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VBPS approves student trip to France in June

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

About ten Belleville High School students in grades 9-12 were scheduled to travel to France June 21-29 to hone their language skills, but the situation in Europe is changing some of the itinerary and delaying the beginning of the trip for a day.

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the trip was approved unanimously as part of the consent agenda, and there was no discussion.

The cost to each student is \$4,580, paid by students' families and a fund raiser. They will take a plane to France and then travel by chartered bus within France, according to the application completed by teacher Katelyn Mulvey, who will chaperone the trip along with parent Melissa Steward.

Mulvey included an update from the company being used to add to her trip request in Monday's board packet.

"WorldStrides called me this morning (Feb. 25) saying that our specific itinerary we chose (*la vie francaise*) is not running this year. I think they are planning to combine our group walking tours with another school. I have included the new itinerary in the packet...I'm sorry for the last-minute change! Students would get a refund of \$70 and dates are pretty much the same (1 day later, June 22, 2022).

"Also, I asked about the conflict in Ukraine with Russia. WorldStrides has a policy on that now and I attached that document – Risk Management Advisory Memo."

The page and a half advisory, outlines the military action in Ukraine as Russia invades, but at the end said while they are not supporting travel to Ukraine or Russia, they believe travel to other destinations

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Saturday, Main Street Pups dog grooming at 177 Main St., Belleville, held a Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new business that opened on Feb. 21. From left are Michael Lane, Steve Jones, unknown, Steven Beagan, Riley Christian with Archie, Darcy Beagan, business owners Carey and Anthony Offredi, groomer Halle Clenniva, groomer Sydney Kontur, Belleville Deputy City Manager Tim McLean, Loretta Pietrowski, Janet Deaton of Dogs by Janet, unknown, Alicia Taylor of Pup Cakes Treats, Jeffery Taylor, two unknowns, Kevin Gidley, and in front, Sparky, the dog owned by Jim and Barb Thornton.

Council approves golf carts on city streets

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

In about 30 days, people will be able to drive approved golf carts along the city-owned streets in the City of Belleville, except Main Street, which can only be crossed.

They also won't be able to drive along county roads and that will be a problem for getting downtown. They can cross county roads, but not drive along them.

Residents of Victoria Commons are figuring out ways to get to the downtown without going along Savage Road, a county road. One suggested going through Village Park and then through the Davenport industrial area, but you still end up on a county road – Sumpter Road.

The golf cart ordinance was unanimously

approved by the city council after a public hearing at its Feb. 22 meeting.

Deputy City Manager Tim McLean reminded them that a year ago Jeremiah Beebe of Church Street approached the administration about golf carts and the administration worked with him on an ordinance. Beebe presented a large packet of research on the idea, including state laws, ordinances from other communities that allow golf carts, and other background information.

Deputy McLean said the city's new ordinance includes registering golf carts with the city. The ordinance went through legal review with no major changes, McLean said.

He said members of the police department will inspect a golf cart and put a red reflective sticker on the rear of the cart. Each cart will need stop lamps (brake

lights), mirrors, brakes and parking brake, safety belts, horn, windshield, and a red reflector sticker affixed to the rear of the cart.

McLean said they have developed a map of what streets can be used by golf carts. He said privately owned streets can make their rules, but golf carts can't be operated on country roads or trunklines, only city streets.

He said this would be a one-year pilot ordinance and for \$50 a cart would be registered for three years, if the ordinance is allowed beyond the one year.

"You can go 25 mph, but can't get out of Victoria Commons," said one man at the public hearing.

"Savage Road is a country road," said City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson. "We can only control the streets we own. You can't go on Sumpter or Savage, but you can cross them."

"Our hands are tied," said a Victoria Commons woman in the hearing.

Jim Chudzinski, who lives on Madelon

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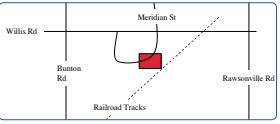
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Court Watching:

Former track coach bound over for trial in alleged rapes of student

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Jamaul Bohannon, 48, formerly of Van Buren Township and now of Southfield, was bound over to circuit court for trial after a live preliminary exam on Feb. 23 before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley.

Bohannon, a former track/cross country coach at Robichaud High School in Dearborn Heights, is charged with criminal sexual conduct – first degree (relationship) and criminal sexual conduct- third degree (student) on April 1, 2012 in Van Buren Township.

He is due at Wayne County Circuit Court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on March 9 for an arraignment on the information. He currently is free on \$10,000 personal bond and is to have no contact with the alleged victim.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Sarah Greene called just one witness at the exam: the alleged victim, now 25 years old, who was a 15-year-old high school student at the time the sexual encounters began.

The witness testified he was in his sophomore year at Robichaud High School when, in March 2012, he heard

an announcement over the public address system that there was a meeting for those interested in the track team with the head track coach and administrator (principal) of the Ombudsman alternative education program in the Westwood Community Schools.

The witness said he joined the track team and Bohannon was coach. One day he needed a ride home and Bohannon drove him home and then he regularly gave him rides home and began touching his right thigh and rubbing his groin. At one point, he testified, the coach texted him and asked if he wanted to hang out outside of track and watch TV and have sex at his Southport apartment.

The witness said he lied to his parents that he was going to a track practice on a Saturday and walked six blocks toward the high school and then was picked up by the coach. Then they went to Bohannon's apartment in Belleville (Van Buren Township), he testified.

The witness gave detailed accounts of that encounter and the many more that continued throughout his high school years. He said he went to the Southport apartment three times a week.

He testified Bohannon moved to Dearborn and the encounters continued and the witness said he was considered to be the coach's "boyfriend."

He said after the boyfriend relationship ended, he tried to break it off but it continued because the coach threatened to hurt or harm himself. He said he left for college at the University of Michigan Dearborn, where he stayed on campus.

The witness said he turned down a scholarship to Michigan State University to stay close to the defendant because he was afraid he would hurt himself.

He testified Bohannon began to take him to the Oakland County Health Center for STP (sexually transmitted disease) checks and vaccinations if he was behind. He said the coach pretended to be his father. He said you could get a STP check without a parent but needed a parent's signature for vaccinations. The health clinic records were presented as part of the evidence, along with the employment records of the defendant and photos of Southport and other evidence provided by the victim.

He said Bohannon would pop up at his dorm room door which interfered with his college life. He testified he had to block the coach's phone number, but the coach's friends would call him.

He said one night in the middle of COVID he was at Bohannon's home and Bohannon kicked him out. "He put his hands on me," the witness said, noting the coach could become violent, he had a temper, and he was afraid.

He said Bohannon told him he was starting a track program with a former track star and the witness said he was afraid he would start doing to him what he did to the witness.

He testified that when he was 15 and 16, the coach began giving him alcohol at his place and he would go to social clubs as well with the coach's family.

Under cross examination from defense attorney Nicole James, the witness said he became aware that Bohannon was serious with someone from Africa and was looking to marry him to bring him to America. They were engaged.

He testified that after the coach threw him out of his home last summer, where he had just paid rent for the month, he went to a hotel, hired a moving company to take his things from his home, and then went to Van Buren police.

After the lengthy testimony was over, defense attorney James said he was not a credible witness and that he gave a roundabout answer for why he went to police. He only charged Bohannon after he found out he was engaged to someone else, James said.

Judge Oakley said the only way he would not bind this over to the higher court would be if he found the witness to be unbelievable.

"But he is an extremely articulate and believable witness," Judge Oakley said and then ordered the bind over.

Public Safety Director Greg Laurain off duty after 40 years of service

On Feb. 25, Public Safety Department Director Greg Laurain reported for his last day of duty, after more than 40 years of service to Van Buren Township.

At the Feb. 15 board of trustees meeting, Laurain was honored with a board resolution that recognized his many accolades and distinctions gathered during his career in law enforcement.

Director Laurain joined the department as a Reserve officer in 1980 and was among the original class of full-time officers, when the department transitioned into a full-time police force.

Over the years, he rose through the ranks, serving the department in many capacities, eventually going on to lead the department when he was appointed as the Director of Public Safety in 2013. Under Laurain's stewardship, the police department earned accreditation status from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), which was an arduous three-year task.

"One of the things I wanted to accomplish with the department was to focus on its policies and leave it better than when I started," Laurain said. "The policies are



Photo courtesy Van Buren Township

After his last day at work on Feb. 25, Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain was given a ceremonial good-bye from his officers.

the foundation of any police department and with the help of (Police) Chief Jason Wright and the rest of the staff, we upgraded our policies, which naturally evolved towards turning our attention to attaining accreditation status. To be recognized in the top 7% of state law enforcement agencies is

a tribute to our police department and a great way to go out (retire) as its director" he said.

"I have cherished being a police officer with Van Buren Township and honored to have served as its Public Safety Director since 2013," said Laurain. "My biggest supporter and cheerleader has been my wife Christina

and I look forward to spending more time with her, my children, and grandchildren. I'm not going anywhere. I'll still reside in the township. I don't plan on moving. I am truly humbled by all the accolades. I'll always be here in Van Buren and support public safety in any way I can."

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Board OKs sending students to France without discussion

On Monday night, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to send about ten French students to France in June – without any discussion. The proposal was put on the Consent Agenda, which also carried the approval of minutes, changes in non-instructional staff, and business office matters. These items do not usually need any discussion.

But, we see on the news every night the battles going on in Ukraine and Russia's war machine reportedly destroying schools and orphanages and homes. Countries are cutting travel to European destinations. Nuclear weapons are rattled.

That our school board didn't even say, "Oh, my goodness. Is that safe?" and discuss it for at least a minute or two, is amazing. This would lead observers to believe that it had been discussed, out of the public eye, perhaps by email, which is a disturbing concept. Parents should be privy to how decisions are made.

At Monday's meeting, two board members commented on what a perfect board they have since there are no disagreements and everything is "for the children."

Perhaps, they think since there are no disagreements at the board table that is wonderful. However, it's not healthy for everyone to agree all the time. Democracy is messy and we should be able to see thoughtful discussions on proposals.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Van Buren Township needs a driver to drop off Meals on Wheels on Mondays and Thursdays. It takes about an hour and a half each day. If you can help, call the Senior Center at (734) 699-8918.

Jason Wright is Van Buren Township's new police chief. Public Safety Director Greg Laurain retired as of Friday and Jason Wright will take over as chief of police. The township is advertising for a person to be Wright's deputy chief to fill his former position.

It was always a bit confusing for me with the titles they had before now. With Greg as Public Safety Director, Jason was called Public Safety Director – Deputy Police. We had another Deputy Fire.

We just called Jason police chief and Dave McNally fire chief. So much easier. Now, that's what they are.

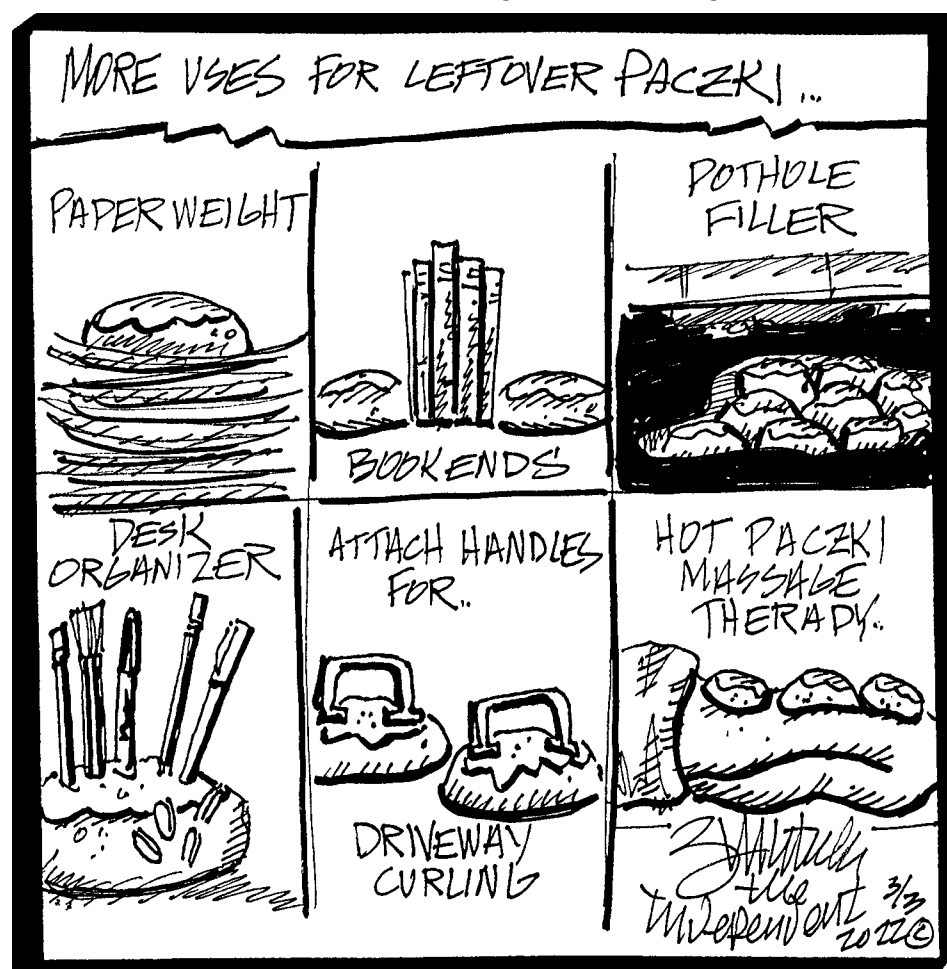
The veterans' banners were going to be taken down on Feb. 23 from the light poles in downtown Belleville, but Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt told us the weather was too bad for that so they will take them down this week, instead.

Some have fallen down on their own because of the heavy winter winds. If anyone rescued a banner that fell, Councilwoman Kelly Bates would like to know. Contact her at city hall.

We've been told by church members that Father John Kiselica will be leaving St. Anthony Catholic Church on July 1 for a new assignment in Clinton.

In discussing the announcement with former St. Anthony parish members, I heard a sweet story.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



The man said he recalled when he was in the first grade at St. Anthony Catholic School and he forgot to bring his lunch. He said his teacher took him over to the house next door to the school where the nuns lived and a nun made him a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

He said he is 68 years old now and still remembers that sandwich and what it meant to him. The nuns and their house are no longer there, but the school is still there and it is vacant.

I borrowed one of the "Ypsilanti Gleanings" that Mary Ban brought to the last Sumpter Township meeting to show what the Ypsilanti Historical Society publishes four times a year. I read every word in the 32 pages of the Winter 2018 edition and it was charming.

I enjoyed the stories about Depot Town and how it was named "One of the Five Great Streets in America." There were many intersecting stories, but something I found compelling was the list of people who donated historical items to the museum. Their names are listed along with what they donated.

People around here are really missing their Belleville Area Museum since it has been closed for so long. Many people have told me they donated items to that museum as a loan and wonder if they should see about getting them back.

That Ypsilanti publication is full of its local history and the public listing of donations is very valuable. What a nice way to keep the people involved.

My mother had many diaries covering our life here since about 1945. We actually moved here in 1937 shortly after I was born. We shared the diaries among relatives and then my brother Tony asked me to send him all of them so he could give them to our cousin Scott Silvenis and his wife Joyce (daughter of Belleville teacher and historian Park and Edna Mae Gregory) to digitize so all the world can study our history. Scott and Joyce are members of the Mormon Church and that church is very serious about preserving history – and so are they.

I mailed off a box of diaries on Saturday to my brother in Florida and I hope they will be preserved and not lost, since Mom worked so hard on them to preserve our family history in Van Buren Township.

As my brother said, we aren't getting any younger and they need to be put someplace special.

The proposal to approve the French students' trip to France in June was on Monday's school board agenda. Board treasurer Simone Pinter said she was leaving for Paris in the morning. She explained that she would be in France for several weeks and would let us know how things are going in Europe.





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Letters

The Golden Rule is to 'Pay it forward'

To the editor:

Several years ago, my daughter Kathy taught me a valuable lesson and ever since, many times, I have found it to be a real blessing.

It is called "Pay It Forward" -- the meaning of which, when put into practice is when someone gives you a blessing, you, then, pass on a blessing to someone else. Sound familiar? Described as The Golden Rule precept; the second great commandment proclaimed by Jesus, commonly known and stated as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." *

Thus: Pay it Forward!

Last week, I received a phone call from our Christian friend Glen who immediately asked: "Are you ready to receive a blessing?"

I asked him to repeat it. Immediately, I replied, "Yes, certainly," because I was thinking about my recent frustration with my "un-repairable" washing machine. Glen then told me that he and his wife, Linda, along with five of his friends, (who wish to remain anonymous), had purchased a new washer for me!

My first words were to praise and thank God for this wonderful, timely blessing. Friend Glen explained the details of the purchase.

When the day of delivery arrived, Glen came to my house very early to turn off water and remove connections from my "un-repairable" washer. He stayed over four hours waiting for the delivery of my new washer, and to be certain all the hoses, connections, etc. were in place.

Because I have Home Appliance Insurance, they sent me a check to apply toward the purchase of a new washer. Thanks to my seven generous friends, I will gladly use the check I received from my insurance and "pay it forward" following God's direction as in Matthew 7:12. Just imagine the huge changes we would witness if we all would pray without ceasing: The Golden Rule.** Especially relevant considering today's final days of tribulation.

So, today, I will "pay it forward" as daughter Kathy taught me. I will send a sizeable contribution to the Salvation Army. I am so thankful for our many praying, loving, giving friends. (* and ** Matthew 7:12 - English Standard Version) In His name,

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
City of Belleville

It's Pothole Season

The Wayne County Department of Public Services said it can't fix potholes unless it knows where they are. Report Wayne County potholes to 1-888-ROAD-CREW.

Meijer Simply Give cards help food closet

To the editor:

Since 1983, the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church located at 417 Charles St. has been feeding the hungry in Sumpter and Van Buren Townships and the City of Belleville

The Emergency Food Closet is entirely dependent upon donations from individuals, churches, and local businesses in the community. In 2021, the Emergency Food Closet distributed over 1,800 bags of food. Each client also received a meat, lunch meat, dairy item, a loaf of bread, and a 4-roll pack of toilet paper. Food prices have increased 7% since January 2021. Meat prices have escalated over 20%.

Meijer has selected our food closet to partner with its winter *Simply Give Campaign* at the Belleville Meijer store located at 9701 Belleville Rd. which runs from Jan. 2 through April 2. This is the Emergency Food Closet's biggest fundraiser and helps provide food for our shelves. The campaign has two Double Match Days -- March 5 and March 26. On these two days, Meijer will double what one donates on the card. If one buys a \$10 card, Meijer will donate \$20, for a total donation of \$30. The cards are available at the end of the cashier check-out lanes.

This Saturday, March 5, is the first Double Match Day. I hope you will continue to help feed the hungry in our community by purchasing a Simply Give card!

Thank you,
Marilyn Wood
Coordinator -- Emergency Food Closet



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More Letters

VBT should work to live up to its potential

To the editor:

Last month my niece told me told me that she and her husband were looking for a home to purchase. I offered to help her look. As the number of homes for sale is very limited, she was looking in many cities.

What I noticed was that the cleanliness of an area was directly related to the desirability of the area.

That got me thinking about the visual desirability of VBT.

A drive from Haggerty and I-94 Service Drive to downtown Belleville shows a decidedly slovenly look. All four corners have trash; there is a large pile of trash where the lake meets Haggerty; across the road is the abandoned motel with its attendant disarray; then there is a broken "Road Work Ahead" sign that has been there for months; trash every 5 feet in the area all along I-94; abandoned for sale sign; small signs (on the public right of way) advertising mattresses; then on Belleville Road there are minor amounts of trash; the area that VBT got from the DNR is resplendent with plastic containers and sacks; and then we get to the intersection of Main and Liberty – festooned with piles of rubble.

On the opposite side of I-94 the look is not much better. Take a slow drive and see the clutter. Then drive through some of our neighbors to the north and see the difference.

The township has an ordinance that requires land owners keep trash off their land. It has the authority to require the removal of unlicensed vehicles. Too bad it does not take the time to keep our home town free of trash.

Along the lake front there are also sights that seriously depress the area. There is a collapsed boat lift that has been an eyesore for over a decade. I have sent emails and letters to various people at the Township. Over a year ago the Supervisor told me that he would be taking care of it immediately. Nothing has been done.

Many residential areas are well maintained and the residents make an effort to keep the adjacent public areas free of litter. But it is overwhelming when the public areas are not maintained.

I like living in VBT. I wish the Township leadership would work to live up to its potential.

Kathleen Walsh
Van Buren Township

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Obituaries



Mary Evelyn Carr

MARY EVELYN CARR

(March 2, 1941 – February 24, 2022)
Mary Evelyn Carr, age 80, of Romulus, MI, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, MI, with her loving family by her side. She was born March 2, 1941, in Speedwell, Tennessee, daughter of Joseph Sye & Bertha Marie (Wilder) Harrison. Mary graduated Pontiac high school, class of 1959. She loved kids and teaching. Mary was a teacher's assistant, and later a secretary at Fort Knox Middle School, as well as the interim Principal. She also taught Sunday School and Bible Study at the Romulus Wesleyan Church, where she hosted Grief Share programs, as well as secretarial work. She loved her family and her church. Mary attended numerous sporting events for her kids and grandkids, always cheering them on. Mary was an avid reader, she enjoyed arts and crafts, bowling, dancing, and Sudoku puzzles. She was also a poet and musician who enjoyed playing the piano. Mary is survived by her husband of nearly 62 years, Kendall B. Carr; two sons: Glenn (Colleen T.) Carr of Romulus, MI, and Mark (Martha) Carr of Taylor, MI; daughter-in-law Colleen E. Carr of Westland, MI; 9 grandchildren: Nikki (Lyle) Place of New Boston, MI, Matthew (Mikayla) Carr of Livonia, MI, Jonathan (Tarhata) Carr of Romulus, MI, Robert and David Smith, Joseph (Dottie) Carr of Taylor, MI, Amber Carr of Belleville, MI, Christopher McQuiston of Romulus, MI, and Emily "Boo" Carr of Westland, MI; 17 great-grandchildren; her beloved fifth Boston Bull Terrier Sassy; and numerous extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Tony Carr on October 5, 2016, also three brothers: Wayne, Devon, and Kern Harrison.

Visitation was Sunday and a funeral Monday, February 28, 2022, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Shriners Hospital and would be appreciated.
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Robert Holly Raymond

ROBERT H. RAYMOND

(October 28, 1954 – February 21, 2022)
Robert "Bob" Holly Raymond, age 67, longtime Belleville resident, passed away Monday, February 21, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born October 28, 1954, in Saginaw, MI, son of William Edward & Lillian Isabell (Gerow) Raymond. Bob proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. He retired after many years of making paint for the automotive industry. He was a member of the U.A.W. Bob's passion was cars. He loved, appreciated, and enjoyed all different types of cars. He was a member of the National Hot Rod Association. He attended the former Church of God in Romulus, MI, now Kingdom Life Church. Bob also enjoyed music, movies, and golf.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of nearly 34 years, Cathy Ann Blevins; cherished daughter Starr Raymond of Lincoln Park, MI; devoted nephew Philip Fuller of Saginaw, MI; his loyal cats: Sophie, Josie, Miley, and Frosty; also many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his father William Raymond, mother Lillian Chambers, also two brothers Phillip and Glen Raymond.

Visitation was 12-4 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2022, with a 4 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Steve Bishop officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.
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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 at 125, positive tests at 8,775

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code grew from 121 on Feb. 21 to 125 as of Sunday, Feb. 27 according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 8,775 on Sunday, Feb. 27, up from 8,739 on Monday, Feb. 21.

On Sunday, Feb. 27, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 5,986 positive cases, 83 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,021 positive cases, 13 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,768 positive cases, 29 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had seven positive cases last week. There was no school on Monday, Feb. 21. There were five cases on Feb. 22, none on Feb. 23, and one each on Feb. 24 and 25. As of Feb. 25, there has been a total of 534 positive cases since the beginning of the school year last August.

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Obituaries



Sandra Jean Rowlett

SANDRA JEAN ROWLETT

(August 31, 1942 - February 21, 2022)

Sandra Jean Rowlett, age 79, of Belleville, passed away on February 21, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital surrounded by family. She graduated from Thurston High School, in Redford, Michigan. She enjoyed needle point, ceramics, and loved to cook and bake (especially for others). She also had a love for her dogs. She resided in Belleville for over 50 years. Most of all she loved to spend time with her family and friends.

Sandra is survived by her children: Wayne (Linda) Rowlett of San Diego, Tracy (Ken) Butzin of Belleville, and Kelly (Jon) Fosdick of Belleville; her grandchildren: Christopher (Sarah) Rowlett and Allison (Jesse) Underhill of San Diego and Hannah Butzin, Shelby Butzin, Kaylor (Mavrick) Bristol and Jordan Fosdick, all of Belleville; three great-grandchildren: Naomi Rowlett, Malcolm Underhill, and Kenna Bristol. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Rowlett, and her sisters Barbara (Jim) Lewis and Sharon (Bill) Brokenshire.

Visitation took place at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan, on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 2-6 p.m. with a 6 p.m. service with Gordon Moore officiating. A burial took place on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Knollwood Memorial Park, 1299 Ridge Road N., Canton, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers please make memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association at www.Diabetes.org.

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Richard Dan Leischner

RICHARD DAN LEISCHNER

(March 22, 1949 - February 21, 2022)

Richard "Rick" Dan Leischner, age 72, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, February 21, 2022, at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born March 22, 1949, in Champaign, Illinois, son of John Milton & Kathryn Irma (Wolfe) Leischner. He graduated from Deland-Weldon high school, class of 1967. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in engineering from Southern Illinois University. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 years of loyal service. Rick was a terrific engineer and builder. He built several additions on his home, all their furniture, and enjoyed woodworking. His passion was collecting. He was a collector of many things, and could turn anything into collectible art. Most of all, Rick loved time spent with his family.

Mr. Leischner is survived by his wife of 52 years, Vicki Annette (Hogan) Leischner; two sons Chad and Troy Leischner, both of Belleville, MI; two granddaughters Lydia and Lynette; a sister Becky (Jim) Hicks of Monticello, Illinois; a brother John Leischner of De Land, Illinois; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother-in-law, Tim Hogan. Visitation was 1-3 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2022, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111 (734) 697-4500. He will be carefully transported to Mackey-Wright Funeral Home, 215 E. Washington St., Monticello, Illinois 61856 (217) 762-2126 for services. Interment will be in Goose Creek Township Cemetery De Land, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation and would be appreciated.

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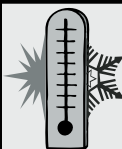
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Obituaries



John Charles Bole

JOHN CHARLES BOLE

(May 13, 1950 – January 18, 2022)

John Charles Bole, faithful and caring husband to Ruth Gruenberg Bole of 43 years, left his earthly body to spend eternity with his Savior and Lord, Tuesday, January 18, 2022. He was 71 and a former Belleville resident.

He is remembered by those he knew and ministered to for his wisdom and caring application of the principles of God's word in many difficult situations. His profound leadership went with him wherever he led: public schools, UPS, government, Christian schools, and churches. A lifelong student, he was grounded in theology (John's compass in thought and deed), leadership, philosophy of education, application of Christian education and history – American history and government were his passion.

John is survived by his mother, Margaret Ringer Bole (98), of Cody, WY; wife, Ruth Gruenberg Bole of Cheyenne, WY; daughter Rebekah (Dr. Kevin) Dougherty of Green Bay, WI. Grandsons, Cooper John and Caleb Scott. Daughter Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Ryall of Torrington, WY. Grandchildren Caden Jeffrey, Emmie Noelle, Gryffin Emmett, and Kipp Michael. Son Johnathan (Sara) Bole of Billings, MT. Grandchildren Savanna Joy, Hadley Grace, Weston Charles Williams and Nora Ann.

Siblings: Robert (Mary) Bole of Cody, WY, niece Linda (Scott) Kolpitke and their children Kayla and Ryan. Margaret Ann (Mark) Schauland of Cody, WY, nephew Matthew (Sydney) Schauland and their daughter, Maisie Grace.

Preceded in death by father Charles William Bole, nephew Luke Robert Schauland, and niece Michelle Lynn Bole.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Libertas Christian School where John served as an advisor and had a long-term relationship. Libertas Christian School, 5181 64th Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426-9502 (14 miles southwest of Grand Rapids, MI.)

<https://libertaschristianschool.org/>

A celebration of life took place on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at the Cheyenne Evangelical Free Church, 7006 N. college Drive, Cheyenne, WY, at 10:30 a.m. The service was live-streamed at www.cheyennefree.org.

Additional Bole comments:

John was born May 13, 1950 at the former Beyer Memorial Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI. His grammar school, Junior High and High School were all in Belleville. He graduated in the Class of 1968; see page 53 of the *Tiger Lore Yearbook*. His father, Charles W. Bole, was president of the Belleville Board of Education. www.classmates.com Page 48 of *Tiger Lore*.

John enjoyed a friendship with Mr. Jim Richendollar in his first year as head coach at Belleville. John's mother Margaret (age 98) said John would want Mr. Richendollar to know that he completed all the academic requirements of a PhD, except the dissertation.

John shared a life-time friendship with Robert (Bob) E. Baldwin of Mancelona, MI, also BHS Class of 1968 graduate. As recent as late November, Bob and John went hunting wild boar in Texas. Prior to that, the entire Bole family traveled to Chamberlain, South Dakota, and rented a house; the men went pheasant hunting one last time.

Bob Baldwin delivered a eulogy at John's memorial service, as well as John's wife Ruth. John passed January 18, 2022 from pancreatic cancer. His legacy honors his high school, his teachers, family, friends, thousands of students, congregants and his God. The Bole family moved to Cody, WY, in 1987.

Additional comments of John Bole are shared with family permission by friend Rosalie Bird-Doolittle of Surprise, AZ, BHS Class of 1960. John's father, Mr. Charles Bole, passed August 4, 2018 at the age of 99. John's cremains will be laid to rest in the family plot in Cody, WY, in the spring.



Albert Frederick Gwitt

ALBERT FREDERICK GWITT

(February 13, 1961 - February 21, 2022)

Albert Frederick Gwitt, age 61, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away Monday, February 21, 2022, at Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn, MI. He was born February 13, 1961, in Superior Township, MI, son of Albert & Judith Ann (Carey) Gwitt. Al graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1979. He retired as an ironworker after 24 loyal years. He was a member of the Ironworkers Local #25. He loved everything outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, pontoon rides, going up north to Oscoda, his property in Barton City, jet skiing and snowmobiling. Al also raised turkeys, ducks, geese, bobwhite quail, and pheasants. He loved joking around, and time with family, and hosting New Year's Eve parties. He always had a nickname for everyone. He loved his son and wife dearly, as well as his nephews, great-nephews, and great-niece. He was very devoted to his parents, and the love of his three sisters.

Mr. Gwitt is survived by his devoted wife of 34 years, Sharon Jane (Disney) Gwitt; son Albert Frederick Gwitt, Jr. of Belleville; mom Judith Gwitt of Belleville; three sisters Roseanne Colwell of Belleville, Shawn Thompson of Westland, MI, and Lisa Kitchen of Ypsilanti, MI; nephews: Joshua and Jason (Jackie) Colwell, Scott & Cody Kitchen, Randy, Ronny, and Raymond Brice; great-nephews Brian and Luke Colwell; great-niece Arrianna Brice; also numerous extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Albert Gwitt on November 6, 2021, also brothers-in-law: Brian Colwell, Michael Kitchen, and Joseph Thompson, and his grandparents Frederick and Rose Carey.

Visitation was Sunday and Monday, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. His funeral service was at noon on Monday, February 28, 2022. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated.

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John W. Cole



JOHN W. COLE

(March 31, 1925 – February 27, 2022)

John W. Cole passed away early morning on Sunday, February 27, 2022, with his loving wife, Kathy at his side. John was born March 31, 1925, in the small town of Moss Creek, PA. After serving in the South Pacific with the Navy during War World II, John would move to MI to work. He retired from the Ford Motor Company after 27 years as a welding engineer. Shortly after leaving Ford's he would start his own business, JC's Mobile Home Repair which he ran for about six years. In retirement, John and Kathy enjoyed going on cruises and traveling around the United States.

John was preceded in death by his parents, William and Hannah Young Cole. He was the last of his ten siblings to pass. Preceding him were Leland Cole, Harold Cole, Beryl Young, Harold Young, Wendell Young, Harry Young, Elizabeth Cole Wandrei, William Cole and Dorothy Cole Carson and former wife, Dorothy Cole Acker.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Kathleen; daughters, Debbie (Carl) Rogalski, Surprise, AZ, Nancy (Daniel) Fleming, Belleville, MI; stepdaughters Jeanmarie (Brian) Mathewson, South Lyon, MI, and Annmarie (Daniel) Dempsey, Whitmore Lake, MI. Grandchildren, Leah Hunter, Surprise, AZ, Jenna (Tino) Sands, Saline, MI, Scott Fleming and fiancé, Erin Horne, West Bloomfield, MI, Cole Fleming, Ypsilanti, MI, Nathan and Paige Mathewson, South Lyon, MI. Three great-granddaughters, Kolby LeFlore-Sands, Saline, MI and Lana and Chloe Hunter, Surprise, AZ. Lots of nieces, nephews, and cousins, but special niece Rebecca Cox, Moultrie, GA, nephew Mark Cole, Garden City, MI, and cousins Joanne Pahys and Susan Titterington of Ohio.

There will be a celebration of service and life to be held later in the spring at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The Blood Cancer Foundation of Michigan at www.bloodcancerfoundationmi.org.

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Michigan State Police investigate one-car accident on I-94 ramp

Michigan State Police are investigating what appears to have been single-car crash Tuesday morning in Van Buren Township.

According to WWJ News Radio, the driver involved was listed in critical condition Tuesday morning, following the incident in the area of I-94 and Haggerty Road in Van Buren Twp.

Just before 7 a.m., MSP said a 911 call came in about a rollover crash on the exit ramp from westbound I-94 to Haggerty.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a man was traveling on I-94 when he took the off-ramp and continued straight at freeway speeds. His car hit the grassy



David Arthur Hildebrand

DAVID ARTHUR HILDEBRAND

(October 21, 1942 – February 23, 2022)

David Arthur Hildebrand, age 79, longtime Belleville resident, passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born October 21, 1942, in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, son of Richard David & LeWanda Jean (Spoonhoward) Hildebrand. He graduated from Elizabeth Forward High School and went on to earn his associate degree from Hillsdale College. Dave also earned a second degree from The Sure Foundation Institute for Biblical Studies. Dave was a man of many skills and talents. In his lifetime, he had been a master carpenter, a builder, a realtor, an auctioneer, a singer, an actor, a musician, a radio personality and a well-known wedding minister. He was the president of a large choir at Brightmoor Tabernacle for four years. He retired from General Motors after over 35 years of service. He attended House on the Rock Church in Ypsilanti, MI. Dave was very joyful and had a great sense of humor. He loved to joke and bring happiness to others. He deeply loved his family and was well loved by everyone that was blessed to know him. Most importantly, he was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ.

David is survived by his loving wife of nearly 34 years, Carolyn Lee (Newton) Hildebrand; two daughters Debby Hildebrand and LeWanda Thompson, both of Tifton, Georgia; three stepsons Michael Delaney, Marc (Jennifer) Delaney, both of Belleville, MI, and Matthew (Holly) Delaney of Saline, MI; daughter-in-law Kelly Delaney of Belleville, MI; eleven grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; a sister Denise Thornsberry of Michigan; three brothers: Richard (Joelle) Hildebrand, Randy Hildebrand, and Donald Hildebrand, all of Michigan; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, also a grandson, Daniel Reynolds.

Visitation will be 3-8 PM Thursday, and 10-11 AM on Friday, March 4, 2022, with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to his family and would be appreciated.

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median, police said, then went airborne.

When it landed, the vehicle rolled onto its side into the right ditch of the on-ramp. There were no signs of skid marks to indicate that the driver slowed down after exiting the freeway, police said, although other circumstances were unclear.

Huron Valley Ambulance transported the injured man to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment. Van Buren Fire Department was on the scene. No one else was hurt. The investigation is ongoing.

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Sumpter Clerk explains 48-star American flag now in shadowbox

At the Feb. 22 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Clerk Esther Hurst read a prepared statement explaining the background of an American flag from 1912 that was now in a shadowbox on the rear wall of the meeting room.

She said in 2018 clerk's office employee Dawn Hadyniak found the flag in a plastic bag in a box in the storage garage and safeguarded it for four years.

Clerk Hurst said in mid-2021, the clerk's office started researching display boxes for the flag and found the price was very high for what was considered bad quality and was not readily available.

In October, they began discussing the shadow box project with Randy Lynch and Michael Petrowski of the Department of Public Works. They designed the shadow box and in November they picked out the oak, plexiglass, and display backer board.

Hadyniak and Maryann Watson discussed the backer fabric and the color and placed



the 13 stripes represented the original 13 colonies.

The dedication lists the eight presidents of the United States who served during those

years and dedicates the flag to Sumpter Township, its citizens, and the township board. The dedication was signed by Clerk Esther L. Hurst and the clerk's office.



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the order. Upholstery class instructor Wanda Watkins nipped and tucked the fabric onto the shadowbox backer board. The shadowbox and dedication document frame were completed on Feb. 16.

The dedication explains that this flag was in service on July 4, 1912 and retired on July 3, 1959. The 48 stars on the flag represented the states at that time and

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More Letters

**Thanks for connecting
us with Ross Medos**

To the editor:
Thank you SO Much for running our article and photo in the recent issue of the Belleville Independent!



Jeannette Gutierrez and Ross Medos

Rosies Marge and Helen were thrilled to get their copies, and we are so happy that the community is learning about our organization, which helps us to find and honor local Rosies and WWII Vets, and helps us in our mission to preserve their stories.

Thank you also for connecting us with Ross Medos of the Belleville VFW!

He stopped by and donated Rosie and Uncle Sam bobbleheads, and lots of beautiful patriotic enamel pins. The dolls will make great door-prizes at our Rosie Presentations, and the Rosies 7 Vets can't wait to give out the pins to fans and onlookers at our upcoming summer parades and other events they participate in.

Jeannette Gutierrez
President / Michigan Willow Run Chapter American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA)

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VBT planners approve temporary concrete batch plant for I-275

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A temporary concrete batch plant with three, large temporary structures will be put in place on 10 acres of landfill property east of the Ecorse/I-275 northbound on ramp.

At the Feb. 23 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, explained that Jason Beem of Ajax Paving Industries, Inc., is the applicant on behalf of property owner Waste Management of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

There will be three temporary structures and six material piles to provide paving materials for the I-275 reconstruction project. The site at 39670 Ecorse Rd. is north of Ecorse Road and east of I-275.

This activity is proposed from March 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2023, when everything will be removed and Waste Management will get on with its landfill development.

Power said a 30' wide, two-way access road will be built on the east side of I-275 with entrance onto the ramp and also Ecorse Road. The road is completely in the MDOT territory. He said he has asked them to confer with the county because of increased traffic on a county road.

He said it is being built on the west area of Woodland Meadows, west of the old golf course. He said the batch plant will generate noise and vibration, but the site eventually will become part of the landfill expansion.

Three BHS wrestlers, bowling team, 2 female bowlers go to state finals

Belleville High School wrestlers Demond Harrison, Landon Pepper, and Austin Martin all qualified for the Wrestling State Finals at Ford Field on March 4 and 5.

The BHS Boys Bowling Team placed second in Regionals, which qualifies them for state finals March 4 and 5. Team members are Treyvion Pratt, Nathan Folks, Sean Tinsley, Landon Kelly, Hunter Holstein, Andrew Folks, and Johnathan Hatcher.

Two female bowlers – Claudia Jenkins and Sydney Allison – finished in the Individual Top 10 at Regionals and have qualified for State.

The temporary buildings on the site will include a 20' tall crusher plant, a 32' tall cement treated base batch plant and a 68' tall Portland Cement concrete batch plant. There is a water well line under I-375 to the site. It is intended to operate from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and not on Sundays or legal holidays. Special approval is needed by the township to operate other times for special circumstances.

The noise must be kept to 67 decibels or less and dust prevention measures followed.

About 120 trucks per day will bring broken concrete to the site and 200 trips a day from the cement mixer. About 100 trucks a day will carry sandstone and cement.

He said there will be an average 520 truck trips per day. Power said there are an average of 16,000 trips on Ecorse daily and this will increase the traffic.

Power said there is the necessity for a performance bond in the amount to restore the site, which will be an estimated amount. He said when they are done, Waste Management will come in and start landfill work.

Applicant Beem said this is a 13-mile job, which is huge considering seven miles is considered a big job. He said they looked at a dozen other locations but found this to be the best. He said they looked at a site on Eureka, which is past the job and has FAA restricts on the height of the buildings. Other sites had wetlands.

“We like to find sites with the least impact to local communities,” Beem said. “It does not help us to be stuck in traffic.”

Jeff Horne of MDOT said they have time restrictions. There are other sites that will also be used in Canton Township and Plymouth Township, but the buildings will be right out in the open. He said the VBT site is camouflaged at the landfill site.

Beem said they have set up sites all over

the state and this is an ideal site, away from the community. He said they looked at a site on Haggerty Road and the township didn't want it there.

“We try to fit in the scope itself with minimal impact,” he said.

Commissioner Brian Cullin asked about how the trucks will fit in with normal traffic and Beem said all the freeway traffic will be on the northbound lanes and their trucks will be on the southbound.

“We will merge with traffic,” he said. “All construction traffic will yield to regular traffic.”



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City Council

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Street, said he came to the hearing to see if the carts would be coming down his street. He noted the Victoria Commons residents wouldn't be able to go along Savage, although they could cross it.

"They can go to the pool and bus stop," agreed Councilwoman Kelly Bates who lives in Victoria Commons.

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt said they could go to Owen Street to the bike path which is technically not a sidewalk.

"You have to have insurance," said City Manager/Chief Robinson, noting that homeowner's insurance can have a rider

for use on your property, but you have to be sure it covers you when you leave. He said you have to talk to your agency because you don't want to take your golf cart off your property without insurance.

Beebe said not every insurance agency will offer the insurance, other than for campgrounds, and you might have to seek other auto insurance.

It was suggested that alleys in the city would be good places for golf carts and Robinson said the city owns the alleys.

"The alleys will be important for golf carts and they can enter businesses from behind," said Mayor Pro Tem Voigt.

Downtown Development Authority treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said if a person doesn't want to leave the subdivision, he can use a golf cart within Victoria Commons.

"Your association allows it," said Robinson. "If this ordinance passes, you can utilize it and be under the law."

There were questions about parking golf carts downtown and Robinson said you can park wherever you can park a motor vehicle.

Beebe said in Florida they park side by side in car spaces.

A woman said everyone can't get downtown and Beebe said you can, but it just might take you longer to get there.

"A golf cart is a golf cart, not a dune buggy or other things," Robinson said. "Keep your insurance with you and you need your driver's license with you."

Packets of information on the new ordinance, with a map of the streets you can go on and those you can't, and application for registration are available at city hall.

After the meeting, one of the Victoria Commons residents asked another, "I wonder how much the fine is if you get stopped?"

In other business at the Feb. 22 meeting, the council:

- Approved making the DDA District a Redevelopment Zone which Robinson said would really help people who want to open businesses and not take anything away from the DDA;

- Approved the bond authorizing resolution for refinancing of the 2010 DDA bond at an estimated savings of \$146,617. The request for proposals goes out to potential bidders in early March and the bond sale is mid-March. Savings begin in early April and the prior 2010 bonds are redeemed in May;

- Scheduled a strategic planning session with a facilitator for 6 p.m., March 8. It is expected to be three hours long and is open to the public;

- Discussed seasonal banners and Voigt said plans are for high school senior banners for May through July, local art from August to October, and veterans from October into the winter. (Current veterans banners were to be removed on Feb. 23, but the weather was too bad so removal was scheduled for the following week.) Councilwoman Bates is in charge of the project so she should be alerted to any fallen banners. Rick Rutherford said he has one banner that came down in the truck and one at the DPW yard. Mayor Kerreen Conley said the local banners have been well-received. When asked about the former holiday banners, Voigt said they are in bad shape;

- Under discussion on the follow-up list, Councilwoman Kelly Bates said she wants the "due date" for each item filled in with an approximate date. Councilman Steve Jones said he would like the DORA (Downtown Outdoor Recreational Area) to have permanent signs and there be marking on the sidewalk to show the start and end of DORA. Richardson-Williams said the stoplight at Five Points allows only two or three cars through when heading downtown. Robinson said the lights are

managed by the county. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said it is short to make way for the left turn arrow to Savage. Chudzinski said sometimes the traffic is backed up to the Secretary of State office;

- Approved \$140,663.89 in accounts payable and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$5,400 for repair of water main break on South Biggs, DPW; to EGLE, \$2,000 for annual storm water permit fee, DPW; to F&R Automotive Car Care LLC, \$973.23, for new coils and battery for vehicle #218, police; to Metro Environmental, \$995 for hydro excavation for water main break, DPW;

- Heard Robinson announce that billing clerk Angela Plummer resigned as of March 1 and they have hired Michelle Bellingham of Sumpter Township for the position and she begins work March 7. She is a former employee and Robinson said everyone is happy to have her back; and

- Discussed the actions of the DDA concerning grants to two festivals put on by the Chamber of Commerce and whether Lakefest is going to be a 501c3 as promised last year. Robinson said he needed direction from the council. When it was noted they got approval for 2022 Lakefest last year, Robinson said that was for the dates, but the city still needs a special events request, which he doesn't have. He said he has been getting questions about public safety for the event and he has no problems sitting down at a meeting to discuss the event. Mayor Conley said not having a 501c3 is not an issue. She said they are bringing a great event to the community.

Michelle Boyd graduates from Ohio University

ATHENS, OH -- Michelle Boyd of Van Buren Township graduated with a BSN majoring in Baccalaureate Nursing from Ohio University's College of Health Sciences and Professions in Fall 2021.

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Sumpter OKs ordinance to grow marijuana in Industrial zonings

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously passed an ordinance amendment that allows the growing of medical marijuana in Light Industrial and General Industrial zoned districts, as well as at caregivers' homes.

At the Feb. 22 board meeting, the board accepted the recommendation of the planning commission to amend the zoning ordinances regarding location, use and operation of a Michigan Medical Marijuana Facility and definition of specific zoning districts for caregiver operations.

The caregiver must apply for a special land use and this would be acted upon by the planning commission. Before operating the facility an application must be submitted to the clerk's office and be reviewed for completeness under the township's Medical Marijuana Ordinance 14-206.

The planning commission's approval of the special land use and site plan approval is contingent upon approval of the medical marijuana license application.

Trustee Matthew Oddy explained that the township board had directed the planning commission to study this proposal and make a recommendation.

For the last two years, after a Michigan Supreme Court decision, townships have had the ability to say where people can grow their medical marijuana.

They can do it at home and in Sumpter

any place other than home has to be in industrial zoning, he said, noting the township's 2015 ordinance said that and then had to be repealed.

Trustee Peggy Morgan asked where that leaves people who are growing on property not in industrial zoning. Trustee Oddy replied that existing facilities under the MMA and Sumpter Township ordinance

can continue as non-conforming uses.

Township attorney Rob Young said as long as they continue without interruption it is a non-conforming use. If there was a fire, for example, and they stopped growing for a time, it would no longer be a non-conforming use.

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• **Wednesday, March 9** – Drive-Thru Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Cost is \$14 for adult carry-outs; bring a check or exact amount, if possible. Call ahead for orders of six or more, (734) 654-9020. Menu: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, dessert.

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• **Thursday through Saturday, March 24 -26** – Belleville High School hosts the 2022 FIRST Robotics competition.

• **Sunday, April 3** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Saturday, April 9** – Belleville Area District Library will hold the grand opening of its new building from 1 to 3 p.m. with

everyone invited to join in.

• **Friday, April 29** – Belleville Area District Library will honor donors with a special celebration at the library at 6:30 p.m. This is by invitation only.

Upcoming Meetings

• **Monday, March 7** – Sumpter Township Hiring Committee to interview selected candidates for Township Administrator, 5 p.m., open to public. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, March 8** – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Informational meeting per Public Act 57. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, March 9** – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority special meeting, 6 p.m., to discuss maintenance agreement with the city. Also, Van Buren

Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Thursday, March 10** – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m.

• **Monday, March 14** – Belleville City Council budget session at 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, BHS Commons, 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday, March 15** – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting. Also, Belleville City Council departmental budget session, 6 p.m.

• **Monday, March 21** – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, March 22** – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday, March 23** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Monday, March 28** – Belleville City Council budget session at 6 p.m.

• **Monday, April 4** – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, February 7, 2022 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) Audit Presentation – Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.

a) Jay Wilde from Alan C. Young presented the results of the City of Belleville's financial audit with no deficiencies or weaknesses to report. He stated that the audit was quick and efficient, and that the city is financially sound.

B. Council Follow Up List

1) Mayor Conley inquired as to when Wayne County will make decisions on the grants submitted to them, to which City Manager Robinson responded that there is no definitive answer at this time.

2) Council Member Jones inquired about the status of demolition for the building attached to City Hall, and if the city could make the building secure and more attractive in the meantime. He also asked about the status of the cleanup at the DPW yard.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) John Juriga stated that the Rotary Club is looking for service projects within the community to assist with.

2) Becky Hasen asked if there is a planning commission meeting scheduled for this month.

3) Tom Fielder presented information he received from a substance use disorder board meeting, stating that there have been instances of Fentanyl being found in Marijuana. He also noted that although the recent Belleville High School Football championship is being advertised as the first, the BHS Football Team was voted as State Champion in 1958.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda as presented, with the removal of the closed session minutes approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 18, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B. January 3, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council – Amended

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Special Event Application – Girl Scout Cookie Booth

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution # 22-011** authorizing Girl Scouts D11001 to establish a booth in 4th Street Square on February 19, 2022, March 5, 2022, and April 3, 2022, as well as in Victory Park on February 20, 2022, and April 10, 2022, for the purpose of selling Girl Scout Cookies.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Special Event Application – Flop E Bunny

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-012** authorizing the Belleville Central Business Community to hold the Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt event on April 16, 2022, from 12 pm to 2 pm. (Council Member Jones recused himself from voting, as he directly benefits from the

event).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Recused
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C) Special Event Application – Belleville's Farmer's Market

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-013** authorizing the Belleville Central Business Community to hold the Belleville Farmer's Market event every Monday from June 7th to October 24th, 2022, from 4 pm to 7:30 pm, except for Independence Day (July 4th) and Labor Day (September 5th). (Council Member Jones recused himself from voting, as he directly benefits from the event).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Recused
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

D) Special Event Application – Cinnamon's Father's Day Car Show

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #22-014** authorizing Steve Cinnamon to hold the Cinnamon's 21st Annual Father's Day Car Show on June 19, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-010** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson noted that it has been a busy time, and that negotiation and ratification of the POAM and GELC union contracts has been handled.

• The city has applied for a large grant from Wayne County with the purpose of revamping Victory Park.

• A CDBG grant application for the Veteran's Memorial has been submitted as well.

• Mentioned that the city should consider rehabbing the roads in Hillside Cemetery with the assistance of private donors.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Henry - No comments.

• Council Member Jones - No comments.

• Council Member Bates

-- Reminded everyone that 3G cell service phases out soon.

-- Stated she is happy to hear about another successful audit.

-- Is glad to see special events returning year after year.

-- Wished Fire Chief Brian Loranger a happy birthday.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Stated he was happy to see everyone at the meeting.

-- Is pleased with the audit presentation.

-- Mentioned that he ran in to a citizen who makes giant helmets for sports teams and asked him about making one for the BHS Football Team.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley congratulated the city administration for keeping their budgets in line.

• Noted that the next Council meeting on February 22nd is on a Tuesday due to President's Day.

• Thanked those that plowed and salted the roads during the recent snowfall.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Tom Fielder

-- Asked to verify that the Public Hearing for the golf carts would be a part of the February 22nd Council meeting.

-- Suggested that the city touch base with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to start the process of stabilizing the shoreline along Hillside Cemetery.

-- Extended an invitation to both the Police and Fire Departments to participate in the Flop E Bunny event.

• Brian Loranger

-- Noted that he was up north recently, and the parking lots up there were not cleared at all.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Approved: February 22, 2022

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Published: March 3, 2022

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



VFW Post 78 in Romulus is holding two fundraisers this month starting with Family Feud on March 5 at 6 p.m. at their location at 39270 West Huron River Drive. Teams of up to six players each will be charged \$5 per participant. Must be 18 years and older to play. Bring your own snack, but drinks will be available for purchase at the Club Room. A signup sheet is available during regular business hours. On March 11, the VFW will be holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, starting at 5 p.m. until sold out. The cost is \$10 per dinner, \$12 for carryout orders. Dinners include spaghetti, salad, and bread and butter. Call (734) 941-3030. All proceeds support the building fund.

Barnett Roofing and Siding, Inc. has more than 50 years of experience in roofing and siding and specializes in flat roofs -- and so much more. Owner Jeff Barnett is licensed, insured, and will provide free estimates for residential and commercial customers. They serve Belleville and all of Southeast Michigan. See their ad in today's paper. Call (734) 397-8122; see www.barnettroofing.com.

Spring is nearly upon us, as our downtown A&W restaurant is open for another season. Located at 148 W. Columbia Ave., just west of Five Points, owner Michelle Mahaffey and family are ready to serve us with their excellent drive-in and carry-out service, whipping up all our favorites like coneys, floats, burgers, and fresh root beer made daily. Right now, check out their pub basket specials like cod at \$6.99 and 21-shrimp at \$7.99. Like them on Facebook and be sure to see their ad in today's paper. Call-ahead orders and carry-

outs are available at (734) 699-1800.

Diane Sloan and The Hair Station on Main Street welcomes a new barber, "Rock" with over 15 years of experience, to their staff of salon professionals. Call (734) 796-4795.

Mike Colletta (Lakeside Jewelers) will hold a jewelry manufacturer liquidation sale March 24-27 at Solid Rock Jewelers, 5924 North Sheldon Rd., in Canton, behind International House of Pancakes (IHOP). Mike will feature all types of jewelry in gold, platinum, and sterling silver, diamonds, pearls, and various other stones. See his ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-9110.

Country Pantry Market in New Boston is now taking orders for Easter for Dearborn Brand Spiraled Ham, Dearborn Classic

Ham, and their fresh made-in-house kielbasa. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 753-3173.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 734-699-9020.

VBPS hires non-instructional employees

At the Feb. 14 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board:

- Approved the hiring of non-instructional employees: Charles Johnson as custodian as of Jan. 25, Laura Blankenship as sub-custodian as of Jan. 27, Tiffany Tomlin as custodian as of Jan. 27, Angela Lucas as paraprofessional at Rawsonville as of Feb. 1, and Eric Kabore for P/T Tech Support as of Feb. 7.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

SEEKING BIDS



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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

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

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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

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

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

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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING



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

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

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

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

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by 6 pm on March 15, 2022.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
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in Europe and around the world can safely continue at this time. Travelers will receive updated safety and security best practices upon arrival and should heed all advice provided, it concluded.

In other business at Monday's 36-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved entering into a furniture move management services contract with Rose Moving & Storage Co. in the amount of \$47,717.50 pending final review of terms by district legal counsel. Rose will remove existing Owen Intermediate School furniture and store it on site in storage containers and then move it back into the building once construction upgrades are completed in the summer of 2022. Rose is located at 41775 Ecorse Rd., S-190, Van Buren Township;

- Approved a contract with Global Green Service group for the Owen Asbestos Abatement Project in the amount of \$93,874.50 with a project contingency of \$40,000 for a total project award of \$133,874.50. Owen was constructed in the early 1960s before hazardous materials were regulated;

- Approved casting the school board's vote for Melandie Hines of Wayne Westland Community Schools to represent Region 8 for the open three-year seat on the

Michigan Association of School Board of Directors. Four candidates were presented for consideration;

- Heard Director of Instruction Jeff Moore give the mandatory, mid-year Extended COVID-19 Learning Goal report on progress made in meeting the educational goals that the district would expect in Mathematics and Reading for those in K-8. The report is required to be put on the transparency reporting link on the website. Moore said the report is almost identical to last February's report, but reading is lower. Moore said there is growth and proficiency, and a student may grow a year and still not be proficient. He said at the end of the year you look how the student grew and then the proficiency, which is lower than a few years ago. School Supt. Kudlak said it is important to look at growth, "catching kids up";

- Approved the employment of Stephanie McDonald on Feb. 14 as custodian in the Building and Grounds department; Haley Robertson as Rawsonville paraprofessional on Feb. 15; and Loni Dau as Rawsonville paraprofessional on Feb. 28;

- Approved the Feb. 23 termination of Haley Robertson, an Edgemont paraprofessional for less than a year, and the Feb. 18 resignation of Stephanie McDonald of Building and Grounds for less than a year;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say volunteers are needed for the March 24-26 Robotics competition at Belleville High School, which is being coordinated by Mark Laginess. Natalia Payne, a BHS student council member who sat on the school board at Monday's meeting, said the student council will be running a concession at the Robotics competition. She listed other events and said this year there will be guest passes for the prom; and

- Heard School Board president Amy Pearce say that Carmen at Crafted Beanery and Gift Shop on Main Street is organizing a prom dress giveaway on Saturday, March 19, and she is collecting prom dresses until then. Those wishing to get a free dress must register on Facebook or in writing at the shop.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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

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

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

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 226 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Feb. 20:

0017 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Rawsonville Rd.
0138 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0227 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
0412 – traffic offense, Marlowe Ave./Crowley
0527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jeremy Rd.
0819 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0845 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0857 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0911 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1019 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1235 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
1240 – intrusion alarm, Colonial Rd.
1308 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
1403 – civil matter, Gilmore St.
1506 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1528 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa
1531 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1826 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
1855 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2036 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
2121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2213 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2325 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./E. I-94 Belleville ramp
2355 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Feb. 21:

0017 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0345 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Haggerty
0447 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0602 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0609 – overdose, Haggerty Rd.
0609 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
0849 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0956 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.
1218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
1236 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1410 – hospice death, Lauren Ct.
1430 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1454 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1556 – intrusion alarm, Hamilton St.
1628 – abandoned auto, Cobblestone Ct.
1701 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1716 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse I-275 ramp N.
1739 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.
1837 – domestic, Willow Way
2224 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2230 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
2233 – vehicle lockout, Westlake Cir.
2247 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2359 – missing person, Quirk Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 22:

0056 – neighbor trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0113 – motorist assist, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd.
0618 – mental subject, S. Bellridge Dr.
0758 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Cumberland
1002 – assist other dept., Fourth St.
1027 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
1049 – family trouble, S. Sunset Ln.
1230 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
1307 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty
1327 – domestic, State St.
1450 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1531 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1543 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1711 – trespassing, Lincoln St.
1838 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1927 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1937 – 911 welfare check, Outer Dr.
2009 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
2014 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2048 – overdose, Rogers Ave.

2143 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 23:

0016 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0104 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0657 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Denton Rd.
0840 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.
0922 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0924 – intrusion alarm, Pond Ridge Dr.
1035 – assist other dept., Jackson St.
1140 – assault & battery, Samuel Barton Dr.
1201 – civil matter, Leon Dr.
1241 – assist other dept., Pinewood Ln.
1405 – ordinance violation, Burtrig St.
1406 – threat, Oak Ln.
1524 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1537 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1545 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1626 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
1659 – fraud, Arlene Ln.
1708 – disorderly, Lake Crest Dr.
1832 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1841 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1855 – private property impound, Tyler Rd.
1912 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1917 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1957 – harassment call, S. Bellridge Dr.
2040 – civil matter, Chloe Ct.
2042 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2058 – fight, Belleville Rd.
2338 – domestic, Arthur St.

Thursday, Feb. 24:

0633 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0639 – welfare check, Andover Dr.
0742 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0743 – 911 welfare check, Van Born
0813 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0902 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
0914 – welfare check, Jackson St.
0955 – abandoned auto, Haggerty/I-94
1007 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.
1011 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1108 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1109 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd.
1122 – welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1204 – welfare check, Haverhill Rd.
1204 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1331 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1350 – threat, Riggs Rd.
1416 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1541 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1614 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1624 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1634 – welfare check, Bemis Rd.
1807 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1834 – fraud, Country Walk Blvd.
1837 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Outer Dr.
1910 – intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.
1913 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
1919 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1950 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2111 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2129 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2230 – family trouble, Andover Dr.
2301 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2313 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
2355 – assault & battery, S. Timberview Dr.

Friday, Feb. 25:

0158 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0334 – mental subject, Beck/Ecorse
0448 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
0502 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0609 – unattended death, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0737 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0821 – property damage accident, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0840 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.
0909 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
1150 – larceny, Riggs Rd.
1231 – property damage accident, E. Archwood
1253 – welfare check, Borgman Ave.
1357 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1422 – fraud, Solitude Ln.
1500 – assist fire dept., Wildbrook Dr.

1628 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1632 – welfare check, S. Timberview Dr.
1701 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1803 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1821 – private property/property damage accident, Outer Dr.
1829 – abandoned auto, McBride Ave.
2034 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chinkapin Dr.
2114 – private property impound, Patty Ln.

Saturday, Feb. 26:

0005 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor/Van Born
0134 – mental subject, Bemis Rd.
0153 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0329 – assist other dept., Fox Auto
0530 – malicious destruction of property, Savage
1050 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1056 – parking complaint, N. I-94 Service/Oak Ln.
1130 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.
1229 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1303 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
1400 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1410 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
1441 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1528 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1643 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1659 – holdup alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1708 – civil matter, Nautica Dr.
1714 – animal complaint, Arcadia Ct.
1857 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2217 – domestic, Oak Ln.
2317 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2336 – traffic offense, Martz Rd.

Also on this week's log are 29 traffic stops, one of which was on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 20:

1400 – assist fire dept. Main St.
1944 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.
2004 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
2038 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
2045 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2350 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2011 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
1023 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.
1125 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1343 – assist citizen, N. Liberty St.
1727 – traffic stop, Main St.
1755 – civil matter, Victorian Ln.
2215 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Plaza

Tuesday, Feb. 22:

0915 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0939 – traffic stop, Harbour/W. Columbia
0950 – larceny from auto, Fourth St.
1114 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1143 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1419 – traffic stop, Henry St./South St.
1438 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1529 – traffic stop, Main St.
1939 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.

Wednesday, Feb. 23:

0902 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1335 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1517 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1650 – disorderly, N. Liberty St.
1827 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1955 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
2021 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2136 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
2147 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 24:

0116 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
0901 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
1049 – juvenile complaint, N. Liberty St.
1144 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1227 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2200 – welfare check, S. Liberty St.

Friday, Feb. 25:

0241 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0918 – traffic stop, Main St.
1035 – misc. complaint, Liberty/First
1206 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.

1403 – 911 welfare check, Owen St.
1446 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2120 – family trouble, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Feb. 26:

1028 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia
1223 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
1452 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1520 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1705 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
1728 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
There were 23 traffic stops on this week's log.

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Sunday, Feb. 20:

0059 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0725 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1301 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1306 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1432 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1504 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1706 – larceny, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1801 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1957 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
2004 – welfare check, Rustic Ln./Brookview Dr.
2005 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2140 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.

Monday, Feb. 21:

0121 – property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
0207 – noise complaint, Creekside Dr.
0540 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
0700 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0952 – animal complaint, Timberlane Dr.
0956 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1113 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1144 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1343 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1347 – follow up investigation, 44000 bl. Arkona
1603 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1845 – harassment complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 22:

0308 – civil matter, Creekside Dr./Country Club Blvd.
0553 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
0601 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
0707 – alarm, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
1018 – harassment complaint, Texas
1126 – fraud complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1714 – civil matter, Pecan St.
1918 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1945 – neighbor dispute, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 23:

0737 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1005 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1033 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1059 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
1221 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1408 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
1455 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1516 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1655 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1826 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1829 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
2011 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Oakville Waltz Rd./Clark Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 24:

0408 – noise complaint, Creekside Dr.
0410 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
0429 – fire dept. assist, Huron Twp. PD
0846 – larceny, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1120 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
1136 – alarm, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1725 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1817 – animal complaint, Sherwood Rd./Willow
2106 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2215 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.

Friday, Feb. 25:

0501 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
0558 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0708 – traffic complaint/hazard, Harris/Savage
0906 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1237 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1404 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1532 – traffic complaint/hazard, Elwell/Harris
1707 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

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1756 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2010 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
2053 – citizen assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
2105 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 26:
0204 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis
0256 – property damage accident, S. Huron/Clark
0326 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0422 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0820 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0823 – traffic complaint/hazard, 18000 bl. Elwell
1124 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
1146 – traffic complaint/hazard, 25000 bl. Karr
1552 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1807 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1832 – citizen assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
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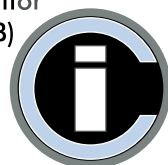


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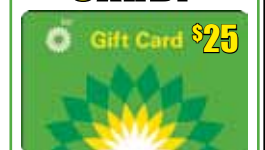
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