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F R E E

SaveMIHeart honors those who saved school employee's life

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Those who were in the "chain of survival" were honored for saving the life of Brian Rupnow who suffered a cardiac arrest on Dec. 13 at Belleville High School where he worked.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education Jennifer Fowler, a nurse at the University of Michigan, honored those for SaveMIHeart, a nonprofit advocate for sudden cardiac arrest survivors.

Also present was Dr. Gwen Foss of the U of M who is project administrator and represented MIHeart Safe Schools.

Fowler said Rupnow's heart stopped abruptly and if this is not corrected immediately it results in sudden death.

Fowler said having standard CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) is critical and Rupnow received immediate bystander CPR, which is unusual.

"Because they had a plan, they were ready," she said, referring to school nurse Dionisia Munoz's ongoing training of rescuers.

Also at Monday's meeting, the school board:

- Honored K-8 Music Students: Aurora Seal, Jersey Brooks, Ava'Lynn Colon, Walter Dent, Gabriella James, Saige Hunter, Aavion Marcus, Mari Ross, Noah Caldwell, Adalynn Vick, Kaleb Plumb, Ashton Whitely, Haley Dyda, Shakira Mickles, Aiden Allred, Quinten Miah, Kenzee Jones, Celia Nicks, Miriam Peterson, Caleb Carnahan, Jada Eldridge, Janelle Finrock, Daerian Lindsey, Seth Campbell, Alford Smith, Josephina Gardner, and Hannah Lind;

- Heard a quarterly update on the \$38 million in 2019 bonds from Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Cresa. He said Series I was mainly the Early Childhood Center

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Photo courtesy of Dell Deaton

March is Reading Month and the Belleville Area District Library hosted a session last Saturday where children were able to read to therapy dog Teddy, provided by Janet M. Deaton of Dogs by Janet (center). Here, Josiah Steininger does the reading. Deaton and Teddy will return to the library from 9:30 to 11 a.m. this Saturday, March 18, for another session, but all the reading slots are filled. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said they are sure to be planning future programs with Teddy. Deaton said programs like this prove that there is no substitute for being there and for libraries as the place to be. "The approving looks of the therapy dog as you read to him, the feel of his fur, and the engagement that this prompts from the child as he or she explains what is being read to the dog and believes that the dog wants to understand it and will understand it: These sort of wonders of childhood discovery cannot be duplicated in the virtual world of the internet."

City planners OK site plan for rest of Scott Jones' shopping center

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The area that used to hold Lakeview Tavern next to the Belleville Bridge in the city now is slated to become an outdoor area with a stage, triangle sunshades, a pair of kiosks, public restrooms, bike racks, and tables and benches in an open-air park.

Also, it will add 18 new parking spots and there will be a 42-inch railing around the area.

While developer Scott Jones was on the agenda to explain his plan for that area of his shopping center, he was not present at the March 9 meeting and his architect D. Scott Wright explained.

City building official Rick Rutherford said the city had approved the A and B site plans which now are built. Building C (Phase 2) has finally been determined, he said.

The vote was 6-1 to approve the site plan

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**The Belleville Area Museum
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1,109 days as of today.
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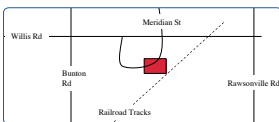
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



SaveMIHeart, a nonprofit advocate for sudden cardiac arrest survivors, honored Brian Rupnow and those who saved his life at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. Presenting the Heart Safe Schools awards was Jennifer Fowler, left, a nurse at the University of Michigan. U of M Emergency Physician Dr. Tony Hsu, center, gave each person a challenge coin. From left are survivor Brian Rupnow and his wife Ellie; and those in the "chain of survival" Scott Wilsey, a teacher who grabbed the AED on the way to the emergency and started using it at once; Brian Roberson, who unzipped Rupnow's jacket and started chest compressions; Belleville Fire Fighter Garrett Kissel who was first firefighter on the scene; Huron Valley Ambulance crew members Jeremiah and Shane; and Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger who also was on the scene. Rupnow suffered a cardiac arrest at Belleville High School on Dec. 13 and surely would have died without the immediate help he got, said Fowler. School district nurse Dionisia Munoz was honored for ongoing training of school employees so they were ready.



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School Board

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and Series II was Owen Intermediate. Series III will be sold next February and was to include work on Tyler, McBride, Savage, and Rawsonville schools, but, "It's probably not all going to happen" because there won't be enough money to include Rawsonville work. He said they are working on schematic designs which will be developed in the summer. This includes adding a new addition at the front of McBride to provide a secure entry vestibule. IT work will still be districtwide, he said. When Treasurer Simone Pinter asked if they will be able to get bleachers for the band, School Supt. Peter Kudlak said they will have 300-some band members and they haven't figured it out yet;

- Unanimously approved contract renewal/extension for Plante Moran Cresa for the bond and sinking fund work. The compensation is based on approximately 2% of the remaining 2019 bond projects and the 2022 sinking fund projects with the Plante Moran Cresa fee calculated at \$21,500 per month through December 2024. In January 2025, PMC's fee will decrease to \$7,000 per month for the remaining sinking fund projects through 2026;

- Discussed the two bids for the Critical Incident Maps for all schools in the district that will be on the next board agenda for a vote. Supt. Kudlak said the state has been trying to get the districts to get maps for what the public safety people need and finally put the money in the state budget, so there is a grant for this.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

This is Sunshine Week in Michigan

The Michigan Press Association reminds us that this is Sunshine Week in Michigan when newspapers must remind members of the public that they have a right to know what their elected representatives are doing and how they are spending our money.

We are happy to report that local public bodies are pretty much open and aboveboard with release of public documents.

In Van Buren Township they have piles of documents to release for every meeting so everyone is sure to have information on every single thing. There are public meetings on every topic, from trash to, at last, the museum. Information on the museum has been kept secret from an ever-more-disgruntled public.

Some residents of the city of Belleville have complained about not getting meeting agendas or copies of the council follow-up list but we think that is being rectified.

A Sumpter resident recently asked why there wasn't a copy of the proposed new township budget for the public hearing on the budget. The financial director said he wanted to save money by not making copies of the budget because he didn't know how many would want copies. The resident was told she could go to the clerk's office and look at it *after* the meeting. Not so open.

It is so important for people to keep watch on what their elected bodies are doing and how they are spending our money.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Feb. 28, the Michigan Department of the Treasury announced that more than \$59.5 million is being distributed among 224 municipalities and counties as a part of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act. In the tri-community only the city of Belleville will receive a check for \$51,841.21 based on the revenue collected in FY 2022 for the one license it has for adult use marijuana distribution.

Connie Watts, who grew up in Belleville and graduated from Belleville High School with me in 1954, called from her home in Ann Arbor to tell us about Dee's Dairy Bar. And, there's a letter from Dan Stickney in today's paper about Dee's and lots of other things.

Jim Graham said Carl and Jane Rufus owned the dairy bar in 1962, following Feys' ownership. Jim remembers when he was growing up in Belleville that the thing to do was climb the water tower. He said it was easy until you got to the part that bowed out and you really had to hold on. Then you climbed the last ten feet and, "You could see forever." He said while some painted their names or other graffiti on the tower, he didn't do that.

Jim grew up on N. Liberty Street and he remembers hearing the B-24s revving up at Willow Run Airport. He also remembers hearing them testing the guns as workers prepared the planes for the war effort.

There was a small building, about 10 feet tall, on top of the food market near the bridge on Main Street and members of the Civil Air Patrol used to watch for enemy planes up there. He said the CAP had crudely drawn outlines of what the enemy



planes would look like.

Mary Ann Bittner sent a note: "My daughter just reminded me of another favorite place in downtown Belleville --the Ben Franklin 'dime store' where we bought so many wonderful items, such as her child-size pink mop, Christmas decor now considered vintage and ladies linen hankies around which Gramma Bittner would add her exquisite 'tating' with a very tiny crochet needle & thread, also available at Belleville's Ben Franklin store -- sigh -- missing it these days."

When the Van Buren Township Planning Commission was discussing a subcommittee to study an EV ordinance, Treasurer Sharry Budd, who is the township board's liaison to the commission, had a story to tell.

She told of taking her friend to the area of 7 Mile and Haggerty to have her friend's taxes done. She said they found that the handicapped parking spaces had been moved out from where they had been and instead EV fueling spaces had been installed right next to the building. She said they needed to have the EV units connected to the building to get the power needed. They all agreed location would be an important part of any EV fueling rules.

On Monday morning, we heard an announcement on the scanner channel

used by area school buses. Drivers were urged to check the bus seats after each school drop-off since children have been found sleeping in their seats because of the Daylight Savings Time change on Sunday.

We've got to get a butterfly net at home. It's not that we want to catch butterflies, but it will be really handy for catching birds with a gentle touch.

When we got home from work last Wednesday, my son Bill met us at the door with a concerned face. "We have a situation," he said. Well, the situation was a bird loose inside the house. The dog and cat in the house didn't seem concerned, but we were.

Jim took on the project of bird removal, thank goodness. I've done it with a lot of broom waving and open doors in the past and it isn't fun. In short order, the bird flew next to the window behind a curtain and Jim was able to pick it up and carry it outside while talking to it gently to keep it calm. Worked out well, even though we don't know how it got in. We live in an old house with lots of nooks and crannies, but we'll find out.

Bob Mytych said they always use a butterfly net at their house to catch a bird in the house. In fact, they've got three nets located in strategic places inside and out.



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Letters

A person can't be in 3 places at the same time!

To the editor:

First, I'd like to thank BACC [Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce] for issuing their weekly email newsletter. It is helpful and a great marketing tool for local businesses, events and activities!

HOWEVER, if one of the primary goals is to inform each other of what is happening in 48111, something needs to be addressed about overlapping activities!

This Thursday, March 16, BACC has planned a non-profit networking session. I believe part of their goal is also an attempt at avoiding overlapping activities. YET, on that very day, there is a museum informational meeting scheduled at the library and a Ladies Night Out On the Town Evening, plus the non-profit meeting!

I absolutely love that all these events are being made available for our residents. But, a person cannot be in three places at the same time!

Trying to understand,
Claudia Roullier

Here's the obituary for Jerry Dewicki

To the editor:

Re: Dee's Dairy Bar

I love the Independent. You do a fantastic job for it. I thought I'd see if I could find any info about it on internet. That was little before my time. I only lived here all my life since 1958! My grandparents moved here in 1932 when my mom was 11. My mom or dad would have known all about that. My mom was Dorothy Moon and she married my dad Frank (or, some people called him Leonard) in 1950.

Anyway, there is some further info about it here. Jerry started it in 1948, then sold it in 1952.

https://www.stanleyturowskifuneralhome.com/obituaries/print?o_id=7779863

I bought a lot of "documents" from the Robbe estate sale in 2011 or so. I was getting ready to donate them to the museum

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before it closed. I have a pile of dental record cards from Belleville patients from early 1900s. They didn't even know they had them. I dug them out of the attic. The best Belleville thing for historical value is scrapbook of obituaries from '20s-'30s (and few older, back 1800s, and later in '40s). The guy running the sale wasn't really interested in any of the "documents" that he called them and charged me very little.

So, I looked through that house really good to get any old paper items they had. They had a lot of stuff not related to Belleville that I sold. But I know the Belleville stuff should be in the museum and not worth much money anyway. I'd be glad to bring in any of that stuff and let you look it over for as long as you wanted and print anything you wanted.

Dan Stickney
City of Belleville

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To the editor:

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Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

Thank you, St. Jude, for answering my prayer. I believe in you.

Pat, Van Buren Township

St. Jude's Novena

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March 18 – Ron Vesche, Walt Rochowiak
March 19 – Jules Cislighi
March 20 – Jessica Darcy
March 21 – Cici Bond
March 22 – Jennifer Blackburn

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

More Letters

Used book donations needed for May sale

To the editor:

Spring cleaning time is here. The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library would appreciate used book donations for their coming book sale on May 6, 7 and 8.

The sale will start on Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. – noon with a pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Library. Membership forms may be obtained at the library, at the door on the days of the sale, or on-line at www.belleville.lib.mi.us.

The "Bee a Friend" Used Book Sale will be held for 3 days:

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There is a limit of two boxes of donations per library visit. The deadline for book sale donations is May 1. A donation receipt may be obtained at the library circulation desk.

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Ernest Oscar Knust

ERNEST OSCAR KNUST
 (December 4, 1936 – March 8, 2023)

Ernest Oscar Knust, age 86, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at his home, under hospice care. He was born December 4, 1936, in Schnellville, Indiana, son of Oscar F. & Marie (Haas) Knust. He graduated from St. Ferdinand High School and then proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Ernie gained his love for travel from his time in the military. He traveled the world with Alene going to Europe, Mexico, Canada and taking several cruises with friends. Mr. Knust organized Mystery Trips for various groups of friends and clubs he belonged to over the years. He was a member of the American Legion where he was a Life 40&8 Club member, as well as the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #3996 where he was awarded the Golden Eagle after 30 years. He was a lifetime member of the Moose. He was also a member of the Elks and VFW. He loved his town, lake, boating, fishing, and being a member of the Belleville Yacht Club. He was an active member of the Huron Valley Conservation Club and helped clean up the lake numerous times. He worked for the same airline for over 30 years starting with Lake Central Airlines which eventually, through mergers, became USAir and now American Airlines. Ernie was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, and was a devoted, faithful, fun-loving family man, who will be missed by all.

Mr. Knust is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alene Marie (Medvezky) Knust, their daughter Brenda Harris, and two grandsons Matthew & Jacob Harris, all of West Lafayette, Indiana as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Marie Knust, also a brother Larry F. Knust.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday with a 7 p.m. Rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764. A Funeral Mass was Monday, March 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI. Father Bryan Shackett served as Celebrant. Ernie's family welcomed friends from 10 a.m. until the Mass began. Services and interment were planned at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 10 a.m.-Noon.

Memorial donations in Mr. Knust's name may be made to the donor's choice of one of the many clubs he supported and would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Carole Irene Pasek

CAROLE IRENE PASEK
 (July 18, 1943 – March 8, 2023)

Carole Irene Pasek, age 79, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born July 18, 1943, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Urban & Bonnie (McCauley) Anguilm. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1961, and went on to earn her Associate's degree from Cleary College. She was a secretary at Gelman Sciences in Ann Arbor, MI, before starting her family. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom and being involved in the PTO when her children were young. As they grew up, she stayed involved and enjoyed being a Paraprofessional in the Kindergarten rooms at Edgemont Elementary for many years before she retired. She was an avid reader. Carole loved to travel and enjoyed camping all around the United States in their motorhome. She enjoyed time outdoors; mowing the lawn, gardening, etc. Most of all, she was a devoted wife, loved her family and spending time with her grandkids.

Mrs. Pasek is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jerry Pasek; son Chuck (Tammy) Pasek of New Boston, MI; daughter BN Pasek (Cynthia Rohrer) of San Francisco, California; three grandchildren: Matthew Nardizzi, Brendan Pasek, and Luke Pasek; a great-grandson Gio; a brother Gary (Pam) Anguilm of Denver, Colorado; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Ed Anguilm, also a sister-in-law Kay Anguilm.

Visitation was Sunday 4-8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was Monday, March 13, 2023 at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9425 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Whittaker, MI.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, March 16** – Belleville Area Museum Master Plan Presentation at 6 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Van Buren Township's consultants, Good Design Group, will present the proposed master plan, followed by a public comment period.
- **Thursday, March 16** – The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is holding a Non-Profit Roundtable that will feature Haile Brown from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the Belleville Area District Library. Bring your calendar and upcoming events to share.
- **Friday, March 17** – St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, from 5 to 8 p.m. or until gone. Dinner is corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, rutabagas, bread and butter. Cost: \$15.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 20 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 21 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.



The Belleville High School boys' basketball team defeated Romulus, 52-39, on Friday in the Michigan School Athletic Association District championship. On Monday BHS defeated Skyline, 48-45, to advance to the Regional Finals on Wednesday vs Ann Arbor Huron.

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Attorney says disabled woman starved to death in VBT group home

A \$25 million lawsuit was filed March 14 in Wayne Circuit Court against a Van Buren Township group home for starving to death a totally disabled woman.

Bertha Jones, 71, who was blind, deaf, and wheelchair-bound, was slowly starved to death by the group home over 2½ months, according to a news release from

attorney Albert J. Dib of Jefferson Law Center in St. Clair Shores.

The home at 15505 Hoeft Road is owned and operated by Community Spirit Homes, Inc. and Community Living Services, Inc., which are named defendants in the lawsuit, among others.

Dib represents the family of Bertha Jones,

who said she was physically and mentally disabled her entire life. The lawsuit alleges that she was deprived of food, water and basic nourishment, resulting in her death on May 2, 2022, from "malnutrition."

The news release said Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network - Office of Recipient Rights (DWIHN-ORR) investigated and confirmed that the group home's staff "failed to comply with standard of care or treatment," and "caused the death of Bertha Jones."

A copy of the complaint and investigation are available from Dib at Jefferson Law Center, 25615 Jefferson Avenue, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081, (586) 270-4010, fax: 4011; (248) 672-9854 (mobile)
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Public invited to watch robotics competition at BHS on Fri., Sat.

The Tiger Robotics Booster Organization and the Belleville High School Robotics Team 6615 -- the BelleVillians -- are once again hosting a FIRST Robotics District Event on Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18.

Forty high school robotics teams from around the area including BHS will compete. All of the action takes place in the BHS Athletic Wing in the main and auxiliary gyms.

Opening ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday with qualifying competition to follow immediately. Competition ends around 7 p.m. on Friday and around 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Teams and their support crews and families are planning to come to Belleville to register and set up on Thursday. There are crowds of visitors who don't know the area who are expected in town over the weekend.

The Belleville and Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authorities

(DDAs) have put together flyers for their districts mapping out places for the visitors to eat.

FIRST, the acronym for the national organization, spells out "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." Its founder Dean Kamen said, "FIRST is more than robots. The robots are a vehicle

for students to learn important life skills. Kids often come in not knowing what to expect -- of the program nor of themselves. They leave, even after the first season, with a vision, with confidence, and with a sense that they can create their own future." Kamen also is inventor of the Segway human transport.

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with commission vice-chairman Matthew Wagner voting no. He said the area seemed targeted for short-termed special events and then would be a negative environment.

Architect Wright said it would be an open-air park as a part of the city and right at the entrance. He said the pair of kiosks planned are modular and could be removed. Jones' plan was to lease the buildings which could be used for ice cream or coffee.

The hard-surfaced area would be warmed to melt the snow, Wright said.

Commissioner John Juriga said there would have to be a 5-foot fence around the kiosk if it

was serving alcohol and City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said that wasn't true. Chief Robinson said that area is a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and people could enjoy their alcoholic beverages in designated cups from certified bars in the DORA.

Commissioner Juriga said he thought headlights in that area would shine into drivers' eyes on Main Street/Belleville Road. Wright said they could make the railings solid to prevent that.

"It's a seasonal thing," Juriga said of the outdoor plans.

Wright said the stage is metal, fully wired and would be considered permanent, but removable. He said the size is a guess now.

Commissioner Julie Kissel spoke of the present traffic problems at the site where people walk across traffic from Benito's and try to make left turns in and out of the shopping center.

Rutherford said the city has ordered "no left turn" signs to be erected there on Main Street.

Commissioner Kissel asked if there would be a button to push for pedestrians to cross there, but Chief Robinson said you can't mess with the timing of the lights there, since all the light timings are connected all down Main Street. He said there is a crosswalk at Denton Road.

Chief Robinson said when there is a thriving downtown, then parking problems come up and the city has to look at providing other parking facilities.

Rutherford noted the commissioners had a one-page report he said was from Hennessey Engineers explaining the storm sewer management at the site, which Juriga has questioned.

"The storm water management system was designed for the complete development of the entire property holdings. The Water Quality Unit has been sized appropriately to convey the required capacity of the site prior to discharge into the city system within Liberty Street. The existing piping on the site was left in place and is being utilized as a storm water detention system in conjunction with oversizing the proposed piping that was placed throughout the site." The unsigned statement was dated March 7 and was on stationery from Hardy Civil Design Services in Wayne.

When Juriga asked if the restrooms would be locked at night, he was told they would be and Wright said it could be done electronically.

Mark Davenport said the area will be a place for people to enjoy. Jones could rent the stage or use it himself to supply entertainment, he said.

Commission chairman Michael Hawkins said the plans are in tune with the Master Plan for that area and this promotes walkability.

"I would prefer it be open like this,"

chairman Hawkins said.

Commissioner Kissel said while some referred to this plan as Jones' "generosity," she said this is an area to earn money.

There was a question about whether golf carts could make it to this area and Chief Robinson said they couldn't get to this space because of the regulations on what streets can be crossed. He said there were nine golf carts certified for operation in the city.

Councilman Tom Fielder said from the audience that he was hoping for a great seafood restaurant at this site, but that didn't happen. He was the kiosks could sell ice cream and lemonade. He said Doane's Landing, across Liberty Street from the site, had been kind of hidden away and this could open it up again.

It was noted the DORA district did not include Doane's Landing so alcoholic beverages couldn't be carried there.

The commission then voted 6-1 to approve the site plan for Phase 2, with the required railing. Absent from the meeting were commissioners Mike Renaud and James O'Keefe.

Juriga said one of the businesses in the shopping center told him there were only five handicap parking spaces in the center and Mark Davenport said they were in compliance.

Steve Davenport said the final coat of asphalt is not on yet. He also said the trees that were scheduled to be put in some areas will not be put in because it would break up the traffic flow.

In other business at the 75-minute meeting, the commission:

- Held an 18-minute public hearing on the proposed amendments to the City of Belleville Zoning Ordinance, as necessitated by the citizen-initiated changes passed at the Nov. 8 election allowing medical marijuana establishments and facilities in the designed Industrial Overlay District. The commission then voted unanimously to recommend the change to the city council. When asked if this change would open up new applications for licenses, Chief Robinson said that all 22

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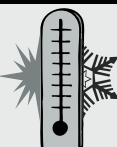
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State gives Keystone three A's to earn three 'Reward School' awards

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Michigan Department of Education has released its list of Reward Schools and Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township has been named a Reward School.

This was announced by Keystone principal Jorvonna Drain at the regular meeting of the Keystone board of directors on March 9.

Principal Drain explained that Reward Schools are schools identified annually as being high-achieving public schools as defined by the state of Michigan's A-F accountability system.

Reward schools receive the highest grade (an "A") in either student proficiency, student growth, or performance among peers, she said.

"Although we only needed to meet one of the indicators to be identified as a Reward School, I am extremely proud to announce that Keystone earned an A on all three indicators," she said, adding it was the only school in Belleville that got all three A's.

In other business at the one-hour-and-35-minute meeting, the board:

- Unanimously accepted the 2021-22 audit presented by Jay Wilde of Alan C. Young & Associates. He said the school got an unmodified opinion, which is the gold standard. The only problem was that National Heritage Academies was late with the audit report, submitting it after the Nov. 1 deadline because of an unexpected change of staff in that department at NHA headquarters;

- Unanimously appointed Alan C. Young & Associates as the firm to do the 2022-23 audit;

- Unanimously approved the 2023 school calendar, which is similar to last year.

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The BHS boys' basketball team (15-10) faced Ann Arbor Huron (22-2) in the regional final that was held Wednesday, March 16, at Lincoln High School. The

Tigers defeated Ann Arbor Skyline, 48-45, on Monday to advance to the regional title game. Belleville captured the district championship last week by defeating Livonia Churchill, 62-28, on March 10 and then Romulus in the finals, 52-39. Congratulations also goes out to Belleville swimmer Thomas Okubo who placed 19th overall in the Butterfly event at the Division 1 state individual finals last week and broke a BHS record (54:35) that's been held since 1979. Go, Tigers!

The Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road is having a St. Patrick's Day Dinner this Friday, March 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. Dinners are \$15 each and include corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, rutabagas, and bread and butter.

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licenses pertaining to marijuana are occupied and owned by one entity. He said the number is now in the charter and the only way to get more is to change the city charter. Also, charter changes could eliminate numbers. He said the entity now holding the licenses is 100% in compliance with all rules. He invited anyone with questions to talk to him and he would explain;

- Unanimously approved the site plan for the proposed residential development by Davenport Brothers at 515 Sumpter Rd. Chairman Hawkins said the commission doesn't have written reports from the fire and police chiefs on the plans and Robinson

said he would get the reports to them the next day. Kissel noted the road is 24-foot wide with no parking on the road. She asked about no-parking signs so people would know. She was told each unit will have a two-car garage and there is room for two cars in the drive. Kissel replied, "I know what happens to people's garages";

- Heard commissioner Randy Priest, who has spoken in support of better sidewalks in the city for years, say people wishing to walk from 515 Sumpter Rd. to the shopping center couldn't do it since the sidewalks for that route are not available. He said the city is not walkable;

- Heard Commissioner Mark Kowalski say first there was the new bridge and now this at the shopping center, which both are "pretty

cool." He said Plymouth has ice sculptures and the new park could be used in the winter; and

- Heard Councilman Fielder say the new outdoor area enhances drivers' first view of the city after coming over the bridge. He

said thousands of new people will be coming to the city for the first time for the robotics competition March 16 and 17. He added he wished the city could "do it" on the other side of Main Street at the city's entrance, as well.

Norfolk Southern announces track repair that will close crossings

The office of State Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, sent the following report to Van Buren Township from Norfolk Southern concerning the track repairs that will take place this summer that will close multiple local crossings for several days.

"We have been made aware that Norfolk Southern plans to perform maintenance on several train crossings this summer on the rail line that runs from Rawsonville to Taylor in Western Wayne County," said Jackson J. Pahle, legislative director in Rep. Miller's office.

"By providing this update, we hope that local officials and first responders can be notified ahead of time to make sure they are prepared with alternate routes for these disruptions," he said.

R3 Dual Rail 2023 Wayne County

The following crossings will be closed for the Norfolk Southern 2023 rail program.

This work is on the line between Rawsonville and Taylor.

- D10.2 – Monroe Rd., DOT#477294G (we may not make it this far) City of Taylor

- D11.75 – Pardee Rd., DOT#477295N City of Taylor

- D13.3 – Beech Daly Rd., DOT#477298J City of Taylor

- D13.7 – Holland Rd., DOT#477299R City of Taylor

- D14.3 – Inkster Rd., DOT#477301P Wayne County

- D14.9 – Private, No DOT#

- D15.65 – Private Wayne County Road Commission, DOT#482951F

- The other crossing into the facility will not be removed.

- D16.4 – Private to Field, DOT#477304K

- D17.2 – Private to Field, No DOT#

- D19.1 – Shook Rd., DOT#477306Y City of

Romulus

- D19.3 – Romaine Ave., DOT#477307F City of

Romulus

- D19.55 – Ozga Rd., DOT#477308M City of

Romulus

- D20.6 – Hannan Rd., DOT#477312C Wayne

County

- D21.25 – Haggerty Rd., DOT#477313J Wayne

County

- D21.7 – Huron River Dr., DOT#477314R Wayne

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- D22.8 – Martinsville Rd., DOT#477317L Wayne

County

- D23.55 – Savage Rd., DOT#477318T Wayne

County

- D23.85 – Sumpter Rd., DOT#477319A Wayne

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- D25.1 – Elwell Rd., DOT#477320U Wayne

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- D25.3 – Hull Rd., DOT#477321B Wayne County

- D26.05 – Martz Rd., DOT#477322H Wayne

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Multiple crossings will be closed at one time to lay rail through the crossing while unloading from train. This will be a 1-day, roughly 8-10 hour closure in 3-4 mile stretches. Expect this in April and/or June. We expect to work from Rawsonville towards Taylor.

Multiple crossings will be closed during the installation of the rail. These will be 3-4 day closures, in stretches of 2-3 miles. Some crossings may remain out for 6-7 days depending on the day of the week it is worked, and busy crossings will be given priority.

Priority will be given to Monroe, Beech Daly, Inkster, Shook, Haggerty, Huron River Dr., and Sumpter. We will not know what direction the gang will be working until they show up. The gang is scheduled to work the last two days of June.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Public Services Lockett, Downtown Development Authority Director Coburn and an audience of five (5).

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Kelley seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023, Prepaid List of February 23, 2023, Prepaid List of March 2, 2023, Voucher List of March 7, 2023, Approval of a subrecipient agreement for community development block grant (CDBG) funding between the Township and Wayne County for Senior Services, Approval of an amendment to the previously approved METRO Act permit for Crown Castle to allow them to expand their fiber network in the Township, Approval of Resolution 2023-03: Transferring two feet of the west section of Township-owned property at 45581 Ecorse to the neighboring property owner at 45667 Ecorse and Approval of the appointment of Jeffrey Jahr as the primary Planning Commission Liaison and Brian Cullin as the secondary Planning Commission Liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) with terms to expire 10-01-24. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The Township's OPEB liability is 37.5% funded and is expected to hit the 40% goal the State of Michigan has set for municipalities 34 years ahead of schedule; the Senior Center received a \$20,000 CDBG grant; the Township received a \$380,000 grant for traffic improvement studies

and engineering plans which would then allow Van Buren Township to apply for construction grants for these traffic improvements; the IT Department received a \$50,000 grant for technology improvements from MMRMA; the Belleville Area Museum will be holding a town hall meeting on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library; a solid waste informational meeting will be held on March 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss survey results and transition timeline; Officer Adam Byrd was recently appointed to serve on the State of Michigan Board for the POLC; the Township is now receiving 10 million dollars from the State of Michigan for the Denton Road Bridge reconstruction with Wayne County covering any additional costs and the Winter 2022 tax season ended with Township taxes balancing to the penny thanks to the diligent staff in the Treasurer's Office.

Coordinators of the Hull Road and Surrounding Neighborhoods Watch Program spoke about of their 218-member neighborhood watch program. They thanked the Van Buren Township Police Department, specifically Officer Adam Byrd and Chief Jason Wright for all of their support. The group asked the Township to purchase 10 neighborhood watch signs and posts for them at a cost of \$60 each.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Martin moved, Kelley seconded to approve an agreement between the Township and the MEDC to provide funding to complete a marketing plan and economic development strategy. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved and Budd seconded to approve a proposal from McKenna & Associates to complete an economic development strategic plan and marketing plan. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the selection of Fishbeck Engineering for Wildbrook Pump Station Construction Administration services in the amount not to exceed \$22,200 from Capital Outlay Sewer Fund 592-537-971-004. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2023 RIGGS PARK TREE REMOVAL PROJECT

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for the removal of trees at Riggs Park (along E. Huron River Dr.- east of Martinsville Rd.) at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on MITN, the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "RIGGS PARK TREE REMOVAL PROJECT" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023 in the Van Buren Township Hall.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Jason Locke, Director of Parks, at jlocke@vanburen-mi.org.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 277 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 5:

0017 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
0036 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0114 – noise complaint, Christina Ln.
0236 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
0422 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0510 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0633 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1043 – civil matter, Coolidge St.
1101 – suspicious person/vehicle, America
1131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1347 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1415 – family trouble, Alden Ave.
1435 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
1615 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
1622 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1812 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1830 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1922 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2109 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2222 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2226 – civil matter, Ayres Ave.
2350 – breaking & entering, Outer Dr.

Monday, March 6:

0036 – fight, Maple Leaf South
0433 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0527 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.
0609 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0627 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0647 – unauthorized driving away of auto, McBride Ave.
0648 – vehicle lockout, N. Sunset Ln.
0651 – larceny from auto, Zachary St.
0813 – larceny from auto, Jackson St.
0852 – juvenile complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1103 – intrusion alarm, Quirk Rd.
1104 – threat, Bemis Rd.
1321 – welfare check, Sadie Ln.
1324 – intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.
1507 – found property/child, Morton Taylor Rd.
1622 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1640 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1647 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1705 – larceny from auto, Jackson Ln.
1717 – misc. complaint, Togowtee Pass
1758 – suicidal person, Birch Dr.
1858 – suicidal person, E. Archwood Dr.
1909 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2056 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr./Dewitt
2230 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.

Tuesday, March 7:

0113 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
0551 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0617 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0643 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0717 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
0744 – property damage accident, WB I-94/Metro Baptist
0846 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
1032 – welfare check, Parkside Dr.
1104 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1149 – assist other dept., Oregon St.
1247 – civil matter, Ayres Ave.
1252 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1256 – ordinance violation, Robson/Belleville Rd.
1258 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1320 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1353 – warrant arrest, Hamtramck
1441 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1635 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1641 – domestic, Monroe Ct.
1651 – motorist assist, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
1728 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1735 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1833 – misc. complaint, Holly Ln.
1926 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fay/Stephanie
2010 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2015 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Blvd.

2045 – warrant arrest, Orchard Lake
Wednesday, March 8:
0207 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0557 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0706 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
0708 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0759 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0833 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0928 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0953 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1037 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1110 – property damage accident, Lohr Rd.
1116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates
1227 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1251 – neighbor trouble, Locust Dr.
1318 – fraud, Arborview Ln.
1407 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1428 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1533 – welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.
1539 – family trouble, Bayshore Dr.
1635 – intrusion alarm, S. Cumberland Dr.
1637 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1648 – private property impound, Independence
1733 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1745 – animal complaint, Arthur St.
1807 – road hazard, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
1906 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1947 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
2310 – welfare check, Chester Ct.
2330 – hospice death, Christina Ln.

Thursday, March 9:

0051 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
0247 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0625 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0721 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0724 – assist other dept., Stratford Dr.
0829 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0857 – intrusion alarm, Riggs Rd.
0925 – welfare check, Landmark
1105 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1122 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1229 – disorderly, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1256 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
1355 – road hazard, Marlowe Ave.
1543 – motorist assist, Ecorse Service B Dr.
1600 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1610 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1624 – assist motorist, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1855 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1908 – disorderly, Bog Rd.
1925 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler Dr.
1948 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2157 – domestic, Ash Dr.
2200 – family trouble, Maurice Dr.

Friday, March 10:

0126 – motorist assist, Belleville/E. I-94
0248 – threat, Ecorse Rd.
0500 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
0615 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0842 – mental subject, Kennedy St.
0922 – welfare check, Pond Bluff Dr.
1015 – domestic, Bog Rd.
1127 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
1144 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.
1156 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1345 – mental subject, Sondra Dr.
1503 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1532 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1729 – animal complaint, Milton Dr.
1816 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
1945 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1949 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
2207 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.

Saturday, March 11:

0003 – intrusion alarm, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0004 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.
0117 – juvenile complaint, Sadie Ln.
0141 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0407 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0724 – parking complaint, Madison Dr./Dalton Dr.
0803 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
0814 – animal complaint, Milton Dr.

0839 – intrusion alarm, Deanna Dr.
0921 – fraud, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1051 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1113 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1145 – assist fire dept., E. I-94 Haggerty ramp / Haggerty Rd.
1240 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd. / N. Ponderosa Trl.
1243 – assist fire dept., Martz Rd.
1338 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-93 Service Dr.
1405 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
1506 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1524 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1530 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1804 – intrusion alarm, Beck Rd.
1818 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1839 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
1954 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2111 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
2140 – suicidal person, Berkdale Dr.

Also on this week's log are 90 traffic stops, with 13 of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 5:

0208 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1935 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2014 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
2137 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
2317 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.

Monday, March 6:

0738 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0823 – family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.
1058 – juvenile complaint, Potter Dr.
1318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
1536 – fraud, Main St.
1803 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1944 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Main

Tuesday, March 7:

0924 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1318 – mental subject, W. Columbia Ave.
1353 – property damage accident, Main St.
1412 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1646 – traffic stop, Savage Rd.
1927 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
2020 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Bemis
2159 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
2214 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

Wednesday, March 8:

0555 – traffic stop, Belleville Bridge Rd.
0633 – traffic stop, Tuscan Manor
1416 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
1519 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2001 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, March 9:

0048 – traffic stop, Water Works
0635 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1233 – property damage accident, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
1310 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1312 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1710 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
1848 – neighbor trouble, Loza Ln.
2019 – welfare check, Angola St.
2145 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.

Friday, March 10:

1448 – private property impound, South St.
1544 – suicidal person, Belle Villa Blvd.
1626 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
1811 – fraud, Carmell St.
1901 – traffic stop, High St.
2030 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2040 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2053 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Main St.
2113 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
2210 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

Saturday, March 11:

0934 – dumping complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1400 – welfare check, Edison Ave.
1430 – welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.
1521 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
1949 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1952 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2024 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
2030 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.

2042 – traffic stop, Main St.
2051 – misc. complaint, Main St.
2158 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2213 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2258 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2312 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.

There are 31 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 5:

0019 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.
0152 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
0658 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1017 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1033 – civil matter, Montana St.
1057 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1122 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1244 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1509 – suspicious circumstance, E. Arizona St.
1648 – breaking & entering report, Timberlane
1723 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1804 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1932 – suspicious vehicle, Ohio St.
1951 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
2242 – welfare check, Delaware St.
2327 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Monday, March 6:

0050 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Rawsonville
0713 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/Willis
0806 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0839 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willow/Sumpter
0841 – mental health call, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1158 – property damage accident, E. Arizona St.
1345 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1526 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1634 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
1811 – family trouble, Indiana St.
2113 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, March 7:

0541 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0930 – welfare check, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1059 – mental health call, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1129 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1147 – mental health call, Oregon St.
1154 – larceny, Rustic Ln.
1257 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1322 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Bemis
1333 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1402 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1426 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis
1544 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1730 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1851 – ordinance violation, 47000 bl. Executive\
1912 – ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2009 – larceny, Birch Dr.
2049 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Birch Dr.
2059 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2235 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Sumpter
2243 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.
2349 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Wednesday, March 8:

0119 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0752 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
0935 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Timber Park Ct.
1032 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1420 – suspicious circumstance, E. Arizona St.
1425 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
1435 – suspicious person, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1546 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Timber Park Ct.
1808 – juvenile matter, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1851 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.

Thursday, March 9:

0737 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0918 – property damage accident, Country Club Blvd. / Carriage Ln.
1047 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1301 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1429 – 911 hang up, Willis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1609 – family trouble, Washington St.
1743 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
1845 – follow-up investigation, Delaware St.
1913 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2222 – 911 hang up, Washington St.
2304 – animal complaint, Clark Rd./Wear Rd.

Friday, March 10:

0239 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

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BELLEVILLE AREA MUSEUM MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

WHEN: Thursday, March 16th at 6:00pm

WHERE: The Belleville Area District Library
167 Fourth Street, Belleville, MI 48111

Please join us at our Master Plan Presentation where Good Design Group will present the proposed master plan, followed by a public comment period!

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0340 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd/Sherwood
0808 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.
1000 – citizen assist, W. Arizona St.
1759 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Wear
1912 – alarm, Utah St.
1923 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.
2031 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2038 – malicious destruction of property, Carriage Ln.
2325 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.

Saturday, March 11:
0310 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0809 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0946 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1541 – lost/missing juvenile, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1647 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1701 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1750 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2003 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2011 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2119 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 174 patrol checks, 85 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.



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SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENING HOURS VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be holding weekly evening hours to allow residents to come in and discuss upcoming changes to the Township's solid waste program. The weekly evening hours are as follows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The weekly evening hours will be conducted at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Interested residents may also come in anytime during the Township's normal business hours Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to discuss these items as well.

The purpose of these evening hours is to provide information and obtain feedback regarding the upcoming changes to the Township's solid waste collection program and our current efforts to date. Items which can be discussed include the results of a solid waste survey, potential ordinance changes, the bidding process for securing a collection contract, the timeline for any transitions, and fees associated with trash collection.

Please contact Municipal Services Director Ron Akers at 734-699-8913 or by email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org with any questions regarding this informational meeting.



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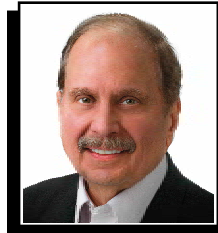
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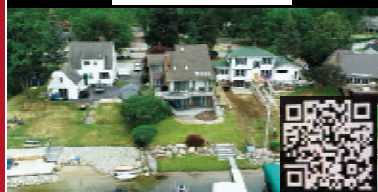
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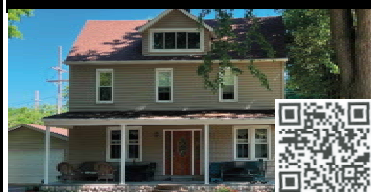
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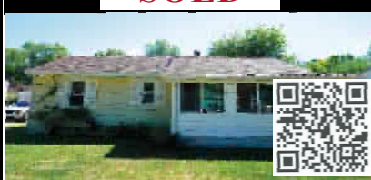
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