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Council approves car show on Main starting June 7

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council unanimously approved a request from John Winter of Egan's Pub to hold a car show on Main Street from Third Street to Roys and Fourth streets every Monday from 5 to 9 p.m., beginning June 7 and ending Sept. 27.

Councilman Tom Fielder said the Farmers' Market is so successful it might have to expand across Main Street to Fourth Street in front of the library. He said he knows the car show and market with cooperate with one another.

The council also unanimously approved Winter's request to extend the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) hours from noon until 10 p.m. on March 17 for St. Patrick's Day.

Although a resolution had been prepared to approve Belleville Lake Fest from June 25-27, 10 a.m. Friday through 6 p.m. Sunday, no motion was necessary since the council members agreed they had already approved it last August.

Council member Fielder, who is president of the Belleville Area Strawberry Fest, tried to poke holes in the application process of the Lake Fest, without success. The Strawberry Festival has canceled this year's event and last year's event also was canceled.

Michael Kole, director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, was present via Zoom to present the application.

"Everybody was aware a new application process was going into effect the first of the year," Fielder said. He said signatures are needed from the fire chief and DPW.

"I can help Mike fast-track it," said DPW Director Rick Rutherford.

"I'll reach out to the chief and Rick," Kole said.

Chamber president Steve Jones said there

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Friends of Library elect Tyner as president

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its annual meeting, the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library unanimously elected Katerina Tyner as its new president for 2021.

Donna Gilkey-Lavin, who had served as president for the past three years was elected vice-president. Treasurer Manny Lavin and Secretary Rika Regentin were reelected.

Gilkey-Lavin explained that there is a three-year term limit in the bylaws.

She said as a "peaceful transition" she is passing the gavel to Tyner, but since the meeting was by Zoom, she couldn't really hand it to her.

Tyner introduced herself, saying she was raised in Detroit and has been in the Belleville community for 20 years. She said she is an ordained minister and associate minister of her church. She has been an adult literacy tutor and attended Eastern Michigan University.

She said she now is working for Van Buren Public Schools teaching reading intervention. She said one student told her he had no books in his home and she said, "We've got to get him some books." And, they did. "I'm excited about reading and I love the library," Tyner concluded.

There usually are awards presented at the annual meeting, but this year there were no awards because the abbreviated meeting was by Zoom.

Treasurer Lavin presented a detailed financial report showing a balance of $18,776.22, up from last January's total of $16,268.37. He said they had contributed to help the library with summer reading programs and programs on line.

Membership chairwoman Marty Wilson said she's pretty much on vacation right now because of COVID. She said the memberships for 2020 were extended through 2021, but she plans to be sending out membership payment notices next fall for 2022.

Regentin reported on online book sales, that totaled $944.74, which was way down from more than $2,000 in 2019.

Gilkey-Levin said there is very limited shelf space in the library for used book sales and Regentin is the backbone of the book sales right now.

Regentin said the Levins also come in weekly to restock books on the shelves, along with Elaine Gutierrez sometimes. Until the library gets back to its new normal, they have not accepted book donations from the public. In the last few months they have earned a few hundred dollars in lobby sales.

Sharon Peters, president of the Belleville Area District Library board of directors, said her neighbor has several boxes of books to donate and many are African-American books.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said they have been limiting donations to two grocery bags of books at one time. She confirmed the library goes through donations to see if there are books to add to its collection.

When Friends' member Barbara Rogalle Miller asked if the limited space for used books is going to change, Gilkey-Lavin said they have a small closet where books

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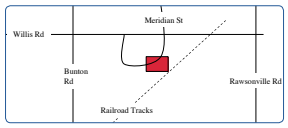

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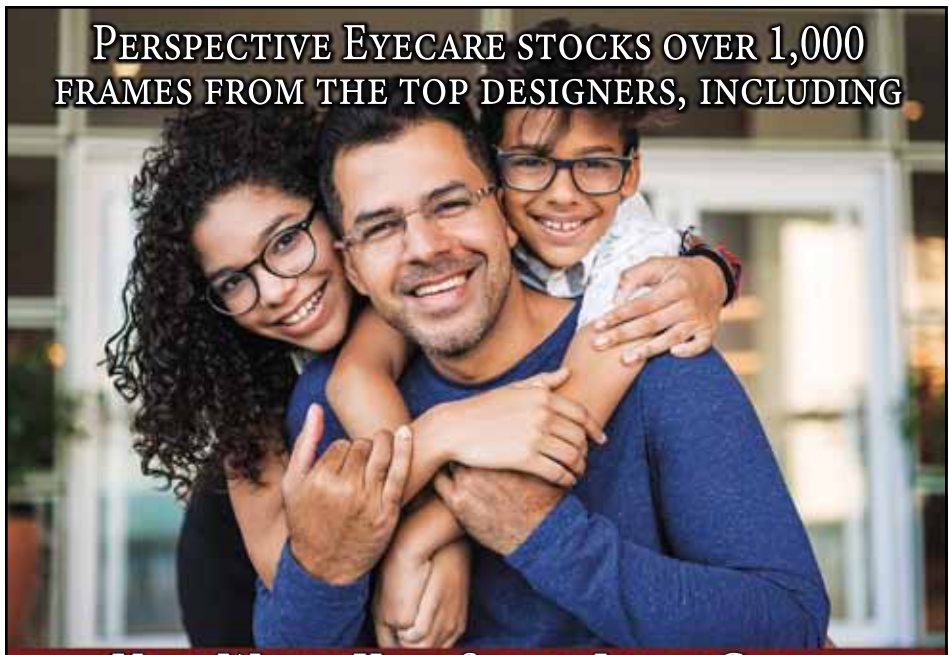

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City Council

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is a new approval process and the council already gave approval to the event. He asked if the city wants another approval for the event.

"It's a standardized form," Police Chief Dave Robinson said, explaining this was his second day as interim city manager. "We try to cover everything … We just need to make sure T's are crossed, I's are dotted and next year's lake fest is easy."

"It's no longer a one-step process," Kole said. "First, approval of the event, second details… I need to meet with the chiefs and Rick."

Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte noted they will need $1 million of insurance as outlined in the ordinance and Kole said insurance would come closer to the date.

"We've already approved the event as a whole," said Chief Robinson. "We just need details on the events and streamline the process."

Councilman Ken Voigt, one of the organizers of the new festival, said the event is called Belleville Lake Festival, because it is an event for 48111, the whole community.

"You and I can talk back and forth," Chief Robsinson said to Kole.

"You could come to meetings and tell the cool things that are going to happen," Chief Robinson said. "We'll get answers and iron it out … a very good thing for the community."

Also at the Feb. 16 meeting, the council:

• Heard a lengthy presentation on the Municipal Employees' Retirement Systems (MERS) defined benefit plan to set up a trust to help whittle down the pension liabilities. Sue Feinberg, regional manager of MERS for Southeast Michigan, said the city is 54% funded and the government requires 60%. This 115 Trust gives the city the opportunity to invest within MERS and last year it was earning 13.78%, she said. Chief Robinson said the city already is in a MERS plan and the trust being introduced is to invest and get a savings to cover retiree healthcare. Robinson said as acting city manager he'd like to talk to the council about this and he thinks it's important to get all the information. He said he would like to bring it back to the council so they can concentrate on the details; and

• Approved accounts payable of $60,788.99 and the following purchases in excess of $500: to Alliance of Downriver Sheds, $2,757.57 for fees/dues for the DPW; to SOM EGLE, $2,000 for MS4 Stormwater Permit for DPW; to Oakland County Treasurer, $4,102.12 for CLEMIS membership for police department; to Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, $650 for training for the Clerk/Treasurer; and to Michigan Municipal Treasurer Association, $550 for training.

Sumpter Township to expand planning commission membership

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township board members voted unanimously to direct township attorney Rob Young to prepare paperwork to expand the planning commission from its present seven members to nine members.

This was at the Feb. 9 virtual meeting of the board of trustees after an ongoing discussion led by trustee Matthew Oddy who wanted to keep Bart Patterson on the commission instead of who new Supervisor Tim Bowman appointed – Eric Partridge.

The appointment of Partridge was tabled for the third time.

Trustee Oddy started his successful campaign to keep Patterson on the commission during the Jan. 12 meeting. He worked to keep supervisor Bowman's appointment from replacing the person he wanted. Patterson's term had expired Jan. 12.

At the beginning of the Feb. 9 workshop, clerk Esther Hurst pointed out that the township isn't having planning commission meetings and so this appointment could be taken off the agenda until the commission starts meeting again.

Trustee Don LaPorte, who was absent from the Jan. 26 meeting, supported Oddy's suggestion to get the attorney to put together a resolution to expand the commission to nine.

"There's no date on this," trustee LaPorte said of the agenda item in his packet for that meeting. He said they have to let these individuals know what they're signing up for and for how long. He also said more people on the commission will have a better set of eyes."

[The minutes of the Jan. 26 meeting have the proposed term for Partridge to expire Jan. 11, 2024 and it had been on the agenda.]

Clerk Hurst agreed they should have a resolution for this.

"I would like to make a motion during the regular meeting," LaPorte said.

Oddy said Young was looking into the ordinance and, "I believe we're already at nine."

Young said the township ordinance allows five, seven, nine, or 11 members. He said members have different expiration dates for three-year terms, so they don't all change at once. Young said he could have something simple at the next meeting.

"Our supervisor recommended Partridge," said trustee Peggy Morgan. "Mr. Patterson was there temporarily. At the last board meeting there was a term expiration date. I've never seen it when the board overrules the supervisor who appoints. I've never seen a board do this."

LaPorte said they can have more members and put on both Patterson and Patridge and one more person.

"I'm thinking it's better for the community," LaPorte said.

"I have no problem with nine," trustee Morgan said. "Make it part of the motion and approve Eric Partridge now. A lot of times people are absent."

"I have no problem with Eric Partridge," LaPorte said. "I'd like to see a plan."

"I would like to see a plan, too," said Supervisor Bowman. "That's the proper way to do it."

[Two days after this meeting, on Feb. 11, the township held a planning commission meeting by telephone without video to discuss the sign ordinance. Commissioner Patterson and trustee Oddy were present, along with commissioners Jane Stalmack, John Honey, Mary Sherwood, and Richard Pokerwinski. Commissioner Borden was absent.]

In other business at the Feb. 9 meeting, the board:

• Amended the minutes of the Feb. 2 special meeting, as requested by Oddy. He wanted the last sentence to read that Mr. Bednark agrees to accept in payment through full satisfaction of all claims through Dec. 15. Attorney Young protested the wording and Oddy said he went back and listened to the video of the meeting and that is what was said;

• Heard Young report that Bednark's attorney "has a full plate" and didn't get back to him that day. Oddy said the board approved a settlement upon the signing of a release, not to talk to an attorney. Young said he was to talk to her about terms put into the agreement and had to provide some additional release language. "I haven't negotiated anything," he said. "I got clear direction from the board on what the board is looking for," Young said;

• Accepted the resignation of probationary Police Officer Nickolas Toth, with an effective date of Jan. 25. When Public Safety Director Eric Luke was asked to explain, he said Toth was not able to meet the standards of the police department and resigned during his probationary period;

• Approved the request of Treasurer Jim Clark to hire Cari Ford of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne to meet and assess the treasurer's office operations and recommend training. The proposal will be presented to the board of trustees for approval prior to the activities. The cost is not to exceed $3,500;

• Approved without comment Resolution 2021-01 regarding Sumpter's Poverty Exemptions;

• Approved the annual $10,000 contribution to the Belleville Area Museum. The invoice from Van Buren Township was dated Jan. 21;

• Approved having Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark continue her discussions with the Belleville Area District Library about fund-raising and other activities at the media center, including food trucks. Deputy Clark said she contacted the lady who organized the food trucks at the high school. The first time they ran out of food and space and made a lot of revenue. The second event was also very successful. They got 10% of the vendor's profit. "This could be a positive moving force for everybody," Clark said. Oddy said to turn it over to the library since the township is leasing the property to the library;

• Heard supervisor Bowman announce his board liaison appointments, starting with appointing himself to the building/ordinance department. He appointed trustee Tim Rush to Parks and Recreation, clerk Hurst to the senior center, trustee LaPorte to the fire department, and trustee Oddy to the planning commission and zoning board of appeals as ex-officio member of each;

• Heard Fire Chief Januszyk report on grants he has received, including a new battery-operated JAWS worth $40,000, with a 10% match. He said the grant they got two years ago finally came through and they got the turnout gear; and

• Approved the request of Trustee Morgan to add an item to the agenda for people to bring up topics to allow the public to have input and interaction. Clerk Hurst suggested it be put on the workshop agenda and trustees said they want information given to them on items to be discussed. Oddy asked that an agenda be provided for the workshop.

Bednark resigns as deputy supervisor in Sumpter Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Kenneth Bednark has resigned as deputy supervisor, a position he was sworn in to fill on Nov. 20. Finance Director Michelle Cole was immediately sworn in to fill the position.

Bednark, who has served as elected treasurer for two years, did not run for reelection in 2020 and, instead, was appointed as deputy by newly elected Supervisor Tim Bowman.

After a special, closed-door session of the board with township attorney Rob Young on Feb. 2, an undisclosed offer was approved to settle the wage dispute and have Bednark sign off on suing the township for anything.

Bednark said he rejected the $5,500 offer proposed by Young and on Monday

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Is tri-community going to get its first roundabout?

First, people wanted to put a roundabout in at Five Points to help move traffic through, but that didn't happen. It was back when they were thinking of redoing Main Street.

The streets at Five Points are all county roads and the county wasn't interested. First of all, it would have needed quite a bit of space, taking out a chunk of city hall and the former park comfort station (now called Victory Station).

Then, the VBT DDA was talking about a roundabout at Belleville and Ecorse roads, when that crossing was being redone. Wayne County didn't like that idea for their roadways there and encouraged, instead, a Michigan-left turn. That's in place and if it was supposed to make the crossing safer, it didn't.

Now, VBT boardmembers have been informed that the Wayne County Airport Authority is looking at a roundabout for the intersection of Tyler and Beck roads as part of the upgrading and construction on the east side of Willow Run Airport.

An airport official said they are looking at bringing in heavier planes, but they will be creating a new connector to I-94 which will drive the heavy traffic away from VBT. One official said they plan to have rental cars at the airport and some of the people will come to VBT restaurants from the smaller aircraft that will be stored in the small hangars being planned.

We'll see how this roundabout fares.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Chad Newton, who was named chief executive officer of the Wayne County Airport Authority three years ago, was present via Zoom to present a report on Willow Run Airport to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

Before the meeting started, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said when Newton first came to the airport authority, he wanted to have lunch with each employee, by himself, to get to know the staff. McNamara said there are 500 employees and it took two years.

Newton grew up in VBT, graduated from Belleville High School, and was a longtime township resident. He went to school and played athletics with Treasurer Sharry Budd's sons.

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On Friday afternoon a flight carrying 50 rescued dogs and cats from Tulsa, OK, landed at Willow Run Airport. Michigan Humane joined with Wings of Rescue and Tito's Handmade Vodka to fly them here to find new homes. They had been in overcrowded shelters and needed to be in an area where they will be adopted.

We get stories of this kind from time to time about animals needing homes being flown to Michigan. Our dog Bruno came from Texas after a hurricane and we adopted him at Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. FMAR reports, unfortunately, they did not get any of the most recent animals to adopt out.

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A reader who lives on Sheldon Road between Ecorse and Van Born in Van Buren Township came in to tell us about the problems he's been having with snow

mobilers and dirt bikes later in the spring. He has posted his land, but police aren't helpful, he said. His neighbors have called police, also, he said. He wanted me to put something in the paper that tells people they should stay off posted land.

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A reader called to say someone has taken out unemployment benefits in her name. She said she hasn't worked since 1980 and she doesn't know how this can happen. She asked if anyone else had called in with the same complaint. She said you can't get ahold of the unemployment office by calling.

No one else has reported this scam to us. I'm referring people to their state representative when their problem involves the state agencies and to our Congresswoman when it involves federal programs. Sometimes the staffs at those offices are really good at helping.

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A reader called on Monday morning to ask about how to get COVID vaccines locally. She said she has called all over and has learned that there are local sites in Canton and Romulus, but not here. I sent her to her State Rep. Puri, since the states are dispersing the vaccines they get.

Later, another reader called to say a group of his friends/relatives were found to have COVID so he wanted to know where to get a test. He said he called Sumpter Township to ask for a list of places he could go and he said he was told "We don't get into that." Local people tell me that they have been getting tests at the clinic next to Burger King or CVS on Belleville Road.

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It's been confirmed that Ryan Taylor of State Farm Insurance on Main Street in Belleville is buying Frosty Boy ice cream shop from Mike Foley. The closing has not yet occurred.

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There was a pole barn fire on Valentine's Day in the 18000 block of Martinsville in Sumpter Township. Sumpter Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk said the call came in at 8:34 a.m. He said from 75 to 100% of the building was destroyed. He said they lost two dogs and some small chickens in the fire. Chief Januszyk said the insurance company was planning to come out Wednesday to investigate the cause of the fire. He said last spring there was a garage fire at the same address.

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VBT Fire Chief David McInally said the Feb. 17 fire at about 5:44 p.m. on Country Lane in Presidential Estates started in the living room and the occupant was treated for smoke inhalation after she refused to leave the mobile home until she could get her rabbit and cat out. Everybody was fine in the end, he said. Most likely it was from an electrical overloaded circuit.

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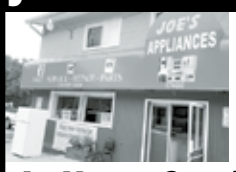
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Letters

Call elected officials about Sumpter blight

To the editor:

"Country living at its finest." This MOTTO would be true if there was not so much blight on almost every dirt and paved road in Sumpter Township, MI.

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The township has had several so-called ordinance officers in the last 20 years at taxpayer expense, each earning tens of thousands yearly. No more excuses.

On viewing the latest published yearly total compensation 2020 of the last hired so-called ordinance officer in Sumpter Township is $60,000-plus. Who has been on the job for over two years, but the same old blight and trash in many places still exist. Why? Is this "Country living at its finest?" NO.

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P.S. Let's not blame the coronavirus pandemic for poor ordinance job performance, as it has been an ongoing problem for multiple years. It's time to make Sumpter Township take responsibility.

Ronald Barrington Robinson
Elected Sumpter Township, MI
Precinct Delegate

Thank you, St. Jude

Thank you, St. Jude.
M.M., Belleville

Driver who hit my car had no license, reg.

To the editor:

While dining at JT's Pub & Grub with my wife on a Thursday afternoon, a fellow patron left the bar after a person offered to give him a ride because they thought he had too much to drink. He left the bar in his truck and hit my car in the parking lot ripping the front bumper off.

I notified the VBT police because he didn't even stop after hitting my car.

The people in the bar and a witness told the officer his name. The officer went to find him and found he was driving on a suspended license and on an expired registration.

I have not been able to contact him to get his insurance so that I can get my car repaired. My car is a 2010, and for that reason we do not have collision insurance, but the car is fully insured otherwise.

I wonder why our VBT police would allow him to continue to drive on our streets without a license. Seems like he is a danger to others on our roads. I guess we can say we are grateful we were not in the car when he hit it.

Will Horchem

Award-winning storyteller coming Sat.

To the editor:

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library are sponsoring the on-line program of award-winning storyteller La'Ron Williams on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m.

La'Ron Williams will be returning to the Belleville Library with original and traditional tales for ages 6 and up. Register at http://belleville.evanced.info/events for the zoom link.

Williams' program is designed to promote diversity, community building and peaceful conflict resolution. His energetic, music-spiced presentations are always fun and entertaining.

The Friends of the Library have resumed used-book sales in the foyer of the library, adjacent to the self-checkout stations. At this time, used book donations are limited to two bags of books.

Elaine Gutierrez
Friends of Belleville Area District Library

Birthdays

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Obituaries

Rosanna Combs Helton

ROSANNA COMBS HELTON
(March 20, 1958 – February 12, 2021)
Rosanna Combs, age 62, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, February 12, 2021 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born on March 20, 1958, daughter of Stanley Combs and Delberta Combs Francis of Belleville. She graduated from Lincoln High School and earned an Associate's Degree. She worked as an accountant for St. Joseph Mercy for many years, among other job positions that she has held. She enjoyed a good game of Bingo and had a passion for couponing. Most of all she loved time spent with her family. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.
She is survived by her mother: Delberta Combs of Belleville, MI; 3 sons: Jason Helton and Jeremy Helton of Belleville, MI, and John Helton of Kalamazoo, MI; 3 sisters: Cheryal LaDouceur of Lansing, Teresa Williams and Michelle Thornsberry of Belleville, MI.
Rosanna was preceded in death by her father Stanley Combs, brother Manual Combs and grandson Jason Helton.
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Carol Ann Brown

CAROL ANN BROWN
(March 30, 1963 – February 18, 2021)
Carol Ann Brown, born March 30, 1963 in Ypsilanti, MI, passed away suddenly at her home in Whittaker on Thursday the 18th of February 2021, a long-time resident of Belleville.
She was a graduate of Belleville High School class of '81 and employed as a dispatcher by Metro Shuttle Services in Taylor. She also served as a 911 dispatcher for Central Dispatch in Belleville for many years. Carol Ann had the greatest pleasure being around family that she loved and a sense of humor that would make you laugh in the darkest of times.
She is survived by her two brothers Ronald Brown and Richard (Betty) Brown, both of Belleville and her dearest friend and companion for over 20 years, Linda Mullins of Whittaker who she loved and cherished, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.
Carol Ann is preceded in death by her parents David and Vivian Brown, both lifelong residents of Belleville. She had a great passion for the Wizard of Oz, poetry, writing, drawing and puzzles, with an open home for any stray animal that needed love. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date to celebrate her life and share your memories.

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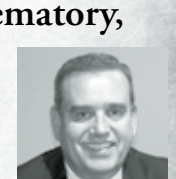
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Obituaries

Louise Mary Gunaca

LOUISE MARY GUNACA
(May 23, 1943 – February 21, 2021)
Louise Mary ("Weezie") Gunaca, age 77, passed away February 21, 2021 at home in Grass Lake, MI. Louise was born May 23, 1943 to parents Peter & Helen Jaje.
Louise grew up in Belleville with her parents, sister and spent lots of time with her cousins, aunts and uncles. She enjoyed working at the Ypsilanti Meijer and made sure she was the first in line for new ornaments by working at Westland Mall's Hallmark store. Louise loved her "pet" squirrels and gardening. She especially enjoyed tending to her African Violets. Most of all, she loved time spent with her family. From crazy trips downtown Detroit to annual Frankenmuth trips, she loved showing her loved ones a good time. She was the wild and crazy GG, always playing pranks to make her kids and grandkids laugh. She was the mom to the entire neighborhood and the best friend that everyone needs.
Louise is survived by three daughters: Tracy (Rob) Tibbs of Grass Lake, MI, Angela Fritz of Westland, MI and Laurie Miller of Sarasota, Florida; 12 grandchildren: Christina, Brent, Brian, Stephanie, Tommy, Felicia, Shane Lee, Amy, Shane Russell, Kattie, Moriah and Rachael; 14 great-grandchildren; one sister Lois (Dwayne) Durance of Mikado, MI; also numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter in infancy - Carolyn Sue, son Joseph Miller, three grandchildren: Ricky, Shanda and Joseph; also a great-granddaughter Angel.
Visitation will be 11-12 noon Friday, February 26, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with a Celebration of Life Service at Noon. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a maximum of 25 people are allowed in the chapel at one time and face coverings are required. To honor her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded.
Memorial donations may be made to Henry Ford Allegiance Hospice or the Huron Valley Humane Society and would be greatly appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Constance Rose Krebs

CONSTANCE ROSE KREBS
(September 20, 1940 – February 21, 2021)
Constance Rose Krebs, age 80, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2021 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 20, 1940 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Leo & Grace Matson (Brewer) Harris.
She graduated from Romulus High School, class of 1958. She married the love of her life and childhood sweetheart Allan Dennis Krebs on February 5, 1959. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, MI, where Connie enjoyed volunteering in many ways. She worked the Strawberry Festival, and made dresses for children in Africa to name a few. She also knitted gloves and hats for the Goodfellows, made blankets for preemies, and was involved with adopt-a-size for over 20 years. She worked for Van Buren Township for ten years in the Water Department and helped count ballots during election times. Most of all, she loved people, and her family. She was a member of Bunko "Club" which was a group of her friends from childhood, that got together every month for 50+ years. Most of all, she was loving, selfless, and devoted her life to her family.
Connie is survived by her devoted husband of 62 years, Allan; 4 children: Susan Krebs of Belleville, MI, twins Scott (Christine) of Romulus and Jeffrey Krebs of Saline, MI, and Christopher (Cheryl) Krebs of Belleville, MI. She was the best grandma ever to 10 grandchildren: Sarah, Caitlin, Constance, Christopher Jr, John Jr, Lindsey, Madelyn, Scott Jr., Georgia and Allan Dennis the Second; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews that she loved dearly, as well as extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Arnold and Donald Harris, and her sister Evelyn Banyai.
Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service will begin at 6 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there is a maximum of 25 people in the building at one time and face coverings are required. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church.

COVID-19 death total in 48111 stays at 59, positive tests at 2,162

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 59 over the week ending Monday, Feb. 22.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 2,162 on Monday, Feb. 22, up from 2,136 the previous Monday, Feb. 15.

On Monday, Feb. 22, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 1,407 positive cases, 31 deaths; City of Belleville, 380 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 375 positive cases, 7 deaths.

Belleville Nixle Alert: Watch out for those stealing tires, rims

On Friday afternoon, the City of Belleville Police Department put out the following alert:

"We at the Belleville Police department want to inform you of recent thefts of tires and wheels in a neighboring community. As you are aware, we patrol the streets regularly and are keeping a watchful eye.

"The perpetrators seemed to have been targeting 2017-20 Ford Explorers and 2020 Ford Fusions, particularly low-profile tires and rims.

"Please report any suspicious activity observed and contact us immediately at (734) 699-2395 or (734) 699-2396 and for emergencies call 911."

Court Watching:

Chapman demands jury trial in eviction from garage in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

An attempt to evict James Forrest Chapman from allegedly living on commercial property owned by David and Martha Brown on East Huron River Drive in the City of Belleville was before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin by Zoom on Feb. 17.

Attorney for the plaintiffs is Tom DiPietro. Chapman, 61, is representing himself.

Judge Martin said this is the first hearing in the case which appeared to be a basic landlord-tenant case. She read information into the record about how tenants can get help with rent due.

Judge Martin said she received two phone calls from Chapman, one at 6:52 p.m. on Feb. 12, and one at 4:56 p.m., Feb. 15. She said she did not answer those calls or receive any information but thought DiPietro should know about them.

Attorney DiPietro said the defendant has been using a non-residential commercial unit as a residential unit in violation of the Belleville City Code and it probably would be a problem with the Wayne County Health Department, as well.

DiPietro said the defendant had agreed to leave on Dec. 15 and had a change of heart. Chapman engaged in "self-help" in seeking protection from the tenant in the adjacent business, DiPietro said. Chapman has taken the doors off and cut hinges off the doors to limit access to the garage and welded the door shut, DiPietro said. He claimed the other tenant was stealing stuff from him, DiPietro said.

He said Chapman has neutralized the security camera so "we don't know what's going on." He said the Belleville police have been called to the premises about four times and, "I know it's cold but we've got to get rid of him, Judge."

Judge Martin said her office received a statement from Chapman on Feb. 11 in which he requests an in-person trial by jury. She said he said he does not have knowledge to participate fully in a Zoom hearing and wants the hearing in person.

DiPietro asked if he denies he's using the premises as a residence and Judge Martin said she would have her office send a copy of Chapman's statement to him.

"You filed a health-hazard case, Mr. DiPietro," Judge Green said, adding in her view it is a termination-of-tenancy case. "If he persists in requests for a jury trial, that narrows the issue of what we do next. I'm happy to schedule an in-person hearing but we are not scheduling jury trials now."

Chapman, who was present by phone, requested a 30-day adjournment to find out what Gov. Whitmer was going to do with the COVID rules. He said under the sixth amendment he is guaranteed a public trial face to face. He said he disputed all the material facts DiPietro listed.

Chapman said the other tenant is going to be tried for a felony after assaulting him with a vehicle and damaging his property. He said there also is a case pending against Belleville Police Officer Jeffrey Wickham who has the tapes showing the other tenant carrying out 5,000 to 6,000 pistons that belong to Chapman. He is waiting for warrant approval from the prosecutor's office on charges against Wickham.

He asked for time to get everything out of the parking lot since he is snowplowed in. He said there is no shower, no toilet, no bathroom facilities and being there all night is not the same as living there and there are no restrictions against being there all night.

"It's a very tangled web here and attorney DiPietro has kept this very narrow," Chapman said. He said the truth of the matter will only be found out in a proper jury trial. He said he has rendered a great deal of service to Mr. Brown in rebuilding his engines, especially the old engines, and he believes Brown is "in arrears."

"I'm going to rest," Chapman said and Judge Martin said there is no argument and this is just a pretrial, which she will adjourn for seven days.

DiPietro said he would like the judge to order the fair sum of $1,000 per month to be put into escrow by Chapman commencing March 1, to give him time to get the money together. If Chapman doesn't pay, a default judgment could be entered against him. And, Chapman should not use the premises to stay overnight, "What I call *live in*," DiPietro said. There are no facilities to allow that, he said.

Chapman replied that he "denies" that request, or "would not acquiesce." He said there was no signed agreement with Brown for any amount of money.

"Once we wash our hands of each other and go our separate ways, all will be well," Chapman said.

"That's the same story Mr. Brown has been hearing since Oct. 1," DiPietro said. "This could go on forever, forcing Circuit Court action for injunctive relief."

Judge Martin said she was reluctant to issue the escrow for space he uses for repairs since there is no agreement and nothing had been paid.

Chapman said there was no signed agreement and he would be out by the end of March. He said the snow has got to melt. Otherwise, it should stay the way it is. He asked Judge Martin for a no-contact order against the tenant next door.

"I'm going to request that jury trial, however long it takes," Chapman said. "There's no basis for an escrow account."

Judge Martin said an escrow order is declined for now and the hearing is adjourned to 10 a.m., Feb. 26.

Chapman said his present address is P.O. Box 2665, Belleville 48112 and his present address is not 259 E. Huron River Dr., which was his parents' home, and hasn't been his home for some 35 years.

Judge Martin asked Chapman where his physical address is and he said he is staying with a friend right now and the friend doesn't want the name used. He said he has never used the garage address as his address. Judge Martin said court documents would be sent to his post office box.

She said on Feb. 26 she will swear Chapman in and he can give testimony. DiPietro said he would have a witness.

"See you next Friday," Judge Martin said.

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Friends

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can be held, a couple of shelves, and a work space.

"So far there is plenty of room," she said, adding there are two or three large shelves in the lobby and in the future there will be more space.

Gilkey-Lavin said African-American books are very popular right now and people are very grateful to get nice books at a good price.

Gutierrez gave her public relations report, saying there wasn't a lot to advertise last year. She thanked those who helped alert the public to library events.

Director Suchy thanked the Friends for all of their support, especially moral support over the last year.

"We went through a lot of emotions, but not boredom," Suchy said. She said with the leap year, the community lept into the new library. The kids' room was packed and people sat next to the fireplace reading newspapers and books.

"That lasted two weeks and then we were forced to close by COVID," Suchy said. She said after installing protective equipment they were finally able to open in stages and they are working to keep everybody safe and follow the law. She is looking forward to eventually having a grand opening.

She said now the public can come into the building, browse upstairs and downstairs, and use the computers, but they can't stay for a long time. She said they call it "Grab and Go" and people can also get curbside delivery

"We are one of the few libraries as far along in our opening," Suchy said.

Board president Peters congratulated Suchy for being on top of the COVID restrictions. She said people now can come in and use the computers, which is very important because some don't have computers to use at home.

Peters urged the public to come in and walk around and look at the new building.

Peters said the Friends hold a special role in fund development. When there were various shortages for the library construction, an ad hoc committee was formed to raise funds and the 501c3 of the Friends was the way people could donate, she said.

She said they will be transitioning back to having the Friends be in charge of that, with maybe structuring a little more how it works.

Suchy said the library will be naming the children's garden for the Friends who provided it.

"That is our job to raise money to acquire the things we need for a library for our community that is second to none," Gilkey-Lavin said.

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Bednark resigns

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returned the $1,300 laptop which was also to be part of the settlement. He said since Monday was a federal holiday and township hall was closed, he returned the laptop to Public Safety Director Eric Luke at the police department.

He said he also returned a box of stuff from the township, including a cell phone and other items. He said Cole wanted his badge back, but he has been told in the past by Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham that they never require the badge back. Former Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis did not turn in her badge when she left in November, Bednark said. Bednark kept his badge.

He said last Thursday he received a letter from the Michigan Department of Labor with a claim number and an investigator assigned on his wage complaint. A copy of the letter was sent to the township and then to the board of trustees.

Bednark said the letter advised the township to pay him or to give an explanation of why not.

The township hired labor attorney Stacy Belisle of McGraw Morris at $165 an hour to handle the case, according to reports.

Bednark said he told his attorney that the state will do the heavy lifting now.

He said Young didn't want him suing anyone for anything.

"This is like a pizza, with one topping on top of another," Bednark said. He said this wage issue does not include hostile work environment or retaliation or other complaints.

Bednark said he called his state investigator and the investigator told him they have to determine the proper venue and whether this is a state case or a federal case, with the federal case having harsher consequences.

"The township has spent more money so far to keep me from getting the amount owed to me," Bednark said.

When Bednark was sworn in as deputy in November, Supervisor Bowman requested the same pay for him as previous deputy Karen Armatis was paid, $31.44 per hour, because the Michigan Township Association told him that was proper. Bednark also got medical coverage as Armatis had.

All township meetings were canceled through the end of the year because of the coronavirus and state regulations.

But, at a specially called township board meeting on Dec. 15, the board voted 5-2 (with Trustee Peggy Morgan and Supervisor Bowman voting no) to reduce Bednark's pay to $8,406 per year ($8.08 per hour), cut his full-time status to half time (20 hours) and take away all benefits.

The township then started deducting what it had originally paid him from his paycheck, which left him with no paycheck at all.

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Whereas, Lisa Martin is the daughter of Kenny and Robin Robinson; sister of Angelique and Nataki; and wife of the Honorable Trustee Kevin Martin;

Whereas, Lisa Martin was inspired to pursue a legal career by her Aunt Nansi Rowe who served as Corporation Counsel in the Coleman A. Young Administration;

Whereas, Lisa Martin's impressive educational background includes being an alumnus of Detroit Cass Technical High School, Harvard University and the University of Michigan Law School earning a Juris Doctor;

Whereas, Lisa Martin has a well-rounded law career serving as a law clerk in the 9th Judicial Circuit Court in Kalamazoo County, representing indigent clients for the Legal Aid and Defenders Association of Detroit, as an associate in several law firms representing business clients in litigation, co-Chair for the State Bar of Michigan Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, and most recently as a Magistrate in the 34th District Court; and

Whereas, Lisa Martin is a proud member of various non-profits, professional, and community organizations including Operation Refuge, Healthy Kidz, Inc.; Western Wayne County NAACP; and Black Women Lawyers of Michigan;

Whereas, Lisa Martin was elected to serve as Judge because she values fairness and the equal treatment of all people under the law;

Now, therefore be it resolved that on this the 2nd day of February, 2021 the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees recognizes the extraordinary achievements of Lisa Martin; her commitment to upholding justice, advocacy for the underrepresented and disadvantaged, and breaking racial barriers in the law profession.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 9th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7016 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. **Due to current or future State Executive Orders, it may be necessary to conduct virtual meetings. More information will be available by contacting the Assessor's Office and on the City of Belleville's website, Bellevilleonthelake.com** The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by March 9, 2021.

Verna Chapman,
City Clerk/Treasurer
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February 18, 2021
February 25, 2021

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 947 3593 1287 at 5:01 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Executive Assistant Renaud, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and a maximum audience of Twenty-Two (22).

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to recuse Trustee Boynton from the closed session due to his property ownership within the subdivision associated with the closed session. Call Vote: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Boynton, Miller and Martin. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Miller moved, Budd seconded to go into closed session at 5:10 p.m. pursuant to MCL 5.268 - section (h) To consider the contents of an attorney-client communication. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Abstained: Boynton. Motion Carried.

Miller moved Frazier seconded to reconvene at 6:16 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent: Budd. Motion Carried.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Martin moved; Frazier seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent: Budd. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021, Prepaid List of February 4, 2021, Prepaid List of February 11, 2021, Voucher List of February 16, 2021, Approval of the re-appointment of Harlan Davenport to the Construction Code Appeals Board with a term to expire 2-28-2023, Approval of the re-appointment of Michael McGovern to the Construction Code Appeals Board with a term to expire 2-28-2024, Approval of the re-appointment of Craig Atchinson, Chris Brown and Dawn Chappell to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2025, and Adoption of Resolution 2021-06 Van Buren Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent: Budd. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Treasurer Budd joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

1) Chad Newton (CEO), Bryant Holt (Chief Development Officer), Marques Thomey (Director, Business Development & Real Estate) presented the Willow Run Airport Modernization Plan by Wayne County Airport Authority.

2) Presentation of the new Van Buren Township website by Communications Specialist Albrecht, Nichols and representative from the web design firm, Revize.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Resident expressed his desire to have residents shovel their walks, not push snow into the roads, clear around fire hydrants and move vehicles from the road so plows can clear the streets. Supervisor McNamara indicated a snow emergency was declared requesting residents remove vehicles from the street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved, Martin seconded to approve the proposed park signage designs. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve Amendment No. 1 to the 2019-2020 IGA with Wayne County Parks to increase the grant amount to $64,277. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Resident commented on the professionalism of the Public Safety Department personnel.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The Township remains open by appointment. Same day appointments are available and staff are addressing all resident concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: February 25, 2021

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2021 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 2nd, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(Organizational Meeting) No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 8th, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 10th, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Based on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) epidemic orders regarding public meetings, **letters of appeals** along with **scheduled electronic remote appeals** are highly recommended. **Personal Appearances will not be required.**

Here is the zoom information for remote appeals:
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Webinar ID: 980 3747 1770
Passcode: 505362
Or call in on a telephone: US: +1 312 626 6799

Not sure how to use Zoom? Visit our website to learn how or call 734-699-8946 for assistance: https://vanburen-mi.org/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice by calling the Clerk's Office 734.699.8909.

Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 10, 2021.

Please contact the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 by noon on March 9, 2021 for updated information regarding appointments and electronic remote access.

If in-person meetings become a lawful option, the meetings will be held both in person and via electronic remote access at the **Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Van Buren Township, MI 48111**. Updated information regarding the options will be posted as received at **www.vanburen-mi.org**.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2021 are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	48.04%	1.0408
Commercial	48.58%	1.0293
Industrial	49.85%	1.0030
Residential	47.08%	1.0620
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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Rep. Dingell announces federal grants for Belleville, Grosse Ile FDs

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, D-MI, announced Feb. 17 that the Belleville and Grosse Ile Fire Departments have received Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program awards from the Department of Homeland Security.

Administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the funding will be used to purchase personal protection equipment and other related supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our nation's firefighters have answered the call to keep our communities safe day and night throughout this pandemic," said Congresswoman Dingell.

"As our fire departments in Grosse Ile and Belleville continue to put their lives on the line to protect ours, we must ensure they have the PPE necessary to ensure their safety. I congratulate both departments on earning this federal funding and will continue to support them in any way possible as we combat COVID-19."

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Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych

Michigan high school sports will be starting their spring seasons on March 22, according to the latest press release announcement from the Michigan High School Athletic Association on Monday. The pushback will be one week from the normal March 15 start-up date currently on the calendar. Competitions, games and matches can begin as soon as March 26. The delay is due to the extended winter sports season, which is still under way. The MHSAA said that 74% of its member high schools favored the delay for one week. All spring tournament dates remain as scheduled with the MHSAA Finals in baseball, softball, and girls' soccer concluding their post-seasons on June 19. The entire spring sports season in Michigan was canceled last year because of COVID-19. Student athletes at Belleville High School should stay in communication with their coaches for the very latest in practice days and times. The phone to BHS Athletics is (734) 697-0016.

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Bob Goike and Lodge Lanes on the South I-94 Service Drive are a few short days away from the return of league bowling, which has been through everything from closed to canceled during the pandemic. But now, leagues finally get to start up next month and there's some openings available on Singles Drop-In at a cost of $15 per week, for 10 weeks. Bowlers can roll their games at their convenience, starting March. 1. On March 9, Tuesday Trio returns with any combination of three bowlers at a cost of $16 per person for 10 weeks. On March 14, Sunday Trio is back, also with any three-bowler combination, $16 per week for eight weeks. Masks and social distancing guidelines are in place and concessions will be open. To sign up, call (734) 697-9178 or email lodgelanes40@gmail.com. Visit wwwlodgelanes.com and on Facebook and Instagram.

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With more and more groups, organizations, clubs, and sports finally getting the green light to resume activities and events, I'm glad that photos with Flop E Bunny and a socially distant candy hunt will take place on April 3 at Victory Park as the Belleville Central Business Community's sponsored event moves forward. The Belleville Farmer's Market is also slated to return this spring to downtown Belleville. Last week's paper read the cancelling of the Strawberry Festival and today's paper features a thank-you ad from the festival to their sponsors. It shows that support for our community and its offerings is stronger than ever. I recently learned that the Sumpter Fest was also shelved for the second year in a row. Hopefully, they'll both be back. Meanwhile the Belleville Chamber's Belleville Lake Fest is well under way in the planning stages for June 25-27 at several locations around town, including dragon boat races on the lake, which should be fun. There's something for everyone being organized, from an art show and kids' zone to live entertainment, and much more. Stay tuned. I had recently bought a few boxes of Girl Scout cookies from our local troop at 4th Street Square and I never saw a more eager and energetic group of scout families than I did that cold afternoon. It was refreshing. I hear they'll be back out at our Walmart on Belleville Road this Saturday, from noon to 6 p.m. Might have to get Somore'.

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Wayne County Fairgrounds is rolling out a few events this spring with their annual Irish Dinner on March 14, beginning at 6 p.m. Details to follow. Dog shows are scheduled for April 18, May 2 and May 9, while an Old School Mini-Bike Show is set for April 26. The Fairgrounds will also host a Summer Festival May 28-31, according to their website calendar. No official announcement yet on whether the annual fair will return in August. Call (734) 697-7002 and visit www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net .

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

Michelle Boyd named to Ohio University's fall 2020 dean's list

ATHENS, OH – Michelle Boyd of Van Buren Township has been named to the Ohio University dean's list for fall 2020.

Boyd is a student in the Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions.

Due to COVID-19, Ohio students who earned 12 semester hours of credit, including at least six hours attempted for letter grades, with a minimum grade point average of at least 3.5 achieved this distinction.

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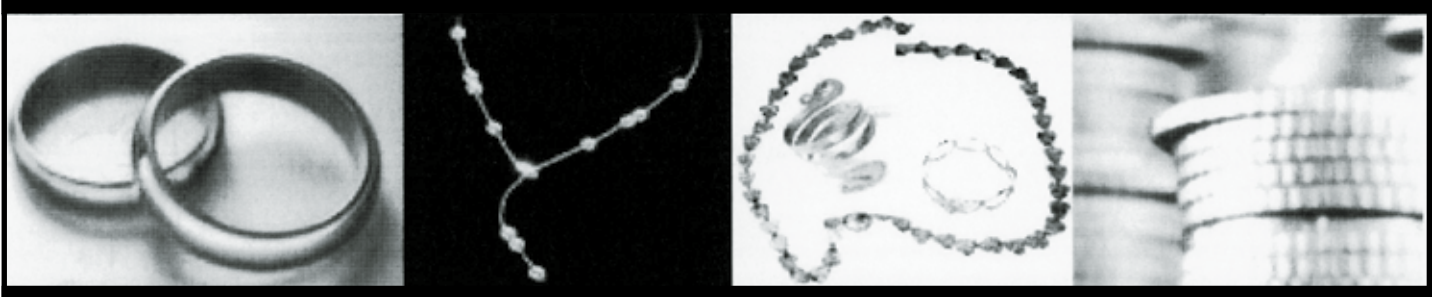

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 330 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for the week of Feb. 7-13, including the following.

Sunday, Feb. 7:

0042 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0137 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0246 – family trouble, Arlene Ln.
0729 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0908 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1032 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
1324 – trespassing, Colony Ln.
1422 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1451 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1550 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1827 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1922 – threat, Harmony Ln.
1938 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1952 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Ln.
2156 – traffic offense, Holly Ln.

Monday, Feb. 8:

0009 – traffic offense, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0030 – runaway, McBride Ave.
0213 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0659 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan
0732 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
0944 – disorderly, Montague Ave.
1022 – assault & battery, Jackson St.
1020 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.
1400 – threat, Colony Ln.
1521 – larceny, Fisher Rd.
1646 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1734 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
1743 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stonebridge Dr. / N. Timberview Dr.
1754 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1835 – PPO violation, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1905 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1943 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2014 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2030 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2025 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2042 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
2055 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2059 – parking complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
2150 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.

Tuesday, Feb. 9:

0000 – fraud, Rebecca Ct.
0019 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
0042 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0918 – larceny, Locust Dr.
0931 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0953 – private property impound, America
1000 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1043 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1155 – private property impound, Van Born
1400 – harassment call, Lake Villa Dr.
1455 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1619 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1756 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1815 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1814 – domestic, Beck/Ecorse
1837 – fraud, Stamford Rd.
2044 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
2151 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.

Wednesday, Feb. 10:

0145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0505 – family trouble, Rose Blvd.
0644 – assist other dept., S. Sunset Ln.
0834 – property damage accident, Bemis/Haggerty
0838 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.
0916 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1020 – animal complaint, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1100 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1230 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1302 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.
1430 – animal complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1536 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1653 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1713 – animal complaint, Hardwood Dr.
2010 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
2016 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275

Thursday, Feb. 11:

0249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Freeport Ct.
0602 – breaking & entering, Michigan Ave.
0606 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
1301 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1510 – larceny, Pond Bluff Dr.
1533 – assist other dept., Ecorse
1540 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1550 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1746 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
1908 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Feb. 12:

0124 – 911 welfare check, Elwell Rd.
0349 – family trouble, Solitude Ln.
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0908 – robbery, Rawsonville Rd.
0931 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.
0939 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz/Elwell
1225 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1324 – ordinance violation, N. Cumberland Dr.
1559 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1736 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
1825 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / E. Archwood Dr.
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2105 – private property/property damage accident, Maple Dr.
2125 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2213 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stephanie Dr. / Jeremy Rd.
2304 – fraud, Haggerty
2341 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2340 – 911 welfare check, Van Born
2356 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 13:

0537 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
0921 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
1204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1226 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1513 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1514 – domestic, Water's Edge Ln.
1548 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1635 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1833 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
1833 – noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
2016 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2200 – domestic, Western St.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.
2301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 138 traffic stops, with 49 of them being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

There were 253 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for the week of Feb. 14-20, including the following.

Sunday, Feb. 14:

0000 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0030 – noise complaint, Victoria St.
0044 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
0311 – noise complaint, Chandler St.
0340 – parking complaint, Park Estates Dr.
0611 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cedar/Denton
0908 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1100 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sondra Dr.
1145 – larceny from auto, Fay Dr.
1200 – parking complaint, country Walk Blvd. / Savage Rd.
1302 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1431 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1624 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton/Beckley
1720 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1817 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1847 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2202 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.

Monday, Feb. 15:

0148 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0227 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
0856 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0908 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0922 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1018 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briar Dr.
1457 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1807 – road hazard, McBride Ave.
1814 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1818 – 911 welfare check, Van Born
2024 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2149 – 911 welfare check, Landmark
2333 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2354 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 16:

0143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
0417 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0740 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.
0807 – neighbor trouble, Tyler Rd.
0822 – parking complaint, Wheeler St.
0833 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Landmark
0908 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1021 – parking complaint, Stonebridge Ct.
1056 – missing person, Richard Run Dr.
1101 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1241 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1548 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1635 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1738 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
2007 – road hazard, Haggerty/S. I-94 Service Dr.
2043 – mental subject, Crowley Ave.
2153 – threat, Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 17:

0059 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
0118 – 911 welfare check, Locust Dr.
0706 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0741 – traffic offense, Belleville/I-94 Service Dr.
0747 – road hazard, Michigan Ave.
0910 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1034 – property damage accident, Independence Ln. / Haggerty Rd.
1044 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1053 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1303 – private property impound, Woodbury Green
1340 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
1544 – fraud, Wabash Rd.
1554 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park condos
1635 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood Dr
1659 – animal complaint, Holly Ln.
1717 – private property impound, Sadie Ln.
1757 – property damage accident, Belleville
1853 – road hazard, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
2001 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2046 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2054 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2111 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2144 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2208 – motorist assist, Martinsville Rd.
2247 – domestic, Van Buren St.
2350 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 18:

0554 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
0717 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1328 – property damage accident, Jeremy Rd.
1430 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1501 – leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1548 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1631 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Ct.
1758 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1840 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Ridge Dr.
1909 – juvenile complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
1913 – suspicious person/vehicle, Laguna/Mission
2005 – 911 welfare check, Farm Rd.
2058 – breaking & entering, Wildflower Ct.
2144 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2228 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2252 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Feb. 19:

0113 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0247 – mental subject, Maple Dr.
0442 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0516 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
0609 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ct.
0612 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
0654 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
0700 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
0829 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0854 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0913 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0924 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0931 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0944 – larceny from auto, Oak ln.
1049 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1146 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd.
1255 – assist other dept., McBridge Ave.
1316 – abandoned auto, Belmont Dr.
1316 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1320 – civil matter, Winding Pond Dr.
1412 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1457 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1604 – property damage accident, Cobblestone
1611 – traffic offense, Sylvia Dr.
1637 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Salem Ct.
1706 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1900 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1901 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.
1921 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2023 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor
2226 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 20:

0509 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vine St.
0655 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vine St.
0857 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
1003 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1035 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1102 – civil matter, W. Archwood Dr.
1126 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1145 – 911 welfare check, Ayres Ave.
1409 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Haggerty
1417 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1529 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1620 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1740 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1754 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1811 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
1930 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2102 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2125 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./W. I-94
2131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
2220 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2244 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.

Also on this week's dispatch log were 43 traffic stops, with none on the freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 7:

0610 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0902 – civil matter, S. Liberty St.
1245 – civil matter, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1502 – follow up by officer, Main St.
1742 – follow up by officer, S. Liberty St.
2121 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.

Monday, Feb. 8:

2350 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 9:

0236 – disorderly, N. Edgemont Ave.
0537 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
1735 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2301 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2328 – follow up by officer, N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Feb. 10:

1102 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1221 – disorderly, Main St.
1226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
2138 – assist citizen, Loza Ln.

Thursday, Feb. 11:

0333 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
0925 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1308 – traffic offense, High/Church
1518 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
2148 – warrant arrest, Huron River Dr.

Friday, Feb. 12:

0806 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1101 – traffic offense, Main/High
1612 – private property impound, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1619 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 13:

0159 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
0828 – noise complaint, Henry St.
1424 – parking complaint, Estrada / Belle Villa Blvd.
1438 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd./Menlo Park Dr.

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Belleville Police Dispatch Log

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There also were 23 traffic stops during the week of Feb. 7-13.

Sunday, Feb. 14:
8 traffic stops
Monday, Feb. 15:
0202 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0346 – noise complaint, Henry St.
1552 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
2351 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, Feb. 16:
1429 – welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.
1537 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1640 – assault & battery, Carmell
Wednesday, Feb. 17:
0912 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1303 – welfare check, Main St.
1354 – suicidal person, Wexford Ave.
1815 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
2303 – civil matter, Santa Clara St.
Thursday, Feb. 18:
0854 – motorist assist, Main St./First St.
1411 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1433 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St.
1529 – threat, S. Liberty St.
1929 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
Friday, Feb. 19:
0913 – traffic offense, Water Works
1332 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 20:
1308 – lost property/child, Wexford Ave.
1437 – assist other dept., South St.
1759 – civil matter, Main St.
There were 20 traffic stops in the report for Feb. 14-20.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 14:
0327 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0349 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
0729 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0834 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1124 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1133 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1424 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Sherwood
1426 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1540 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1621 – traffic complaint, Willow Rd./Rawsonville
2013 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Feb. 15:
1100 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1148 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1853 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1903 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, Feb. 16:
0114 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0644 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry/Tamarack
1057 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Judd
1102 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1250 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1335 – suspicious circumstances, 46000 bl. Judd
1406 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1537 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1538 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1651 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1656 – ORV complaint, Carleton West/Wear
1706 – welfare check, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1750 – subpoena service, Country Club Blvd.
1754 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
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1837 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2022 – damage to property, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2105 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2152 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, Feb. 17:
0021 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0728 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0913 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0949 – civil matter, Wyoming St.
1105 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1413 – traffic stop, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
1546 – suspicious circumstances, 40000 bl. Willis
1803 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1829 – citizen assist, Washington St.
1838 – assist other agency, Sumpter Rd./Bemis
1851 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1929 – assist other agency, S. Huron Rd./Clark
2157 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2349 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter
Thursday, Feb. 18:
0040 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0214 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0243 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0716 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0944 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1017 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1139 – suspicious circumstances, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1258 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos St.
1408 – suspicious circumstances, Carriage Ln.
1903 – traffic complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2058 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.
Friday, Feb. 19:
0518 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
0620 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0725 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1000 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.
1148 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1331 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Clay Rd.
1734 – alarm, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1842 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2053 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2105 – mental health call, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2157 – misc. detail, Edgewood Dr.
2210 – welfare check, Martinsville/Willis
2341 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 20:
0106 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood/Willow
0619 – assist other agency, 9700 bl. Rawsonville
1159 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1550 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood/Arkona
1722 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1847 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week's log are 43 patrol checks. There was one traffic stop this week.

Van Buren Township resident fatally injured in head-on collision

A 48-year-old Van Buren Township resident who was driving a Chevrolet Silverado was fatally injured in a two-vehicle crash on Haggerty Road at I-94 at about 10:27 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19.

Brian Carey, a 43-year-old Belleville resident, was driving a Toyota Tundra exiting westbound I-94 and turning southbound onto Haggerty Road, when he was involved in the collision with the Silverado traveling northbound on Haggerty.

Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics were dispatched to the area.

Carey was treated at the scene by HVA paramedics and VBT firefighters. HVA transported Carey to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he is listed in stable condition.

The VBT Accident investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct the investigation and collect physical evidence. Haggerty Road and the N. I-94 Service Drive were closed at the scene until about 3 a.m.

The accident remains under investigation and anyone who may have witnessed the accident or has information about the incident is asked to contact Detective Mike Long or Lt. Kenneth Floro at (734) 699-8930.

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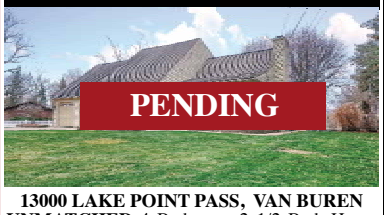

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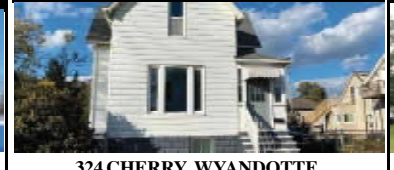

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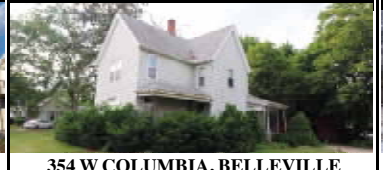

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