1101 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1215 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1646 – assault & battery, Owen St.
2001 – welfare check, Charles Ct.

Friday, Feb. 18:
0402 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1243 – vehicle lockout, Dos Rios
1259 – animal complaint, Second St.
1539 – private property/property damage accident, South St.

2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
2154 – traffic stop, Roys St./Charles St.
2204 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2217 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
Saturday, Feb. 19:
1108 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
1501 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River Dr.
2036 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
There were 17 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 13:
1009 – welfare check, Edgewood Dr.
1304 – 911 hang up, Stonecrest Dr.
1410 – fire dept. assist, Utah St.
1441 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1543 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1725 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1926 – traffic complaint/hazard, Carleton West Rd. / Wear Rd.
2023 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2025 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2103 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2334 – assist other agency, out of township
2335 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, Feb. 14:
0122 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0630 – family trouble, Redwood St.
0925 – citizen assist, Arizona St.
1126 – alarm, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1452 – property damage accident, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1800 – neighbor dispute, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1951 – welfare check, Redwood St.
2054 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2058 – family trouble, Redwood St.

Tuesday, Feb. 15:
0203 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1042 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1133 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1555 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1732 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville Rd. / Willis Rd.
1745 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1812 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
1936 – larceny, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 16:
0319 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear
0915 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1017 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1231 – civil matter, Creekside Dr.
1248 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Willis Rd. / Crandell Ave.
1408 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1532 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1533 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1931 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
2055 – death investigation, Creekside Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 17:
1613 – missing person, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1709 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1827 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Arkona
2100 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Arkona
2120 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Arkona
Friday, Feb. 18:
0549 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1051 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Judd
1350 – suspicious circumstance, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1736 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1955 – civil matter, Kansas St.
2216 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 19:
0823 – assault, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1127 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1305 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1353 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
1731 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
1807 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Willis
2025 – traffic complaint/hazard, 46000 bl. Bemis
Also on this week's log are 106 patrol checks, 50 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

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The Juchartz family includes, from left, Deb Juchartz, Dore Juchartz, Dave Juchartz, and Jon Juchartz.

Dore Juchartz to celebrate her 90th birthday on Feb. 26

Dore Juchartz of Sumpter Township will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 26, and family members invite those seeing her out and about to wish her a happy birthday.

Kathie Juchartz said, "This fiercely independent spitfire spent the majority of her life in Belleville, where she and husband Don raised their three kids. She has since added five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren."

She is a talented artist and loves to garden and bird-watch.

Dore is also known for still making snow angels in her yard, which the recent weather accommodated.



Dore Juchartz

Birthdays

Feb. 26 – Laura Bratby, Stacey Bailey, Sheila Patton, Connie Chudzinski, Tammy Osier

Feb. 27 – Dennis Davidson, Jerry McKelvey

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Feb. 26** – Judy Ann Darling Memorial Concert by Beverly Meyer, the Music Lady, at 11 a.m. at the Judy Ann Darling Early Learning Center in the children's area of the Belleville Area District Library. Register at <http://belleville.evanced.info/signup>.

• **Saturday, Feb. 26** – Belleville High School's annual Jazz Band Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser, 5-8 p.m. at BHS Commons, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Meals are \$10 each; carside carryout available. For more information see: www.bellevillebands.org.

• **Monday, Feb. 28** – State Rep. Ranjeev Puri will host a virtual community coffee hour from 6 to 7 p.m., streaming live on YouTube and social media. Rep. Ranjeev represents the 21st District which includes Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville.

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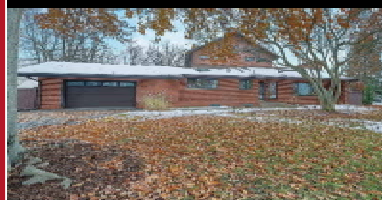
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