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F R E E

Court Watching:

Preliminary exam under way in Egypt Covington murder case

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The live preliminary exam for three defendants in the June 22, 1917 murder of Egypt Covington in Van Buren Township began Monday morning before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green.

The preliminary exam was scheduled for March 22, 23, and 25. At the end, Judge Green will decide whether there is cause to bind any, or all, of them over to circuit court for trial.

Present in the courtroom on Monday were defendants Timothy Eugene Moore, Shandon R Groom, Shane Lamar Evans and their attorneys, two prosecutors, Officer in Charge Michigan State Police Det./Sgt. Plummer, two court officers, the judge and her clerk, and witnesses who were brought one by one into the courtroom by way of the jury room. Masks were worn, plastic barricades had been erected, and people were staying as far apart as they could.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Victoria Shackelford said she expected to call 16 witnesses for the exam.

Watching the exam via YouTube on Monday morning were 468 people.

Joe Stafford

Joe Stafford, 55, a resident of Georgia, was before Judge Michael J. Gerou at 35th District Court in Plymouth on Friday via Zoom from the Wayne County Jail to face a charge of robbing the Chase bank on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township on Nov. 5.

His court-appointed attorney Samuel Churikian said his client wished to waive his preliminary exam and Stafford was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information on March 26.

Stafford's bond had been set at

\$250,000/10% by Judge Gerou.

Stafford has been incarcerated since his arrest on Nov. 7 in Belleville for robbing the Chase bank on Main Street. On March 3 he waived a preliminary exam on that charge at 34th District Court and his arraignment on the information was held March 10 at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

A calendar conference was set for March 31 before Circuit Court Judge Kelly Ramsey.

Stafford's bond for the Belleville robbery charge was set at \$10,000/10%.

Lamarcus Anderson-Campbell

Lamarcus Anderson Antwan Anderson-Campbell of Toledo had his probable cause conference on a charge of first-degree retail fraud on March 6 in Van Buren Township adjourned until April 14. Defense attorney Natalie Phelps said she has not received the digital discovery yet from the Van Buren Township Police.

Andre Harris

Andre Harris of Detroit had his probable cause conference adjourned until April 21 on charges of deliver/manufacture controlled substance (schedule 1,2,3 except marijuana and cocaine) and deliver/manufacture controlled substance (schedule 4) on Dec. 3, 2009 in Van Buren Township. Judge Oakley arraigned him on this old case and set his personal bond at \$5,000. Defense attorney Brandy Robinson of Neighborhood Defender Service said she has received no discovery yet.

Kaprice Daney Parker

Kaprice Daney Parker of Westland was scheduled for a preliminary exam on March 17 on a charge of breaking and entering a vehicle with damage to vehicle on Aug. 10, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis said after reading the report she made

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This 40-pound, 4'x8' wrapped canvas painted in the style of American painter Jackson Pollock will be hung in the new library in downtown Belleville. The artwork is being loaned to the library by Sheena Barnes of Sumpter Township.

District Library board approves new library logo, OKs art pieces

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

A 40-pound, 4'x8' wrapped canvas painted in the style of Jackson Pollock will be hung on hooks on a white wall across from the Atchinson sign in the atrium of the new Belleville Area District Library.

At the March 9 Zoom meeting of the district library board, Art Committee chairperson Michele Montour explained to the board that it would be a compliment to the colors there and it would create discussion.

Montour said Sheena Barnes is willing to loan the painting to the library for up to five years.

"She's from Sumpter Township and the painting is valued at \$60,000," Montour said. "She would take the risk financially if anything happened to it."

"It's festive. I don't see it as controversial. It's 'in the style of' Jackson Pollock and patrons would investigate who he was," Montour said.

"We are thankful for her generosity," said board chairperson Sharon Peters. "It is the community's building ... How it is decorated is really important."

"I know Sheena, too," said Joy Cichewicz. "This would be a nice piece to set off this area."

"I think it will be a lovely addition," said treasurer Tanya Stoudemire.

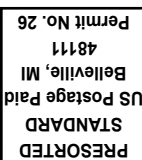
Library director Mary Jo Suchy said there is a general consensus to move forward and a vote is not necessary.

"This is the report from our committee and this board decides what to do," Montour said.

Montour also presented pictures of carved wooden wildlife sculptures created by Howard Puchalsky which have been offered as a donation. Suchy said some of the sculptures would be helpful for programs in the kids' room for storytimes.

"He has fish, ducks, a bear, a collection of items," Montour said. "My suggestion

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT approves \$150,000 for new museum addition

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A plan to construct a glass enclosure to connect the separate Belleville Area Museum and the decommissioned Van Buren Fire Station #1 in the city of Belleville was approved on a 6-1 vote at the March 16 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees via Zoom.

The vote was to transfer \$150,000 from the township fund balance to the 2021 Building and Grounds Capital fund in addition with approval to move forward with developing construction documents to bid.

Museum Director Katie Dallos, under direction of the Belleville Area Historical Society, applied for a mini grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for a glass enclosure to connect the historic museum building, at 405 Main St., with the fire station behind it, where museum archives are now stored.

Dallos did not participate in the meeting. She is on furlough due to COVID-19 and the museum is closed.

In the grant application, Dallos wrote the "project is important to ensure the safety of our staff and guests, especially those with disabilities" when traveling from the museum to the archives. "This connection will also create exhibit space for our community-beloved 1909 Buggy and 1919 Model T, donated by former local physician, Dr. Herbert J. Robb."

The Historical Society approved the application on March 14, 2019 and MCACA awarded the project \$25,000 with a mandatory project completion date in September 2021.

The original cost estimate that was completed in 2018 came in at \$108,100.

Elizabeth Renaud, executive assistant for the Public Services Department, said staff is requesting \$150,000 be put into the Building and Grounds budget. The township will be reimbursed \$25,000 from MCACA upon completion of the project, she said.

She said Dallos' original proposal include replacement of the garage doors on the former fire hall and during the waiting, the township already replaced them.



Trustee Reggie Miller voted against the expenditure.

"The amount is exorbitant," Trustee Miller said of the \$150,000 being approved. She said Dallos went for a \$50,000 grant originally, with the township going to match that amount.

Miller said the \$150,000 is too much for the number of people who would use it.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said she would like more accountability.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the project probably will cost less.

In other business at the March 16 meeting, the board:

- Approved the second (final) reading of Ordinance 03-02-21 (1), a local littering ordinance based on the state littering ordinance;

- Removed from the agenda two items put on by the Water and Sewer Department because Director James Taylor said the necessary backup material was not attached in the board packet as he wanted

them to be. The items were a proposal for Fishbeck Engineering to complete a Risk and Resiliency Report at a cost of \$25,800 and a five-year contract with Hydro Corp., Inc. to continue to provide inspection and services for enforcement of the mandated Cross Connection Control program as it relates to backflow prevention devices. The two items are expected to be placed on the next agenda for consideration;

- Approved two contracts putting the \$7.7 million Community Center proposal into gear although details have not yet been approved. Currently plans are to start construction in the spring of 2022 and open in 2023. Owner Representation Services will come from Plante Moran CRESA at a cost of \$240,000. Design Services will come from Neumann Smith at a cost of \$417,000. The total is \$657,000 and it would be transferred from the township's fund balance. If it is decided to cancel the Community Center project, the contracts can be canceled and the township would

only pay for the work done that far. Public Services Director Matthew Best said the Community Center would be the biggest project for the township since the water tower;

- Discussed when the township hall might reopen and meetings might be in person again, which will be based on state restrictions. Clerk Leon Wright said he was afraid of the "variants floating out there";

- Heard Clerk Wright say the township is doing 56 projects at the moment and in 2016 he said the board has the potential to do great things, if they put politics aside and talk to each other like they should. "This shows what you can do when you work together," Clerk Wright said;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara agree, saying he has studied the 2016 budget when the township had \$10 million to \$12 million and every single year the township had more. "Visteon is in our tail lights" he said and, "we are getting a lot of grants"; and

- Discussed at length what to do about repairing sidewalks in Haggerty Subdivision before Trustee Miller pointed out this wasn't on the agenda. She said she talked to concerned citizens and told them it wasn't on this night's agenda and it's unfair to the residents to continue the discussion. During the discussion board members considered three choices: Do nothing, put together a special assessment district for the whole subdivision and have everyone pay for repairs, or issue orders saying the sidewalk in front of your house needs to be fixed and give them a date it needs to be done or the township will do it and put it on their taxes. Board members agreed options #1 and #2 were not feasible;

- Heard Clerk Wright announce the township offices will be closed April 2 for Good Friday; and

- Heard Supervisor McNamara say a letter came to Fire Chief David McNally commending two fire fighters for freeing a dachshund named "Oscar Mayer" who was caught under a new power chair. The dog was rescued by Capt. Ken Floro and Firefighter Bowman.

School Board agrees it's too early for sinking fund renewal election

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the first in-person meeting for several months, the board informally decided that this November was too early to hold the proposed sinking fund renewal election.

At the last meeting of the board, School

Supt. Pete Kudlak explained why the election needed to be this November, to give the board a chance to run another election if the first one failed.

On Monday, Supt. Kudlak said they were supposed to decide what language to put on the ballot at that meeting, but the district's law firm questioned why he wanted it so early. The election could be

held in November 2022 or even the spring of 2023 without losing anything, since the millage runs through the end of 2022.

Kudlak said it was noted that they would have two sinking funds at once, if the renewal passed, but they could only levy the highest millage.

"If we wait for another year, we would still have two chances," Kudlak said. "I

was a little over-eager."

Board president Amy Pearce said nothing else is on the November election at this point and the school district would have to pay for the election.

"We need to stick to the half-mill for seven years that we promised the voters," she said.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Belleville changing — hopefully for the better

Local residents and business persons are concerned about what the new marijuana industry approved in the city of Belleville will bring to us. It's sure to bring more traffic, says our Police Chief/Interim City Manager Dave Robinson. He will be keeping an eye on that.

Some businesses in the Industrial Park, where all of the marijuana businesses are to be located are being relocated to make a place for the new businesses.

Van Buren Township is considering an overlay district strip along Sumpter Road south of Belleville, all the way to Sumpter Township which starts at Bemis Road. This would be a place for the dislocated businesses to go.

It also would lay waste to the plan to keep the township south of Hull Road as agricultural. They say the agriculture could continue in the back of the strip, with the service businesses operating along the Sumpter roadway.

Some others are worried about the young people getting easier access to marijuana, which is legal for adults. It's closer to the schools than they would like.

Maybe the businesses will bring more tax revenue to the city which is landlocked and can't add too much development within its borders. That would be a plus. Change is a constant in growth and we can't long for the good old days, even if they seemed more comfortably predictable

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We've been advised that last Thursday, the day the story about Mike Foley was published in our paper, Mike was flying off to Las Vegas. Mike has been a highly successful tournament poker player during the winter months when Frosty Boy was closed, so we expect that's what he's doing. He is weak from his chemotherapy, but went anyway. He did arrange for Mike Windiate at Belleville Hardware to set aside ten copies of the *Independent* for him.

Mildred Mida Baker of Belleville, a graduate of the Belleville High School class of 1944, will celebrate her 95th birthday on April 2.

We received another phone call from a Van Buren Public Schools teacher who last week said we should have labeled Wayde Hoppe's article on page 10 of the March 11 edition as "opinion." OK. It's his opinion.

This time she said I misquoted her in saying that she has no freedom of speech because if she said what she thinks, it would be considered indoctrination and she would be punished by her superiors.

She said, her supervisors at VBPS, in fact, supported her when she was attacked on social media for her comments on her Facebook page. It was the townspeople who came after her on social media.

I told her we don't do social media because it is so bad. So that attack had nothing to do with us.

She said it was the Proud Boys, the white supremacist group, that came after her from as far away as Iowa. She had commented on racial matters and they attacked her for being a black racial activist even though she

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



is white.

She said it was OK to use her name and then said it wasn't since people could come after her, again, for her comments.

Cindy Harris called to give me more details on the story about her father Albert Harris in last week's paper. She said about the hunger strike he took part in on Guadalcanal, he actually started it and suffered for it. He went to the brig for doing that and spent three days eating just bread and water.

Cindy said the information on the strike went up the line to Washington, D.C. and all the officers involved in the bad treatment of blacks were removed for treating the men that way.

Belleville Councilman Tom Fielder was absent from the two council meetings on March 15. They had a workshop on the fire department before the regular meeting of the council.

It was later learned Councilman Fielder was in quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19. Apparently, he felt sick that weekend and got tested. He had already had one vaccine shot and was doing well. He should be back at meetings soon.

On Friday, a Van Buren Township reader called to tell us about a kind action by an unknown person. She said her friend left her place in the Harmony Lane area and turned the corner at the former Dimitri's at

the corner of Belleville Road and the South I-94 Service Drive. He had forgotten to put the tail gate up and his shop vac rolled out of the truck and onto the roadway.

When he went back looking for it, he found someone had pulled over and stopped and placed the shop vac at Dimitri's. The person had rolled up the hose neatly and left it for him to pick up.

They want to thank this person for doing such a kind thing. That person deserves a big thank you, our caller said.

There was a lot of planning to get enough space for Monday's in-person school board meeting. They had even considered going into the auditorium to make sure people were able to be six feet apart. The meetings had been by Zoom for some time, but now it would be in person.

On Monday, we spread out across the lunchroom at BHS, each person sitting at a different lunch table. When all was said and done, everyone there was a board member or school employee or contractor, except for three members of the public. There was the *Independent*, a lovely lady who reports the meetings via Facebook, and the father of a student. The three of us usually are at every in-person meeting. No need for a lot of space for the public.



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Letters

Your headline on front page might be wrong

To the editor:

Your headline on the front page of the March 18 issue might be incorrect. The "so-called" stimulus bill of \$1.9 trillion dollars is not called HR 1. This \$1.9 trillion dollar bill passed both Houses of Congress with very little, if any, bipartisan support and was subsequently signed by the President Biden.

HR 1 is a bill that is changing voting procedures and rights for elections, I believe. It has passed the House WITHOUT the support of both parties and is now being considered in the Senate where, if passed, it will need to be signed by the President.

And, it goes against Constitutional election laws that many States changed blaming Covid AND making our elections less secure.

Just thought that this headline might need to be explored for accuracy and for the benefit of the voting community.

Also, let VBT supervisor's officer Dan Selman know that we appreciate his quick action on getting vaccine appointments for VBT citizens in early March recently! I called and left three messages at different VBT numbers and got three appointments for the first vaccine, so canceled two and my husband and I had vaccine appointment within a week of my calls. So appreciative of his and the VBT office's quick action!

Thanks for your reporting,
Angela M. Garcia-Johnson
Van Buren Township resident

Editor's Note: You are so right. That headline was wrong. It should have been the abbreviation for House Bill 1, which would be HB 1 for short, not HR 1. HR 1 is being considered in the Senate, as you said, and would have to go before President Biden before it's final. We noticed our headline was wrong when it was too late to change it for the print version of the paper.

Why not print article in favor of 'Equality Act?'

To the editor:

Just curious as to why in the March 11 issue you give a whole page to Wayne Hoppe to vent his anti-"Equality Act" opinion. The last sentence of the article uses the phrase "silence dissenting views."

How about a pro-Equality Act view on the same page?

Paul Carafelli
Elected Precinct Delegate
Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: You included a clipping from the *Detroit Free Press* by journalists giving different viewpoints. We accepted this opinion piece from Hoppe and we welcome a local opinion to the contrary. Send us your opinion.

Many veterans unaware of benefits, services

To the editor:

When members of the armed forces transition back to civilian life, there are over 70 benefits and services for which they are entitled. Over 23% of eligible veterans are completely unaware that these benefits or services exist. Some of the most under-utilized include life insurance, home loans, retirement plans, free tax preparation, and death benefits, including free headstones or grave markers.

Representative Kyra Bolden of Southfield presented a bill to the Michigan House in 2019, which would form a committee of people from both the Department of Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs to organize an initiative called "Ask the Question." This initiative would require doctors and other healthcare providers, DHHS personnel, educators, social service staff and both public and non-profit agency personnel to ask the question to every new client they see: "Have you or a family member ever served in the military?" If someone answers yes, then that person would be provided with a phone number to call and a brochure with information to help them find out more about what benefits or services might be available to them.

I would like to encourage the people of the tri-community area to join me in urging Rep. Bolden to re-introduce the "Ask the Question" initiative during this legislative session. Our veterans have earned these benefits, and greater awareness might mean they receive much-needed assistance. You can call her office at (517) 373-1788 or email her at kyrabolden@house.mi.gov. You could also send her a letter addressed to The Honorable Kyra Bolden, Michigan House of Representatives, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Thank you for caring about and advocating for our veterans!

Jennifer Blackburn
Sumpter Township



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March 28 – Jazzmin Long
March 29 – Mary Ellen Morris
March 30 – Thekla Szlinis, Derek Johnson
March 31 – Mary Strope, Jennifer Winter
April 1 – Jon Hackett, Dan Martin, Virg Stoltz, Sharon Waring
April 2 – Mildred Baker

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More Letters

Supt. reaches out to parents on COVID

The following message was posted on social media by Van Buren Public Schools Supt. Pete Kudlak at about 8:30 p.m. Friday:

Good Evening Parents. This is Pete Kudlak, Superintendent.

I am reaching out to inform you of a COVID-19 spike that we have had in the district for the past two weeks. While this has primarily been happening at Belleville High School, I thought a message to everyone would be prudent.

We have 56 days of instruction left in this very unusual school year. We all need to focus, stay diligent with the safety protocols that we know are effective, and keep our in-person students in our schools.

To be blunt, behaviors at home are impacting our ability to stay open for in-person instruction. Students should not be collecting in groups after school hours, masks should be worn when outside the home, and social distancing needs to continue to happen for the foreseeable future.

I know that we all feel like we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. While that is a wonderful feeling, it is also dangerous as we let our collective guard down. We are not out of this yet and we cannot start acting like we are. We have a lot of end-of-the-year events upcoming that could be in jeopardy if the COVID numbers keep spiking.

If you have any questions about the guidance that the health experts have provided, please contact me. Thanks again, and have a good night.

Editor's Note: According to the district web site there was one positive case in the district the week of March 1, ten cases the week of March 8, and five cases the week of March 15.

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

I want to thank St. Jude for answering my prayers. Please pray it with all your heart. He will hear you and answer you.

Thank you, St. Jude. Always in my heart. With love, G.R.

St. Jude's Novena

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

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Obituaries



Patricia Anna Moose

PATRICIA ANNA MOOSE
 (May 7, 1943 – March 18, 2021)
 Patricia Anna Moose, age 77, of Sumpter Township passed away at home, peacefully, with her loved ones on March 18, 2021. She was born on May 7, 1943 in Newark, Ohio, to Paul and Valeria Schumaker. She worked at Belleville Big Boy for 25-plus years and Belleville Moose when she was younger. Patricia is survived by her sons Tim (Renee) Barr and Bob (Judy) Barr; grandchildren Chris Barr, Timmy (Lauren) Barr, Harvey (Lacey) Spencer, Bobby Barr, Samantha (Cody) Galbreath; great-grandchildren Hunter, Gavin, Dalton, Aaliyah, Isaiah, Haylee, Shyann. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers: Jim, George, Paul Lee, Ronald; her first husband Robert Barr, and her second husband James Moose Sr. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at Cornerstone Christian Church, 44500 Willis Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, on Saturday, March 27, at 1 p.m. A Celebration of Life will follow.



Barbara Ann Hailer

BARBARA ANN HAILER
 (March 11, 1953 - March 20, 2021)
 Barbara Ann Hailer age 68 of Belleville, died Saturday, March 20, 2021. Barbara was born in Highland, MI to Robert and Joy (Britt) Glazier on March 11, 1953. Dear mother of Jarrett Hailer of Belleville, MI, and Steven (Sherry) Glazier of Ypsilanti, MI. Also, 3 Grandchildren: Alexandria, James, and Lucas Glazier. Brother, Robert Howard Glazier; Sister, Vickie Estes; Cousins: James Shank, Sandra Varga, Debby Millner, and Danyl Heflin. Barbara moved to Tennessee for several years where she attended Burns Baptist church before moving back to Michigan. She also enjoyed going bowling and playing cards, but what she loved most was spending quality time with her family. Barbara will be dearly missed by all who knew her.
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Roy Mandeville found dead in shelter in woods

Roy Mandeville, 60, a local homeless man who lived in a makeshift shelter in the woods behind the Water Works Auto Wash at 300 Sumpter Rd., was found dead in his shelter on Sunday. Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said his friends found him and reported it to police. Chief Robinson said it appeared he died of natural causes. The Wayne County Medical Examiner picked up the remains for a determination, he said.

COVID-19 death total in 48111 climbs to 61, positive tests up to 2,356

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code climbed to 61 over the week ending Monday, March 22. The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 2,356 on Monday, March 22, up from 2,295 the previous Monday, March 15. On Monday, March 22, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 1,546 positive cases, 33 deaths; city of Belleville, 393 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 417 positive cases, 7 deaths.

Correction: Last week's headline should have said HB 1, not HR 1

A headline on last week's front page should have read "HB 1" not "HR 1" and we apologize. The story correctly referenced House Bill 1 that was signed by President Joe Biden, but the headline was incorrect.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, March 25** – Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd.
- **Tuesday, March 30** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away runs from 2 to 4:30 p.m., or while supplies last, every Tuesday at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Volunteers will load fresh groceries into the vehicle of anyone in need.
- **Tuesday, March 30** – Forgotten Harvest Food Give Away at noon every Tuesday until further notice at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Rd. Sponsored by Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans and hosted by Romulus Community School District. Information: Virginia Williams, (734) 673-8396

More Letters

Ordinance officer should submit written reports

To the editor:

Belleville *Independent* newspaper, March 18, 2021: The Sumpter Board of Trustees approved the hiring of a second ordinance officer at \$49,566, plus benefits? When we already have another ordinance officer making over \$60,000? This amounts to \$110,000-plus a year of taxpayer dollars. The board that is going to interview the new ordinance officer is made up of Supervisor Bowman, LaPorte, Luke, Toth and Deputy Supervisor Cole.

This mess, as it refers to the blight/trash, has been on going for many years. There have been at least two or three previous ordinance officers. Why were they not tasked to do their jobs?

If they had, the township would not be overrun in many places with blight and trash. It's not your fault, Mr. Bowman. It's former Supervisor John Morgan's and his board's fault of which LaPorte was a part. I read that you have Luke, Toth, LaPorte on this new interview board. To my knowledge, none have ever acknowledged our blight problems in a public board meeting. Neither has any other board member.

These three have been involved with Sumpter Township for many years. These three have driven in and out of the township municipal building property probably dozens of times and if they have not seen that horrible mess across the street and around the township, as well, they really don't or didn't care about how the township looks. If they did, we would not be having this conversation. Many people have beautiful homes and well-kept-up property. Your home, whether new or old, is your most prized possession. But with all the blight and trash property throughout the township values are eroded substantially.

If you have neighbors that won't attend to the blight and trash in their yards and property, complain. Write letters to Sumpter Township, MI, 23480 Sumpter Rd. 48111 about your frustrations. Call

Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman at (734) 461-6201 and State Senator Ericka Geiss, 6th District, toll-free at (855) 347-8006 or email: SenEGeiss@senate.michigan.gov. Senator Geiss is our township's elected representative in Lansing, MI.

Mr. Bowman, you stated you have been out and about the township every day. So have I. I've lived in our township for over 20 years and you, Mr. Bowman, for many years. Then, you realize the gravity of the situation. Allegedly, if the police had been over-seeing and demanding the former ordinance officers and the present one had been doing what he and they were paid to do we would not be having this conversation.

It's clear they needed, and Gregory needs, supervision. We don't need four or five years to clean up this mess. One year could do the job. If everyone is committed, it would save us taxpayers thousands of dollars a year. Allegedly, Gregory's police supervisors don't even live in Sumpter Township, MI, so why should they care?

Gregory has been on the job for about four years and you say he is overwhelmed. That is questionable. Allegedly, he picks and chooses who to sanction. If that is so, it should stop immediately. Whoever is in violation should be warned first and a solution devised and then ticketed if not complied with.

Had he been supervised properly and made to do his job there would be written reports submitted and placed on the weekly Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log for all other infractions. We would not have the same blight, trash problem that we notice and everyone else observes on a daily basis, especially business prospects and new home and land buyers. I read the police dispatch log weekly and I have very rarely seen, along with many others, any property or blight violations in past or present years when there are so many. Why?

If you hire another ordinance officer I hope they both are supervised by someone that really cares about our township and not just gives a lot of lip service that goes nowhere. You must demand accountability which must include weekly written paper reports of who was issued notices and progress reports. Submitted to you and

your Deputy Supervisor.

To all taxpayers: The Sumpter Township board meetings are every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., 23480 Sumpter Rd. Check the Sumpter Township website for any changes. Please attend. Let your voices be heard. Your votes do count.

Mr. Bowman, please consider the proposals and suggestions. I know you care as much as I do about our township.

Ronald Barrington Robinson
Sumpter Township Elected Precinct Delegate

Why would you raise the rent in difficult time?

To the editor:

This is to Yes Management/Van Buren Estates:

It is sad that in this difficult time you would raise the lot rent, expecting the residents to pay for the remodel of the club house. Many residents are struggling to put food on their tables and pay bills.

There are many other things that need to be addressed in this park: sidewalks, trees that need to be trimmed and residents should not have to trim trees. Residents that do not rake their leaves and so they blow onto other residents' yards of those that do rake.

Why doesn't management respond to questions asked of them? These are just some of the issues that need to be addressed.

I am a friend that visits an elderly person in the park, so I see what is going on.

Thank you,
Carolyn Asbury

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a motion to dismiss the charge and Judge Oakley dismissed the charge. Defense attorney was Claude Chapman. Parker had been free on \$2,500 personal bond.

Kevin Edward Litteral

Kevin Edward Litteral, 43, of Ypsilanti, is facing charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license

suspended-2nd on March 5 in Van Buren Township.

Court-appointed attorney Brandy Robinson said there is a discovery issue, so at the March 17 court session before Judge Oakley, the probable cause conference was adjourned to April 7.

It was stated that Litteral said he wants to hire an attorney. He is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Marcus Lee Shaffer

Marcus Lee Shaffer, 25, had his probable cause conference adjourned until April 7, when he will face charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Feb. 24 in Van Buren Township.

His defense attorney Blasé Kearney of the Neighborhood Defender Service said he is attempting to get the video discovery. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Darrian Fortier said there is a lot to redact.

Judge Oakley pointed out that Shaffer has three other Van Buren Township cases that have a March 18 probable cause conference.

Darius Dequan Logwood

Darius Dequan Logwood, 26, was scheduled for a preliminary exam before Judge Oakley on March 10, but instead charges were dropped. Logwood was charged with entry without breaking with intent, larceny in a building, and stealing/retaining without consent a financial transaction device on Aug. 5 in Van Buren Township.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis said the court website had been down and the Van Buren Police didn't have the court dockets so the officer that needed to testify couldn't be there.

Defense attorney Nancy Richards made the motion to dismiss and Judge Oakley approved the motion. The charges may be refiled in the future.

Ellis Edward Shropshire

Ellis Edward Shropshire, 21, was before Judge Oakley on March 10 and the judge adjourned his probable cause conference until April 28. Shropshire's defense attorney Jeff Osment said he sent a letter to the state gun board and is waiting for a reply.

Shropshire is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended on Feb. 23 in Van Buren Township.

Keenan Deshon Black

Judge Oakley set an in-person preliminary exam for June 2 for Keenan Deshon Black, 41, of Taylor on a charge of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of from \$1,000 to \$20,000 on Jan. 3, 2020 in Van Buren Township.

He is free on \$2,500 personal bond. His defense attorney is Cheryl Quick.

Wade Riley Miles

A Zoom preliminary exam was set for May 3 for Wade Riley Miles, 32, of Sumpter Township, who is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Feb. 14 in Sumpter Township. Miles was before Judge Oakley on March 10 for his probable cause conference.

His retained defense attorney Jonathan Jones wanted more time to look at the evidence. Miles is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Darrian Fortier is prosecuting the case.

Toni Gail Clark

Toni Gail Clark, 66, of Sumpter Township was before Judge Martin via Zoom on March 11 for a scheduled pretrial on a misdemeanor charge of filing a false report of a misdemeanor at 9:05 p.m. at the Sumpter Township polls at the Community Center on Primary Election day, Aug. 4.

At a Jan. 7 court hearing, Sumpter Township Prosecutor Rob Young explained that since the date of the incident, Clark has accepted employment as Deputy Treasurer of Sumpter Township. Since he is the township attorney he said he would get another prosecutor to proceed with the case if it was not settled by Jan. 21. On March 11, Van Buren Township prosecutor

Angela Mannarino stood in for Young.

Judge Martin asked if the Jan. 7 offer from Young in the file was still good and she was told it was. Mannarino asked for an adjournment of the pretrial so a resolution could be sought.

Judge Martin adjourned the case until 9:40 a.m., April 8, before Judge Green.

At the beginning of the March 11 session, Judge Martin disclosed that she knows Clark, but never had a meal with her. It is a social acquaintance, casually, she said.

"It won't impact any decision I make this morning," Judge Martin said.

Clark's retained defense attorney is John O. Knappmann. Officer in charge of the case is Sumpter Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke who filed the charge on Sept. 29.

Kojuan Jamel Quiles

On Feb. 24, Kojuan Jamel Quiles, 47, of Van Buren Township had his Zoom preliminary exam set for March 19 by Judge Martin.

Quiles was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and domestic violence on Dec. 26 in Van Buren Township.

Prosecutor Fortier said a plea deal offer has been made in the case. Defense attorney was Kristine Longstreet. Quiles was free after posting \$2,500 surety bond. His bond was on the condition he have no contact with the victim or his home on Bog Road.

On March 19, the complaining witness failed to appear for the exam and so defense attorney Longstreet made a motion to dismiss the case and Judge Martin dismissed all counts in the case.

The complainant's phone was no longer in service and her landlord said she had moved Down South.

Lillie Lee Heard

Lillie Lee Heard, 40, of Van Buren Township had her probable cause conference adjourned for 30 days -- until March 24 -- so her co-defendant can be apprehended. Then the two can go through the steps of the case together.

Heard is charged with home invasion first degree, malicious destruction of property between \$200 and \$1,000 in value, and two counts of aggravated assault on Sept. 22 in Van Buren Township. She is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Heard also was charged with a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery on the same day, but that was dismissed on a motion of the township attorney on Oct.

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Prosecutor Gillis said Heard's co-defendant Kevin Joseph Bonam, 43, has a warrant out for his arrest on the same charges but has not been arraigned. Gillis said she will ask the officer in charge to pick him up.

Michael Jermaine Stone

Michael Jermaine Stone, 40, of Van Buren Township had his in-person exam set for May 11 on charges of domestic violence third offense and assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on Jan. 18 in Van Buren Township.

He was before Judge Martin on Feb. 24 for his probable cause conference.

Stone's bond is \$10,000/10% and he is to have no contact with the victim or his home address on Parkwood.

Aaron Sellers

Aaron Sellers, 38, of Van Buren Township, was before Judge Martin on Feb. 24 to face a charge of violation of the Marine Safety Act at 8:20 p.m., July 3, 2020 on Belleville Lake.

The civil infraction ticket was written by Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Mytych, who testified at the Zoom hearing, along with Conservation Officer Luther and Reserve Deputy Conflittie.

Officer Luther testified that he observed a red and black vessel between the pontoons making a large wake in a no-wake zone and being less than 100 feet from the moored pontoons and family boats.

Reserve Conflittie said they were holding a perimeter for the fireworks and he observed a red vessel between the pontoons, making a wake.

Deputy Mytych, who wrote the citation, said that craft have to stay more than 100 feet from anchored boats and Sellers didn't, making a large wake and cutting in and out.

Sellers said the pontoons did not appear to be anchored and they had no anchor lights. Deputy Mytych said anchor lights are only required after dusk and it wasn't after dusk.

"I'm a very safe boater," Sellers testified. He said he has been on Belleville Lake for ten years and he knows the rules. He

told how he had been out on the lake all day with his family wake-boarding and went to Sandy's Marina for fuel before heading west again. Boats were gathering for the fireworks. His daughter was wake-boarding and he explained in detail how he had to make sure his daughter was not injured and he went back to get her.

He said it was a dangerous situation and the boats shouldn't have been gathering that early for the 10 p.m. fireworks and creating a traffic jam.

Judge Martin said she listened to the testimony of the officers and Sellers. She found Sellers responsible and fined him \$80. He asked if this brought points on his driving record and he was told there are no points for violation of the Marine Safety Act on the water.

Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr.

Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr., 59, of Van Buren Township was before Judge Martin by Zoom for his probable cause conference on March 3. His attorney Scott Weinberg asked the judge to adjourn the probable cause conference and she set the adjourned conference for 9:40 a.m., March 24, before Judge Green.

Carrier is facing a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Oct. 27 in the city of Belleville.

Ethan Michael Ryal

Ethan Michael Ryal of Sumpter Township was arraigned by Magistrate Alan Hindman on March 3 by Zoom from the Huron Township lockup. He is charged with assault and battery on Feb. 28 in Sumpter. His bond was set at \$3,000 personal and his pretrial set for April 28 before Judge Oakley.

Sumpter Township Officer Rodriguez had asked for bond of \$1,000/10%, but Magistrate Hindman said that was a trivial amount and went along with the request of court-appointed attorney Leanna Belcher for personal bond.

Ryal is to stay away from his grandfather, the complainant, with whom he lived and either live with his mother or his uncle. Belcher said Ryal has a job in Belleville.

Roger Frank Kerr

Roger Frank Kerr, 56, of Sumpter Township, was due for his live, preliminary exam before Judge Martin on March 3. He was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and weapons

(felony firearm) on April 26 in Sumpter.

Officer in charge Det./Sgt. John Toth was present by Zoom.

When the case was called, attorney Scott Wyatt announced his appearance on behalf of the alleged victim.

Prosecutor Jane Gillis said that Wyatt's client was out in the hallway waiting to testify because he was subpoenaed, but Wyatt has said his client should take the Fifth Amendment.

Gillis said without the witness testifying, the People cannot proceed. Kerr's attorney Joseph A. Simon made a motion to dismiss the charges and Judge Martin dismissed the charges.

David Mark Parrott

A jury trial has been set before 35th District Court Judge James A. Plakas in Plymouth at 8:30 a.m. June 10 for David Mark Parrott, 60, of Van Buren Township. Parrott is charged with domestic violence on Feb. 8, 2020 in Van Buren Township.

The case was moved to 35th District Court to prevent a conflict of interest since Parrott at the time was a judge at 34th District Court which serves Van Buren Township. The case has been delayed by corona virus adjournments.

James Forrest Chapman

James Forrest Chapman, 61, who lists a Belleville Post Office box as his address, at a March 18 pretrial appearance by phone asked Judge Oakley for a jury trial on a misdemeanor charge of being a disorderly person at 2:22 p.m., Jan. 30, in the city of Belleville.

Belleville Prosecutor Shone Nolan had offered Chapman a plea deal, where if he pled guilty to the charge there would be a six-month delay in sentencing. If he stayed out of trouble and had no further arrests this charge would be dismissed.

"I'll give a counter-offer," Chapman replied, saying the charge ought to be dismissed.

"I was at the breaker box identifying a blown circuit, nowhere in public," he said. "Any power intermission was momentary. There was no criminal intent."

Chapman asked for a live jury trial.

Prosecutor Nolan said the Belleville police report reads differently, so they can go to trial.

Judge Oakley said the court is not setting jury dates yet, but he will put this case on

the list.

"You can leave it hanging until COVID is over," Chapman said.

Judge Oakley asked if Chapman was proceeding without benefit of counsel and Chapman replied that once they get the court date he will avail himself of a court-appointed attorney.

Judge Oakley said the court policy is to set another pretrial once the trial is set and, "I have no idea when that will be." He estimated it would be at least a month until they start setting dates.

Marcus Dewayne Hopkins

Marcus Dewayne Hopkins, 33, of Ypsilanti was arraigned by Judge Martin on Friday by video after he was picked up by

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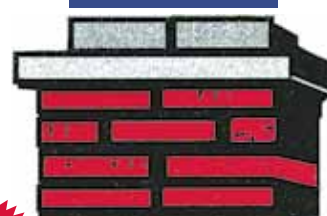
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the Michigan State Police on warrants and held at the Romulus Police Department.

His bond was set at \$5,000/10% by Judge Martin and a probable cause conference set for March 31 before Judge Green for four charges from April 2, 2020 in Sumpter Township: controlled substance delivery / manufacture-methamphetamine; controlled substance - deliver/manufacture narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams; fleeing police in a vehicle; and assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer.

He also was arraigned on four charges from Sept. 16, 2017 brought through the Michigan State Police for identity theft, forgery of license documents/plates, driving while license suspended / revoked / denied - 2nd, and operating without security.

Bond on those charges was set by Judge Martin at \$5,000 personal and the probable cause conference will also be held March 31 before Judge Green.

"I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize."

- Steven Wright

Judge Green counsels neighbors to get along on Fret Road in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Friday, 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green presided over a bench trial and found Jerold McDaniel, 71, of Van Buren Township, not guilty of the misdemeanor charge of disorderly person.

The complaining witness was a neighbor who lived three houses down on Fret Road, Edward Conrad, who called police after an incident at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 11. It had to do with McDaniel's grandson revving the engine of his pickup truck in front of Conrad's home and doing a "holeshot." Conrad said he saw the pickup drive into McDaniel's yard and so he drove down the road and stopped briefly to take a picture to prove where it went.

Testimony showed McDaniel drove down to Conrad's house, stopped in the road, and blew his horn to get Conrad to come out.

Conrad recorded the yelling back and forth. He called police. Prosecutor Angela Mannarino said he had called police on McDaniel about 20 times and there was

possibly one other prosecution.

Prosecutor Mannarino played the video with yelling and profanities from both sides heard.

While Conrad suggested McDaniel may have been drunk, testimony showed McDaniel did not drink and the slurring of words was due to a medical condition.

Judge Green asked what exactly was the basis for the disorderly charge and Mannarino said it was the honking and yelling. The charge was not for obscenities, she said.

Defense attorney Jeff Bowdich pointed out there was nobody else there at the time of this confrontation and while the two were yelling back and forth there was nobody else there to hear them. Thus, it didn't reach the level of breach of public peace, he said, because there was no public.

McDaniel said he drove and stopped in the road in front of Conrad's house and honked the horn to get his attention. He wanted to ask him what his problem was, he testified.

Bowdich's second witness was Tim Roberts of Martinsville Road who had stopped at McDaniel's house while walking his service dog. Judge Green questioned his background and Roberts said he had an 80% head-injury disability from serving in the U.S. Army and also PTSD. Judge Green thanked him for his service.

Roberts said two years earlier he moved here from Ohio, since his wife wanted to come back home. He said McDaniel stopped to see him and told him if he ever needed anything to "just holler." He testified he has never seen McDaniel upset. He left before McDaniel got in his truck to go see Conrad.

He testified Conrad wasn't just taking pictures and he stopped in front of McDaniel's house and started yelling at McDaniel. Roberts testified Conrad told McDaniel he couldn't blow his leaves across the "blanking" road, although there is nothing there, and McDaniel said to mind his "blanking" business.

"He sped off, doing a rapid shot," Roberts said. "He did a holeshot."

Prosecutor Mannarino summed up the charge as McDaniel being in the roadway

yelling at Conrad, which was disorderly. Bowdich repeated it couldn't be a breach of public peace because there was no public.

"He admitted he raised his voice," Judge Green said of McDaniel, "and they both had foul language. The first I heard swear was your witness," referring to Conrad.

Judge Green said police were called in excess of 20 times, where possibly one was charged. McDaniel probably had enough of the police being called.

Bowdich said Conrad was sitting in front of Mr. McDaniel's house yelling and the public was in Mr. McDaniel's yard, not his. Bowdich had told Judge Green he had three witnesses he could call to prove that.

"The court listened to the testimony and I'm struggling with it," Judge Green said. "We have to look at it in its totality. I don't know if Mr. McDaniel rises to disorderly and both were screaming at each other alone. I believe Mr. Roberts' testimony. He has no reason to lie."

Judge Green said this is distressing to her that these neighbors are not living in peace. One feels he has to call the police and the police keep coming. The neighbors had a complete breakdown, she said.

The prosecution has not met the burden of proof and I find him not guilty.

"Mr. McDaniel, do not go to Mr. Conrad's house again," Judge Green said. "This situation has volatility that worries me. I don't want this escalating more."

It was noted the trouble has been with the grandson and this has been going on for a long time.

Judge Green wondered if something else couldn't be done, mediation wise.

Prosecutor Mannarino said it's 55 mph through there, technically, since it isn't posted. It's a dirt road and most roads are pot-hole, she said.

"Whether it's the grandson or his friends, if that behavior could come down, that would help a lot," Mannarino said.

"I will pass along the court's message," Bowdich said.

Judge Green asked if here had been no more incidents since October and Conrad replied, "It's been nice."

Judge Green said if the grandson is not staying with McDaniel any more, that helps.

"This is pretty serious stuff," Conrad insisted. "I don't have anything against you," he said to McDaniel.

"Just leave me alone," McDaniel said.

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School Board

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“We could collect the larger sum earlier,” Kudlak said, presuming the board would vote to levy more than the half-mill.

Secretary Darlene Gerick said people have been suffering through the pandemic and she would like them to wait until the economy is better before voting for a millage.

“No need to do anything,” said Kudlak, replying to boardmembers who asked if they should vote on this decision.

In other business at Monday’s hour-long public meeting, the board:

- Reinstated a policy that board members have to be present to vote, which was rescinded during the time the board held virtual meetings;

- Held a Pre-Labor Day Waiver Hearing and then heard the state representative on-line grant the three-year waiver to allow the district to start classes before Labor Day, if desired. Curriculum Director Jeff Moore had explained that the district takes part in Early College programs at Eastern Michigan University, Wayne County Community College, and Washtenaw Community College, as well as classes at William D. Ford Career and Technical Education Center, and all those classes generally begin before Labor Day. Students in those programs – about 222 in all -- would miss out on the first days of classes, putting them at a disadvantage, if the VBPS district started after Labor Day. Kudlak said they are considering starting local classes on Aug. 30 or 31;

- Heard Robert Kokoczki of Plante Moran CRESA give an overview of the bids that came in for 77 different kinds of pieces of furniture for the new Early Childhood Development Center. A vote will be taken at the next meeting. Two companies – NBS and ISCG – are both recommended to supply what is needed. Kokoczki said the original budget for furniture was \$422,500 and the prices came in just shy of \$360,000, so voluntary alternates could be added that brings the total to \$396,000, still \$27,000 under budget;

- Heard Kokoczki also recommend Capricorn Diversified Systems as the lowest responsible bidder at \$59,997, for the Structural Cabling purchase for the

new Early Childhood Development Center. The cabling is for all the data drops in the center, including computers, phones, etc. and cameras and other things outside of the classrooms. “It’s everything we need to provide up-to-date services,” said Sean Garland, district IT person;

- Approved accepting the bid of \$42,633 from Sentinel Technologies as part of the E-rate grant application. This is to cover a portion of the costs to purchase Cisco switches, a voice router and wireless access points along with configuration and installation for the Early Childhood Development Center. Garland said the grant could cover up to 80% of the project, except for equipment that would support tuition-based programs in the building. Once there is a determination it will come back to the board;

- Approved the 2021-22 purchase of six school buses for a total of \$669,566, as presented by Financial Director Sara Cortese. The buses will be delivered this fall. Two are special-education, lift buses and four are regular buses. These are being ordered now because there is an expected price increase with orders placed after April 1, Cortese said;

- Approved the employment of Meagan Nystrom as a GSRP teacher at Haggerty ECDC as of April 5; and approved the termination of plant operations employee Dawn Linton on March 9 after less than one year of service;

- Was introduced to new board student representative Olivia Sylvester;

- Heard Kudlak announce that the Belleville City Council approved BHS graduate banners to be hung from its light poles downtown, 160 at a time, for May, June, and July. He also said the CDC reduced social distancing in the schools to three feet, but Wayne County still requires six feet, so that’s where the schools will stay; and

- Went into closed-door session, “To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute” and went back into regular session only to adjourn.

Mayor Conley answers questions on marijuana industry in the city

“How is the marijuana district going to affect us?” asked Jennifer Winter at the regular Feb. 17 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority via Zoom. “I’m a little skeptical and a lot worried.”

“You’re not alone,” said Mayor Kerreen Conley. She said the city at first thought there would be construction, but the businesses are occupying existing buildings. A positive impact to the DDA would have been improving the buildings, she said.

Mayor Conley said there will be additional people in the community that they wouldn’t otherwise have and there will be an impact. The police are studying how to monitor the businesses.

“It’s a new industry for us,” Conley said.

She said those coming in know what they are doing and it’s a wait-and-see proposition. She said the city will somewhat partner with the businesses. She said they know how many licenses are authorized and a portion of the income will be for taxes.

Conley said the city is 2.2 square miles in size and it approved 22 licenses, eight in a single location. There are seven different types of licenses and there might be several licenses in one building.

DDA member Winter said grow operations are very smelly. She said there had been a problem on Harris Road where people were “majorly growing.” She said she was worried.

Conley said the people who came in are well-organized and knew what they were doing. The voters approved it and the city did what it was required to do.

Winter said if they had a city manager who was part of this community, who cared about it, it might have been different.

Conley said the petitioners came in with a petition, enough to put on the ballot plus an ordinance written by the petitioner. The voters voted to have those facilities and an ordinance amendment.

“We could have promoted it differently,” Winter said.

“It was submitted on the very last day and the only thing we got to regulate is *where*?” Conley said, adding the city located them to avoid a negative impact to the community.

“I think we did what we could,” Conley said. “... and now we wait and see ... we’ve got professionals involved ... At the end of the day the vote was pretty big.”

“Just knowing would have been good for me,” Winter said.

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Yankee Air Museum honors Rosie, names B-25 'Rosie's Reply'

By Dave Callanan
Air Fleet PR Executive
Yankee Air Museum

Yankee Air Museum announced on March 21 that it is christening its B-25 Bomber "Rosie's Reply" in its continuing mission to inspire America through honoring the accomplishments of the women collectively known as Rosie the Riveter.

The World War Two B-25, formerly known as Yankee Warrior, was repainted in December courtesy of Kalitta Air to the exact color specifications it wore flying eight combat missions from Corsica in 1944.

"After the attack on Pearl Harbor, American men left industry in huge numbers to enter the military, creating a severe labor shortage," said Museum President Kevin Walsh. "To answer this aggression and arm the military, manufacturing in all sectors had to increase. A call for workers went out and women answered that call."

Walsh explained that the women of the Greatest Generation, entering what were formerly male-dominated workplaces, made the deciding difference.

"Their 'we can do it' confidence became the rallying cry to which America responded," said Walsh. "Theirs was the strength needed to help produce enough equipment to defeat the enemy. Without them, there would not have been an Arsenal of Democracy."

Walsh added that the Rosie's Reply nose



Artist Chad Hill added the Rosie's Reply nose art to the World War II Bomber at Yankee Air Museum.

art, applied to an aircraft they built, pays homage to the women of the home front in World War Two.

"It serves to remind us of their powerful response to the aggression of enemy forces and that no matter the circumstances or adversity, the reply was 'we can do it,'" said Walsh.

According to Walsh, the B-25 Rosie's Reply received period-correct, custom-designed nose art by famed research artist Chad Hill. It features a female factory

worker gripping a rivet gun and smiling in a way that conveys she has the moxie to handle anything coming her way.

"In this image we captured the plucky confidence with which those incredible women handled the monumental task of simultaneously raising kids, holding down the home front, overcoming adversity and, oh yes, helping save the world all at the same time," he said.

Walsh said he hopes the B-25 will inspire people to learn more about the women of

the Greatest Generation and that a little bit of Rosie's moxie rubs off on them.

"It is an extremely accurate reproduction of this B-25D's livery in the 57th Bomb Wing, 340th Bomb Group, 489th Bomb Squadron," says Dan Desko, president of the B-25 History Project. "Yankee Air Museum has done a marvelous thing with its aircraft. In one fell swoop, this plane honors the 489th Bomb Squadron, the home-front workers, and Kansas City, where this plane was built. This is living history."

Yankee Air Museum collaborated with The B-25 History Project and the Fairfax Industrial Association in Kansas City to connect with Original Rosies who actually worked on these aircraft at the North American Aviation plant. When asked what she thought about the aircraft being named in honor of the women of her generation, Marion L. White's reply was "We did it then, and we can still do it! I hope this inspires more young women to believe in themselves and find a good way to help their country!"

"As an active member of Yankee Air Museum and president of the American Rosie the Riveter Association Michigan Chapter, I am very proud with the initiative in Rosie's Reply," said Bette Kenward. "The Greatest Generation is aging with the youngest being in the mid-nineties. We must continue to show them honor and this does that in a momentous way."



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Belleville DDA postpones donation for Belleville Lake Fest

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority decided to put a request from Belleville Lake Fest for a \$2,000 donation on the agenda of the DDA's next meeting on April 21.

At the DDA's March 17 meeting via Zoom, DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern said the Strawberry Festival no longer exists and Lake Fest will have a promotion coming out listing sponsors and would really like to have the DDA on it.

The DDA's deadline for applications for community events funding is March 25 and McGovern suggested changing the deadline date on the application and instead consider the budget associated with the event.

"Without a deadline we would have applications throughout the year," said DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson. "This deadline fits our budget." She said the DDA provides matching funds for groups that encourage them to go out for more sponsors.

She suggested keeping a deadline date, but being able to fund extra new events throughout the year.

Councilman Ken Voigt said Thompson is

right and the DDA provides seed money for events.

"The problem is the date, arbitrarily the end of March," Councilman Voigt said, noting Lake Fest won't be accepting money until the beginning of June so they don't have to write a lot of refund checks like they did for Winter Fest when it was canceled.

"Music Lakeside wouldn't exist without the DDA giving the seed money," Voigt said. "Set the date as Jan. 1, earlier than March, with a decision by the end of January. I wouldn't want anything to be changed but the date."

DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said Lake Fest would like the DDA to fund money for late June and the city hasn't had any events this year. She said the finance committee has set up so much money for special events, but how much do they want? She said they have to give the DDA budget to the city. Lake Fest has to apply, she said.

Chairperson McGovern said Lake Fest had applied four weeks ago and the application is not in the board packet of information.

"I got it a month ago," agreed Thompson, who puts the packets together. "They are not

collecting money until June."

"The marketing material will be out before that," Voigt said, referring to the Lake Fest.

Thompson said she knows Lake Fest wants to have names on its marketing materials, and, "It would always make sense to thank the DDA and the City of Belleville" on materials.

"To add our logo to the marketing materials, they would have to have an agreement we would give them money," McGovern said. "We have to let them know we will provide seed money ... All ships rise together ... We will pay and fund you June 1. You have our approval."

"I don't have a problem with that since there is no Strawberry Festival," Williams said.

"No approval until after March?" Voigt said. "It's not the check so much ... This hasn't been a problem for Music Lakeside ... It would be nice if organizations that do apply have a decision by the end of March ... Now they don't know until June 1 and that's a problem."

McGovern said they are going to see a perk-up in the city activities and will be able to do more things.

Voigt suggested having a rolling approval for first-time events. He recalled Jane Vesche came to the DDA for help a couple of months before the first Winter Fest event.

"How would you approve one event over another?" McGovern asked.

Mayor Kerreen Conley suggested having two times to apply, one for summer and one for the fall, for new events.

Board members agreed that was a good idea. A motion was made to approve two deadline times and after more discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

"I would like some time to work this out," Williams said. "This is new for us. It is not a problem to cut Lake Fest a check ... I want to see the application first."

Secretary Denise Baker said they need to follow the policy.

McGovern said the financial committee

will get together and look at appropriate dates and look at the application.

The dates proposed would be on the next agenda with approval in April. The DDA's fiscal year is July through June. January and July were suggested as new application deadline dates.

In other business at the 47-minute March 17 Zoom meeting, the DDA:

- Took no action on becoming a part of the Destination Downriver Campaign that was presented by a group at the DDA's last meeting. Williams said she thinks the project is more for a chamber of commerce, especially with its leadership training. "The part that bothers me is they need money and I don't think we qualify for Downriver," McGovern said, adding the \$15,000 they want would be better spent if the DDA allocated in this community themselves. Vice chairman Jason Mida said he grew up in Belleville and, "We've never been considered Downriver." Valerie Kelley-Bonner said Belleville is not "Downriver" according to state guidelines in her professional area. Mayor Conley said the only "downriver" connected to Belleville is that its sewers go to the downriver system. "We are foregoing this," McGovern said and Thompson said, "I'll let them know";

- Heard Police Chief/Interim City Manager Dave Robinson say he had been informed that March 17 showed the largest number of COVID-19 confirmed cases this year in Wayne County. No cases were confirmed in Belleville that day;

- Heard Thompson report she has gone back and forth with Fantasee Lighting on proposed café lighting for the Fourth Street Square, as proposed by Voigt. She said there is a considerable amount of overhead power and lighting, plus trees and poles already in place at the square. She said there are other ways to add lights without another structure. McGovern said she is not opposed to looking at alternatives and described some lighting she saw at an outdoor wedding, which will be investigated. She said the lighting could help the DORA district and she would like the DDA to approve something to move forward with; and

- Heard McGovern say: "I appreciate everyone's consideration ... We've seen a lot of change over the last year ... We need to have these conversations ... We want to move forward."

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Congratulations are in order to Belleville High School Athletics for various accomplishments over the past week, including the BHS boys' basketball team winning the KLAA Championship title with a victory over Brighton. The boys' varsity bowling team placed second at regionals and have qualified for the upcoming state finals. Also, state final-bound individually

are Landon Kelly and Bradley Folks. The BHS girls' bowlers Katherine Dybicki, Sidney Allison, and Asia Wells are going to the state finals individually, as well, while the whole team advanced to the finals by placing second at their regional. Over at BHS wrestling, nine Tigers are making the trip to the state regionals individually at Saline, including Connor Williams, Logan Fox, Demond Harrison, Bernard Harrison, Blake Williams, Jacobie Craiger, Justice Shafer, Landon Pepper, and Nate Antolin. Regional wrestling is March 27 while the finals are April 3 in Kalamazoo. Good luck, Tigers! With spring sports practice underway this week, keep an eye out for track and field runners around town this week, especially in the afternoon as I saw runners passing through 5 Points after school.

Genisys Credit Union will be opening in the former location of Fifth Third Bank on Belleville Road in May. Once the Belleville location is open, the existing branch on Tyler Road in Ypsilanti will close. According to a press release, the company's new location

will make them more convenient for their members as well and create more visibility among the retail of the area and promote company growth.

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The Belleville Central Business Community will present the Flop E. Bunny Candy Hunt next Saturday, April 3, at

Victory Park in Belleville. All activities will require masks and adhere to CDC Covid guidelines. For hunt times and other details, see its half page ad in today's paper.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **April 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** This hearing will take place remotely via Zoom due to public health concerns associated with COVID-19. Any change to the meeting format or venue will be publicly posted at least 15 days prior to the meeting. The Planning Commission will consider the following zoning ordinance amendments:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Proposed amendments that will clarify Required Site Minimum Usable Floor Area in Square Feet Per Dwelling (Independent Senior Housing Developments) and revise signage requirements in Senior Housing Developments. The amendments will include updates to Sections 5.143 (Senior Housing).

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **April 9, 2021**. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org by the day of the meeting. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by e-mail.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

Posted: March 19, 2021
Published: March 25, 2021

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 957 7880 3171 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Late Arrival (6:07 p.m.) Trustee Boynton. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Department Director Best, Developmental Services Director Power, Developmental Services Executive Assistant Renaud, Representative from Plante Moran CRESA, Representative from Neumann Smith, Communication Specialist Nichols and a maximum audience of fourteen (14).

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda removing items #2 and #3 and adding Discussion on the Sidewalk Program and Discussion on the re-opening plan for the Community Services area. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent: Trustee Boynton Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021, Prepaid List of March 4, 2021, Prepaid List of March 11, 2021 and the Voucher List of March 16, 2021. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Absent: Trustee Boynton. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Announced the Township has received overwhelming positive feedback from seniors who participated in the first two vaccine clinics held March 3 and March 9 at the Wayne County Community College in Taylor; the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday April 2, 2021 in observance of Good Friday; Forgotten Harvest's pop-up food pantry will occur at the Township Hall on Tuesday March 23 at 2 p.m.(no registration or forms to fill out) If you are unable come to the Township someone else can pick up food on your behalf; read a letter from a resident praising Fire Captain Floro and Firefighter Bowman for their professionalism and assistance in handling an incident that occurred at her home on March 3, 2021. Discussion on the sidewalk replacement

program for Haggerty Subdivision exploring options to address damaged sidewalks 1) do nothing 2) create a special assessment district and spread repair costs equally among all homeowners or 3) Township repairs sidewalks and individual property owners are assessed per concrete flag. Further discussion with opportunity for public comments will occur at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 03-02-21 (1) Local Littering Ordinance. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve an amendment to the FY2021 Building and Grounds Budget for the Belleville Area Museum's MCACA Grant Project and approval to move forward with developing construction documents to bid. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Nays: Miller Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the Community Center Proposal for Owner Representation Services from Plante Moran CRESA and Proposal for Design Services from Neumann Smith. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Meeting attendee thanked the Board for all their work moving the community forward. Taxes have been balanced and submitted to the Wayne County Treasurer. The Township will re-open from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., no appointment necessary, beginning April 1, 2021. Board members thanked the residents for their patience throughout the pandemic, encouraged residents to stay safe, and get vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor McNamara indicated Board meetings will resume in person in April barring any last-minute changes. Discussion on the re-opening plan for the Community Services area at the Township with a consensus to wait and see what directives come forth from the MDHHS and CDC before establishing a reopening date.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE
COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF
HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE
FILE # 21-100664-NC

In the matter of Name Change
of Amber Severin

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose
address(es) is/are unknown and whose
interest in the matter may be barred or
affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on
April 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Zoom 3rd
Circuit Court Wayne County before Judge
Adel A. Harb, P-44494, for the following
purpose: To change the name of Amber
Severin to Amber Mercer.

March 23, 2021

Petitioner: Amber Severin, 41441 Fret Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 752-2389

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Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE
COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF
HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE
FILE # 21-100663-NC

In the matter of Name Change
of Harley Severin

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose
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April 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Zoom 3rd
Circuit Court Wayne County before Judge
Adel A. Harb, P-44494, for the following
purpose: To change the name of Harley
Severin to Harley Mercer.

March 23, 2021

Petitioner: Harley Severin, 41441 Fret Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 752-2375

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Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE
COURT, COUNTY OF WAYNE
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF
HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE
FILE # 21-100665-NC

In the matter of Name Change
of Jade Severin

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS whose
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interest in the matter may be barred or
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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on
April 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Zoom 3rd
Circuit Court Wayne County before Judge
Adel A. Harb, P-44494, for the following
purpose: To change the name of Jade
Severin to Jade Mercer.

March 23, 2021

Petitioner: Jade Severin
45832 Prairiegrass Ct.

Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 752-9760

Publish: March 25, 2021

Vote via Twitter in contest to get *Independent* digitized

The Belleville Area District Library has
been selected as one of four finalists for the
Digital Michigan Newspaper grant through
the Clarke Historical Library of Central
Michigan University.

The grant would cover the costs to scan
and host online back issues the library
currently possesses on microfilm: papers
from 1995 through 2019.

To win the grant the community needs
to vote. Michigan picture postcard votes
with the Belleville-Area Independent
name on had to be sent no later than March
21 to Clarke Historical Library, Central
Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Twitter voting takes place March 22-
28 using the hashtag #DigBelleville and
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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its
annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

**Spring cleaning will begin
March 29, 2021 and run through April 1, 2021**

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items
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New items may be displayed beginning April 2, 2021

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

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Soop - 49250 Denton Road (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)

Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Published: March 18, 2021

Published: March 25, 2021

Posted: March 18, 2021

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United States, and there has always
been. The strain of anti-intellectualism
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 03-02-21(1)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO *CHAPTER 42 – ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE II – NUISANCES*, WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS ***DIVISION 6 – LITTER***, OF SAID CODE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered *Division 6 – Litter, to Chapter 42 – Environment, Article II – Nuisances*, which new section reads as follows:

Sec. 42-151. - Definitions.

As used in this section:

Litter means all rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris, or other foreign substances.

Public or private property or water includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (1) The right-of-way of a road or highway, a body of water or watercourse, or the shore or beach of the body of water or watercourse, including the ice above the water.
- (2) A park, playground, building, refuge, or conservation or recreation area.
- (3) Residential, industrial and commercial properties, farm properties or timberlands, and properties owned by a government body.

Vehicle means every motor vehicle registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, as amended.

Vessel means a vessel registered under the Marine Safety Act, Act No. 303 of the Public Acts of 1967, MCL 281.1001 to 281.1199, as amended.

Sec. 42-87. - Littering on property or water prohibited; removal of injurious substances dropped on highway as result of accident.

- (a) A person shall not knowingly, without the consent of the public authority having supervision of public property or the owner of private property, dump, deposit, place, throw, or leave, or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing, or leaving of, litter on public or private property or water other than property designated and set aside for such purposes.
- (b) A person who removes a vehicle that is wrecked or damaged in an accident on a highway, road, or street shall remove all glass and other injurious substances dropped on the highway, road, or street as a result of the accident.

Sec. 42-152. - Presumptions.

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) involving litter from a leased vehicle or leased vessel, in a proceeding for a violation of this part involving litter from a motor vehicle or vessel, proof that the particular vehicle or vessel described in the citation, complaint, or warrant was used in the violation, together with proof that the defendant named in the citation, complaint, or warrant was the registered owner of the vehicle or vessel at the time of the violation, gives rise to a rebuttable presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle or vessel was the driver of the vehicle or vessel at the time of the violation.
- (2) There is a rebuttable presumption that the driver of a vehicle or vessel is responsible for litter that is thrown, dumped, deposited, placed, or left from the vehicle or vessel on public or private property or water.
- (3) In a proceeding for a violation of this part involving litter from a leased motor vehicle or leased vessel, proof that the particular vehicle or vessel described in the citation, complaint, or warrant was used in the violation, together with proof that the defendant named in the citation, complaint, or warrant was the lessee of the vehicle or vessel at the time of the violation, gives rise to a rebuttable presumption that the lessee of the vehicle or vessel was the driver of the vehicle or vessel at the time of the violation.
- (4) In a proceeding for a violation of this part involving litter consisting of an abandoned vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the citation, complaint, or warrant was abandoned, and that the defendant named in the citation, complaint, or warrant was the titled owner or lessee of the vehicle at the time it was abandoned, gives rise to a rebuttable presumption that the defendant abandoned the vehicle.

Sec. 42-153. - Violations as municipal civil infractions; civil fines; default remedies; exception.

- (a) A person who violates this part where the amount of the litter is less than one cubic foot in volume is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$800.00.
- (b) A person who violates this part where the amount of the litter is one cubic foot or more but less than three cubic feet in volume is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,500.00.
- (c) A person who violates this part where the amount of the litter is three cubic feet or more in volume is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$2,500.00. A person found to have violated this subsection in a subsequent proceeding is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$5,000.00.
- (d) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs ordered under this part or an installment of the fine or costs may

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District Library

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is take three to five as a donation and have him sign a paper saying he has no more rights. Then I would pick up and take them to the library.”

Montour said Puchalsky is 72 years old and lives in Haggerty Sub.

“He would be open to commissions, I think,” Montour said.

Montour also reported that most of the Art Committee members agreed to serve for another year, with the exception of Doug Peters, who stepped down. She said Barbara Miller replaced herself with Cheryl Wagner to represent the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

She said the Art Committee also recommends the walker hanging. Suchy said the building committee is OK with it.

In other business at the one-hour-and-17-minute meeting the board:

- Voted to approve the Marketing Committee’s recommendation of a new library logo designed by Michele Montour. The logo incorporates the spiral that is in

the library’s circular stair and floor. The spiral represents a sense of the movement, activity, and learning (spiraling up) that take place inside the library, said Suchy. Montour said there are four squares embedded in the building and a square is put into the logo. Optima font is used with colors of blues, purples, red-purple, and blue-purple. Suchy said the library will be using this logo in all its marketing, getting ready for its big event – the grand opening;

- Heard a building report from Cichewicz that said the poles have finally been removed from the parking lot, O’Neal is working on outstanding little projects such as adjusting the stack lighting and they are finishing up the donor project. Matt Ratzow is trying to obtain the final certificate of occupancy from the city and the refund of funds. The Bees in the D has decided to put the hives on the south side of the equipment screen and they will have to install some more walking trails since the humidification systems requires two units on the roof. That bipolar ionization HVAC system has three or four different parts and is estimated to cost \$125,000 totally;

- Heard Suchy report that the library applied for a grant to get the Belleville-Area Independent digitized from its first issue in 1995 through 2020 so it can be viewed from anywhere in the world. It is a contest through the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University. There is voting by Twitter and Michigan picture postcards during the week of March 22-28 and the week before that the library will distribute picture postcards. Postcard votes count at five votes each and Twitter counts as one. Multiple votes are discretionary. She said more information will be coming on the library website;

- Heard Suchy report on the lengthy and exhaustive process to find a replacement for Michelle. Her job duties have been divided up and rather than hire a department head for her position, they have chosen to hire a circulation supervisor and that is Lindsay Lore. Lindsay started volunteering at the library in the sixth grade and her bachelor’s degree is from the University of Michigan in Organizational Studies and Communications; and

- Heard Suchy report the employee who

tested positive for COVID has recovered and is back on the job. Those on the staff who shared desk shifts with this employee all tested negative. “Masks and social distancing do work!” Suchy said.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 5 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 8 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 13 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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be remedied by any means authorized under the revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.101 to 600.9947, as amended.

Sec. 42-154. - Additional penalties or sanctions; community service; Injunction.

- In addition to any other penalty or sanction provided in this part for a civil action brought under this part, the court may require the defendant to pay the cost of removing all litter which is the subject of the violation and the cost of damages to any land, water, wildlife, vegetation, or other natural resource or to any facility damages by the violation of this part. Money collected under this subsection shall be distributed to the governmental entity bringing this enforcement action.
- In addition to any other penalty or sanction provided for in this part, the court shall impose, under the supervision of the court, community service in the form of litter gathering labor, including, but not limited to, litter connected with the particular violation.
- In addition to any other penalty or sanction provided for in this part, the Township may bring an action for an injunction, public nuisance or other process against a person to restrain, prevent or abate any violation of this part. Actual costs, including, but not limited to attorney fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Township to enforce any injunctive order or abate any violation of this part shall be assessed against a person determined to be in violation of the provisions of this part.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion of

this ordinance, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the passage by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and the publication of the Ordinance in accordance with the Charter of Van Buren Township and the statutes of the State of Michigan.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 16 DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

YEAS (in favor): McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller

NAYS (opposed): None.

ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: March 16, 2021

Published: March 25, 2021

Effective: March 25, 2021

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., Full House Self Storage at 7886 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 is holding a public auction. Unit(s) may or may not include the following: household items, recreational items, appliances, furniture, misc.

C115 & L508, Katrina Bryant; M576, Medina Tunupopo; F264, Mookie Dillard Jr.; I418, Teresa Houser; D160, Barbara Hailer; O724, Michael Riley; C128, Cheryl Lovely; F259, Emmanuel Jones; L516, N817, P756, Sunshine Inc.; D155, E215, Joyce Price; R938, Theresa McCuean; Q905, Tasha Davis; K656, Gary Croteau II; M564, John C. Johnston; R927, Marla Borders; D158, P771, Kandass Baldwin; N810, O715, S962, Terry Booth; I425, Belleville Cougars
Publish: March 25, and April 1, 2021

NOTICE OF AUCTION AT J&T CROVA TOWING

36573 Grant St., Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 699-0584

Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Year	Make/Model	VIN
2008	Dodge Caravan	ID8HN44H78B194541
2006	Chevrolet Impala	2G1WT58K269219490
2002	Saturn L300	1G8JW54R22Y520868
1999	Toyota Corolla	2T1BR12E8XC142769
2009	Chevrolet Malibu	1G1ZG57B99F140624
2000	Toyota Camry	4T1BG22K9YU678549
2006	Buick Lacrosse	2G4WD582761170477
2005	BMW X3	WBXPA73425WC45699

These vehicles were towed by Romulus Police.
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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

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DATE: MARCH 22, 2021 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BY VERA CHAPMAN, CITY CLERK

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"It is a great honor for Detroit Metropolitan Airport to be named one of the best airports in the world for the second time in three years," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Chad Newton.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will take place electronically due to public health concerns associated with COVID-19.

The BZA will consider the following request regarding 10444 Belleville Road (tax parcel ID 83 064 99 0003 717), which is zoned C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District:

Case # 21-015- A request by applicant Gardner Sign, Inc. on behalf of owner Genisys Credit Union for one (1) variance from Section 11.108(B) of the Zoning Ordinance (Signs – Zoning District Regulations) of the Zoning Ordinance, which places certain limits on the area and setback required for monument signs in the C-2 zoning district:

- **Required:** (1) 8' maximum height (including base) on lots or developments that do not 2 or more major tenants, (2) 60-sq. ft. maximum total sign area (excluding base) on lots with greater than 200' but less than 400' of frontage.
- **Proposed:** (1) 10'-1 ¾" height (including base), (2) 92.32-sq. ft. total area (excluding base).

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **April 9, 2021**. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

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Case # 21-010- A request by applicant Rob Wagner of Midwest Consulting on behalf of owner South Yost, LLC, for two (2) variances from the side yard setback and rear yard setback requirements of Section 4.102 (Schedule of Regulations) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires certain setbacks for buildings or structures in the M-1 Zoning District:

- **Required:** The side yard setback shall be a minimum of 40' and the rear yard setback shall be a minimum of 40'.
- **Proposed:** 7.89' side yard setback and 0' rear yard setback.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 260 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 14:

0026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa
0325 – motorist assist, W. I-94/Haggerty
0510 – family trouble, Rawsonville Rd.
0529 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0845 – civil matter, Bog Rd.
1013 – hospice death, Quirk Rd.
1027 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1100 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1154 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Timberview
1241 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1344 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sawgrass Ct.
1510 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1655 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1656 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1721 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1839 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1839 – found property/child, Westlake Cir.
2018 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ Bemis Rd.
2025 – juvenile complaint, Martinsville Rd.
2049 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2101 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
2109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft Rd./Hull
2212 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
2236 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.

Monday, March 15:

0136 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
0345 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0553 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0643 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
0707 – vehicle lock out, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0720 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1026 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1044 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1106 – ordinance violation, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1156 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1219 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Independence Ln.
1241 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1513 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville
1642 – welfare check, Van Born Rd./Briarwood
1947 – threat, Maple Dr.
2212 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
2216 – assist fire dept., W. Archwood Dr.
2333 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Tuesday, March 16:

0028 – welfare check, Harbour Pointe Ct.
0207 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
0840 – hospice death, Van Buren St.
0935 – misc. complaint, Forestdale Dr.
0949 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1014 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1058 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1111 – hospice death, Savage Rd.
1120 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1151 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1217 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1225 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94 Belleville ramp
1236 – civil matter, Jackson St.
1311 – fraud, Hamilton Ct.
1327 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
1353 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1420 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1443 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1535 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1605 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1712 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1729 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1851 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1858 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
1938 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1940 – fight, Westlake Cir.
1956 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2049 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2231 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sawgrass Ct.

Wednesday, March 17:

0029 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

0135 – found property/child, Parkwood Dr.
0145 – warrant arrest, Parkwood Dr.
0325 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0427 – welfare check, Borgman Rd.
0759 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0930 – property damage accident, Denton/Mott
1139 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1210 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1309 – civil matter, Arthur St.
1317 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1334 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.
1418 – animal complaint, Amanda Dr.
1423 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1430 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1435 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
1444 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.
1537 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.

1633 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1645 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1723 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
1733 – fraud, Cedarhurst Dr.
1820 – harassment call, Lake Point Blvd.
1852 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1951 – civil matter, Sadie Ln.
2021 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2115 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.

Thursday, March 18:

0213 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0615 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colony Ln.
0752 – animal complaint, Ecorse/bypass
0902 – fight, Belleville Rd.
0906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
0952 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1219 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1237 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1248 – juvenile complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1412 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1459 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1506 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.
1542 – suspicious person/vehicle, Walden Blvd.
1628 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
1803 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.
1847 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1911 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2218 – juvenile complaint, Meadows Ln.
2249 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
2313 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron

River Dr.

Friday, March 19:

0137 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0247 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd.
0604 – property damage accident, Ecorse
1019 – family trouble, Martinsville Rd.
1022 – ordinance violation, Barnwell Dr.
1207 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1228 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1348 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
1436 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1717 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
1736 – civil matter, Vernon St.
1742 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
2037 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hoeft
2233 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, March 20:

0208 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0345 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0501 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0624 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
0849 – domestic, Lohr Rd.
1047 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
1050 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Savage Rd.

1154 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1407 – suicidal person, Oak In.
1425 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1523 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
1639 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1715 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1726 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1829 – fraud, Pine Dr.
1933 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2028 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2041 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd.

Also, on this log are 73 traffic stop, none on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 14:

0022 – traffic stop, Main St.
0035 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
0057 – traffic stop, Church St.
0121 – traffic stop, Main St.
0326 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter Rd.
0836 – misc. complaint, city municipal lot, N. Liberty St. / Fifth St.
0911 – misc. complaint, W. Wabash/alleyway
0954 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St. / E. Columbia Ave.
1054 – traffic stop, Main St.
1447 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2351 – traffic stop, Main St. / Roys St.

Monday, March 15:

0031 – traffic stop, Main St. / Third St.
0135 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0949 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1212 – traffic stop, W. Davis St.
1250 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, March 16:

0101 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter
2101 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2129 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

Wednesday, March 17:

1028 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1355 – traffic stop, Church St./Third St.
1420 – traffic stop, Main St.

Thursday, March 18:

0957 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1039 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1423 – misc. complaint, Tuscan Manor
1614 – road hazard, S. Liberty St.
1746 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.

Friday, March 19:

0542 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0756 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
0804 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
0841 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
0934 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1030 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia
1050 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1108 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1116 – traffic stop, Main St.
1127 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1139 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1307 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1320 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main
1336 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1433 – abandoned auto, High St.
1747 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.

Saturday, March 20:

0026 – traffic stop, South St./W. Wabash Ave.
0253 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0702 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0712 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0804 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0948 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1058 – traffic stop, S. Edgemont Ave.
1208 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1429 – property damage accident, Main/First
1902 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.

There were 38 traffic stops on this week's dispatch log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 14:

0157 – suspicious person, Harris Rd./Martinsville
0448 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln./Rustic Ln.
0834 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
1127 – traffic stop, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd.
1302 – alarm, Montana St.
1351 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1518 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1756 – traffic stop, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
2008 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Monday, March 15:

0231 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1007 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Wilmot
1246 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1304 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1413 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1446 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1528 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1827 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2014 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, March 16:

0114 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0827 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0946 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1011 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1048 – fire dept. assist, 8200 Rawsonville Rd.
1144 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1202 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1251 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1346 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1424 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1428 – suspicious circumstance, Country Club Blvd.
1443 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
1751 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1858 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2042 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.

Wednesday, March 17:

0356 – noise complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Rustic Ln.
0521 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0809 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Arkona Rd.

1018 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1049 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1325 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1336 – welfare check, Greenmeadow Rd.
1416 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
1530 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.

1736 – misc. detail, out of township
1845 – traffic stop, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
1848 – property damage accident, Carriage Ln.
1919 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
2152 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, March 18:

0211 – noise complaint, Greenmeadow Rd.
1410 – civil matter, Texas St.
1434 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1539 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1551 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1603 – traffic complaint, Karr Rd./Willow Rd.
1808 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1941 – animal complaint, First St.
2305 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, March 19:

1619 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
1827 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1830 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1852 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1912 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1936 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2116 – 911 hang up, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2252 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Saturday, March 20:

0509 – welfare check, Redwood St.
0528 – alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0710 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1117 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1125 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1511 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

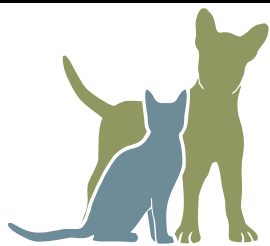
1559 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1740 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1812 – 911 hang up, Washington St.
1814 – traffic stop, Willis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1909 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2231 – family trouble, Texas St.
2307 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 43 patrol checks. There were four traffic stops.

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Airport officials give report on upgrades at Willow Run Airport

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Chad Newton, who has been Chief Executive Officer of Wayne County Airport Authority for three years, was among those giving a report on Willow Run Airport to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its Zoom meeting on Feb. 16.

Newton is a longtime resident of Van Buren Township and a graduate of Belleville High School. VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd said he went to school with her sons and she has known him since he was a young man.

Hold said he was there to share what's going on with Willow Run Airport. He said the airport is very old with old infrastructure and there's a need for upgrading.

He said Sharry Budd is a longtime friend of his family and his heart is with VBT and BHS.

Bryant Holt, chief development official at Willow Run Airport, explained the modernization plan and said the FAA and MDOT have committed \$57 million for the project with \$30 million for infrastructure. He said VBT is aware of this because they are a part of it.

Holt said the changes will reduce operating costs by 2.5%.

He said the west side is taken over by the American Center for Mobility. It was decided the east side will be built up for the aeronautical industry. There is a new runway coming 2021.

Marques Thomey, director business development and real estate, said he has been at the airport since 1999 and this is the most development he's seen.

He told of six developments:

- AV Fuel and AV Flight, two hangars and possibly more;
- Odyssey expansion to existing hangar and possibly more;
- Great Lakes Water Authority pump station;
- Yankee Air Museum / Foush Aeronautics Center development;
- Coletta Air, three flight simulators for the heavy, wide-bodied aircraft; and
- Department of Homeland Security office inside an existing Odyssey hangar.

Holt said 2021 will be a banner year for growth as they plan to really promote the airport. He said they will landscape the east side of the airport headquarters.

He said they plan to bring in aircraft and then go to the FAA to seek funds for a new runway.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked how all this will affect the VBT traffic flow, asking if a traffic study was done. She said they are planning a recreation center and need to know about the traffic.

Holt said they are creating a new connector to I-94, driving the traffic away from VBT.

Trustee Miller also asked about noise and Holt said they are doing a Part 150 study

for noise and the heavy-body planes would constitute noise content.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said a roundabout is planned for Tyler Road at Beck Road at the entrance to the airport.

Holt said they will be seeking state funding and this is the first phase and they are looking for \$8.5 million grant for landscaping. Street lighting is possible, he said.

Supervisor McNamara asked about the T-hangars for the teenagers to use. He said Ann Arbor called for space here for T-hangars.

Thomey said they are planning for hangars for 80 aircraft and looking at 162 more, for small, passenger aircraft.

Holt said they plan to have rental cars at the airport so people can come to the township's restaurants from the smaller aircraft.

"That's where the money is," Holt said.

"I've been watching the airport for 30 years and have never seen so much development," Supervisor McNamara said. "I live in a flight path area and the old loud ones get me."

"We're going to bring in the big, new ones that are quieter," Holt said.

In other business at the Feb. 16 meeting, the board:

- Went into a one-hour, closed-door session to discuss information from the attorney, with Trustee Donald Boynton recusing himself from the session because he is a property owner who might have a conflict of interest;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Harlan Davenport to the Construction Code Appeals Board with a term to expire Feb. 28, 2023;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Michael McGovern to the Construction Code Appeals Board with a term to expire Feb. 28, 2024;

- Approved the reappointment of Craig Atchinson, Chris Brown, and Dawn Chappell to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2025;

- Approved the 2021 Poverty Exemptions;

- Heard the announcement of the launch of the new VBT website, which was set for the next day, Feb. 17. It was described as "user-friendly and clean." Alysha Albrecht and Ryan Nichols worked on the project and it was called "Alysha's other baby" with the real baby due to be delivered Feb. 19. To demonstrate the website, Albrecht changed the text to French and then had trouble getting it back to English. They would work on that; and

- Approved the design of the proposed park signage designs. Now sign specifications will be developed and put out to bid in order to determine cost, budgets, and a multi-year phasing plan for the signs moving forward.



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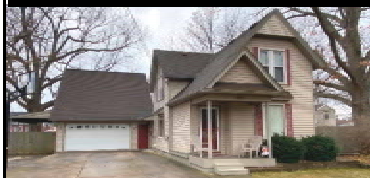
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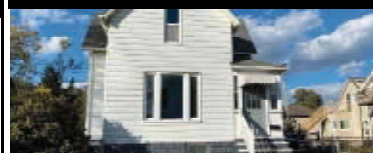
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