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VBT Environmental Commission gets update on PFAS in lake

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

We're not going to be able to eat fish out of Belleville Lake anytime soon.

The permanent state signs have been put up in four locations around Belleville Lake saying "Do Not Eat the Fish" and Daniel A. Brown, Watershed Planner with the Huron River Watershed Council gave an update on the situation to the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission at its regular meeting April 17.

PFAS are toxic, synthetic chemicals used to manufacture many common household products. PFAS is an acronym that represents a family of from 3,000 to 5,000 similar contaminants that have been found throughout Michigan and in the Huron River watershed.

He said they basically are Teflon and shed water. They are toxic in extremely small doses, and are measured in parts per trillion

and accumulate in food and tissue.

PFAS are associated with a number of health risks when they accumulate in the human body over time and when they are highly concentrated in the food and water we consume. They are called the forever chemical because they do not go away.

They have been associated with high cholesterol levels, thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis, and infertility in men.

They come from aerospace, electronics, apparel, healthcare and hospitals, building and construction, a certain kind of dental floss, oil and gas, firefighting foam, and semiconductors.

He said Livingston and Washtenaw counties fire departments switched to non-PFAS foam. VBT Fire Marshal Dave McNally was in the audience and he told the Independent that the township fire department now uses foam without PFAS, but they have some PFAS foam in storage until the state decides how to dispose of it. He said there are 36,000 gallons of PFAS foam in the state.

Brown said these are Rust Belt chemicals and they even used them to coat suits to protect workers.

The tri-community gets its drinking water from the Great Lakes Water Authority and it is safe. Those with wells are advised to get them tested.

Brown said information on PFAS is moving quickly in terms of what they are looking at.

He said they were invented around World War II and were discovered to be a problem in 2012 after a DEQ report. In 2016-18, they reemerged and Gov. Snyder issued an executive order to test all drinking water sources.

"Do not eat fish from the Huron River," he said. "Catch and release only. Don't eat the foam and don't let kids or pets into the foam. Avoid prolonged contact with foam

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Trustee Kevin Martin, on behalf of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, presented a framed resolution honoring the life of the late Congressman John D. Dingell, Jr. Trustee Martin presented the resolution to Congressman Dingell's widow Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, who said her husband loved Van Buren Township and also loved Supervisor Kevin McNamara's father, the late Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. This was at the April 16 board meeting.

Belleville High School to induct four new Distinguished Graduates

Four graduates of Belleville High School will be inducted as Distinguished Graduates in ceremonies at 7 p.m. Friday in the Belleville High School Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.

The 2019 BHS Distinguished Graduate inductees are:

- Gerald Lukomski, Class of 1954;
- Gertrude Evanski Roddick, Class of 1969;
- Keith Michael Simons, Class of 1972; and
- Charles Smelt, Class of 1979.

A dinner for Distinguished Graduates and Friends along with a tour of the BHS building will precede the ceremonies.

The Distinguished Graduates will have professional portraits taken to be hung in the high school.

VBT Board approves buying body-worn cameras for police

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

By fall, all Van Buren Township police officers will be officially operating body-worn cameras, with each officer assigned a personal camera.

At the April 16 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the board voted unanimously to amend the 2019 State Forfeiture Fund budget to buy 35 Watchguard Body Worn Cameras for \$45,000.

The township's insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, MMRMA, will provide up to \$500 reimbursement per unit through its Risk Avoidance Grant Program. This will go to the township's general fund.



The CLEMIS Crash and Citation Revenue account for VBT Police Department will be used to assist with funding this purchase.

VBT Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain told the board that for the last four and a half years the police department has been researching equipping the department with Body Worn Cameras to promote transparency, accountability and to mitigate risk posed by civil litigation.

Storage for captured footage will be stored on an existing 100 terabytes server already purchased by the Civic Fund. This is a non-cloud-based storage solution and the most economic way to store electronic data, Director Laurain said.

In a memo to the board, Laurain said Mobile Video Cameras (MVC) have been a part of law enforcement for well over 30 years and the VBT Police Department has

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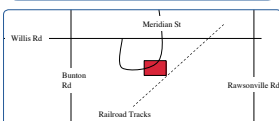
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Belleville Lake

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and don't flip your kayak where there's a lot of foam, since PFAS congregate in foam.

"Standard recreational activity is OK, like swimming, since exposure to the skin is not believed to be harmful," Brown said.

He said Michigan mobilized around this family of contaminants and all Tier 1 schools were tested and wells were tested, as were all public water supplies.

The fish advisory came out in 2018 when more attention was focused on PFAS because of a spike in Ann Arbor, which was tracked down to a plant in Wixom.

They tested the surface water in the Huron River and found Kent Lake having 1,134 parts per billion, Argo Pond, 404 ppb, Portage Lake 76 ppb, and Flat Rock Impoundment, 11 ppb.

They harvested the fish and ground them up to test. While other contaminants are in the fat, PFAS get into muscle tissue and it's there forever.

"It will take at least two years to clear up," he said of the river. "We have to get two clean tests of fish, not in the same year. It's likely Flat Rock will be the first to be clean.

"The advisory only goes to the mouth of the Huron River at Lake Erie," Brown said. "Dilution is the solution."

Brown said there is no drinking water standard for PFAS in Michigan.

"We really need a drinking water standard," he stressed, noting the contaminant was added to the river in Wixom and Ann Arbor takes that water to drink and it goes out in wastewater and discharges back to the river. "That's why we need a drinking water standard," he said.

He noted Michigan is following an EPA advisory of 70 parts per trillion as being safe. The Center for Disease Control recommends 7 ppt. A proposal before the Michigan legislature is for 5 ppt. Minnesota has 27 ppt, Vermont 20 ppt, New Jersey 13 ppt, and a study from Harvard recommends less than 1 ppt.

"We don't know how much PFAS is in bottled drinking water," Brown said. He said, for example, officials who find levels they think are too high in a school may give the students bottled water that has a higher rating than the tap water.

Tribar in Wixom caused PFAS effluent levels at the Wixom Wastewater Treatment Plant to be 4,800 ppt on Aug. 29, 2018. On Oct. 5, they installed GAC filters at Tribar and by Jan. 13, the level was down to 130 ppt. Now it's down to non-detect, Brown said.

He said no home filter certifies bringing the level below 70 ppt and it's not below 70 ppt anywhere in the watershed.

He said he is personally skeptical of anyone promising to sell kits for \$300 to



Members of CAF 5, who were supposed to be out in Victory Park on Saturday as part of the Belleville Candy Hunt for children, went inside Victory Station out of the driving rain. They were selling hot dogs and drinks to raise money for Community Assistance Foundation 5 (CAF 5) which furnishes glasses and other needs to children in the five communities of the 34th District Court. From left are 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley; twin brothers Kevin and Keith Johnston of Johnston Lithograph (Keith is also board president of Van Buren Public Schools); Karen Mida and James Foley, volunteers extraordinaire; Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain and retired VBT Police Captain Kenneth Brooks, now a 34th District Court officer. Mike Foley of Frosty Boy bought the hot dogs. A&W and Belleville Hardware bought the bikes that were raffled off. The charity made \$675.

\$600 to bring the levels down. He said professionals charge from \$1,850 to \$2,500 to test and it is very hard because it is so sensitive. Hand lotion and sunscreen can affect the test and they have to wear gloves.

"We have widespread contamination in our watershed," he stated.

Brown said Wixom affected Ann Arbor, but smaller sites along the way probably contribute with storm water runoff in Western Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

He said there has been a lot of activity in the last two months and they are looking into a federal response to PFAS. He said federal and state water standards are needed.

He said people can help by confirming their fire department is not using PFAS fire fighting foam. Also, they can call their state senator and representative to support a strict maximum contamination level.

Brown said removing PFAS at the source is the most efficient method, rather than putting filters in Ann Arbor, which is more expensive.

He said more information on the subject is available at HRWC.org/PFAS.

He said MLive coverage on PFAS brought a lot of issues to light and he praised their coverage. He said awareness is important and passing out information to others.

Brown said he is coordinator of the Water Trail on the Huron River and the PFAS won't keep him from paddling and swimming as much as he can this summer.

Matt Best said they have to treat the sources and then wait six to seven years for

the affected fish to be gone.

Brown said the most common question on their web site is when they can eat the fish.

"We're waiting to see what unfolds this summer, what the testing shows," he said.

Best said the Huron River Watershed Council did a lot of work on the issue last year.

"They did their part and the state should do its part," Best said, noting there is still a lot of science that needs work. "They are all guesses right now... It'd be great to be 5 ... but 25 might be safe. Nobody knows... Filters are very expensive. We want to do it with the facts."

Best said he knows a lot of people who eat the fish and the more the message gets out, the better.

Brown said people have asked if they should even be on the river or Belleville Lake.

"If we follow the rules, we should be safe," Best said. "Face it. We all have some PFAS rolling around in us."

Brown suggested throwing out old Teflon pans that are showing wear, or at least swapping them out regularly. He suggested using steel, iron, or ceramic cookware.

"It lingers, doesn't break down," he said of PFAS chemicals, noting they didn't want it to break down when it was invented and they did that well.

"If Flint hadn't happened, we probably wouldn't know about this," Best said. "What else don't we know about? ... of the 4,000 in the family, there could be something worse."



Sixty-one photos were taken with children posing with Flop E Bunny inside Victory Station on a rainy Saturday afternoon. The candy hunt was cancelled because of the rain, but children were able to get candy anyway. About 200 people attended the indoor event. The Kiwanis Club had a brisk book sale inside Victory Station, as well. Kona ice truck was giving away treats outside in the rain and Scoopie from Culver's was present for a short time inside Victory Station.

OPINIONS

Editorial

It's not all gloom & doom – Sherwood Pond has fish to eat

The recent update on the chemical contamination of fish in Belleville Lake and the Huron River was quite depressing.

Daniel Brown of the Huron River Watershed Council gave a report to members of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission at their April 17 meeting. He told them it will be years before fish in Belleville Lake will be safe to eat.

The PFAS coming down the Huron River -- which runs through the Belleville Lake impoundment -- brings the contaminants from manufacturers along the river from 'way upstream. The PFAS family of chemicals -- up to 5,000 different ones -- are called the forever chemicals because they do not go away. They need to be dealt with at the source -- whatever manufacturing facility used the Teflon-like chemicals.

But, it's not all gloom and doom in fishing news in the tri-community.

At Tuesday's Sumpter Township board meeting, Trustee Don LaPorte reported there is good fishing in Sumpter's Sherwood Pond. He said bass are being caught and he knows someone who caught a six-pound bass. Sherwood Pond is not fed by the Huron River and we are pretty sure those Sumpter fish are edible.

Sumpter is having a spring cleanup of Banotai Park and the shores of Sherwood Pond from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. It might be a good time to join in to support a good fishing place.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Leonard Armstrong alerts us to another scam. This caller identifies himself as "Publisher's Clearing House" and he's asking for you to send a check so he can send you thousands of dollars. Don't do it.

Werner Tallman of Sumpter Township said he, too, had a scam call on his answering machine from Palm Desert, CA, (760) 797-7875, that mentioned a suspension notice, him being guilty of a federal crime, and his Social Security Number.

He didn't call the number because he knows it is another one of those scams.

He Googled the telephone number and found others complaining about calls from that number, stating they were the Social Security Administration -- and weren't.

At the April 11 matinee of the musical "Hamilton" at the Fisher Theater in Detroit, nearly 2,000 students from 27 high schools were in the audience. Frankie Cramer, 16, from Belleville High School was interviewed by Channel 7 News before and after the show. She is an aspiring performer and played Elsa in BHS' "Sound of Music" which had opening night later that day.

Also interviewed was BHS English teacher Andrea Sprague who was one of the teachers accompanying the students. She said many of the students have never experienced anything like this before and the looks on the students' faces made the whole thing worth doing.

The students' experience was based on grants and the show's educational program. They studied Alexander Hamilton and the Founding Fathers before seeing the show.

Many people have had trouble getting tickets to "Hamilton," since it is so very



popular.

A police officer told me he was shocked to see on Facebook that a local businessman was filling plastic eggs with candy and toys and leaving them around Belleville last week end for the children. He said police officers spend a lot of effort checking candy for kids at Halloween to make sure it is safe for them to eat. Who knows what could happen with the candy in these anonymous eggs?

I'm sure the businessman thought he was doing something nice for the community, but that police officer is still fuming.

Good Friday was rainy, but the weather turned and was pleasant for the Carrying of the Cross parade in Romulus. We're told 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley portrayed Pontius Pilate, as he has done in the past. One observer said the ministers who put on the parade obviously know Somebody upstairs to make the rain stop for the parade.

On Saturday, however, it really poured and those taking part in Belleville's Flop E Bunny event crowded inside Victory Station. It worked fine and kept them dry, but there was no candy hunt this year.

I don't think that Somebody upstairs was mad at them, but, instead, thought it might do them good to be put together in a cozy way to get to know one another better. That's what happened.

At Monday's Romulus City Council meeting there was discussion about the small trucks at the Amazon facility at the corner of Hannan and Northline roads and how they are speeding around, going both north and south on Hannan.

A councilman said one passed him on Hannan Road on Saturday night at more than 50 mph. The mayor said he noticed that, too, and will talk to the police chief. The councilman thought they should warn the manager at the facility about the problem before they start enforcement.

We've been advised that the April 23 meeting set for the 34th District Court to discuss the Romulus money issue with representatives of four communities was postponed until after state judiciary authorities conclude a review of the situation.

The City of Romulus did hold its planned meeting on April 16 with officials from the other four municipalities involved to tell their side of the story.

The 34th District Court covers the communities of Romulus, Belleville, Huron Township, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township, with Romulus being the host community.



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Letters

Come join us for VBALL Opening Day

To the editor:
Spring is trying hard to make her presence
and bless us all with sunshine and warm
weather.

While we wait for Mother Nature to
do her thing the players, coaches, and
volunteers are doing their best to get ready
for the 2019 Spring Season of the Van
Buren Area Little League. Our Opening
Day ceremonies begin on Saturday, May
4, with the parade starting at 9 a.m. from
McBride Middle School.

We have had some very successful fund
raisers this past year starting with the Get
Dirty Motocross fund raiser hosted by
the Michalkiewicz Family, then VBALL
received a grant from Little League
International and then another very-
successful bowling fund raiser.

THANK YOU to ALL who volunteered,
donated and/or participated in one of these
fundraisers. Since the fundraisers were so
successful, VBALL was able to install a
permanent outfield fence with bullpens
on Field 8 (which will be hosting a State
Tournament this July), repair fences on
Fields 1, 5 and 7, install new cabinets in
the concession stand, purchase a batting
cage, purchase some concession-stand
equipment and, the most exciting of them
all is, we were able for the third year in a
row keep our registration fees the same
low amount as it has been since 2016.

These fees include a complete uniform
and liability insurance for all players,
coaches, and volunteers. VBALL has had
a very exciting year. We are still looking
to do more improvements. Our biggest
improvement this year is trying to place a
grass infield back on Field 8, but we are
going to need assistance.

One of the many things we try to do each
year is help out parents with the cost of
equipment like gloves, baseball bags and
cleats. We are asking again this year if you
have any old gloves, baseball bags, and/
or cleats you would like to donate you can
drop them off at the concession stand at the
Beck Fields complex or at 42233 McBride
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Last season we gave out 65 free pairs of
cleats, three gloves and ten baseball bags,
all at no cost. These free items quite often
help out numerous families. VBALL and
STEP (Services to Enhance Potential) have
partnered up and VBALL has received
many free cleats from the three different
Thrift Stores that STEP operates. These
Thrift Stores are operated mainly by adults
with disabilities. On Opening Day we will
have much more information about the
three Thrift Stores available, if anyone is
interested.

We would like to personally invite
everyone to our Opening Day ceremonies
on May 4. Come out and see all the smiling
faces of the children ages four to 13 who
are ready for another fantastic season of

the Van Buren Area Little League.

Marc Littleton, president
Van Buren Area Little League

Thanks to VBT for supporting Iron Belle

To the editor:

Thank you to the Van Buren Township
Board of Trustees for passing the resolution
to support the Iron Belle Trail in the
township. While there is still a lot of work
to be done to bring the trail to reality, their
vote to support the trail is a huge first step.

We use the Metropark trails all the time
and it definitely would be a plus to not
have to drive to the parks to run, walk
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To the editor:

I'm quite sure there are many Michiganders
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in order to finance the reconstruction of
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I admit, Michigan roads are an
abomination and have been neglected far
too long. The cost of repairs and damage,
in addition to loss of time required getting
to and from places of employment, etc.,
etc. has created many problems. Because
everyone benefits from the use of the
roads, one way or another, I think we all
should pay for the roads.

Therefore, I'd like to suggest another
possible "cure" as follows: ADD ONE
CENT SALES TAX on ALL merchandise
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the roads, benefitting all. This one penny
tax may prove to be more than enough
needed to fix the roads. I don't think ONE
PENNY more will cause a hardship to
anyone.

If there are others who may agree with
this proposal, please let our Gov. Whitmer
hear from you by contacting her office at
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need to become involved and attempt to
make a difference – before it is too late!

God Bless America.

(Mrs.) Ruth Bleeker
Belleville

Court Watching:

Chuck Blair bound over for trial on charges of assaulting police officer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On April 17, Chuck Robert Blair, 51, was bound over for trial after waiving his preliminary exams on two charges of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on March 29 in the City of Belleville.

34th District Court Judge David Parrott ordered Blair to appear April 24 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for his arraignment on the information.

Blair was brought into the courtroom wearing clothing from the Wayne County Jail where he was being lodged on bond of \$50,000/10%.

Judge Parrott continued Blair's bond and court-appointed attorney Mark Persida asked for him to be referred to pretrial services for a possible bond reduction. Judge Parrott granted the referral.

Charles Wooten

Judge Parrott put out a bench warrant for Charles Wooten, 24, after he failed to show up for his preliminary exam on April 17 on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and malicious destruction of property between \$200 and \$1,000 on March 24 in VBT.

The previous week, on April 10, Judge Tina Brooks Green was told the witness in Wooten's case wasn't present because he is a teacher and they are doing the SAT tests. The prosecutor asked for a one-week adjournment and Judge Green agreed. The victim is Wooten's brother and Judge Green said there was to be no contact.

The court-appointed defense attorney said his client had been in jail since March 24 on bond of \$10,000/10%. Judge Green released him on personal bond.

Eileen Gail Green

On April 10, Eileen Gail Green, 42, was due for her preliminary exam before Judge Green on two charges of possession of financial transaction device on July 20 in Van Buren Township. She was free after posting bond of \$10,000/10% but she did not show up for court. Judge Green signed a bench warrant for her.

Birthdays

April 24 – Seth Chudzinski
April 25 – Shelly Chudzinski
April 27 – Amy Hinks, Nicholas Hinks
April 29 – Gary Koepp
April 30 – April Warner, Kelly McWilliams, Kim Hawkins, Glenn Silvenis
May 3 – Denise Weick, Shari Antieau

Do you have a birthday in May? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Candice Lynise Jimenez

Candice Lynise Jimenez, 27, had her felony charge of resisting, obstructing, assaulting a police officer reduced to an "attempting" misdemeanor on April 10 and pled guilty to child abuse -- leaving her child unattended in a vehicle on Nov. 30 in VBT.

She told Judge Green that she left her six-year-old child in a vehicle alone, briefly. She said Child Protective Services came to talk to her.

Judge Green gave her a one-year deferred sentence, with the charge being dismissed at that time if she is not arrested for anything else during that period. Jimenez was fined \$500 for each count and so her total was \$1,000. She had been free on \$2,000 personal recognizance bond.

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Obituaries

KATHIE ANN WOODS
Kathie Ann Woods, age 69, passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2018. A memorial service is set for Saturday, May 4, at First United Methodist Church in Belleville at 11 a.m. A gathering of friends will be at the church at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, any contributions may be made to the Belleville Methodist Church Food Pantry.

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BHS Class of 1979 plans 40th reunion on Aug. 10 at Belleville Yacht Club

Members of the Belleville High School Class of 1979 are planning their 40th year class reunion from 6 p.m. until midnight on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr.

Charles Smelt said he would like to invite his fellow classmates to come visit, reminisce, share, and create new memories together.

The event will be catered by Hickory Barbecue & Grill and details on funding will be released later. Dress is summer casual and there will be entertainment by Starburst DJ Service, dancing, and a cash bar.

Smelt asks classmates to pass on the information to other members of the Class of 1979 and consider making a cash donation to help support the reunion.

General contact is at bhs79alumni@gmail.com.

For more information, contact Mike Brooks at bhs79alumni@gmail.com, cell phone (734) 368-3960; Deb (Fuller) Thomas at cjthomas100@comcast.net, cell phone (734) 717-9082; Charles Smelt at csmelt@comcast.net, cell phone (248) 760-3257; or Jeff Burgess at cabinetjeff@gmail.com, cell phone (734) 883-1368.

Library sets Book Sale, annual Perennial Plant Swap on May 4

Rain or shine, the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Perennial Plant Swap on Saturday, May 4, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Belleville Area District Library Courtyard on the corner of Fourth and Charles streets.

Adults and children are invited to bring perennials to swap. Plants should be in containers and labeled. Garden-related door prizes from local nurseries will be given away.

Members of the Belleville Area Garden Club will be on hand to answer questions on gardening maintenance and composting techniques. For questions regarding the plant swap, call Kathy Kulwicki at (734) 740-1408.

The spring used book sale will be open to the public on May 4, from noon to 3 p.m. in the program room of the library. Adult sale prices include: hardcovers 3 for \$1, trade paperbacks 4 for \$1, mass-market paperbacks 6 for \$1, DVDs and CDs 2 for \$1. Children's Books will be: hard covers 6 for \$1, and paperbacks 8 for \$1. There will be a table of special-priced books as marked.

Members of the Friends of the Library will be admitted at 11 a.m. Membership applications will be available.

If you are spring cleaning, donate your used books to the library. Books should be in good condition. Proceeds from used-book sales help support children, teen, and adult summer reading programs.

The Friends of the Library will also be sponsoring a program, "The Influenza Pandemic of 1918," on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. The greatest pandemic in modern history killed about 50 million people worldwide. Keith Bruder, local history buff, will talk about the effects this history-making disease had on the local area and around the world.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Through May 3** - Online Avon fund raiser for Savage Elementary School with a goal of \$4,000. The grade with the highest sales will win an ice cream sundae party. Enter student's grade level in "2nd address line" of the shipping address. www.avon.com/fundraiser/savage

• **Thursday, April 25, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27** - Spring Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. It runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. No clothes. Some collectibles, tools. (734) 753-9048

• **Friday, April 26** - Penny Bingo at September Days Senior Center starts at 12:30 p.m. and runs until 2 p.m. Bring your pennies. Senior Center is at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.

• **Friday, April 26** - The Induction Ceremony for the 2019 Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates will be at 7 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium. Before that a 5 p.m. dinner is set for all Distinguished Grads and others at the BHS Commons, followed by a tour of BHS, before the induction ceremony at 7 p.m.

• **Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27** - Rummage & Treasures sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sumpter Community Center gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Sumpter Township. Table rental \$10. (734) 461-9373.

• **Saturday, April 27** - "Let's Go to the Movies" is the 13th-annual spring concert of the Belleville Community Chorus. It begins at 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville, and will feature a variety of songs from popular films. The concert features the adult chorus, plus the children's chorus. Free, but donations are encouraged.

• **Sunday, April 28** - Women of the Moose are presenting a Spring Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Belleville Moose Lodge, 45476 Harris Rd., at the corner of Sumpter Road. Features crafters and vendors. Vendor show admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free.

• **Sunday, April 28** - Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's Jay & Sax. For information, call

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• **Monday, April 29** - State Rep. Joe Bellino of Monroe invites residents of Monroe and Wayne counties to join him for his monthly coffee hours. He will meet with residents from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe and from 2 to 3 p.m. at Maybee Village Hall, 9051 Raisin St. in Maybee. Bellino represents Sumpter residents in Lansing. Info: (517) 373-1530.

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• **Saturday, May 4** - Opening Day for the Belleville Area Little League. Join ceremonies at 9 a.m. at Beck Field in Van Buren Township. Parade begins at McBride Middle School.

• **Saturday, May 4** - The Belleville Yacht Club invites volunteers to join them in the annual lakeshore cleanup of Belleville Lake. Gather on the lakeside property at North Liberty Street and Fifth Street in Belleville in the morning. U of M Women's Rowing Team and BHS football team will be among the volunteers.

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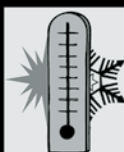
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- Saturday, April 27: Varsity baseball vs. New Boston Huron HS, 11 a.m., double header
- Monday, April 29: Girls JV Soccer vs. Stevenson HS, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Canton Prep Academy, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Stevenson HS, 5:30 p.m.
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Local chorus' spring concert theme: 'Let's Go to the Movies'

Members of the Belleville Community Chorus invite everyone to join them at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 27, to celebrate their 13th-annual spring concert.

The performance, titled "Let's Go to the Movies" features a variety of songs with wide appeal from popular films of the recent and not so recent past. You are sure to hear many of your favorite tunes in this enjoyable review of cinema music.

"Let's Go to the Movies" will be performed at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The concert features the adult chorus plus the

BCC Children's Chorus. BCC's director is Rachael Parr and accompanist is Judith Weed.

As always, the concert is free, though donations are encouraged, and sponsors are welcome.

This year's concert is sponsored through the generosity of Atchinson Ford, Inc.

Those interested in knowing more about or being part of the Belleville Community Chorus, may contact Paula Pence-Poston at (734) 725-1425 or email to mspaula35@hotmail.com.

Check out the chorus website at www.bellevillechorus.com.

The Belleville Community Chorus offers opportunities for performance of mixed voice choral music in a variety of styles. The chorus strives to improve its musical quality through education and commitment to a rehearsal and performance schedule. The generosity of donors and sponsors supports community activities including education, rehearsal, performance, and entertainment. The Belleville Community Chorus is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

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Today's paper includes an insert from Ace Hardware, with our own location on Sumpter Road just north of Willis Road. Now through April 29, Ace is celebrating spring with a Buy One Get One Sale on lawn fertilizer, garden décor, LED light bulbs, caulk, batteries, Ace brand spray paint, bird seed, suet, and much more. Enjoy other savings on patio furniture, tools, and more. To learn how you can have your insert or advertisement inserted into this

newspaper, call me at (734) 699 9020.

The Huron Valley Conservation Association's Annual Flower Sale is coming up Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chase Bank parking lot on Main Street. For info call Kelly Kieselbach at (734) 223-6543 or Kris Matthew at (734) 646-3763.

T-Rex Arms at 44800 N. I-94 Service Drive in Belleville is home of the \$25 FFL transfer and is offering CPL Classes for \$120. They also sell new and used firearms, ammunition and accessories. Training classes are also available in Defensive Pistol, Introduction to Pistol/Rifles, and private instruction on their 50-yard, climate-controlled indoor shooting range. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 325-7898. Visit them on Facebook and at www.trexarmsbelleville.com.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter is getting ready for their annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser set for Saturday, May 4, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Romulus Progressive Hall on Ozga Road in Romulus. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes a Mexican buffet, music, cash bar, 50/50, and prize raffles. Call (734) 461-9458.

St. Paul Lutheran Church at 19109 Craig Street in New Boston is having its annual indoor flea market this week end, April 25-27, with items including tools, collectibles, and a whole lot more. Call (734) 753-9048.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.



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City of Belleville Public Notice



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Flag Placement for Memorial Day
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11th, 2019
(Rain date: May 18th)**



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

Flag placement begins on Saturday, May 11th at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help place the flags. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer



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VBT

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used this technology it its patrol vehicles for more than 25 years.

He said the department recently replaced its old MVC system and when doing so selected a MVC system that has the capability to integrate with Body Worn Cameras, if and when it decided to move in that direction.

When used correctly, the cameras can also promote accountability, strengthen police transparency, improve performance, preserve evidence, and resolve citizen complaints. The evidentiary benefits cause the Wayne County Prosecutors Office to support departments using this technology.

He said several police agencies already have Body Worn Cameras, including Sumpter Township, Taylor, Westland, Livonia, Canton Township, Washtenaw County Sheriffs, Michigan State Police, Detroit, Roseville, Clinton Township, Macomb County Sheriffs, University of Michigan, Kalamazoo Township and Kalamazoo City.

Cloud storage of data is costly, Laurain said, but after a thorough evaluation, it was decided the current 100 terabyte server would be more than sufficient to house data from both the MVCs and Body Worn Cameras. This is based on the number of patrol vehicles (17) and officers that would be assigned and wearing the body cameras (35). Actually he said there are 32 uniformed officers and three extra cameras for backup.

Laurain said they expect to get the equipment in May or June and they will give them to the officers to learn them, learn the policy and state mandates and “play with them” before being implemented in the fall. The training will be done during roll call.

He said the body cameras automatically go on when the overhead lights are on, the patrol vehicle is going 85 mph, the air bag deploys, or the sirens are on, otherwise the officer turns on the camera.

Laurain said Michigan State Police and Detroit PD also are using the Watchguard brand.

Trustee Reggie Miller said the township has been looking at this for ten years. She remembers when she was on the Public Safety Commission members asked about it and were in favor of the cameras.

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

- Approved the proposed route of the Iron Belle Trail through VBT, with the controversial east end of the route going down E. Huron River Drive to the Metropark as proposed last year. A resolution in support of the Iron Belle Trail in VBT will be attached to the grant proposal;

- Watched a 15-minute videotape of

Supervisor Kevin McNamara giving the State of the Township presentation;

- Approved a resolution to release a 2.11-acre parcel from the Banotai Farmland Development Rights Agreement with the state, since the parcel has been split off and a home for a family member has been built on it. The Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act of 1974 allows a farm owner to enter into a Development Rights Agreement with the state. This

agreement, that gives tax advantages, ensures that the land remains in agricultural use for a minimum of 10 years and is not developed for a non-agricultural use.; and

- Approved an agreement with Dale and Juliet Kupkowsky, owners at 39591 Price St., and the City of Romulus, granting permission for connection to the water system in the City of Romulus because their well failed and VBT does not have water service in that area.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



NOTICE OF ELECTION SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN May 7, 2019 ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:

Notice is hereby given that a Special election will be held in Sumpter Township on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precinct 3 Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road
Precinct 4 Fire Station #1, 20550 Sumpter Road

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the **Huron School district** will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$49,075,000

The Township Treasurer's Statement:

I, Kenneth Bednark, Treasurer of Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of April 22, 2019 the below listed school millages are in effect for the Huron School District.

Huron Township School District	Date of Election	Voted Increase	Expiration Date
Operating Non-Homestead	08/2017	18	12/31/2022
1992 Refunding Debt	06/1989	4.05	12/31/2018
2015A Debt (Refunding)	02/2011	0.58	12/31/2025
2015B Debt (Refunding)	02/2011	2.12	12/31/2025
2011 Debt	02/2011	0.25	12/31/2025

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Sumpter Township office located at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Sumpter Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of the Sumpter Township, Wayne County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 3 & 4 for the Special Election is scheduled for April 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sumpter Township Boardroom, located at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township Clerk
(734) 461-6201

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Posted: April 23, 2019

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7pm
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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 29 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Monday, May 6 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville

- City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 7 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, May 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, May 9 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m., budget hearing and annual meeting. Also, Sumpter Township

- Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
 - Tuesday, May 14 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at

- 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 15 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Director of Public Services Best, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Executive Assistant Selman, Director of Public Safety Laurain and Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Museum Director Dallos, Director of Water and Sewer Taylor and an audience of twenty-five (25).

Presentations: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was presented with Resolution 2019-05 Honoring Congressman John D Dingell Jr; Jace the Van Buren Township K9 Officer made an appearance to demonstrate his new bullet proof vest purchased with funds from the Officer Collin Rose Memorial Foundation and Vested Interests in K9s, Inc.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019, Closed Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2019, Prepaid List of March 21, 2019, Prepaid List of March 28, 2019, Prepaid List of April 4, 2019, Prepaid List of April 11, 2019, Voucher List of April 2, 2019, Voucher List of April 16, 2019, Approval of Resolution 2019-06: Resolution to release Parcel 83-122-99-0005-71 from the Banotai Farmland Development Rights Agreement (82-64338-12312), Approval of an agreement with the owner at 39591 Price and the City of Romulus, granting permission for connection to the water system in the City of Romulus]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Presentations included the following: The State of the Township video was shown.

Announcements included the following: Yard waste pickup is in effect on your normal trash day; April 14-20 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators week honoring the hard work of our emergency dispatchers; Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham renewed his Certified Public Finance Administrator Certification which is a certification requiring many hours of continuing education; Assessing Coordinator Linda Stevenson recently became a Level 4 Assessor, joining a very small elite group in the State of Michigan assessing community; the Township will be closed on Friday, April 19, 2019 in observance of Good Friday; on June 1st, the Township is hosting a free tire disposal at the Township Hall with residents being allowed to dispose of 6 residential tires per household;

and there is a Drug Take Back box located in the lobby of the Police Department to dispose of any unwanted or expired medication.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to move agenda item #5: To consider approval of Resolution 2019-07: A Resolution of Support for the Iron Belle Trail in the Charter Township of Van Buren to item #1. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Residents spoke and asked questions on the Iron Belle Trail. Engineering group PEA representative Jeff Smith, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers and Board members provided answers to residents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: White moved, Frazier seconded to approve of Resolution 2019-07: A Resolution of Support for the Iron Belle Trail in the Charter Township of Van Buren. The motion was made to specify the selection of the route along East Huron River Drive to Haggerty. Motion Carried. The western half of the selected route would extend north from the intersection of Rawsonville Road and Grove Road to the I-94 South Service Drive, into Van Buren Park, extending east in Van Buren Park to Denton Road, and then extending east on Denton Road until the Trail enters the City of Belleville. The eastern half of the route extends along East Huron River Drive to the east, then Edison Lake Road to the east across the Huron River, then north to French Landing Park, then south on Haggerty Road until the trail enters Lower Huron Metropark.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve of amending the 2019 Annual Budget transferring \$45,000 from the State Forfeiture Fund balance (266-000-390-000) to Capital Outlay (266-000-970-000) and approval of the purchase of thirty-five (35) Body Worn Cameras (including any needed accessory materials) at \$45,000 for the Police Department to be expensed from: 266-000-970-000. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve of the first reading of Ordinance #04-16-19(1) to rezone parcel V125-83-105-99-0003-000; otherwise known as 13440 Martinsville Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential and to approve the first reading of Ordinance #04-16-19(2) to rezone parcel V125-83-105-99-0004-000; otherwise known as 13510 Martinsville Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approved the selection of Gonczy's Property Maintenance for Township grass cutting and related services for 2019 for \$62,730. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: April 25, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Superintendent of Public Services

Department: Public Services

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.

Salary: \$60,910 based on experience and qualifications

Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network

Vision Employer Paid

Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid

Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution

Life Insurance \$50,000

PTO

Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for the Superintendent of Public Services

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the DPS Director, this employee is responsible for administrative and supervisory work overseeing the field activities and personnel of the Department of Public Services. **This individual will plan in the areas of safety and organize all functions of the Township facilities maintenance including but not limited to installation of utility related equipment, the parks, the Township Fleet, cemeteries and custodial operations.** The employee is expected to cooperatively participate in project and operational activities with the Director of DPS, the Township Engineer and other Township management, contractors or consultants. Significant emphasis is placed on maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of all related duties. Although general direction is received from the Director, considerable independent judgment and initiative is a must.

- Supervises the cleaning, maintenance and repair work of township building and grounds including parks, cemeteries and burial activities. This includes documentation of work efforts into CITYWORKS database
- Supervises, directs, assigns and evaluates the daily activities of skilled and semi-skilled workers.
- Trains employees in work procedures standards and safety practices, interviews and recommends selection of job applicants, evaluates employee performance and prepares improvement plans for corrective and disciplinary actions as needed.
- Recommends new policies to improve efficiency.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 513 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 14:
0047 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0046 – malicious destruction of property, Fay Dr.
0119 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Walden Dr.
0129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Springwood Blvd.
0145 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0235 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0246 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Timberview
0344 – breaking & entering, Meadows Ln.
0448 – parking complaint, Andover Farm
0606 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0820 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.
0953 – neighbor trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1210 – domestic, Jackson St.
1248 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1248 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1350 – property damage accident, Hamlin St.
1820 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2011 – fraud, Revere Dr.
2055 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2248 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / rest area

Monday, April 15:
0127 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1124 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1302 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1325 – domestic, S. Timberview Dr.
1330 – private property impound, Lohr
1416 – harassment call, S. Timberview Dr.
1437 – noise complaint, Rock Creek Dr.
1437 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Green Ln.
1520 – breaking & entering, Filmore St.
1600 – personal injury accident, Belleville
1834 – family trouble, Daniel Dr.
1936 – fraud, Millington Ct.
2220 – domestic, Holly Ln.

Tuesday, April 16:
0154 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0713 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0808 – harassment call, Bemis Rd.
1056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood/Tyler
1121 – assist other dept., Lake Crest Dr.
1123 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
1313 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1433 – ordinance violation, Bak Rd.
1505 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Haggerty
1535 – harassment call, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1632 – harassment call, Arthur St.
1732 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Denton
1759 – mental subject, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
1814 – assault & battery, McBride
1828 – larceny, Rawsonville
1906 – assist citizen, Van Buren Ct.
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards/Ecorse
1945 – fraud, Belleville
2106 – noise complaint, Jackson St.
2114 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2138 – assist other dept., Ash Dr.
2227 – abandoned auto, Haggerty/E. Huron River
2358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.

Wednesday, April 17:
0005 – K9 call out, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
0907 – trespassing, Reedgrass Ln.
0920 – animal complaint, Daisy Blvd.
0934 – assault & battery, Rose Blvd.
0939 – assist other dept., Senate St.
1054 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1122 – assist other dept., E I-94/Rawsonville ramp
1234 – parking complaint, Patty Ln.
1306 – animal complaint, Liberty Ln.
1341 – private property impound, JT Towing
1455 – disorderly, Linda Vista Ct.
1514 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1734 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1845 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1856 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ashbury/Denton
1908 – malicious destruction of property, Ivy

2141 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2144 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
Thursday, April 18:
0713 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0733 – animal complaint, W. Sadie Ln.
0809 – ordinance violation, Haverhill Rd.
0814 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0830 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0846 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0919 – follow up by officer, Daisy Blvd.
1140 – domestic, Holly Ln.
1206 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1209 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1233 – parking complaint, Patty Ln.
1423 – road hazard, Savage Rd./Country Walk Blvd.
1435 – harassment call, Dalton Dr.
1514 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1617 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1735 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
1817 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1822 – mental subject, Parkside Dr.
1852 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1854 – juvenile complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2048 – domestic, S. Cumberland Dr.
2138 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple/Ash
2209 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.
2349 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colony Ln.

Friday, April 19:
0106 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.
0143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
0152 – repossession, Denton Rd.
0328 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar
0506 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Ponderosa Ln.
1020 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1204 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1548 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Bemis Rd.
1549 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1622 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1828 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ash Dr.
2006 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2025 – breaking & entering, McBride Ave.
2238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2309 – harassment call, Park Estates Dr.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.

Saturday, April 20:
0050 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0721 – parking complaint, Oak Ln.
0729 – parking complaint, Oak Ln.
0941 – parking complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
1136 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1210 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1441 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1527 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1552 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1634 – malicious destruction of property, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1723 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1748 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1903 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1952 – trespassing, Bemis Rd.
2002 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2005 – abandoned auto, Beck/Tyler
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
Also on this week's log are 228 traffic stops, 63 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 14:
0314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0808 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1111 – suicidal person, Main St.
1206 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, April 15:
2034 – threat, Belle Villa Blvd./Anaheim St.
2045 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
Tuesday, April 16:
0236 – disorderly, Main St.
0602 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0652 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
2147 – suicidal person, Bell Cove Ct.
Wednesday, April 17:
0746 – narcotics crime, McBride
0747 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
0901 – assist fire dept., Church St.
0930 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1549 – warrant arrest, Huron/I-94
1716 – assist other dept., Ford/Lotz
1737 – fireworks, Owen St.
1910 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/I-94
2004 – welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
Thursday, April 18:
0527 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1057 – fraud, Bell Cove Dr.
1100 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave./Edison Ave.
1109 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1527 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1658 – harassment call, Loza Ln.
1741 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2106 – miscellaneous complaint, South St.

Friday, April 19:
1209 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
1410 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1442 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1901 – larceny, N. Liberty St.
Saturday, April 20:
1118 – property damage accident
Also on this week's log are 32 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 14:
0111 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1030 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1037 -- civil dispute, Wayside Dr.
1929 -- warrant arrest pick up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2019 -- 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2117 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Monday, April 15:
0737 -- 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1048 -- animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1214 -- family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1309 -- civil dispute, Second St.
1440 -- animal complaint, Dakota Ct.
1535 -- juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave
1615 -- larceny, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1646 -- subpoena service, 46000 bl. Traskos
1723 -- animal complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville
1851 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd
1930 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1947 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2103 -- civil dispute, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
Tuesday, April 16:
0901 -- mental health commitment, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1144 -- larceny, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1704 -- civil dispute, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
2012 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2037 -- fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, April 17:
0109 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0345 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0617 -- animal complaint, Willow/Haggerty
0816 -- juvenile complaint, 48000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0835 -- subpoena service, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0853 -- subpoena service, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1135 -- civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1434 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1439 -- animal complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville
1517 -- traffic hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1527 -- animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1648 -- identity theft, 17000 bl. Martha Ln.
1724 -- juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1857 -- suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1922 -- well-being check, Hampshire
1958 -- fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2245 -- civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Thursday, April 18:
0414 -- death investigation, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1745 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township

1941 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2056 -- well-being check, 17000 bl. Davenport Dr.
2221 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2255 -- noise complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Friday, April 19:
0055 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0540 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0816 -- fire dept. assist, 25000 b. Carleton West
1032 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1201 -- suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1538 -- animal complaint, Bemis/Elwell
1637 -- civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1754 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1931 -- suspicious person, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
2204 -- civil dispute, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2219 -- well-being check, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, April 20:
0252 -- assist other agency, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0746 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1810 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2121 -- property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2158 -- civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Also on this week's log are nine follow-up investigations, 14 miscellaneous details, 61 patrol checks, and 36 traffic stops.

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SUMPTER TWP. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUMPTER TWP. PARKS VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAYS

The Sumpter Twp. Parks & Recreation Commission has scheduled volunteer clean-up days for your parks. We are asking the community to come out and help to clean-up and beautify your parks. Bring out your gloves, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, weed cutters, weed wackers, clippers and whatever else you think is needed to clean the parks.

April 27, 2019 10am – 4pm is the scheduled day and time for Banotai Park located at the corner of Wear and Sherwood Road. We will be spreading mulch and sand along with pulling weeds, cleaning the pavilions and whatever else is needed to make the park a place to bring your family to have a great time.

May 4, 2019 10am – 4pm is the scheduled day and time for Graham Park located at the corner of Sumpter Road and Wear Road. We will be spreading mulch along with pulling weeds, cleaning the pavilions and whatever else is needed to make the park a place to bring your family to have a great time.

Sumpter Twp. Parks and Recreation Commission will be supplying lunch and beverages. Come on out and together we can beautify our Parks.

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