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Independent photo by James Otzman

A farmhouse built in 1913 on Haggerty Road just south of Harris Road in Sumpter Township was the scene of a fire at 6 p.m., Jan. 26. Sumpter Fire Chief Rick Brown said the property owner had lived there for 25 years and had just retired from the post office in December. She said she was in the living room when she heard cracking and popping upstairs. Chief Brown said she told him she started upstairs to investigate and the fire met her halfway up the stairs. He said the flames were showing through the second-story window when fire fighters arrived and the roof had already collapsed, so they couldn't go inside. He said because of the building's age it had "balloon construction" with open walls so all they could do is pour water on it. There is water damage on the first floor and three feet of water in the basement, he said. The cause of the fire is undetermined because of the extensive upstairs damage. Personal items on the first floor were salvageable, he said. The insurance adjuster was due to be there Friday. Van Buren Township fire fighters were present for mutual aid, he said.

VBT police investigate shooting of 19-year-old Sumpter Twp. male

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township police are investigating the shooting of a 19-year-old Sumpter Township male in the Walmart parking lot just before midnight on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said there was a transaction of some kind between two people and multiple shots were fired at the alleged victim who is still in the hospital. The alleged shooter left the scene before police arrived, Lt. Bazzy said.

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Van Buren Township
2021 Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township

	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Total Compensation
Police			
Floro, Kenneth	$127,409.61	$65,709.50	$253,905.75
McCormick, Ryan	$103,028.38	$48,333.55	$203,657.11
Abdilla, Marc	$108,665.76	$36,441.75	$198,032.70
Keele, Louis	$105,184.22	$36,789.19	$193,977.83
Buckberry Jr., Mark	$132,679.15		$188,578.68
Rini, Michael	$127,548.70		$182,029.10
Smith, Amy	$117,927.67		$177,231.24
Stanton, Jeffrey	$116,382.17		$175,558.73
Bazzy, Charles	$116,586.21		$175,554.12
Champagne, David	$86,864.07	$30,758.30	$171,467.66
Schulz, Alexander	$114,776.44		$166,148.97
Laurain, Gregory	$122,943.50		$163,339.29
Raschke, Matthew	$102,100.51		$149,728.65
Short, Jordan G.	$98,949.20		$145,766.42
Griggs, Scott	$100,825.18		$138,570.91
Wright, Jason	$91,520.36		$137,143.61
Valinski, Christopher	$95,155.71		$133,708.33
Buxton, Mark	$88,404.48		$133,149.66
Mowbray, Kurtis	$97,538.26		$132,425.16
Harrison, Dale	$97,463.74		$132,364.92
King, Mark	$85,905.12		$130,018.21
Long, Michael	$97,090.51		$128,265.12
Edge, Michael	$84,090.43		$128,075.10
Hayes, Christopher	$93,421.92		$127,810.80
Hillen, James	$83,478.71		$127,396.94
Barry, Ryan	$90,000.64		$127,007.81
McCarthy, Donovan	$89,272.94		$126,669.60
Bidwell, Ryan	$81,717.91		$125,290.14
Byrd, Adam	$85,469.14		$124,062.86
Evans, Seth	$84,924.36		$121,694.68
Bettendorf, William	$84,762.00		$121,272.26
Daniels, Keith	$92,260.86		$119,972.86
Wehrman, Patrick	$83,306.93		$119,813.19
Tront, Jason	$89,115.57		$113,639.30
Fedel, Andrew	$86,673.43		$113,544.58
Svabik, Daniel	$83,706.05		$109,877.99
Perez, Derek	$67,946.83		$101,434.83
Velevska, Katerina	$80,444.11		$97,360.11
Schmidtke, Casey	$57,955.08		$96,745.83
Gueli, Jeffery	$57,758.25		$77,787.52
Rubens, Donavin	$56,095.93		$68,180.12
Hall, Joshua	$54,855.51		$66,563.96
Papin, Michael	$35,648.86		$48,626.88
Harman, Christina	$55,261.32		$81,726.89
Ordinance			
Schuler, David	$55,415.73	$26,109.50	$114,742.84
Queener, Robert	$66,840.17		$105,784.71
Fire			
McInally II, David		$92,741.82	$131,322.88

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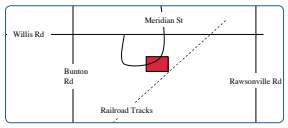

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Van Buren Township
2021 Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township

	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Total Compensation
Fire *continued*			
Folks, Ronald		$93,207.40	$129,469.11
Smith, Ryan		$86,957.90	$119,676.96
Walter, Daniel		$84,973.72	$119,233.84
Ladach, Aaron		$70,540.67	$103,720.95
Pierce, Christopher		$72,694.85	$89,640.54
Doty, Douglas		$59,711.63	$89,600.22
Lenaghan, Andrew		$60,308.92	$78,667.28
Vlademar, Michael		$37,308.86	$40,787.35
Bowman, Scott		$35,731.17	$39,060.57
Greff, Allison		$34,721.22	$37,955.18
Lunsford, Curtis		$32,875.20	$35,974.71
Everett, Rachel		$29,697.34	$32,496.54
Townsend, Nathan		$28,287.91	$30,905.12
McCormick, Elizabeth		$27,199.60	$29,762.76
Hayden, John		$25,726.16	$28,110.08
Ling, Jason		$25,442.51	$27,799.63
Crain, Andrew		$22,782.65	$24,888.41
Moening, Michael		$18,959.34	$21,432.80
Campbell, Bronso		$16,805.24	$21,292.73
Cox, Dustin		$17,442.50	$19,043.62
Brow, Amy		$10,829.50	$14,160.43
Rose, John L.		$12,924.91	$14,139.11
Henley, James		$11,504.45	$12,544.42
Bedinger, Brandon		$9,575.31	$10,433.02
Queen, Timothy		$5,826.48	$6,405.88
Sorrell, Todd		$4,482.12	$4,909.68
Dispatch	**Dispatch Wages**		
Johnson, Dominique	$61,902.80		$101,186.67
Jones, Julie	$76,262.97		$98,210.87
Baker, Georgia	$63,670.79		$95,866.50
Lucas, Gretchen	$62,027.36		$93,900.13
Martin, Robert	$59,299.50		$90,838.34
Rea, Teri	$61,068.66		$82,712.27
Weisbecker, Vicki	$56,975.41		$77,991.70
Giroux, Gabrielle	$59,622.44		$72,211.36
Pauls, Kelsey	$50,954.36		$68,020.89
Brooks, Terri	$17,478.10		$22,083.84
Barker, Ryan	$12,988.80		$18,408.37
Telschow, Franseca	$13,658.04		$16,586.88
		TOTAL	**$8,327,155.58**

2021 Total Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township -- $8,327,155.58
2020 Total Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township -- $8,434,074.33
Difference - $106,918.75

2021 Public Safety total wages & compensation had approximately a 1.27% decrease since 2020.

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Van Buren Township
2021 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

	Wages	Total Compensation
Elected Officials		
McNamara, Kevin	$95,865.12	$122,164.22
Wright, Leon	$92,082.83	$137,836.85
Budd, Sharry	$92,082.83	$120,215.77
Boynton, Donald	$17,662.37	$26,489.79
Frazier, Sherry	$17,662.37	$26,312.79
Martin, Kevin	$17,662.37	$26,312.79
Miller, Regina	$17,662.37	$26,172.63

Van Buren Township
2021 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

	Wages	Total Compensation
Assessing		
Dorazio, Gina	$52,489.44	$90,109.23
Stevenson, Linda	$49,342.57	$68,351.31
Board of Review		
Boyer, Kevin	$300.00	$322.95
Roesch III, Harry	$360.00	$387.54
Young, Penny	$360.00	$387.54
Building and Grounds		
Burgor, Michael	$48,479.85	$66,293.60
Cardenas, Hugo	$29,367.77	$44,847.36
Cochenour, Jonathon	$65,028.65	$99,458.42
Drotar, Ryan	$65,857.33	$84,855.60
Esch, Charles	$59,442.67	$77,825.66
Jenkins, Kirk	$58,984.45	$97,432.77
Lesperance, Crystal	$11,922.49	$14,581.09
Miller, Patty	$44,163.77	$59,568.83
Schlutow, Kristopher	$68,436.16	$107,552.98
Taylor, Gerald	$45,890.50	$70,370.72
Villa, Samuel	$19,882.34	$26,022.62
Clerk's Office		
Montgomery, Joanne	$81,125.53	$102,486.30
Towles, Carol	$77,187.44	$99,687.13
Tyler, Karen	$53,083.04	$83,493.58
Communications		
Albrecht, Alysha	$44,169.05	$68,903.58
Campbell, Charles	$1,245.21	$1,517.89
Japowicz, Michael	$1,245.21	$1,489.89
Nichols, Ryan	$58,947.59	$77,862.27
VanSlyke, Jr., Julian	$987.50	$1,063.04
Community Services		
Renaud, Elizabeth	$73,571.72	$97,865.62
DDA		
Ireland, Susan	$88,781.83	$116,224.36
Lothringer, Lisa	$63,363.49	$103,286.59
Building, Planning & Economic Development		
Williams, Brittney	$13,535.78	$16,490.78
Best, Matthew	$85,342.60	$118,995.67
Dohring, Tammy	$57,202.22	$75,143.02
Fields, Judy	$76,593.46	$113,637.71
Grishaber, Tina	$51,905.74	$71,839.20
Luckett, Lawrence	$9,444.43	$11,853.12
Murphy, Deanna	$41,021.18	$56,069.20
Power, Daniel	$79,327.80	$96,430.83
Elections		
Beaudry, Brittany	$53,672.48	$84,283.87
Hubbard, Donae	$39,389.43	$53,645.85
Human Resources		
Sumpter, Nicole	$80,519.54	$123,888.61
IT		
Brataniec, John	$8,620.68	$10,352.00
Dandy, Kenneth	$72,258.65	$106,604.36
Rankin, Steve	$88,036.76	$115,328.56
Sabin, Joel	$66,479.48	$87,939.39
Museum		
Dallos, Kathryn	$7,396.56	$18,342.46
Parks		
Haney, Marcus	$4,464.46	$4,805.99
Mabry, Maranda	$7,095.38	$7,638.18
Mann, Connor	$12,848.93	$13,831.87
Nicholson III, Earvin	$20,168.06	$21,710.92
Recreation		
Fleming, Cole	$5,681.85	$6,116.51
Price, Jennifer	$52,336.36	$82,550.36

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Thank you for all your support

We at the *Independent* are very grateful for all the donations from our readers to help keep our newspaper up and running during these hard times. January and February are always difficult financial times for all newspapers and with COVID and the internet biting into our purses, along with increased printing and mailing costs this year, things are really tight.

Jerry McKelvey wrote a letter to the editor that explained the situation and how some donations from supporters would really help. People did respond and brought in big and small checks and cash and plenty of good wishes. Some didn't want their names known and some didn't mind. A few stuck anonymous envelopes of cash through the mail drop. Some carried the checks in and handed them to us in person with heartfelt best wishes.

They all pretty much said the same thing: "Don't stop publishing. We wouldn't know what's going on without you. We can't let our local governments operate without someone there to watch them. Please don't stop publishing."

We've been able to pay our bills because of your help. We've raised our price on obituaries and advertising and subscriptions and hope our customers will stay with us and we can stand on our own feet. This is our 28th year.

Over the past few difficult years, more than 2,000 newspapers have closed across the U.S. We don't want to join that group. We want to keep you informed. Thank you for joining in to keep us publishing.

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

A reader who works in Van Buren Township is sharing his experience with our readers as another scam alert because "… this one really, nearly got me."

He said on Jan. 26 he got a text saying, "Chase Alert, your account has been locked due to multiple failed attempts to access it. Please click this link ____ to enter your credentials and reactivate the account."

He said as a kneejerk response he almost clicked the link, but instead went to his Chase app, accessed it with no problem, and saw there were no alerts.

"Wheww. Really sophisticated scam attempt," he said.

Thanks for sharing. If we can get people to pause, like you did, they could remember all the stories we've had in our paper on scams that were trying to rob our local residents.

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Just before 8 a.m. on Jan. 26, we heard a call on our fire scanner, seeking response for a student who had been found unconscious in a stairwell at Belleville High School. About a half hour later it was reported that the student was transported to an unknown location.

Later that day I asked School Supt. Pete Kudlak about it. He said at one point the student was non-responsive, but then was responsive. He said no one had let the school know how the student is doing. He said he didn't know if it was a male or female.

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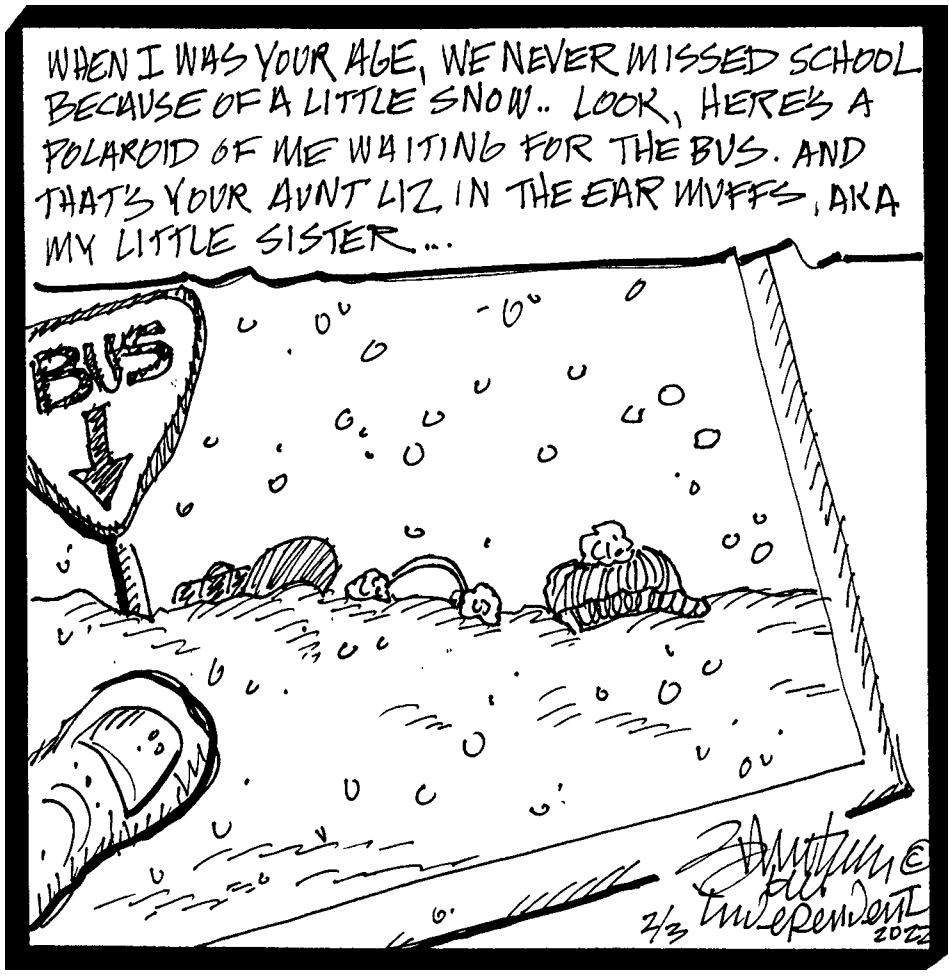
Also on Jan. 26, there was the report on the fire scanner of a strong smell of gas in the 200 block of Brain Street in the City of Belleville.



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A reader tells us about a little rabbit at the Willis Feed Mill that they could have sold for $80 but decided not to sell but to keep as a pet because one of the people who works there didn't want to see it go. The little bunny hops around inside the mill and customers can pick it up and pet it. Sometimes it's in its pen. "It's just adorable," said our reader, who drives from her home in Van Buren Township to Willis to go to the mill for her cat food. She describes entering the old mill as a step back in time.

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The Belleville National Strawberry Festival committee met last week and decided not to have a festival this year, but to shoot for a Strawberry Festival in 2023. It has been held on Father's Day week end since 1976. The Strawberry Fest for 2020, which was to be its 44th year, was canceled due to COVID and the 2021 festival also was not held.

The festival probably won't be located in the City of Belleville since the city council has moved on to support the new Lake Fest that began in 2021.

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I had a pleasant conversation with Pearl Varner last week. Pearl lives on Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township, just down the road from me. She has been the volunteer leader of the Romulus Historical Society for more than 40 years. She said she grew up in Romulus where her heart is but has lived in VBT for many years. Pearl said the City of Romulus pays for the museum's heat and lights and volunteers do the rest.

The Romulus museum is located near the post office in the city's former one-room school, which is in the downtown historical park that is always open. The museum is open on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. when a volunteer is there (usually Pearl) to talk to people.

She agreed that volunteers often don't want to commit to certain times and younger people are busy with their families. She recalls bringing her kids with her to the museum when she was working on things.

Romulus has several historical buildings plus a 1949 CSX caboose that have been preserved by volunteers, along with a 1923 Monitor Windmill Model C, which originally stood on a farm in Sumpter. In 1970, Tutt Mach moved the windmill to his home in Romulus. He donated it to the Romulus Historical Society in 1986 and it was restored by volunteers.

All this is to say that Romulus is preserving its history with volunteer effort. Our Belleville Area Museum has been closed for about two years and it had a paid director, plus lots of enthusiastic volunteers. People are hungry for their museum to reopen.

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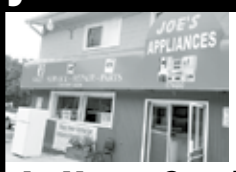
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Letters

Betty White was a great asset to animals, FMAR

To the editor:

What a great asset Betty White was to animals and the people who cared for them. Her love for animals was so strong that she set up a foundation that allows shelters to apply for grants. In fact, Betty White's foundation was one of the first grants I ever applied for.

She will be missed, but we can keep her memory close to our hearts through her love of animals, people, and life in general. She had an addictive smile that warmed your heart, and a sense of humor that made you laugh even when you weren't in the best of moods.

Even in her passing she is helping animals with a special challenge to remember her for the animals she loved with the #BettyWhiteChallenge that kicked off on her 100th birthday, Jan. 17.

Many of you wanted to get a head start on her birthday and decided to donate early. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for choosing FMAR as your shelter of choice. Together we raised over $4,600!

We appreciate your support in memory of this wonderful person and all of the animals she helped. God Bless you all!

Marcy LaFramboise, vice president
Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue
Sumpter Township

'Fair & Secure Elections' set March 2

To the editor:

March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, "Fair and Secure Elections: Just the Facts!"

The Belleville Area District Library and The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County are educating voters about Michigan's fair and secure elections. The league is a 101-year-old, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting voting rights.

It will be a hybrid meeting, held in person at the Belleville Area District Library plus virtually for those who can't attend.

The presentation will present unbiased facts to help you counter misinformation and disinformation. There will be handouts and league members to answer your questions. The Van Buren, Belleville and Sumpter clerks will be invited as well.

Donna Gilkey- Lavin
The League of Women Voters of
Northwest Wayne County

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The Senior Center at Van Buren Township is looking for someone to teach an Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class, a 45-minute session three times a week. The pay is $30 per class and will require a one-year commitment. For more information, contact Lynette Jordan, director of the Van Buren Township Senior Center at (734) 699-8918 and see their ad in today's paper.

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Belleville High School Athletics is taking part in Part of the Art Fundraiser, to have their very own giant football helmet to commemorate the recent State Championship title. The fiberglass-layered helmet will feature a face cage made of poly piping and a custom airbrushed paint in BHS colors. Measuring four feet wide by five feet tall, it's a sure way to bring back that memorable season. The fundraiser part comes by way of purchasing a limit of 300 T-shirts for $35 each. Visit the school's website for the QR Code link and to learn more. It's at www.vanburenschools.net .

Obituaries

Bernard William McManus

BERNARD WILLIAM McMANUS
(February 19, 1938 – January 30, 2022)
Bernard William McManus passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on January 30, 2022, at age 83. Beloved husband of LaCinda for 31 1/2 years. Loving father of Linda (Barry) Pfeiffer of Milan, Christine (Brian) Nagy of Whitmore Lake, Stephanie (Brett) Jesperson of Colorado, Sean (Tiffany) Bowling of Utah.
Grandchildren: Eric (Shayna) Pfeiffer, Nyle (Becky) Pfeiffer, Garrett (Shannon) Nagy, Morgan (Tanner) Youngs, Peter Bowling, Mitchell Nagy, Max, and Ava Jesperson. Great Grandchildren: Nailah Pfeiffer and Blake Nagy. Siblings: Sheila (Dwain) Pederson of Nebraska, Sharon (Larry) Forthum of Iowa, Larry (LaDonna) McManus of South Dakota; brother-in-law: Dale Scherer of Ohio.
A long-time Belleville resident, Bernard was raised on his family farm in South Dakota and in his younger years he loved to play sports such as baseball and basketball. He also spent summers on the lake boating and being near the water. Bernard and his wife LaCinda were world travelers and had a love for Hawaii. Bernard was a kind, loving, family man who loved spending his time surrounded by his family.
A funeral mass has been planned for Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville. A memorial service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, is Friday, February 4, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Rosary, Father John Kiselica officiating.

VBT shooting

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He said police are investigating and working to unravel what happened. He would not comment when the *Independent* asked if the person who got shot had a weapon, as well.

Employees at Walmart who sent word to the *Independent* described the incident as a "shoot out."

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call Van Buren Township Police Detective Michael Long at (734) 699-8930.

Correction: Belleville Fire Chief Loranger earned $10,223.67

The listing for Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger was not included in the City of Belleville salary list published on page three of last week's *Independent*. The total compensation amount for Chief Loranger should be $10,223.67.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, Feb. 6** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Thursday, Feb. 10** – "Rare Books and their History" will be presented by J. Ross Baughman of Van Buren Township at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library as part of the Homegrown Knowledge lecture series sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Baughman is a Pultizer Prize-winning journalist.

• **Friday, Feb. 11** – Pvt. James D. Donovan/ Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, presents "The Real Drag Queens of Bingo" with doors opening at 5 p.m. and the show starting at 7 p.m. Everyone 18 and older are welcome. Tickets are $20 each which gets six games of Bingo and entertainment. A light meal, 50/50 and raffle baskets can be purchased. Drinks can be purchased in the Club Room. Information: (734) 941-3030.

• **Saturday, Feb. 12** – Big games at the Belleville Area District Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Play life-sized Candy Land, Giant Jenga, Tic Tac Woah, and more. Drop in between 11 and 1 and play the games the whole family can enjoy.

• **Saturday, Feb. 12** – Wayne County Health Department is holding a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, open to all, plus boosters, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McBride Middle School, 47097 McBride Ave., Van Buren Township.

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Obituaries

Marvin Luther Dew

MARVIN LUTHER DEW
(May 4, 1926 – January 23, 2022)
Marvin Luther Dew, age 95, of Willis, MI, passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born May 4, 1926, in Wingo, Kentucky, son of Thomas Frank Dew and Mary Ellie (Parker) Dew. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He retired from General Motors as a millwright at the spring & bumper plant in Livonia, MI, after more than 25 years of loyal service. Marvin was a dedicated member of Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church. He was also a Mason. He enjoyed using his hands, fixing things, especially small engines. He loved being outdoors, in his pole barn or garage, gardening and cooking. He was a man with no fear and a big heart who enjoyed his family.
Mr. Dew is survived by his wife of nearly 73 years, Evelyn (Riddle) Dew; five children: Danny (Gail) Dew of Brooklyn, MI, Gary (Lynda) Dew of Willis, MI, Randy Dew of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Marsha Dew of Romulus, MI, and Tim (Rene) Dew of Southgate, MI; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; a sister Joyce Johnson of Alabama; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother Lily Mae, also six brothers: Jack, Charlie, Lloyd, Leon, Lindsey and Clifton.
Visitation was 11-1 PM Friday, January 28, 2022, at Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church, 7180 South Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Pastor Joe Kennedy officiated his funeral at 1 PM. A luncheon immediately followed. The burial service was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI, on Saturday, January 29, 2022. Memorial contributions may be made to Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church or to a Masonic Lodge of your choice and would be appreciated.
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Mary Frances Hall Shirley

MARY FRANCES HALL SHIRLEY
(April 3, 1932 – January 16, 2022)
Mary Frances Hall Shirley, age 89, of Beaver Dam, KY, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022 at the Ohio Co. Hospital. She was born in Harlan, KY, on April 3, 1932 to the late John and Tilithia Hutchinson Hall. She moved to Ypsilanti, MI as a young girl then moved to Beaver Dam, KY in 2015. Mary was a cancer survivor, homemaker, and a member of the Kingdom Hall. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 71 years, Charles Shirley; son Keith Michael Shirley; 3 sisters Mae, Jean and Agnes; 3 brothers Arthur, Charles and Jack Hall; granddaughter Christine Stewart and one great-granddaughter, Willa Moore.
Survivors include her daughter Gloria Boyd (Donald) of Cromwell; granddaughter Angela Stovall (Adam) of Morgantown; grandsons Anthony Alan Moore (Emily) of Franklin and Ira Vojtkofsky (Joan) of FL; four great-grandsons Gavin Moore, Trenton Stovall, Treylan Stovall and Weston Moore; four great-granddaughters Mercedes Moore, Tori Mckenzie (Caleb), Keely Vojtkofsky, Maili Vojtkofsky; one great-great-grandson Liam Mckenzie; one great-great-granddaughter, due in March, Violet Mary Sue Mckenzie.
Mary was cremated with services at a later date in Ypsilanti, MI. She will be buried next to her husband at Arborcrest Cemetery in Ann Arbor, MI.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 at 109, positive tests up to 8,464

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code crept up from 108 last week to 109 as of Monday, Jan. 31, according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 8,464 on Monday, Jan. 31, up from 7,984 on Saturday, Jan. 22.

On Monday, Jan. 31, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 5,772 positive cases, 74 deaths; City of Belleville, 993 positive cases, 10 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,699 positive cases, 25 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had 75 positive cases on the week the district came back from winter break, Jan. 4-7, and 75 cases Jan. 10-14. From Jan. 18 to 21, there were 30 cases and from Jan. 24 to 28, 35 cases. On Monday, Jan. 31, 11 cases were posted. This makes a total of 512 positive cases posted since the beginning of the school year.

Editor's Note: On its Jan. 27 report, Wayne County reduced the number of COVID deaths in the City of Belleville from 22 to 10. There was no explanation. The death count of 22 had been reported since Dec. 25. Since Jan. 27, it's been 10.

Obituaries

Keith Edward Warner

KEITH EDWARD WARNER
(October 12, 1939 – January 26, 2022)
Keith Edward Warner, age 82, a longtime resident of Belleville, passed away on January 26, 2022, at home surrounded by family. He was born October 12, 1939, in Raber, Michigan, to Alvin Keith Warner and Mayme Rae (Anderson) Warner. Keith worked as a laborer for General Motors on the assembly line. Keith was an avid guitar player and in his earlier years, he loved hunting, fishing, and traveling with his wife to whom he was married for 40 wonderful years. Keith was a devoted long-time member of Grace Baptist Church. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.
He leaves to cherish his children: Sherry Lynn Warner and Ronald Keith Warner, both of Belleville, MI; siblings: Beverly "Jean" Potoczak of Goetzville, MI, Sandra Belinski of Stalwart, MI, Gayle Deuman of Brimley, MI, David Warner of Raber, MI, and Audrey Plastino of Sault Saint Marie, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, also his wife Gayle Yvonne (Wauer) Warner on December 4, 2004.
Visitation was held at the David C. Brown Funeral home on Sunday, January 30, 2022, from 2 to 8 PM. The Funeral Service was held at Grace Baptist Church in Belleville, MI on January 31, 2022, at 11 AM with visitation from 10-11 AM, with Pastor Bob White officiating. Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park following the funeral service. In lieu of flowers please make memorial donations to Arbor Hospice.
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Dorothy Wanda Bailey

DOROTHY WANDA BAILEY
(September 3, 1930 – January 27, 2022)
Dorothy Wanda Bailey, age 92, a longtime resident of Belleville, passed away on January 27, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born September 3, 1930, in Detroit, MI, to Bronislaus Stomber and Stephanie (Szerlag) Stomber. She enjoyed work as a nurse's aide for many years. Dorothy was an active member at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Dorothy enjoyed reading, making flower arrangements and playing cards with friends and family. She was a wonderful mother, wife, grandmother, and friend to many.
Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Lynnette (Michael) Lemke of St. Charles, MO; grandchildren Bailey and Evan Lemke; stepchildren, David Bailey and Intissar (Gary) Greene. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Bailey in 2015 and stepson Wayne Bailey in 2019.
Burial took place on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 11 a.m., at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. A service and celebration of life is planned for Dorothy at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan Rd., Wayne, MI, on Friday, February 25, 2022. Dorothy's Family will be greeting guests at 5 p.m. with a 6 p.m. service. Pastor Andrew Gruenhagen officiated.
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JING XIA
(December 8, 1966 – January 29, 2022)
Age 55, native of China and U.S. resident since 2016. Survived by husband Jeffrey Binns and children Lora Sun and Charlie Sun of Shanghai, China. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Welcome, Ivy Faye Stanley-Greenwood

Ivy Faye Stanley-Greenwood was born at 3:12 a.m., Jan. 31, 2022 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20" long. Parents are Joseph Greenwood and Kimberly Stanley-Greenwood of Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Kyle and Deborah Isenegger of Belleville and Mark and Patricia Greenwood of Ypsilanti.

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VBPS approves new bonds, considers work on Owen, BHS stadium

At Jan. 24 regular, in-person meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board ratified the sale of the second series of bonds for $8,060,000 for planned building and site uses.

Matt Heiser, a financial attorney with the Thrun law firm, explained that this is the second series of bonds being sold and on Jan. 13 there were five bids at competitive rates, with an average interest of 2.03%.

Based on the written recommendation of the district's authorized officer, the board approved Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as purchaser. The paying agent-bond registrar is Huntington National Bank, Grand Rapids.

The approximate sum of $80,255.27 is the cost of issuance of the bonds. Net interest costs will be $1,803,305.65

Heiser said on Feb. 10 the sum of $8,919,634 will be deposited in the 2022 Capital Projects Fund.

After the bonds were sold, came the discussion on how the money was to be spent on the renovations to Owen Intermediate School.

Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Cresa said the pricing for the project is substantially higher than anticipated and the work planned for Tyler and Savage schools will be held off until the Series 3 bonds are sold.

He said the renovations for Owen show total costs of $8,156,563. He said the work is "nothing flashy" and includes the mechanical system and electrical system.

"We tried to scale it back as much as we could," he said, adding they still will install windows and do painting and the soffits.

"It's really important to finish Owen," said School Supt. Pete Kudlak. "It's better – cheaper – to do it all at once." He said that want to make it fantastic and it already is a fantastic building.

Kakoczki said they have two years before Series 3 and they are starting to look at a gameplan for that now.

The Owen upgrades will start April 4, right after spring break, and most will be done by the end of August. They found a way to work in phases and most of the construction work will be done in off-school hours.

The work will be voted on at an upcoming meeting. Recommended is Granger Construction and 11 subcontractors.

The board also discussed details of the upgrades to the Belleville High School football field, track, and tennis courts, for a total of $878,415.17 to come out of the general fund.

Supt. Kudlak said they had to extend the bid for electrical to make it $920,000. He said they need new electrical for the football field and need relocation of the electrical from the place that gets wet. He said there was interference with head sets and so they had to run a line above ground to the field.

The football turf will be replaced with premier, top-of-the-grade turf at a cost of $413,152, and it will be in blocks of dark green and lighter green, like Livonia has. A tiger head will be in the middle of the field and paws on the 25-yard lines. An alternate for $20,000 goal posts was included.

Kakoczki said that they tried to get the tennis courts done last summer but could get no bids so they packaged it with the stadium. The cracks will be filled in the tennis courts and it will be resurfaced for a total of $68,000.

The track will be resurfaced at a cost of $112,700.

Obituaries

David Wayne Hughes

DAVID WAYNE HUGHES
(May 17, 2000 – January 29, 2022)

Mr. David Wayne Hughes, 21, a lifelong resident of Sumpter Township, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 29, 2022.

He was born on May 17, 2000, in Livonia, Michigan to David and Evette (Sluder) Hughes. He graduated in 2019 from Huron High school in New Boston. His love for the outdoors was evident in the many activities he enjoyed including hunting, fishing, dirt biking, kayaking, and having bonfires. David's greatest joy in life was spending quality time with family and friends.

David is survived by his loving parents; David and Evette adored brother of Preslie and Paige and dearest grandson of Jim and Cheryl Hughes and Don and Sonja Sluder. He is also survived by his best friend Patrick Paige and a host of extended family and friends.

Visitation for David will be held on Thursday, February 3, from Noon to 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville (734) 697-4500.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, February 4, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church will serve as Celebrant. The family will greet visitors one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

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

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

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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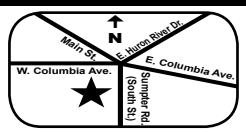

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• **Tuesday, Feb. 8**: Girls & Boys Bowling vs Dearborn at Lodge Lanes, 3 p.m.; Girls JV Basketball vs John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Basketball vs Dearborn, 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 9**: Boys Varsity Basketball vs Detroit Western International, 5:30 p.m.

Diane Kiessel
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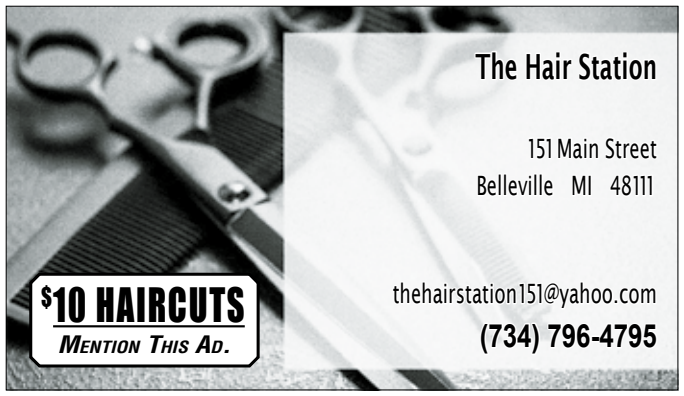
• Friday, Feb. 4 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. (rescheduled from Feb. 10).

• Monday, Feb. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Feb. 8 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.



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Bowman: McNamara suggests committee to discuss museum

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of the regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on Jan. 25, Supervisor Tim Bowman said he had talked to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara about the Belleville Area Museum that has been closed for almost two years.

Supervisor Bowman said Supervisor McNamara suggested forming a committee of the three leaders in the tri-community – Supervisors Bowman and McNamara and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley – to discuss the future of the museum.

Trustee/Deputy Supervisor Tim Rush said McNamara told him that the $10,000 annual donations each from Sumpter and Belleville to Van Buren Township would be suspended until the museum is open.

During public comment earlier in the meeting, resident Mary Ban spoke at length about the importance of the museum and the shared history of the tri-community. She pulled a Rosie the Riveter poster out of her bag and held it up as she spoke of the local women who worked at Willow Run to help win World War II. She spoke of historic articles at the Yankee Air Museum.

"I want to see that museum open as soon as possible," Ban said, adding she hadn't been there in almost two years, since it was closed by Van Buren Township that owns the museum building.

"Sumpter Township is part of the community," she said, adding she doesn't want to struggle to set up a Sumpter museum, but to reopen the museum that carries treasures from the whole tri-community.

She said she left a message for Supervisor McNamara on the issue.

She said a copy of the book detailing the history of Sumpter Township from 1840 to 1910 was given to her by the author, Jeanne Hartwick, and it is a treasure. She said once the museum reopens, people can buy a copy of it there because it has been reprinted.

She also recommended "The Story of Willow Run" by Marian Wilson, which is available at the Yankee Air Museum, and the "Rosie the Riveter Cookbook," only available at the museum.

"I pray they will put the museum in operation, SOON!" she said. "It carries rich, rich history from all three communities," she concluded and the audience applauded her remarks.

Resident Sharon Pokerwinski said she met with Van Buren Township Treasurer Sharry Budd and Treasurer Budd said the museum will be open soon.

Pokerwinski said if Sumpter Township wants a museum of its own, that's OK, but they should reopen the tri-community's museum.

Resident Mary Sherwood agreed the book on the history of Sumpter Township by Jeannne Hartwick is so good and so interesting. Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick said there is a copy of that book at the media center across the street from township hall.

In other business at the hour-long meeting, the board:

• Tabled for two weeks a proposal to post, publish and hire someone as payroll and human resources clerk effective Jan. 26. Trustee Matthew Oddy said the township should move forward instead with the accounting clerk position already approved last October. Trustee Don LaPorte said he would like Clerk Esther Hurst to be present at the meeting when they consider the hiring. Clerk Hurst and Trustee Peggy Morgan were absent and excused from that night's meeting;

• Approved the supervisor's appointments of Paul Armstrong as Board of Review member with a term to expire Jan. 1, 2024 and of Sandi Armstrong as a Board of Review member with a term to expire Jan. 1, 2025; and

• Approved raising compensation of the Board of Review members to a flat rate compensation of $50 per member/per session for up to three hours and $75 per member/per session for three hours or more. For mandated training or education, a reimbursement of up to $100 annually will be paid per member.

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VBT board honors BHS football team state championship

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees was scheduled to honor the Belleville Tigers High School varsity football team with a proclamation at the beginning of Tuesday's meeting.

The proclamation recognizes the team's 2021 Division I State Championship, the first in the school's history, capping off a season where the team went 13-1.

"There is an overwhelming sense of pride on what that football team has accomplished," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We understand that championship excellence is never by accident and comes because of a lot of hard work.

"To overcome numerous challenges such as injuries to key players while competing during a time where so many adjustments had to be made in lieu of the Covid-19 pandemic, is a testament to the commitment of those young men on the gridiron and to the dedication of its coaching staff. It's quite the accomplishment," he said.

The Belleville High School athletic program has also experienced added national recognition as its quarterback Bryce Underwood was named MaxPreps National Freshman Player of the Year, the first Michigan player to earn the honor.

Underwood threw for 2,888 yards and 39 touchdowns this past season. In honoring the team for its athletic excellence, the proclamation designated Nov. 27 (the date that the team won the state championship) as "Belleville Tigers Day." Head coach Jermain Crowell and Underwood were scheduled to accept the proclamation on the team's behalf.

"What these coaches are instilling in these young men is much bigger than the sport itself and will pay dividends for them as they go on to pursue their careers and their families," added McNamara.

The state championship is the first for the school in its 153-year history. Established in 1869, Belleville High School has produced numerous professional athletes throughout the years who have gone on to play in the National Football League (NFL), such as Ian Gold (retired Denver Broncos linebacker), Arlington Hambright (current Chicago Bears offensive guard), Cullen Jenkins (retired Green Bay Packers defensive end), Kris Jenkins (retired New York Jets defensive tackle), and Frank Nunley (retired San Francisco 49ers linebacker). But none had the distinction of being part of a championship winning team while attending Belleville High.

BHS has an enrollment of about 1,600 students. Its football team is made up of 65 players, one head coach, and 17 assistant coaches. *--News release*

14th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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Van Buren Township
2021 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

	Wages	Total Compensation
Recreation *continued*		
Rupnow, Jay	$18,298.86	$19,698.72
Schwarz, Alexis	$6,399.59	$6,889.16
Simpson, Corenina	$16,263.07	$17,507.19
Thompson, Monica	$608.58	$655.14
Wall, Sydney	$10,258.56	$11,043.34
Wright, Jennifer	$13,784.37	$21,289.66
Zaenglein, Jennifer	$51,798.79	$81,991.42
Seniors		
Alexander, Janie	$7,264.93	$7,820.70
Boone, Dezmun	$7,144.56	$7,691.12
Edenstrom, Aidan	$2,736.67	$2,946.03
Edenstrom, Robert	$2,063.03	$2,220.85
Jordan, Lynette	$60,558.08	$94,320.70
McBride, Patricia	$43,148.21	$67,378.59
Partridge, Denise	$13,960.57	$15,028.55
Porter, Beverly	$5,275.32	$5,678.88
Stillwagon, Jeffery	$4,500.00	$4,844.25
Zitzewitz, Darrin	$3,731.34	$4,016.79
Supervisor's Office		
Rodriguez, Hannah	$49,287.08	$65,711.91
Selman, Daniel	$79,814.70	$105,486.57
Treasurer's Office		
Adams, Kathy	$53,818.76	$80,266.02
Bellingham, Sean	$89,439.69	$127,234.20
Shevrovich, Jessica	$51,071.82	$81,084.28
Water & Sewer		
Caincross Jr., Noah	$5,801.53	$7,034.08
Hine, Bradley	$74,236.84	$93,926.32
Ladd, Martin	$36,009.99	$46,317.06
McLeod, Jeremy	$61,386.60	$91,367.72
Miller, Eric	$701.20	$838.99
Patton, Brandon	$69,423.06	$108,847.30
Pecsenye, Karen	$52,794.26	$83,075.31
Pinard, Mario	$85,329.09	$121,166.82
Saums, Todd	$10,919.55	$13,132.10
Strickland, Joseph	$72,378.47	$104,383.99
Taylor, James	$61,266.03	$78,016.80
Valinski, Jason	$70,051.32	$89,305.24
Zantop, Kendyl	$40,078.16	$54,605.44
Zysk, Marcus	$63,678.02	$94,902.09
	TOTAL	**$5,262,975.09**

Benefits include FICA and may include health care, dental, life insurance, vision and pension.

2021 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- $5,262,975.09
2020 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- $5,189,801.02
Difference + $73,174.07

2021 employee total wages & compensation had approximately a 1.41% increase since 2020.

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

2021 Van Buren Township
Retiree Health Care Costs

Employee	Cost to VBT
Bovitz, Kristy	$8,866.43
Brooks, Dennis	$6,107.23
Brooks, Ken	$8,505.34
Brooks, Terri	$7,073.29
Burgor, Michael	$7,636.05
Caincross, Noah	$22,902.77
Cline, Kathleen A.	$25,366.64
Combs, Linda	$5,616.37
Devos, Bart	$8,443.57
Fleming, Pamala	$11,196.74
Fondaw, Jeffrey	$20,539.19
Foster, Helen	$5,626.37
Greene, Robert	$9,972.74
Guenther, Dale	$11,162.74
Hunter, Donna	$5,468.35
Kauppila, Barb	$5,614.37
Kennedy, Sharon	$9,960.75
Kurtz, Brenda	$7,534.87
McIntosh, Laurie	$23,435.45
Miller, James	$18,360.44
Moening, Michael	$8,505.34
Morse, Vernon	$20,001.02
Noye, George	$10,043.98
Osborne, Jeffrey	$22,757.72
Papin, Michel	$18,884.23
Partridge, Denise	$4,964.85
Sears, Robert	$9,962.74
Smith, Daniel	$8,762.74
Smyth, Keith	$10,690.39
Stevenson, Linda	$11,843.30
Thornsbury, Ernie	$16,000.02
Toney, Kenneth	$22,924.61
Wilson, Diane	$5,640.37
Yono, Fred	$10,263.73
TOTAL	**$410,634.74**

2021 - 34 retirees -- $410,634.74
2020 - 31 retirees -- $279,547.19
Difference + $131,087.55

2021 retiree health care costs had approximately a 46.9% increase since 2020.

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Evangelist Daniel David to speak at Church of God on Sunday, Feb. 13

Evangelist Daniel David will present a "Supernatural" Sunday Service at 11 a.m., Feb. 13, at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd., Belleville.

The Rev. David is a world-renowned evangelist, pastor, and TV personality with tens of millions of viewers in India. He is the founder of Jesus Heals Ministries, a crusade-style ministry where supernatural miracles abound.

Several of the crusades around the world – in India, South Africa, Dubai, and more – have had tens of thousands of people in attendance.

"We are so blessed to have this incredible man of God at our church," said Pastor Ron Schubert of Church of God. "Tell your friends and invite your family members. We are believing God for an unprecedented move of His Spirit!"

For more information, call Pastor Schubert at (734) 320-1725.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 233 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Jan. 23:

0013 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./W. I-94 Belleville ramp
0321 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0349 – hospice death, Union St.
0357 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0430 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0431 – noise complaint, S. Purple Sage Ct.
0636 – intrusion alarm, E. Schooner Dr.
0657 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0843 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse I-275 ramp N.
1133 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
1352 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
1355 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
1428 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1750 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1844 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1956 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2002 – juvenile complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
2040 – felony assault, Pond Bluff Dr.
2110 – welfare check, Jackson St.
2130 – 911 welfare check, Truman St.
2258 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury
2301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
2325 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.

Monday, Jan. 24:

0220 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0227 – disorderly, Meadows Ln.
0754 – juvenile complaint, Westlake Cir.
0902 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0938 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
0952 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0953 – breaking & entering, Riggs Rd.
0957 – welfare check, Maple Dr.
1018 – malicious destruction of property, N. Woodbury Dr.
1058 – harassment call, Ayres Ave.
1200 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
1206 – property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area
1211 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1241 – property check, Denton Rd.
1246 – larceny, S. Woodbury Dr.
1316 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1326 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Woodbury Dr.
1358 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1416 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1435 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Beckley
1444 – hospice death, W. Walden Dr.
1505 – traffic offense, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1506 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
1542 – larceny from auto, N. Woodbury Dr.
1609 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1629 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1637 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1705 – domestic, Denton rd.
2001 – larceny from auto, S. Woodbury Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 25:

0642 – property damage accident, WB Michigan Ave. / bypass
0714 – road hazard, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0925 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0951 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.
1036 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1137 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1150 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1232 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1248 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1309 – hospice death, McBride Ave.
1313 – ordinance violation, Rawsonville Rd.
1354 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1409 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1425 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
1520 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1533 – mental subject, Outer Dr.
1647 – neighbor trouble, Country Walk Blvd.
1744 – threat, Old Michigan Rd.
2144 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
2228 – road hazard, EB Michigan Ave./bypass

Wednesday, Jan. 26:

0626 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0856 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1047 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1324 – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.
1435 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1446 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1520 – civil matter, Anna Dr./N. Sadie Ln.
1702 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1741 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1811 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
1948 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
2126 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2134 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd.
2212 – hospice death, Van Buren St.
2300 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2309 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 27:

0057 – domestic, Holly Ln.
0153 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
0408 – disorderly, W. Archwood Dr.
0701 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / McBride Ave.
0724 – mental subject, Arthur St.
0940 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1026 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1142 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
1208 – assist other dept., Haggerty/I-94
1212 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1217 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1306 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
1353 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1357 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
1417 – warrant arrest, Haggerty Rd.
1429 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1457 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1612 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1715 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1719 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1721 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1751 – fraud, Salem Ct.
1820 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1854 – family trouble, Woodgrove Dr.
1858 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
1921 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1940 – disorderly, Elwell Rd.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2022 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
2029 – personal injury accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2133 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
2220 – assist other dept., Bog Rd./Rawsonville

Friday, Jan. 28:

0418 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0554 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.
0618 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0831 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1250 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./W. I-94 Haggerty ramp
1343 – intrusion alarm, W. Walden Dr.
1450 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1457 – civil matter, Togowtee Pass
1534 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1533 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Lauren Ct.
1539 – personal injury accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1556 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1708 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1742 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Lenmoore Rd.
1801 – parking complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1804 – property damage accident, Michigan/tracks
1915 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.
1930 – private property impound, Westlake Cir.
2017 – assist fire dept., W. I-94/Haggerty
2043 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
2045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
2243 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Jan. 29:

0228 – assist citizen, Van Born Rd.
0410 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0502 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0503 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0738 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Jackson
0755 – assist fire dept., Lighthouse Dr.
0943 – intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr.
1043 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1223 – property damage accident, Hull Rd.
1426 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
1701 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1821 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1831 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1949 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
1946 – welfare check, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
2037 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2146 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs
2158 – 911 welfare check, Lauren Ct.
2241 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2305 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.

Also on this week's log are 46 traffic stops, two of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 23:

0059 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
0359 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./Third
1400 – trespassing, Potter Dr.
1650 – property damage accident, Main St.

Monday, Jan. 24:

0844 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1257 – traffic stop, Fourth St./Main St.
1428 – traffic stop, Church St./Third St.
1439 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St.
1450 – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.
1451 – property damage accident, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty St.
1655 – traffic stop, High St.
1707 – traffic stop, Main St.
1758 – property damage accident, E. Columbia

Tuesday, Jan. 25:

0031 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
0442 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
1357 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1504 – traffic stop, Roys St./Main St.
1653 – traffic stop, South St.
1937 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1938 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.
1939 – traffic stop, South St.
2218 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
2344 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oxford Ct.

Wednesday, Jan. 26:

0346 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0530 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
0556 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0618 – follow up by officer, Victorian Ln.
0806 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1610 – missing person, E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 27:

0048 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
0827 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1456 – property damage accident, Main St.
1720 – ordinance violation, Main St.
2316 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Friday, Jan. 28:

0039 – traffic stop, Main St.
0334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr. / San Carlos St.
0858 – warrant arrest, E. Columbia Ave.
1506 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1529 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1818 – traffic stop, South St.
1841 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1846 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
2113 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2330 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia

Saturday, Jan. 29:

0623 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0642 – assist fire dept., South St.
0706 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1001 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1140 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1225 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1238 – traffic stop, South St.
1508 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1512 – motorist assist, Main St./First St.
1540 – property damage accident, Savage/tracks
1746 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
1754 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
2013 – motorist assist, Savage/tracks
2055 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2140 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
2233 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2233 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.

There were 32 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 23:

0035 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0832 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood St.
1037 – traffic complaint/vehicle off, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1213 – suspicious person, Brookview Dr.
1344 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1656 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1758 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd Rd
1916 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1936 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2204 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Monday, Jan. 24:

0508 – prisoner check, Huron Twp. PD
1129 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
1206 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1222 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1411 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1449 – juvenile complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1552 – traffic complaint/vehicle off, 17i000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1827 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1929 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2035 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2120 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
2334 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Jan. 25:

0050 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0229 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.
0517 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0623 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
0802 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville
1222 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1409 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1413 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1546 – suspicious person, Creekside Dr.
1747 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1956 – juvenile complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2141 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2310 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 26:

0738 – property damage accident, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1013 – citizen assist, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1448 – prisoner transport, out of township
1646 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1800 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2047 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 27:

0856 – property damage accident, Willow/Karr
0925 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1010 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1311 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1338 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1550 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1625 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1707 – death investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1851 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
1931 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2041 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
2217 – traffic flee/eluding, Rawsonville/Bemis

Friday, Jan. 28:

0134 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
0349 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0538 – fire dept. assist, Oakville Waltz/Elwell Rd.
0639 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1009 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1108 – citizen assist, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
1108 – alarm, Mulberry St.
1208 – fire dept. assist, Pecan St.
1212 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Bemis
1452 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1515 – citizen assist, Wayside Dr.
1954 – welfare check, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2201 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2248 – suspicious vehicle, Stonecrest Dr.
2312 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter

Saturday, Jan. 29:

0852 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0919 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0954 – fire dept. assist, Kansas St.
1547 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
2359 – family trouble, Delaware St.

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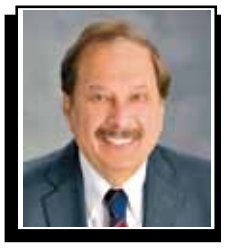

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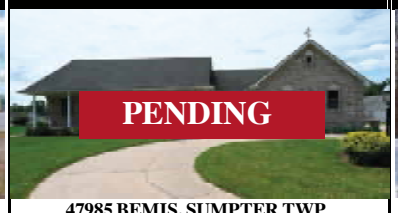

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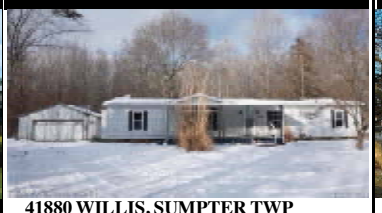

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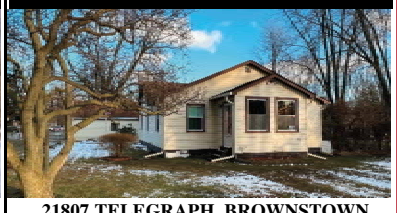

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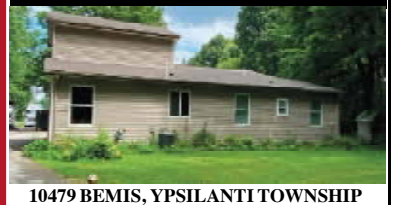

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