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McBride Middle School sets play 'Freaky Tiki' for March 13-15

McBride Middle School will present this year's play, "Freaky Tiki," on Thursday, March 13, and Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 15, at 12 p.m. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. respectively, and the PTO will be offering concessions. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Children 3 and under are free. Cash or Venmo at the door.

Directors of the family friendly comedy are Tracy Delfuoco and Amy Chrisner.

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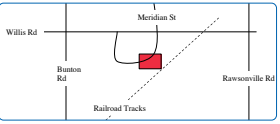
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT DDA swears in 2 new board members: Thomas, Renaud

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Angelica Renaud, who has been in business locally for 25 years and with A-Line Design for 14 years, and Jessica Thomas, general manager of Holiday Inn Express, were sworn in as new members of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority on Feb. 25.

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright was present at the meeting at DDA headquarters at Harris Park to swear in the two members who are filling vacancies.

Thomas replaced Jim Chudzinski who sold his business in the DDA district and Renaud replaced Carol Bird who died Nov. 19.

The DDA was introduced to Ryan Brenay, a senior at Belleville High School who is one of the three BHS interns serving at the township. Ryan is working in the building, planning, and economic development department and the DDA.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said Ryan is working on creating a survey to assess what the needs of the businesses are, as well as creating a new business welcome packet.

In other business at the 46-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Approved the proposal from Wade Trim to complete multiple DDA plan updates for an amount not to exceed \$58,000. This includes an update to the Capital Improvement Plan adopted in 2020, incorporated with an Asset Management Plan and 10-year financial projections to help the board align and prioritize projects during budget planning. Also included is a refreshing of the DDA Development and

TIF Plan, last updated in 2009, and the Market Conditions and Community Profile Report, done in 2020, to set new priorities;

- Approved the proposal from Davenport Brothers Construction Company for repairing the ten benches in Harris Park for an amount not to exceed \$12,250. The paint on the legs of the benches is chipping and peeling away, exposing the gray bare metal. Davenport will provide the labor to remove the benches, remove the slats, deliver to the company to strip and spray with new black coating, and deliver and reinstall the benches;

- Discussed the Belleville Road Widening project that is set to go out for bids in August. Executive director Coburn said there will be a southbound lane open for regular traffic during construction and a guarantee there will be an emergency northbound lane also open only for the fire department. Right-of-way acquisition for the project is progressing and the cost has been \$2 million so far. Coburn said Michigan Bell has a line through that corridor just north of State Farm and is holding up on property acquisition, with a court date set for March. She said they do have an agreement with Michigan Bell. The DDA is on schedule for the project, as set by the state and county, and will have all the right of ways in hand by the time the bids go out;

- Heard DDA member Joyce Rochowiak ask if any the decisions in Washington on federal grants will affect the road widening and Wade Trim engineer Wayne Hofman said things are very cloudy right now about how they will reappropriate or spend existing funds. Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who is a member of the DDA



Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications Dept. Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright, left, swore in new Downtown Development Authority members at the DDA meeting on Feb. 25. They are Angelica Renaud, center, and Jessica Thomas, who filled DDA vacancies.

board, said the township has \$589,386 in an earmark grant and re-allocated FY22 earmark funds from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and he's sure they have gone through. Hofman said there should be better clarity this summer;

- Discussed the Tyler Road Non-Motorized Pathway project, with a \$2.7 million budget. Coburn said the grant total is \$1,794,428 with a 20% match to be paid by the DDA. She said Wayne County indicated there was a change and the pedestrian crossing signal near Walden Woods subdivision, which was a red flashing beacon at eye level, now will be a Hawk signal, where the light is higher. Additional grant TAP grant funds of \$557,237 will cover the pedestrian Hawk

signal and wayfinding signage;

- Heard Coburn say she was going out for bids for cleaning services of the DDA offices at Harris Park. Since there is not a lot of traffic in the building and weekly cleaning may be too much, she said they could go to biweekly. The DDA has had the same cleaner for five years. Proposals are due March 17; and

- Learned Smokin' Buns recently opened in the Belleville Road Plaza and Inspirations Hair Salon is under new ownership.

Absent from the meeting were DDA members Joe Baskin, Dawn Chappell, Victor DeLibera, and Velon Willis.

Belleville Council tables two items on agenda for more information

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There were only three items listed for action on Monday's meeting agenda of the Belleville City Council. Two were tabled and one didn't need a vote.

A fourth item, that was on the original agenda, was removed before the meeting.

City Manager Jason Smith asked the council to consider a Ritter GIS program for the shutoff of water or breakdown of water mains so workers don't have to write it down. He said it cuts out the middleman and eliminates errors.

Cost would be \$12,000 and \$6,600 annually for a 48-month term.

DPW Director Melissa Frierson said when she got here the orders were being texted to employees. When asked, she said she could go to the BSA program and print out these work orders. She said this new program will get it into the city's GIS City Works system.

After questions, Mayor Voigt said he would like to look into this further and the item was tabled. Smith said he could get someone from Ritter to come to a meeting to explain the program.

Then, the council discussed sub-committees on which members will serve to work on the upcoming budgets for administration, DPW, and public safety.

Smith said the full proposed budget, the "wish list," will be presented by Plante Moran on April 7 and then the sub-committees will go over department budgets with directors of those departments. He proposed a schedule of meetings that will take place before the new budget takes effect on July 1. No decisions were made on the dates.

The second action item on the agenda was to purchase a Diamond Products Core-Cut Concrete and Asphalt saw for \$20,225. Smith explained that the city is seeking to perform more in-house sidewalk and

concrete street repairs to save money.

Councilmembers asked DPW Director Frierson if she knew how to use the saw and she said in Fraser they outsourced the work and she had never used other than a hand saw for such work. Her employees were to be trained in use of the power saw.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel asked how much the blades cost to replace when that is needed and Smith said the blade is 30 inches and costs \$825. It is 85 horsepower and in stock in Pennsylvania.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe asked about the cost of other saws, service locations, and the warranty. He said he likes bringing more of these things in house to save money.

Mayor Voigt tabled action on the saw and Smith said he would get more information.

A fourth item that had been on the agenda for action had been removed from the agenda before the meeting without comment.

That was Smith's recommendation to authorize him to close on the property at 330 Charles St. And execute documents on the city's behalf. The agenda item said the inspections and title work have been returned and there are no major issues structurally with the building and the title is clear. A tentative closing was set for March 18 and then the city would immediately take possession.

In other items at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Heard Special Deputy Stephanie Richards introduce herself as being from the Wayne County Sheriff's office. She is part of a new program to reach out to the communities throughout the county to service them better. She is assigned to the Western Wayne communities;

- Heard Leroy Paige of Sumpter Township invite the council and public to the 5 p.m., March 21, ceremony at
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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

New city hall building purchase not speeding ahead

The former U.S. Post Office at 330 Charles St. in the city of Belleville has been purchased by the city as the site of its new city hall. The building is found to be structurally sound and the title is clear, so the city manager recommended that the city complete the due-diligence period early and complete the purchase of the property. Due-diligence had been set at 60 days on Feb. 6.

City manager Smith said there can be a tentative closing date of March 18 for the executing of the documents and a complete walkthrough with both the seller and the city's Realtor to discuss which office furniture will stay and what will be removed. The city will take possession at the time of closing.

Then, Smith said, they will post bid packets on BidNet immediately so that the city can begin the process of selecting contractors and beginning to schedule work.

But, without comment, that recommendation to speed up the process was removed from the agenda. It doesn't mean action won't come back to the council in the near future, but just not so fast.

For example, we need to hear what's going to happen to the tower at the present city site. It can't stay there, so maybe it will be moved or torn down so whoever buys the property can build. No one can build in the tower fall-down area.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Realtor Glenn Silvenis said that last Friday was an unusual day because he hit the "trifecta." He said he sold a house, got a new listing, and closed on a sale. Three in one. He was smiling.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Special Wayne County Deputy Stephanie Richards was present to introduce herself as a contact with the Sheriff's Office to provide help to communities in Western Wayne County.

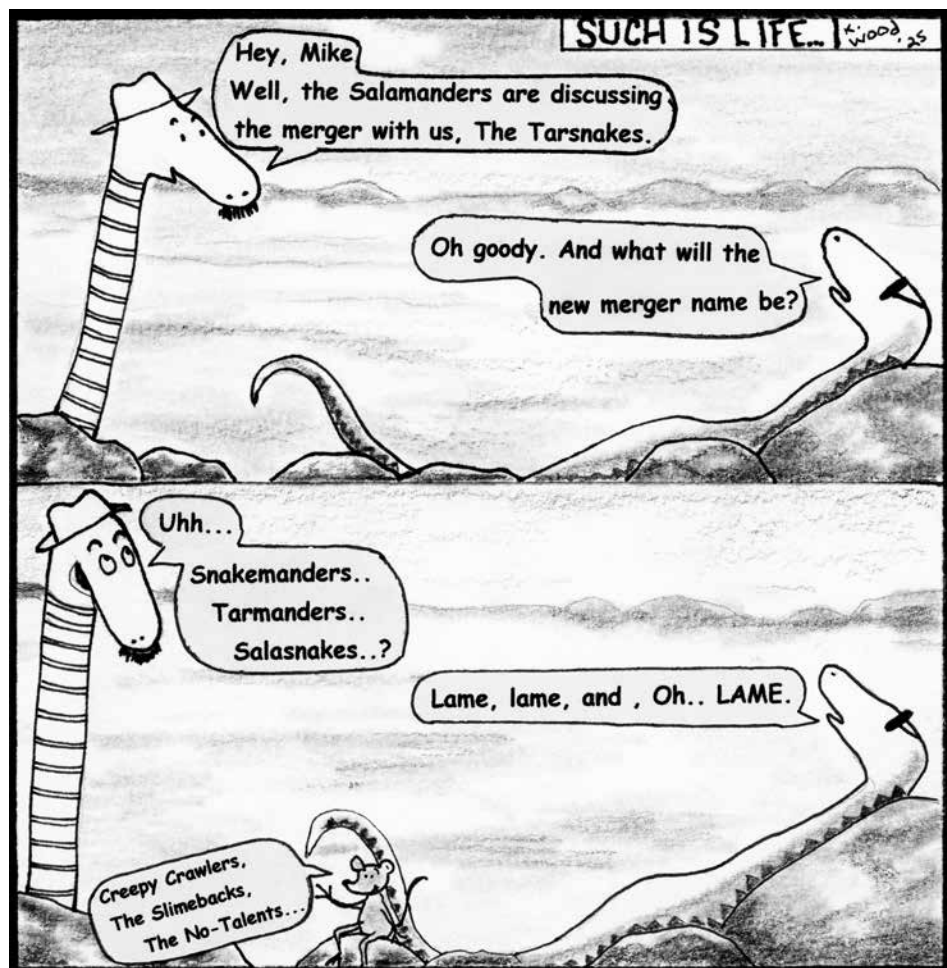
She sat down in the audience in a seat behind the lectern that blocks the sight of those seated in that area. Before the meeting started, I suggested she move over a few seats, so she could see the council. She told me she broke her toe and it's painful to walk so she wanted to be as close to the lectern as possible if the mayor wanted her to stand there to address the council.

She's visiting all of the communities assigned to her and I saw her at a Van Buren Township meeting.

When I asked Belleville City Manager Jason Smith if he was all married up now, following his vacation that he told me would include his wedding, he said he didn't get married. He said they have changed the date so that family members could attend. Stay tuned.

Smith told the city council on Monday that part of the problem with getting the new water meters installed is that Belleville is a "snowbird community" and some residents aren't here right now to respond to requests for home entry to install these things. Mayor Ken Voigt said to "keep

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



plugging away."

We've had a few local responses to my call for an editor/writer to take my position and we are working on getting details in place before we can hire anyone. The credentials I've seen are excellent.

The city is looking at a new banner policy on the Belleville Bridge. Since the bridge is shared with Van Buren Township the city needs to check with the township before going forward to see if the township already has a policy for the bridge.

City manager Smith said since the city controls only part of the bridge, the city wants to make sure the policies are aligned. This item was put on the Belleville City Council Follow-Up List last Oct. 1.

From now until Easter, both the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road in Van Buren Township and St. Aloysius Catholic Church in the city of Romulus will be having Friday Fish Fries. This is for those who are serious about Lent and others who just like fish.

Former Detroit Lions football player Deon Butler will speak at McBride Middle School at 5 p.m., April 1, to advocate for getting legislation passed on Dyslexia.

He said: "In 2015, I was picked up by the Detroit Lions. A dream come true soon turned into a nightmare. My performance

on the field was outstanding, but the playbooks and concepts had my head swirling. My reading problem came back to haunt me in my proudest moments."

He said he graduated high school with a 4th-grade reading skill and was told at his full-ride football scholarship college that he'd never succeed in college. He persevered and got a bachelor's degree in five years. He said there's more to his story now and his speech should be inspiring.

I know other people with dyslexia who fought their way forward and getting to the top. They should have been helped in their early years and maybe it will come to that in the future.

Belleville Public Safety Director Kris Faull announced on Monday that the city's speed trailer is ready to be put out and will be out on the streets in the next few weeks.

I saw a young deer eating out of our bird feeder when I came home from my night meeting on Monday. Pretty animal.



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VBT Clerk Leon Wright describes the importance of Black History Month

The following comments were made by Clerk Leon Wright at the Feb. 18 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.



As you know, February is Black History Month – a time dedicated to recognizing the achievements, contributions, and resilience of Black individuals throughout history. But Black history is more than just a month of reflection; it is American history. It is a history of perseverance in the face of adversity, of strength in the midst of struggle, and of triumph against incredible odds.

Many courageous individuals paved the way for us today, sacrificing everything so that people like myself could gain a seat at the table and an opportunity to thrive. Their voices, their actions, and their legacies remind us that the fight for racial equity and social justice is far from over. Black History Month is not just about remembering the past – it is a call to action for the present and for the future. It challenges us to educate ourselves, to speak up, and to continue the work that so many before us started.

History is the foundation of our identity. Without history, we do not exist. If we fail to teach our children about the struggles, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals, then we risk erasing those who fought to make a difference. Their stories deserve to be told, their accomplishments deserve to be honored, and their sacrifices must never be forgotten.

It wasn't that long ago that Black Americans were denied the right to vote. It wasn't that long ago that segregation kept communities divided. And it wasn't that long ago that opportunities were systematically withheld based on the color of one's skin. The freedoms we enjoy today were hard-fought, and it is our duty to honor those who gave their lives for our rights – not just through celebration, but through action.

So as we reflect this month, let us also commit to moving forward with purpose.

Let us continue to learn, to uplift, and to advocate for a future where justice, equality, and opportunity are not ideals, but realities for all.

His comments were followed by a presentation by three members of the Belleville High School's Leadership Team.

Clerk Wright said next year, he hopes to have a larger presentation for Black History Month in Van Buren Township, perhaps with a special speaker.

Meeting on April 3 to focus on water quality in Ford, Belleville lakes

If you own property on Ford or Belleville lakes, join the Huron River Watershed Council for a Shoreline Stewardship Workshop on Thursday, April 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library to learn about water quality and lakes' stewardship opportunities.

Learn about what you can do to promote water quality using lake-friendly practices on your property as an investment in your lake's future health.

HRWC will also share information about the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program and the Michigan Shoreland Stewards Program and how to get involved.

The Shoreline Stewardship Workshop is free and open to the public, but seating is limited to 50 people. For more information and to register, visit www.hrwc.org/shorelineworkshop. Those with questions may contact Kate Laramie at klaramie@hrwc.org or (734) 519-0344.

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'Schoolhouse Rock' auditions: March 10, 11 at VBT Black Box

Van Buren Community Players has set auditions for the youth musical "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." on March 10 and 11 at the Black Box Theater in the Van Buren Township Community Center.

Auditions will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11.

No experience is necessary. The auditions will be open to children and teens 7-18 years old. Whether you are a seasoned performer or a first timer, you are welcome to participate.

Those who wish to audition can arrive beginning at 6:30 p.m., with auditions beginning at 7 p.m. both nights. Attendance either night is acceptable.

Enter through the Van Buren Community Center entrance on the east side of the building at 46425 Tyler Rd.

The reading audition cuts will be provided at the audition. The audition form,

City Council

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Belleville High School Auditorium to mark the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam era and to honor the veterans of that era. He said it is sponsored by Warriors Journey of River of Life Church to honor and respect these veterans. He said Mayor Voigt and councilman Beebe will be participating;

- Under the Consent Agenda, without listing the events, the following events were approved: Flower Sale Fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 793, selling hanging and potted flowers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 10, on the Fourth Street Square; VFW Buddy Poppy Sales on Main Street at Five Points and High Street, May 8-10; and VFW/PLAV Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street;

- Heard Smith report the city has received the marijuana fund payment from the state and he put it in the general fund for now. He reported the city funds in Michigan Class gained \$17,812 in interest last month, which is \$37,607, so far. He said DTE won't come out for its free energy inspection until after the city has ownership of its new city hall. He said the installation of water meters is 66.5% complete. Smith also listed grants that have been applied for;

- Heard councilman Randy Priest ask if the Channel 4 camera on the city hall roof is working yet and Smith replied they were out last week to look at it; and

- Heard Mayor Voigt thank the DPW for already being out to work on potholes. He said he attended the Belleville High School Band's spaghetti dinner and the city got its first newsletter out. He said the Governor is trying to get local road funding baked into its budget and he doesn't know if she will be successful, but it is needed. He reported the new Blades & Fades salon is "a classy place" and that the DDA voted to join American Blooms and in June or July two consultants will come us to "help us up our game."

rehearsal schedule, audition sheet music, and audition music recording is available at <https://www.vanburencommunityplayers.com>.

Rehearsals are generally held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (with a few exceptions) at the Black Box Theater. Performances are

scheduled for May 9-11 and 16-18 at the Black Box Theater.

"Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Michigan Dept. of Treasury sets Revenue Sharing for cannibus

On Friday, the Michigan Department of the Treasury announced this year's revenue and next year's projected revenue for revenue sharing in the cannibus program.

Local governments:

- City of Belleville -- \$502,975 in 2025 and projected \$515,485 in 2026;

- Township of Sumpter -- \$1,083,021 in 2025 and projected of \$1,108,290 in 2026; and

- Township of Van Buren -- \$3,482,374 in 2025 and projected of \$3,563,834 in 2026.

The announcement said: "For fiscal year (FY) 2025, the Legislature continued the CVTRS (City, Village, and Township

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Joyce Jean Hylton

JOYCE JEAN HYLTON

(February 15, 1940 – February 21, 2025)
Joyce Jean Hylton went home to be with the Lord on February 21, 2025, at the age of 85. Joyce was born on February 15, 1940 in Vicco, KY to Elihue Smith and Addie Rae Millard. She and her husband, Charlie Hylton, married on April 11, 1959, in Perry, KY. From there they moved to Detroit but then went on to settle in Ypsilanti where they started their family. They ultimately ended up in Oscoda after retirement. They had always loved spending the summers there throughout the years. Before retiring, Joyce devoted more than 40 years to her career in insurance sales. She retired from AAA but went on to spend 15 years with State Farm.

As a devoted Baptist, Joyce always put her trust in God and instilled in her children and grandchildren to do the same.

Over anything else, Joyce loved spending time with her family. It meant everything to her. She was never happier than when she had a house full of her family, especially for the weekly Sunday dinner. So many loving memories were created over the years that will forever be cherished by those who were there.

Joyce's kindness, generosity, and great sense of humor will be missed by all who loved her.

Joyce leaves behind her husband Charlie Hylton of Sumpter Township; children Kathy (Bob) Murray of Oscoda, Michael (Karen) Hylton of Milan and Byron Hylton of Sumpter Township; grandchildren Sara (Michael) Smith, Michael (Mariah) Hylton, Rachael (Abe) Adoure-Zehaim, Elizabeth Murray and Emily (Christian) Spencer; great-grandchildren Christopher (Holly) Smith, Alexandra Smith, Makenzie Smith, Zayn Adoure-Zehaim and Hadley Spencer. There is a great-great-grandchild on the way.

She also leaves behind many dear nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. Preceding her in death were her brothers Donald (Mary) Millard and Charlie (Janet) Millard. According to Joyce's wishes, the rite of cremation has been accorded.



Judy Stewart

JUDY STEWART

(November 27, 1955 – March 2, 2025)
Judy Stewart, of Van Buren Township, Michigan, age 69, passed away on March 2, 2025, at Trinity Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, surrounded by her family. She was born on November 27, 1955, in Howell, MI, to Clifford and Betty (Wickenhiser) Nichols. After she graduated from high school she married Raymond, and they began her family. Judy was a hard worker and enjoyed helping others. A great caretaker and truly a wonderful loving person, she doted on her boys and her whole family. She was most happy when caring for others. Judy worked part time in the greenhouse, and she had a love of flowers and plants. She also worked for over 40 years at the Pumpkin Factory, a job she really enjoyed, and it showed. She will be truly missed.

Judy is survived by her children: Matthew (Wendy) Stewart and Shane Stewart, both of Taylor, MI, and Jason Stewart of Belleville, MI; her sister Linda Box of Brighton, MI, her grandchildren Aimee Field of Belleville, MI and Jason Stewart of Taylor, MI; her great-grandchild Colton of Belleville, MI, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Raymond in 2004, sister Elaine Hillier, and brother Mike Nichols.

A visitation has been planned at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan, on Friday, March 7, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon, with Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church as officiant. A burial will follow at Otisville Cemetery following the service. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MARK ALAN STEWART

(August 29, 1980 – February 12, 2025)
Age 44 of Ann Arbor. Survived by his father Alan (Barbara Burns) Stewart, Jr. of Belleville, uncle Gary Stewart, cousin Elliot (Samantha) Stewart. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, March 11 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 17 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 18 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed

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Keystone Academy board of directors expels student for 180 days

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After more than an hour in closed-door session on Feb. 11, the Keystone Academy Board of Directors voted unanimously to expel a student for 180 school days.

The mother, father, and son were in the closed session with the board and its attorney.

The attorney said she will present the family with a letter for the student to take to the next school. She explained the expulsion is only from Keystone and the student may apply for entry to another district.

After the public was allowed into the opened board meeting, a second closed-door session sent them out again so the board could confer with its attorney. That closed session was an additional 15

minutes long.

This all happened at the beginning of the board meeting, which had been moved from its regular meeting date of Feb. 13 to the Feb. 11 session.

Board secretary Kimberly Kowalski was absent from the meeting.

A reliable source told the *Independent* this is the first 180-day expulsion for Keystone in her memory.

In other business at the Feb. 11 meeting, the board:

- Accepted board-appreciation gifts from Principal Jorvonna Drain. Principal Drain also announced a special meal and dessert would be served at the end of the meeting as part of their appreciation. Keystone board meetings usually start with a meal for board members and the public, but for this meeting with the expulsion hearing the

timing was changed;

- Unanimously approved the selection of Alan C. Young as the auditor for the 2024-25 financial audit and authorized board president Steven Harsant to sign the letter of engagement;

- Approved paying the additional \$195.46 spent for Christmas marketing appreciation presents for staff;

- Heard National Heritage Academies representative Andrew Roth announce that he would send this month's NHA video to the board at the end of the month. He said the video will be promoting the upcoming NHA board symposium on July 14-16 in Grand Rapids and Principal Drain may be in it. The symposium is celebrating NHA's 30 years of service;

- Heard Principal Drain thank the PTO for providing every classroom with indoor

recess kits. The kits were two bags filled with new board/card games, puzzles, and craft supplies for students to use when they have indoor recess;

- Learned grades 3-8 increased proficiency on the Interim 1 ranking compared to last year. The overall proficiency increased by 4% in ELA (English Language Arts) and 8% in Math. The results of the Interim 2 ranking will be announced at the next board meeting when testing is done; and

- Welcomed visitor Lydia Rudasumbwa who explained she needed to attend and report on a municipal board meeting as part of her work for an advanced degree in social work. She and her husband from Rwanda, who is also working on an advanced degree, live in Van Buren Township.

Mary Ban: Water bills in Sumpter Twp. don't tell what the total is for

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township resident Mary Ban told the township board at its Feb. 25 meeting that her husband will not pay the water bill they just got because it is not satisfactory.

She said her husband Barney, who used to serve on the board, asked her to tell the board that the water bill they received is not satisfactory, since it has a total, but no details on the usage, such as how much for water, how much for rubbish, or grinder pump.

"The usage is always in the bill. I will come in and have you rerun this," Ban said to the board.

Treasurer Bart Patterson said there was an error in the bills sent out at the end of the previous week. He assured Ban they could rerun the bill and he could email it to her.

Ban said she always comes in to pay the bill and she would bring it in.

Later in the meeting during his report, treasurer Patterson said a lot of people are getting water shutoff notices, but then they come in and pay their bills.

Trustee Matthew Oddy asked if he missed the email that must have been sent to board members on the error and Patterson said the township manager is alerted to this.

Patterson said he is sure to get lots of calls on this.

Trustee Oddy said he realizes that Patterson himself didn't make the error and Patterson agreed, saying, "Don't kill the messenger."

In other business at the 50-minute on Feb. 25, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of J. Savich as Parks & Recreation Committee chairperson effective Jan. 17, with regrets. and

- Approved the appointment of Nicole VanAssche as chairperson of Parks & Rec and Michelle Baughman as treasurer effective Feb. 27.



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Aariel Willams to host 'Navigating Autism Today' March 7 in Novi

By Ania Felder
Special Writer

Aariel Williams of the city of Belleville, who refers to herself as an Autistic Artist, will host her first event for Autism Alliance of Michigan from 8 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. on Friday, March 7, at the Showplace Gallery in Novi.

At the "Navigating Autism Today" conference she plans to present to the alliance the \$605 check she earned recently by auctioning off her "Racing for Inclusion" painting at the Belleville Yacht Club.

Williams, 37, will be acting as the conference's host and selling her artwork as a vendor under her business name "Aariel's Inclusive Arts." She received help planning for the event over the past two months from her father Albert Williams and younger brother Semaji Williams.

She has prepared for this event by painting pictures to be sold, making display posters, signing autographs, creating business cards, putting together a self-made video entitled "Journey of My Life with Autism," and preparing a five-minute speech.

In addition to the speech, Williams will

also be explaining her autism strengths, weaknesses, and discussing how it inspires her to advocate for others as well as herself.

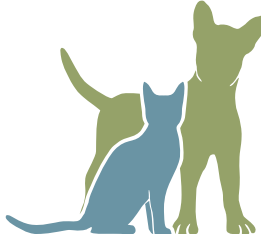
Growing up on the autism spectrum, Williams said she struggled with advocating for herself in school, needing the assistance of her parents. As an adult she struggles to advocate for herself in social settings.

"Painting, writing a speech, and spreading the word of inclusion," she said helps her be able to advocate for herself as an adult.

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Aariel Williams holds up the \$606 check she received for her artwork after an auction at the Belleville Yacht Club. On March 7 she will donate the check to the Autism Alliance of Michigan.



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Irrigation pond on Martz Rd. finally approved by VBT

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

After yet another 40 minutes of discussion, Todd Waller's request for a five-acre agricultural irrigation pond on 33.5 acres on Martz Road was unanimously approved by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

Waller, who is supervisor of Augusta Township, first applied for his pond early last year. He said he did ponds once already in Van Buren Township on Hull Road for another farmer and there were no issues.

"This is crazy to me. I have to go through all this... Frustrating to me," he said as the planning commission finally approved his pond.

He applied for the pond in June 2024 and it went to the township board on Nov. 18 and a motion was made and seconded to approve the pond. But after discussion the motion was changed to postpone action until there was more information.

At the board's Dec. 3 meeting, action was postponed until Waller could come to a meeting.

Waller attended the Dec. 11 planning commission meeting and the commission said the township board should take first action. The request was under two

ordinances, one for digging the pond and sending the soil offsite, which was the part for the township board. Then it was to set rules and regulations for the actual construction of the pond.

On Jan. 21, the board approved the digging of Waller's pond and his removing 93,300 cubic yards of soil from the site and sent the project back to the planning commission.

The township board also put a moratorium on new ponds in the township until June, so the pond ordinances could be updated. Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said the pond ordinance hadn't been updated since the 1980s.

On Feb. 12, the request for pond approval was on the the planning commission agenda, but the meeting was canceled because township hall was closed due to inclement weather.

At its next meeting on Feb. 26, planners questioned Waller at length about why the pond was the size it was and what he was going to grow, beans or sod? They required at least a four foot fence on the south, east, and west sides of the pond and an updated site plan before construction.

They asked him why he didn't just dig a well to get water for irrigation and how much water was he going to use. They asked why he wanted to move the soil he dug up from the site.

Commissioners did agree that he had the right to farm under the Right to Farm Act and that he didn't need a permit from the county, as first thought.

"If I had my way, I'd build a berm around the property and build a big nudist colony," said an exasperated Waller as the questioning continued.

A man who identified himself as Pete and a friend of Waller, got up to speak, saying, "He has the right to farm under the Right to Farm Act. He's an upstanding guy!"

Commissioner Bernie Grant made the motion to approve Waller's five-acre pond and there were several amendments, including no township bond would be required and that Kenney Farmer, co-owner of the property, would also sign the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Medina Atchinson and passed unanimously. Jackson Pahle was

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• **Friday, March 7** – Lenten Fish Fry, 5 p.m. until gone, at Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Cod, shrimp, chicken wings, French fries, coleslaw, mac & cheese, onion rings, more. Also Music Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public.

• **Friday, March 7** – The Belleville Lacrosse Athletic Association is holding a bowling fundraiser at 7 p.m. at Lodge Lanes on the South Service Drive. \$25 per person includes shoes, two games and pizza. There will be basket raffles and 50/50. Everyone welcome. For information and registration visit bellevillelacrosse.com

• **Saturday, March 8** – Western Wayne County Quilting Guild is holding a Youth Sewing Workshop, at the Belleville Area District Library. Sign up at the library; can sew with six each hour, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m. Make a half-apron to take home.

• **Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9** – “Murder at the Pie Auction” at the Black Box Theater at Van Buren Township’s Community Center. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dinner at 1 p.m. on Sunday and the show at 2 p.m. Tickets sold in advance only. (734) 699-8921.

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meals, \$9. Credit and debit cards accepted. Curbside pickup, 313-597-3194.

• **Friday, March 14** – Lenten Fish Fry at 5 p.m. and meat auction at 6:30 p.m. Pre-St. Patrick’s Day party at 7:30 p.m. with Anthony Richendollar. All at Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Open to the public.

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• **Monday, March 17** – St. Patrick’s Day corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, runs from 5-8 p.m. or until it’s gone. Menu is corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, rutabagas, bread and butter for \$15. Open to the public. Cash bar. Live entertainment included. Get there early; the meal is always a sell-out.

• **Friday, March 21** – St. Aloysius, 37200

Neville St., Romulus, Lenten Fish Fry, homemade cod and shrimp dinners, 4:30-7 p.m. Baked or fried, \$15; pizza, \$6; kids meals, \$9. Credit and debit cards accepted. Curbside pickup, 313-597-3194.

• **Friday, March 21** – Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam era and the veterans who served is set for 5 p.m. at the Belleville High School Auditorium. All Vietnam-era veterans and the public is invited to attend to honor their service and sacrifice.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director



New to the business card section this week is Farrah Lofton with Realty Center. Farrah is originally from Detroit. She moved to Belleville four years ago and absolutely loves it and all it has to offer. The homes in

Belleville sparked her interest in real estate and she has been a Realtor for two years. She truly enjoys the process. Buying or selling a home is a big deal and sometimes an emotional one. Thinking of buying or selling ? Allow her to service you!

New also to the paper is Superior Energy with one of our Belleville High School graduates, Steven Sherman. Steve is here to help you cut down those utility bills and have more sustainable power from the sun.

Well, spring must be around the corner – A&W is open. Must be time to get my coney fix.

Lacrosse is an interesting sport. Belleville Lacrosse is starting its spring season for youth and varsity and have a bowling fundraiser on Friday at Lodge Lanes. In trying to understand more, I found that Lacrosse is the oldest organized sport in North America. I don't remember hearing anything about it when my son was young, but I do remember thinking about registering him for indoor floor hockey. My husband said, "Really, you want to put a stick in his hand?" I immediately thought better of it because someone was going to get hurt and it wouldn't be my Will! Now I hope I have piqued your interest enough to attend their first home game on April 7 at Belleville High School.

Hope you all are enjoying the free classic movies at the library again. On March 13 at 6:30 p.m. the Friends of the Library and BACA will bring you the 1945 classic "On The Town" starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, and Betty Garrett.

Are you looking for a blood drive? The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at the Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., on March 27 from noon to 6 p.m. For an appointment call (734) 461-6201 x2226. I just recently heard they are in particular need of O negative but, of course, they need all that you can donate. Make that call while it is on your mind – not sure if they take walk-ins.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment:

- **Non-Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment**
 - Article 6: Supplemental Zoning District Standard, Chapter 5: Planned Unit Developments (Commercial, Office and Industrial). Proposed amendments to permit non-residential planned unit developments (PUDs) in Commercial, Office and Industrial zoning. The amendments will include language specifying intent and purpose, additional considerations, modifications, eligibility, districts and uses, coverage, design, open space requirements, frontages and access, roads and driveways, traffic impact, pedestrian circulation, utilities, natural features, landscaping and screening, existing structures, control and reserves, applicable regulations, approval procedures, phasing, revisions and approved plans and performance guarantee.
- **Battery Energy Storage System Amendment**
 - Proposed amendments to create zoning regulations addressing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Specific regulations include approval process, tier 1 and tier 2 battery energy storage systems, signage, lighting, vegetation and tree-cutting, noise, decommissioning plan, decommissioning fund, setbacks, height, fencing requirements, screening and visibility, architecture, ownership changes, severability, repealer, savings clause, effective date and adoption.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vbtmi.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

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They're reading the *Independent* Everywhere

Julie and Mike Skelton along with Pastor Greg Buchner from Belleville First United Methodist Church, just went to Liberia to see the work being done at John Dean Town, a health clinic and school in the heart of Liberia. Pastor Greg remembered at the last minute to pack the Belleville *Independent* just for this picture. Julie is holding the paper. The group of 20 visited schools, orphanages, health clinics, and farms sponsored by the United Methodist Church in Liberia and the United States.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Priest	Absent – Excused
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Mayor Voigt	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM

a. Presentations

i. Retirement Plaque – Aaron Zehel

1. Captain Zehel was presented with a retirement plaque commemorating his 15 years of service with the Belleville Fire Department by Public Safety Director Faull.

b. Citizen Comments

i. Leanne Crouch, Owner of Twisted Willow Soap Company

1. Asked if it would be possible for the city to install 2 hour parking limit signs in front of her business to alleviate issues that she has been having with a neighboring business.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

a. Approval of Minutes

i. February 3, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ii. February 3, 2025 – Closed Session Minutes

iii. February 6, 2025 – Special Meeting Minutes

iv. February 6, 2025 – Closed Session Minutes

b. Communications

i. PD YTD Crime Stats & Calls for Service – January 2025

c. Council Follow Up List

d. DPS Report

e. Special Events

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Bates to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Stone Productions – Fire Department Assessment

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve the proposal for a top to bottom independent analysis of the Fire Department, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Voigt	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion Carried.

b. Resolution # 25-006 – Changes to Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) Board Representative

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve **Resolution # 25-006**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

c. Resolution # 25-005 – Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve **Resolution # 25-005**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Voigt	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

a. The boiler at City Hall was repaired today.

b. The Department of Public Services did a great job plowing the roads over the weekend.

c. Tax bills for the city were due on February 14th, however, payments can still be made through the end of the month with late fees applied.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. **Mayor Pro-Tem Bates**

i. Thank you to Captain Zehel of the Fire Department for his many years of service.

ii. It was nice to see the owner of Twisted Willow Soap Co. at the meeting; the store has unique items.

iii. DPS did a great job plowing the roads and shoveling sidewalks throughout the city.

b. **Council Member Kissel**

i. DPS did a great job plowing the roads.

ii. Thank you to DDA Crew Member Doug Dyer for shoveling sidewalks throughout the city.

iii. The last two surveys for the revamp of the city’s Master Plan should be live soon.

iv. The WDIV Sky Cam is still not working.

c. **Council Member Beebe**

i. DPS did a nice job plowing the roads.

12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

a. Congratulations to Captain Zehel on his retirement.

b. The ice carousel on Belleville Lake was very cool.

c. Glad that the boiler at City Hall was repaired; issues like this are good reasons to move buildings.

d. The inspections at 330 Charles have been going well so far.

e. Attended the Belleville High School Jazz Band concert in Ann Arbor recently.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

a. Assistant Fire Chief Zweng

i. The Fire Department’s open house will take place this Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 6:58 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

Published: March 6, 2025

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT

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Bid Titled, “ **LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES** ” may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service to the Township Clerk’s Office at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. No bids submitted by facsimile will be accepted. Bids are to be delivered in sealed envelopes and clearly marked as “LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES”. Thursday March 27th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. EDT, is the deadline for sealed bids. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud with total pricing immediately following in the Denton Room.

A mandatory pre-bid tour and meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17th, 2025 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.

All bids shall be delivered to the Van Buren Township Clerk’s Office in sealed envelopes and titled, “**LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES**”. The outside of the envelope containing the bid shall bear the name of the Bidder, their address, license number if applicable, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted, to include experience, equipment and minimum of three (3) references.

1. Name and address of company
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VBT Plan

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the only commissioner absent.

In other business at the three-and-a-half-hour meeting on Feb. 26, the commission:

- Held a public hearing and then voted to send the application for rezoning on to the township board for consideration. The request is to rezone from RM (multiple family residential) to C-1 (general business) a 1.14-acre parcel on Belleville Road, just south of the traffic signal at the driveway into Westlake Apartments and across the street from Tim Horton's. A house and outbuilding are currently on the site. Commission action was only on rezoning. Property owner M&S Karana Investment LLC wants to put up a

carwash, El Car Wash, but commissioners questioned how many carwashes the township needs and that would have to come before them separately in the future as a special land use request. A letter from Brian Suliman of Water Works opposed the new carwash and said it would be a death knell for his business. Mitchell Harvey, who was representing the owner, said he would bring their comments back to the owner;

- Approved a series of amendments to the Pulte Homes development of Cedarchase next to Walden Woods, including special land use and site condominium approval, which the township board must approve next, and a preliminary PUD site plan approval, which the commission approves. Some changes came from discovery of

a wetlands area that cut the number of single-family dwellings on individual site condominium lots from the original 88 to 75. The layout of one street is changed because of the wetlands. The project will clean up the county drain, put sidewalks along Tyler and Morton Taylor roads, pave Morton Taylor north from Tyler to the road into the subdivision. The county said a traffic study showed there is not enough traffic at the Tyler/Morton Taylor intersection to need a traffic light;

- Heard representatives of JSB Buildings explain how the non-compliant construction at 6060 Schooner Dr. got to be so different than the approved site plan. "Why didn't you build it the way you said you would?" asked commissioner Jeff Jahr. Jason Haney, hired by the owner,

and architect Scott Wright attributed the differences to oversights and clearing a larger area than they thought. Also, they wanted to save money where they could and the water main got changed after working with the county and the state. After discussion, the commission voted to allow the onsite soil to stay as a berm, to leave the misplaced fence where it is, and to place three bollards to close access to the new site. They were asked in the future to come to the township staff first if any other changes were needed;

- Approved setting a public hearing on March 26 to hear input on the Non-Residential Planned Unit Development Ordinance, which was presented to the commission in its fifth draft by planning consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna;

- Approved setting a public hearing on March 26 for input on a newly drafted ordinance to comply with new state law on Battery Energy Storage Systems. The township wants to limit them to M-1 and M-2 zoning (industrial areas) to keep them away from residential areas. They are basically shipping containers that move power in and out of the grid, like a huge room of boxes that hum. They are placed on concrete pads with gravel. Krishnan said she will find out if they can be stacked and the maximum height before the public hearing, so the ordinance can be updated at that time. The minimum area for Battery Energy Storage areas is 5 acres under the state law and there has been a request for information. The state law also contains solar and wind farm requirements, but the township doesn't have sites big enough for those portions of the law;

- Heard director Akers say the next meeting, on March 12, will contain consideration of Costco plans and two temporary land use requests for fireworks tents. On March 26, besides the two public hearings that have been set, the final site plan for Tractor Supply will be on the agenda;

- Heard resident Danielle Sizemore ask for the commission to help her with her proposed childcare center that she wants to establish for 20 children in an empty building near the former Sukuki dealership on the South I-94 Service Drive that is now being turned into a laundromat. The problem is it is zoned C-1 and would need special land use. She said it would cost her \$20,000 to seek special land use through the township because it needs a playground outside and the traffic the use has. "I'm trying to provide services for people," she said, noting she gets calls every day from parents needing care of their children while they work. Commission chairman Brian Cullin said this problem will be turned over to staff to look over and see what they can do; and

- Heard commissioner Medina Atchinson say she drove on the new part of Haggerty Road. She said the Lakeview Shopping Center is vacant and something needs to be done. Akers said the township is working on that site to develop other options to try to get something going. "It's on the radar," he said.

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Bid Titled, "LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES" may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service to the Township Clerk's Office at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. No bids submitted by facsimile will be accepted. Bids are to be delivered in sealed envelopes and clearly marked as "LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES – 2025-2027". Thursday, March 20th 2025 at 3:00 p.m., is the deadline to receive for sealed bids. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud with total pricing immediately following in the Denton Room.

A mandatory pre-bid tour and meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025 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.

All bids shall be delivered to the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office in sealed envelopes and titled, "LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES". The outside of the envelope containing the bid shall bear the name of the Bidder, their address, license number if applicable, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted, to include experience, equipment and minimum of three (3) references.

1. Name and address of company
2. Telephone number
3. Name of contact person

The scope of this contract shall include all labor, materials, equipment, supplies, service and insurance by the Bidder to complete the bid entitled: "LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES". Bid bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders when contract is executed with the approved bidder.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of **five percent (5%)** of the bid amount subject to the conditions in the Information to Bidders. A bidder will be permitted to withdraw their bid unopened after it has been deposited, if such request is received prior to the time specified for opening bids and provided that their identity is made known and the responsible party signs for the bid. No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of the bids without the consent of the Township for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the scheduled time for closing bids.

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March 6, 2025

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 306 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Feb. 23:

0505 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Blvd.
1014 – domestic, Tallgrass Ct.
1110 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1155 – 911 welfare check, Dewitt Rd.
1219 – abandoned auto, Haggerty/Van Born
1234 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.
1347 – threat, Rayna Ct.
1349 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1412 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
1839 – domestic, Capitol Dr.
1922 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2035 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2243 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
2313 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, Feb. 24:

xxxx – animal complaint, Spencer Ave.
0822 – harassment call, Mott/Winchester
0840 – welfare check, Ormond Dr.
0839 – property check, McBride Ave.
xxxx – private property impound, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1012 – follow up by officer, Winchester St.
1028 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1105 – sexual assault, Barnwell Dr.
1149 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1433 – fight, Tyler Rd.
1539 – suicidal person, Montague Ave.
1608 – fraud, Rock Creek Dr.
1653 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1855 – civil matter, Capitol Dr.
2016 – motorist assist, Ecorse/Belleville
2119 – assist fire dept., America

Tuesday, Feb. 25:

0208 – 911 welfare check, Van Buren St.
0251 – shooting, Birch Dr.
0650 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Villa Dr.
1154 – suicidal person, Fret Rd.
1254 – welfare check, Victoria St.
1320 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Jackson St.
1355 – road hazard, Jackson St.
1400 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Independence Ln.
1500 – misc. complaint, McBride
1500 – misc. complaint, McBride
1510 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.
1528 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Red Oak Dr.
1536 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.
1625 – welfare check, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
1559 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service
1653 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1836 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1932 – road hazard, McBride Ave./Haggerty Rd.
1936 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
2224 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2345 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 26:
0108 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Laguna Dr.
0423 – welfare check, Patty Ln.
0642 – civil matter, Mott/Dellor St.
0705 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ S. Grove Rd.
0722 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1004 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Yost Rd.
1206 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1235 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1324 – animal complaint, Rose Blvd.
1325 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Cobblestone Ct.
1326 – ordinance violation – all 7 300 MICR codes, Edgedale Dr.
1346 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1355 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
1449 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1509 – assist fire dept., Milton Dr.
1517 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. /

Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1733 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1841 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1944 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2012 – assist fire dept., Country Ln.
2055 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2110 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hannan Rd./Visteon Way

Thursday, Feb. 27:

0218 – civil matter, Maurice Dr.
0405 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0653 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
0703 – civil matter, Mott/Dellor St.
0818 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
0827 – traffic offense, Elwell Rd./Reene Dr.
0852 – threat, Riggs Rd.
0925 – domestic, Kouza Ct.
0939 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1006 – warrant arrest, Geddes
1035 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1121 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1106 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1131 – 911 welfare check, Owen
1238 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.

1308 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1312 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1332 – domestic, Meadows Ct.
1345 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1413 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Chandler Dr.
1452 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1546 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Martz Rd.
1559 – assist other dept., Mott/Dellor St.
1654 – malicious destruction, Martinsville Rd.
1858 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cranberry Dr.
1919 – 911 welfare check, Spruce Ln.
1945 – civil matter, Basswood Cir.
2121 – assist fire dept., Belmont Dr.

Friday, Feb. 28:

0237 – hospice death, Parkwood Dr.
0352 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.
0608 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1052 – fraud, Reedgrass Ln.
1138 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1225 – PPO violation, Tyler Rd.
1240 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1244 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1301 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr.
1322 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1337 – assault & battery, Edwards Rd.
1421 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1545 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1710 – fraud, Kirkridge St.
1739 – fight, E. Huron River Dr.
1913 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1903 – assist citizen Homestead
1921 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
2055 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
2209 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

2224 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr.
2305 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
2336 – harassment call, Maurice Dr.
2338 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

Saturday, March 1:

0034 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0110 – intrusion alarm, Woodgrove Dr.
0251 – noise complaint, Greenwood Dr.
0347 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
0625 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0644 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0745 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
0906 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Thornwood Dr.
0923 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0946 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Marlowe Ave.
1052 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1220 – civil matter, America
1314 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1852 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1857 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1909 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2022 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2303 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2319 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
2331 – road hazard, Morton Taylor Rd.
2347 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
Also, on this log are 153 traffic stops, 27 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 23:

0264 – traffic offense, Main St.
0941 – road hazard, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1227 – property check, Owen St.
1715 – animal complaint, Main St.
1819 – civil matter, Main St.

Monday, Feb. 24:

1013 – threat, Winchester
1132 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Henry St.
1152 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Henry St.
1356 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1419 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1419 – sexual assault, Clarence St.
1421 – property damage accident, Main St./Roys

Tuesday, Feb. 25:

0225 – domestic, Menlo Park Dr.
0929 – juvenile complaint, South St.
1217 – vehicle lockout, South St.
1324 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1427 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1503 – misc. complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
2313 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 26:

0717 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
0840 – found property/child, Main St.
1038 – animal complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1305 – misc. complaint, Main St.

Thursday, Feb. 27:

0803 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1517 – fraud, Main St.
1553 – follow up by officer, Van Buren Steel
1629 – follow up by officer, Madelon St.
1958 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Feb. 28:

0717 – domestic, Carmell St.
0806 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1000 – civil matter, Brain St.

Saturday, March 1:

0206 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
0257 – welfare check, Main St./Fourth St.
1206 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2158 – welfare check, S. Industrial Park Dr.
There are 107 reports on this week's log and 71 of these are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 23:

0141 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0155 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0209 – noise complaint, Colorado St.
0225 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
0920 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Arkona
0957 – family trouble, Oregon St.
1127 – noise complaint, Texas St.
1227 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
1753 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1758 – shots fired, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2020 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.
2107 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Monday, Feb. 24:

0041 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.
0110 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1033 – citizen assist, Oregon St.
1126 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1225 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1303 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1630 – suspicious circumstance, Delaware St.
1639 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1901 – recovered stolen vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
1915 – family trouble, Country Club Blvd.
2026 – harassment complaint, Birch Dr.
2158 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
2204 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 25:

0036 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
0441 – 911 hangup, Utah Ct.
1015 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1132 – welfare check, Pecan St.
1250 – juvenile matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1455 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1537 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1644 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1702 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell St.
1724 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1822 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1840 – noise complaint, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1905 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2023 – mental health call, Oregon St.
2244 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.

Wednesday, Feb. 26:

0139 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
0327 – family trouble, Nevada St.
0544 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
0606 – welfare check, Nevada St.
1143 – follow-up investigation, Delaware St.
1306 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1330 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1719 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1805 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1810 – welfare check, Knollwood Dr.
1909 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
2015 – mental health call, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
2031 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2125 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
2230 – 911 hangup, Colorado St.

Thursday, Feb. 27:

1046 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1054 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1102 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1232 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Dunn
1309 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1543 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1612 – fire dept. assist, Alaska St.
1730 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Willis
1821 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
1902 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.

Friday, Feb. 28:

0928 – assist other agency, Arizona St.
1015 – family trouble, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1158 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1234 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1343 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
1359 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1508 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1914 – follow-up investigation, out of township
2059 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Saturday, March 1:

0906 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0939 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0957 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1103 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1114 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
1116 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1302 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1524 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1654 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
2021 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2157 – fire dept. assist, out of township
Also on this week's log are 218 patrol checks, 87 traffic stops, and 10 misc. details.

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Belleville High School's Varsity Boys Bowling team was Michigan High School Athletic Association's Bowling Division 1 State Runner-Ups. From left are Johnathan Hatcher, Jacob Finrock, Carson Conley, Connor Sykes, Andrew Folks, Austin Vick, and Braylon Watts.

50th anniversary celebration of Vietnam era veterans is March 21

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of Vietnam-era veterans will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at the Belleville High School Auditorium.

Vietnam veteran Leroy Paige of Sumpter Township invites all Vietnam vets and the public to attend the event.

He said the Vietnam-era is from November 1955 to May 1975 and veterans are included no matter where they served.

He said when they returned home, these veterans did not get good treatment. This event is to honor their service and sacrifice, he said.

The veterans will be presented with special pins and those who are survivors of lost veterans will also get a special pin, he said.

Sen. Camilleri, wife announce birth of their first child on Feb. 17

Sen. Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, and his wife Mrs. Lama Alzuhd-Camilleri announce the birth of their first child, Laith Darrin Camilleri. The baby boy was born in Trenton early Monday morning, Feb. 17.

"We're so grateful for the outpouring of support we've received as our family enters this new chapter of our lives," Sen. Camilleri said in a statement. "We want to especially thank our amazing doctors and nurses in the labor and delivery unit at Corewell Trenton who took such good care of us."

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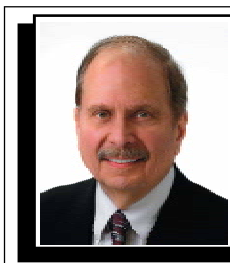
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