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Five students detained at BHS, one with loaded gun in book bag

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Van Buren Township police responded to a call concerning a vehicle that had just been stolen from Briarwood Subdivision, off nearby Elwell Road, in the early afternoon of Thursday, April 21.

Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said police had a physical description of the suspects and School Resource Officer/Belleville Sgt. Kris Faull checked the school parking lot due to the proximity of the subdivision to the school.

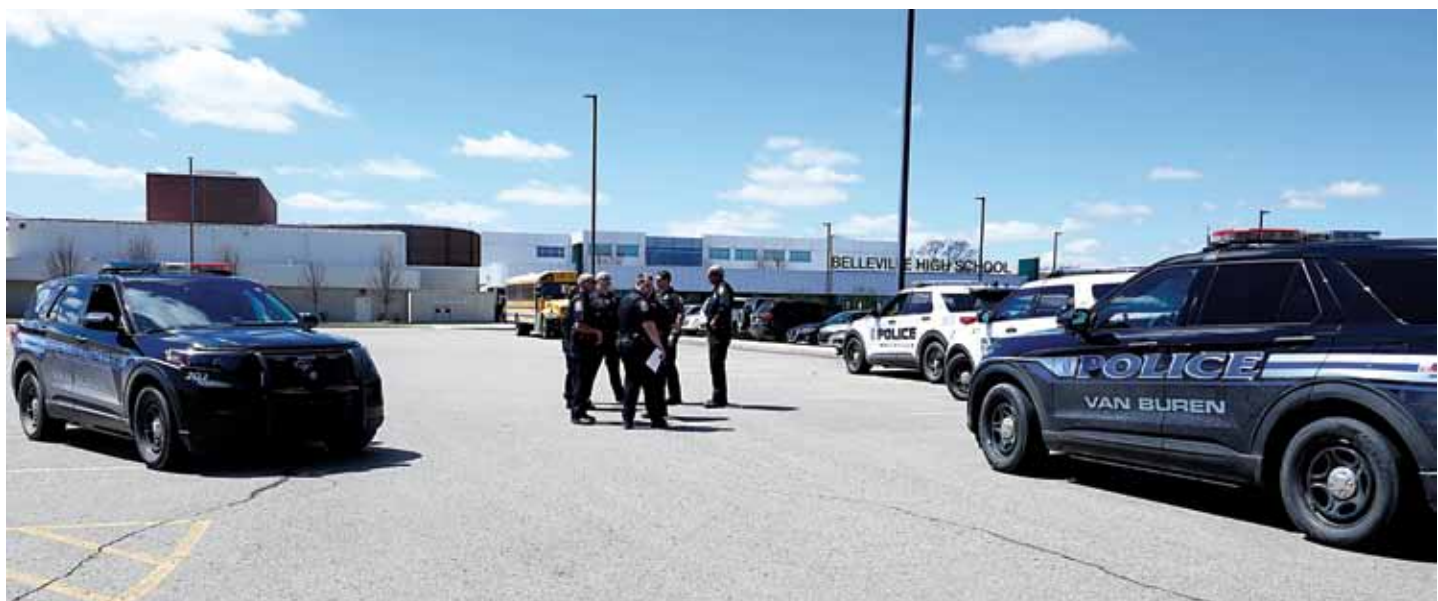
She found five juveniles matching the description of the suspects and they were detained, Chief Robinson said.

Officers from Van Buren Township and Belleville police departments arrived to investigate.

Sgt. Faull then checked the student parking lot and located the stolen vehicle.

One of the detained suspects was found to have a loaded firearm in his book bag and was taken into custody by Belleville police, Chief Robinson said.

Chief Robinson said all of the subjects investigated are juveniles and are students



Police officers from the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township were at the Belleville High School parking lot in the early afternoon of April 21. Five BHS students were detained after a stolen car was found in the student parking area and one was found to have a loaded gun in his book bag.

at Belleville High School. The arrested juvenile was transported and lodged at the Wayne County Youth Home.

The arrested juvenile's attendance in school previous to this incident remains under investigation, Chief Robinson said.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro reported that his department had

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Suspect arrested on Wexford St. in Belleville in massive drug bust



A 40-year-old suspect was arrested in a massive drug bust on Wexford Street in the City of Belleville on Tuesday, April 19, according to a news release by the Michigan State Police.

The Metro Narcotics Enforcement Team executed a search warrant in the residence, seizing 435 grams of methamphetamine and 104 grams of fentanyl. Several firearms were also taken by authorities.

MNET was assisted by Van Buren Township Police Department and Belleville Police Department in the investigation into Belleville-area meth sales.

The suspect was lodged pending prosecutor review, Michigan State Police said in the news release.

Previous Wexford St. drug arrest

Timothy Ryan Frye, 37, of Wexford Street in the City of Belleville was arrested on drug charges about a year ago. His residence on Wexford is not the same address as the location of the April 19, 2022 drug bust.

He was arraigned Oct. 6 at 34th District Court on ten charges that are dated April 14, 2021.

Frye's preliminary exam was Oct. 25 before Judge Brian A. Oakley, who bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for a Nov. 8 arraignment on the information. He remains free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Frye was charged with: delivery/manufacture of methamphetamine, delivery/manufacture of narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams, delivery/manufacture (added to Schedule 4 by Board Rule), carrying a concealed weapon, firearms possession by felon, ammunition possession by felon, and four felony firearm counts. The first three counts call for double penalties because it is at least the second time he has had such charges.

At the preliminary exam, a Western Wayne Narcotics team witness testified that among the things police found at his home were 55 grams of methamphetamine, 37+ oxycodone, 173 Zanex, equipment for drug sales, and double-edged brass knuckles with a blade.

After several court sessions before Circuit Court Judge Thomas M. Hathaway, Frye's final conference is set for June 1.

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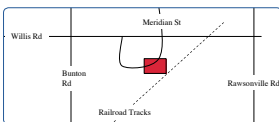
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Supt. Kudlak says metal detectors are racist, non-effective

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"I will not be the school superintendent that has metal detectors," School Supt. Pete Kudlak told the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday's three-hour meeting.

Board president Amy Pearce supported him with, "I will not be board president."

Supt. Kudlak said it is a racist practice and gives a false sense of security.

His comments were part of his presentation on the Safety Measures Survey he took following the March 7 arrest of a student with a loaded gun on school property, with additional comments including the April 21 issue of another student with a loaded gun on school property.

He said neither incident was a school-related issue and the students, both from Ypsilanti Township, were afraid of their communities.

He said both guns were recovered without incident, but it is not acceptable for this to happen and students need a safe environment to learn.

He said the school held parent meetings on the day of the first incident, March 7, to which more than 100 came, and the day after the most recent incident, April 22, to which about 50 came. He said at the first meeting, parents were calling to increase preventative safety measures, including metal detectors, clear backpacks, use of lockers, and increased school resource officers.

He said he sent out 5,000 surveys and there were 425 responses to the survey from March 21-28 and the questions were worded to check interest in pursuing the ideas that came from the parent meeting. He stressed all this data was collected prior to the second gun incident.

The responses showed the most interest was in increased school resource officers and metal detectors, with less interest in clear backpacks and forced locker use.

"I'm not interested in metal detectors," Kudlak said, giving his reasons as: they are not effective, they create a negative learning environment, it swaps treating students with dignity/respect for a false sense of security (adding studies don't agree that students actually feel safer) and it is a racist practice across the country.

He said he is totally in favor of adding another resource officer, making two total, and Van Buren Township had been contacted about this before the second incident happened. He said they are working on a grant that could be in place by the fall for a second school resource officer.

Kudlak said the district needs to do more community policing work in the lunchrooms, all buildings, and some

programming.

He said the district already has been working on other plans, including adding video cameras in the BHS parking lots, moving students out of BHS who need other than a traditional high school, and planning emergency scenarios.

Board member Dionne Falconer said she would be in favor of security or staff members watching students come in each morning. "I don't want metal detectors," she said, explaining she was the mother of two black sons.

Board treasurer Simone Pinter said every school shooting had the student going home and getting an arsenal and then coming back. "I don't want to say later that we *should've*. It's a shame two ruined it for 5,000," Pinter said.

Kudlak said the idea of metal detectors in the full entry way, is "one is too many."

He said random wandering of classrooms has been suggested, four or five at a time, done by a resource officer and a couple of security guards, checking kids and backpacks, and then going on to the next room. This possibly could be started before the end of the year. He said he spent the day looking at wands.

Board president Pearce said the wandering has to be completely random. The school attorneys have been consulted.

Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun said if they have suspicion, they can do it.

"This is a reflection of what's going on in our community," Director Madyun said. "This gun issue is a problem here as it is around the country."

Madyun said Kudlak is trying hard to do this and nothing is as simple as it seems. There are many ways to get into the building, he said.

"If someone wants to hurt someone else, they'll figure out how to do it," Pearce said. She said at the Los Angeles airport they had no problem shooting the TSA. "The thought of people lined up at the metal detector ... No," she said.

She said social media has carried comments about these students being here because of Schools of Choice, but these two live within the school district. She said the comments that we are bringing kids from Detroit isn't true.

Pearce said the two students come from Ypsilanti Township and they are scared to get off the bus and walk home safely. She said she wants Ypsilanti Township police to come to the board meeting and tell them what they know and what they're doing about this.

Kudlak said the only way to deny a student entry under School of Choice is a suspension in the last two years or if they ever were expelled.

"In this district, it's not the School of Choice kids that are the problem," Kudlak emphasized.

Pinter suggested a community group could be formed to watch these kids come home so they feel safe to get on the bus the next day.

Pinter said every student shooting up schools was from a middle-class, affluent neighborhood.

Kudlak said he doesn't like the wand, either, but it helps deter. He said they are meeting with an expert in this area on April 27 to find out what works in other places.

"School safety has to be an ongoing discussion," Kudlak said.

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

- Approved the NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Fort Custer, MI, Field Trip on May 10-13 that will include from 40 to 60 students in grades 9-12. GySgt. Mathew Barr said Belleville will be joined by River Rouge JROTC to maintain morale, improve recruitment, and to provide hands-on training. This exercise will focus on leadership, land navigation, teamwork, and *esprit de corps*;

- Approved Band Camp for Aug. 22-26 at Tamarack Camp, Ortonville, where the marching band will learn how to march and play the music. There are 225 students involved in grades 9-12 and students pay their own way. Music students at McBride Middle School and Keystone Charter Academy are potentially able to attend if they pass the auditions;

- Approved additional HVAC controls replacement at Owen Intermediate school during work this summer at a cost of \$175,000 from the 2019 bond fund;

- Approved the stormwater management plan resolution required by the state;

- Approved the purchase of 450 staff Chromebooks for the total amount of \$183,150 from the 2022-23 Enhancement Millage funding;

- Approved the purchase of 800 student Chromebooks for the total amount of \$245,896 from the 2022-23 Enhancement Millage funding;

- Approved accepting the bid of \$152,357 from Sentinel to cover the costs of replacing the aging core networking equipment at Owen and the four elementary schools. Erate funding will cover about 80% of the project;

- Heard a lengthy presentation by McBride Principal John Leroy, explaining standards-based grading practices at his school, with scores for no evidence of learning (0) to proficient (3) and mastered (4). When the students go to the high school they will go back to the letter grades;

- Approved the retirements of teachers: Pamela O'Neill of McBride Middle School

as of June 28 after 18 years of service; Deborah Johnson of Owen Intermediate School as of June 30, after 18 years; Carol Leake of Tyler Elementary as of June 30 after 31 years; and Charlene Korpics of McBride as of June 30 after 32 years;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Tisha Love of Rawsonville as of June 10 after 1.5 years of service and Laura Fleming of Owen as of June 10 after three years;

- Approved hiring Sarah Brousley-Crane as a social worker at Belleville High School as of May 2;

- Approved the retirements of non-instructional staff: Jill Sigal-Schroeder of Transportation as of May 20 after five years of service; and Sherry Zunk of Buildings and Grounds as of June 30 after 28 years of service;

- Approved the resignations of Ryan Tefertiller of Buildings and Grounds as of March 11 after two years of service; Gregory Graham of Transportation as of March 25 after three years of service; and Rachel Meyer of Special Services as of April 18 after less than a year of service; and

- Approved non-instructional employees for employment: Amanda Kolawole of ECC/Edgemont as a paraprofessional starting March 21; Christopher Pinder as a custodian under Buildings and Grounds as of March 22; and DeVontae Crimes as a bus driver in the Transportation Department.

34th District Court invites public to May 6 Community Day

The judges of the 34th District Court in Romulus invite the public to a new event they're calling "Community Day at the Court" from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 6.

Community Day is open to the public, though it is targeted at residents of the five communities serviced by the 34th District Court: Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township.

"We are thrilled to showcase our new facility and be able to host a day of fun for the community," said Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley.

The newly completed 34th District Court Building, located at 11129 Wayne Rd. in the City of Romulus Municipal Complex, opened to the public last year.

It is a state-of-the art facility, comprised of two stories, four court rooms, and 50,000 square feet. In addition to tours of the facility, attendees at Community Day can enjoy a car show, food trucks, public safety demonstrations, pet adoptions, and more.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Looks like Belleville is joining the troubled world

Last year there was an arrest of a man who lived in an apartment on Wexford Street in the City of Belleville. He had drugs of all kinds, scales and other things to get them ready for sale, and weapons, according to the witness at 34th District Court who testified at his preliminary exam. He is now at circuit court waiting for a June court date — and out on personal bond.

Then, on April 19, a man who lives at another address on the same Wexford Street in the City of Belleville got arrested in what Michigan State Police are calling a “massive drug bust.” He is yet to be arraigned so we have no name as yet, but we know he is 40 years old and had several firearms.

Meanwhile, across town at Belleville High School, police have arrested two students carrying firearms in their book bags. One arrest was on March 7 and the latest on April 21. The last arrest was in the school parking lot where a car was found that just had been stolen from nearby Briarwood Subdivision.

We’ve got to get a handle on all this local stupid stuff that we watch every night on TV news. We don’t want it here. We’re with Belleville Police Chief Robinson who wants Belleville to be neat and tidy and safe like the old Disney Land. We don’t want to publish any more news on guns and drugs in our tri-community.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Marilyn Wood, coordinator of the Community Food Closet at the Methodist Church in Belleville, said she has been in touch with the Belleville Post Office and the 2022 Letter Carriers’ “Stamp Out” Hunger is a go for this year. The date is Saturday, May 14.

She said she will be submitting more information for publication before then, asking the community for its support and for volunteers to work to help sort, check dates, and shelve food received.

The last campaign was held in 2019 and 11,000 pounds of food was donated. Many hands are needed to help, she said.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara reported at the township board’s April 19 meeting that Wayne County has announced that southbound Haggerty is closed from Tyler to the I-94 North Service Drive “for the summer.”

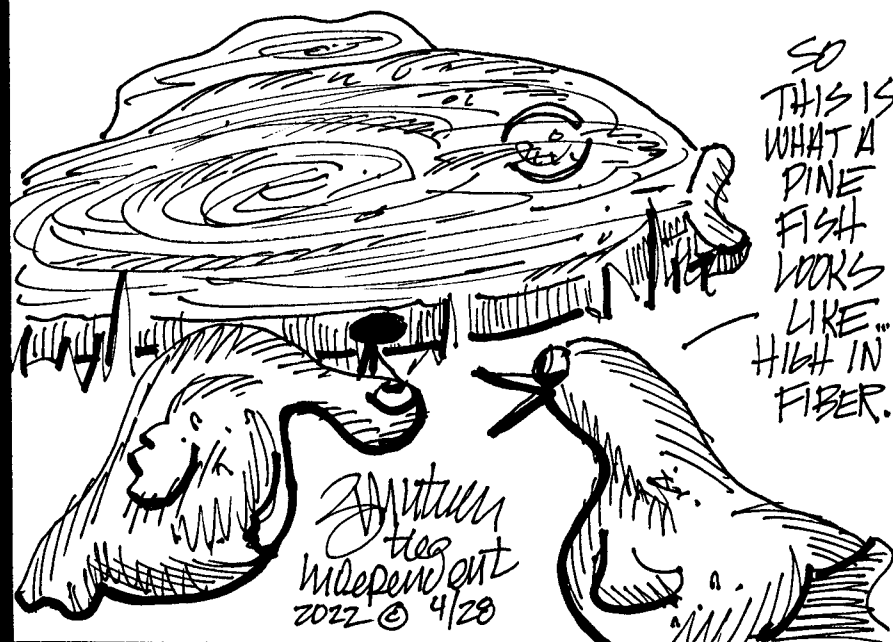
That road was closed for most of last summer and only one lane of the roadway was redone before it was reopened for the winter. We haven’t seen any workers out there this season since they put out the barrels to block the southbound lane.

There are two, free concerts planned in August at the Wayne County Community College campus located in that area of Haggerty. Should be interesting trying to get there if the county isn’t done yet.

Supervisor McNamara also mentioned that the county has yet to respond to VBT’s recent offer to help pay for resurfacing the part of Haggerty between Ecorse and Van Born roads.

At that same VBT board meeting, there

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Grant Memering and his crew restriped Main Street from Hayward’s to Five Points on Sunday and it looks very nice. Councilwoman Kelly Bates had asked for some lines to be drawn at the S. Liberty Street entrance to Savage Road and so that was done, as well.

One of our readers who has lived on Elwell Road, just south of W. Huron River Drive, for 40 years called me recently to talk about the church on the east side of Elwell near HRD that had graffiti on it.

It bothered her a lot, especially when the swastika was added, and she tried calling and going into the township but somehow got no action. We sent an email to VBT Police Chief Jason Wright and he called her and in a few days the graffiti was gone — cleaned off the building. Lt. Charles Bazy said they just called the church owner and gave them a time limit to clean it up and it was gone immediately.

Our reader said she saw a young man walking from the church with a backpack and acting guilty just before she noted the graffiti. We wonder if that person had anything to do with the teens who were taking stuff from garages in nearby Briarwood subdivision recently.



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was information about the four large and 11 small township Gateway signs that will be put up after the board agreed to pay the \$176,698 price for them. Two of the large signs will be lighted. One of the large signs won’t be able to be illuminated because there is no infrastructure in that area. Another of the large signs is slated for private property and will be put up later. The other signs will be installed this year, all at once, board members were told.

Trustee Kevin Martin asked if they couldn’t use solar power to illuminate that one sign.

Scott Jensen of Graphic House, which is constructing and installing the signs, said that being up north, like we are, the solar just doesn’t work like it does in the southern, warmer areas.

Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud said they looked at the solar and it is very costly and not a good option.

The board also approved \$119,124 worth of park signage by Graphic House.

“I glad we’re getting Van Buren’s name out there — not Belleville!” said Trustee Sherry Frazier. “We’re Van Buren Township!”

Early Monday afternoon, emergency crews got called to Holiday Woods where a construction crew hit a gas line and they could smell the gas and hear the gas coming out. After that was taken care of, the crews got back to work and hit another gas line and so the emergency was replayed around 2 p.m.

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Letters

Food Closet thanks shoppers, Meijer

To the editor:
THANK YOU!

The Emergency Food Closet raised \$9,120 locally in the 2022 Meijer Winter Simply Give Campaign and was able to receive the \$10,000 from the two double-match days for a total donation of \$19,120.

Without the continued support of the philanthropic endeavors of Meijer, we would not be able to continue to feed the hungry in our community as we currently do. I truly appreciate Meijer's continued support and partnership with our Emergency Food Closet. *But, we could not do it without your continued support as well!*

Since Jan. 1, 2022 we have distributed 599 bags of food and have had 27 new clients. Food prices continue to escalate on a weekly basis. Meat prices have increased 20% from a year ago. Due to price increases and availability of foods, cuts have had to be made for what goes into our weekly bags and refrigerator item choices. Our budget depends solely on the generosity of members of our community and local businesses.

Due to the generosity from the members of our community, local churches and businesses, and churches in surrounding communities, the Emergency Food Closet has been able to distribute food to all clients on a weekly basis. In addition to receiving a bag of food, each client also receives a loaf of bread, a 4-roll pack of toilet paper, a meat, a dairy product, a lunch meat, and a personal care product.

The Emergency Food Closet is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located at Belleville First United Methodist Church located at 417 Charles St.

Your continued support to help feed and care for the hungry in our community is a blessing!

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet
Belleville

Thanks to those who responded to our call

To the editor:

We want to express our gratitude to the 911 operator, HVA, Sumpter fire and police officers for their swift, professional, and very compassionate response to our emergency call for assistance.

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Dave, Caroline Sauers to celebrate 50 years

To the editor:

Well, Rosemary, I've known you for many years, through thick and the ups and downs in this community we call Home.

The reason I'm writing you now is to inform you of a milestone in my life! I have been blessed with Caroline, my wife of 50 years as of April 28, 2022. Many things have passed over the years, some friends, family, and many community changes have taken place. But my love for her has remained strong even during the ups and downs all married couples face. I wish every couple when faced with a challenge in life remember not to turn their heads but face these challenges together as WE have done all these years!

So, as of this letter, we will be celebrating this milestone on April 30 at the Eagles clubhouse on Beck Road. If you have a chance, stop by and say congrats to us.

Your friends,
Dave and Caroline Sauers
Van Buren Township

Can anyone report on illegal immigrants here?

To the editor:

Awoke early this morning, around 5 o'clock, and watched the sky in the east. I counted five planes with landing lights on coming from the east.

While watching TV, I saw hundreds of illegal immigrants being unloaded into various airports within our country. I'm curious, living between two huge airports: Romulus-Metro Airport, Willow Run Airport.

Do we have security/ police, government agencies, media, or anyone who is watching and can report to us if any illegal immigrants are being moved to our cities, how and when?

Do you also wonder?

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Obituaries



Robert James Hampton



ROBERT JAMES HAMPTON

(March 12, 1925 – April 6, 2022)

Robert James Hampton, age 97, of Belleville died at home April 6, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Born March 12, 1925 in Boyne City, MI, to Walter and Lillian Hampton, Robert joined the Army in 1943 and served as a Sergeant in the 739th Military Police Battalion Company C in WWII. After his service he utilized the GI Bill to receive a BA degree from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) in Mortuary Science. He married Geraldine Snelson of Indianapolis, IN, in 1949 and they remained married for 54 years until her death in 2003.

They moved to Belleville in 1952 and raised four boys and a girl while attending St. Anthony parish in Belleville which he attended his entire life with devotion and immense pride. He belonged to the Lion's Club and Kiwanis, Moose and Eagles at various times and did volunteer work with St. Vincent DePaul until his 93rd birthday. He enjoyed attending and participating with his many friends at the Van Buren Township Senior Center. He worked for Roberts Brothers Funeral Home for 10 years and later 31 years at Draw-Tite trailer hitch company until his retirement in 1988.

Robert enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, raising beagle hunting dogs, making wine and spending as much time as possible with extended family and his many close personal friends and neighbors. He was cherished by all who knew him and will be deeply missed.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Lillian; wife Geraldine in 2003; sons Bruce 1973, Michael 2013; brother Paul and his wife Joann Hampton; sisters Ruth, Erma Kurchinski and husband Robert, Lois Rose and her husband Dick, Mary LaPeer and her husband Dick, Naomi Kurcharek and her husband Ted; in-laws Robert Hammonds, Fred Looze, Albert and Vera Snelson, David Snelson, Richard Snelson, Jim Snelson and his wife Audrey, and Hugo Pena. Several nieces and nephews and far too many dear friends and neighbors to list.

Robert is survived by sons Steven (Rhonda) Hampton, Douglas (Carol) Hampton, daughter Karen Akans; sister Shirley Looze; sister-in-law Myra Pena; and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Dignified cremation has been accorded. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to St. Vincent DePaul of St. Anthony's church in Belleville would be appreciated.

A celebration of life in Boyne City, MI, and Belleville sometime this summer will be announced at a later date.

VBT Senior Center closed, to reopen in June at Haggerty School

The September Days Senior Center on Tyler Road in Van Buren Township was closed as of Friday, April 15, to clear the deck for expansion and construction work on that area of township hall for the upcoming community center project.

Classes will resume in June at Haggerty School at 13770 Haggerty Road. In the

meantime, several exercise classes are being held outside at Quirk Park as of Monday, April 18, at the following times:

- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, M-W-F, 9:30 a.m.
- Zumba Gold, M-W-F, 10:30 a.m.
- Cardio Drumming, Monday, 11:30 a.m.
- Tai Chi, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

The plan is to use Haggerty School for Senior Center activities until they can move back in when construction of the community center is complete at the end of 2023.

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Harry Alvin Dean

HARRY ALVIN DEAN

(May 6, 1934 – April 23, 2022)

Harry Alvin Dean, age 87, a longtime Belleville, MI, resident, passed away early Saturday, April 23, 2022, at his daughter's home in Dearborn, MI. He was born May 6, 1934, in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, son of John Gale & Lillian Mae (Leisie) Dean. He enjoyed gardening and hunting in his younger years. He worked for TNT Holland for 46 years as a truck driver before he retired. He was a member of the Teamsters. He was a family man who enjoyed the Monday Morning Breakfast Club.

Mr. Dean is survived by 12 children: John Fleming of Melvindale, MI, Sherrie (William) Snyder of Mt. Clemens, MI, Edward (Lisa) Fleming of Dearborn, MI, Suzanne (Peter) Gajda of Belleville, MI, Leann Dean of Dearborn, MI, Debra (Tom) Stevens of Ohio, Vicki (Glenn) Hammersmith and John Kelley, both of Norwalk, Ohio, Sandra Flores of Ohio, Alan Dean of Naples, Florida, Terry (John) Sutton of Sylvania, Ohio, and Charmaine (Mick) Farrell of Willis, MI; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren; four siblings: his twin sister Mary Alice Schuller of Norwalk, Ohio, Howard Dean and Charlie (Pat) Dean, both of Pennsylvania, and Freda Jones of Florida; also a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Harry was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 40 years Dorothy Elizabeth Dean, son Lonnie Fleming, daughter Laurie Fleming, also 8 siblings.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 26, 2022, from 1-6 PM with a 6:00 PM funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI, 48111 (734) 697-4500, with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. A Private interment will be in Tyler Street Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to a hospice of the donor's choice and would be appreciated.

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Lorie Michelle Schofield

LORIE MICHELLE SCHOFIELD

(September 3, 1967 – April 19, 2022)

Lorie Michelle Schofield, age 54, longtime Belleville, MI, resident, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. She was born September 3, 1967, in Ypsilanti, MI, first-born daughter of John Thomas & Darlene Ann (Christian) Russ III. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1985. She owned and operated Schofield Cleaning Services, Belleville, MI, for many years. She was a selfless person, always giving to others. She was a hard worker and took care of all of her employees. She enjoyed snowmobiling, riding Sea-doo, sand dunes, and collecting crosses. She was a terrific Band Booster and the biggest cheerleader mom for every sport for her daughter. What Lorie found the most enjoyment in was being present at all of Brianna's cross country and track meets from middle school through college. She loved traveling and time spent with Brianna making memories. She was always up for an adventure, even when she was tired. She will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Lorie is survived by her daughter Brianna Schofield (David Oleszkowicz) of Belleville, MI; Brianna's dad Eric Schofield, of Belleville, MI; mother Darlene Russ of Ann Arbor, MI; two sisters Lisa (Javid Moraveji) Russ of Ypsilanti, MI, and Lisbeth (Rob) Krause of Rapid City, MI; niece & nephews including Liam Moraveji, Abigail, Hayden & David Krause, and more nieces, Stephanie, Ashley, Brittanee, Zoey, Lindsey, Paris, Rachel, Sphinx & Julia; also numerous extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father: John T. Russ III, grandparents Laura Mabel and John T. Russ, III and her brothers David Harold Ecker Russ and Gregory Scott Russ. Also, her In-Laws Suzy & Ron Schofield.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded to honor her wishes. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, April 29, 2022, at 3 p.m. with a gathering of family and friends from 1-3 p.m. Pastor Rev. Buddy Smith, from Hawks, MI, will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at <https://www.karmanos.org/karmanos-foundation/donate-to-karmanos-foundation> or Bethel Youth Camp, 8644 S. Ward, Hawks, MI 49743 and would be greatly appreciated.

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PERRY LEE CARNAHAN

(June 9, 1952 – April 22, 2022)

Age 69. After graduating from Belleville High School in 1970, he attended the police academy, and then worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department until retirement. Survived by mother Shirley Carnahan, sister Pamela, brother Kevin. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Friends of Library Plant Swap is May 7, Used Book Sale, May 6, 7

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Adults and children are invited to participate. Plants to swap should be in containers and labeled. The event will be sponsored by The Belleville Area Garden Club. Members will be available to answer questions and give gardening tips.

A two-day "Dollar Days" Book Sale will be held from noon to 3 p.m. for the general public on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7.

A Friends of BADL members-only preview sale will take place both days, from 11 a.m. until noon. Books will be restocked after the Friday closing for more bargains on Saturday.

New memberships will be available at the door.

Used books will be discounted as follows: Adult hardcovers, 2 for \$1; oversized paperbacks, 3 for \$1; regular paperbacks, 4 for \$1; children's books, 4 for \$1; audio books, DVDs, and CDs, 2 for \$1.

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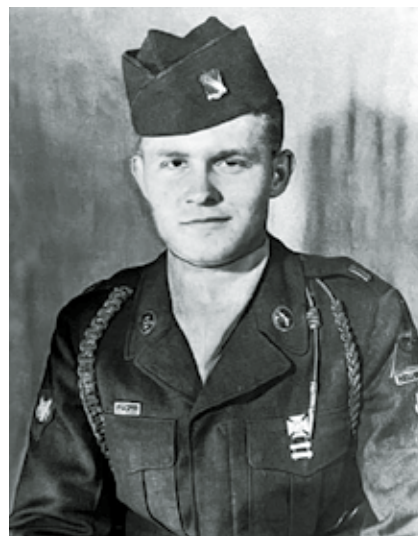
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Theodore Paul Montie

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Ted Montie, 84, of Sumpter Township, MI, son of the late Frank and Paulie (Barton) Montie, passed away Friday, April 22, 2022 at home surrounded by his family. Ted was born in Flat Rock, Michigan. He is survived by his brothers; Frank & Floyd (Margie) Montie as well as many children and grandchildren he raised as his own. Sadly, Ted was preceded in death by his parents, sister; Shirley (Richard) Moody and wives, Bonnie, Betty & Velma, along with other family and friends. Ted was a staple to the Sumpter community, the owner of Teds Deer Processing for over 60 years, as well as Nelson Paper in Romulus, MI. In his earlier years, Ted enjoyed spending time with his Father and brothers working in the family store, which was located at the corner of Judd and Sumpter as well. He is the oldest member of The American Legion of New Boston; MI. Thank you to the members for allowing the family to utilize the hall for a brunch honoring Ted after the burial. Running a small business was not for the weak, especially being a butcher/processor. Family would come from out of town every deer season to help Ted by lifting, cutting and packaging the meat. Many friends and family would stop by Teds just to say hello! Ted enjoyed sitting outside watching the vehicles cruise by and visiting with his best friend Lee. Ted had loving neighbors that looked out for him, including The Pasek's, Sumpter Collision & Little Town Deli. Thank you to everyone that has helped loved & checked on Ted throughout the years, it has not gone unnoticed. Ted proudly served in the U.S Army from December 8, 1955- November 18, 1957. He was stationed in Worms, Germany; near the Rhine River. He came across the ocean on the navy boat; USS General Butner. Visitation was Wednesday April 27, 2022 at Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home located at 209 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. LeRoy Paige, one of Ted's friends, was the speaker during services. Ted was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial in Flat Rock, MI.

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• **Thursday, April 28, Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30** – McBride Middle School is presenting “Mystery at Shady Acres” at 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and noon on Saturday. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. The audience will help the cast solve the mystery of the stolen diamond necklace.

• **Thursday, April 28** – Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Dining Hall, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. Executive Board meeting is at 6 p.m.

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

• **Friday, April 29** – Induction ceremony for the Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates and for BHS National Honor Society will be at 7 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium. A dinner for all Distinguished Graduates and others will be held at 5 p.m. at the BYC. Reservations are required for the dinner and guests will order and pay for the dinner at the BYC.

• **Sunday, May 1** – Watch the University of Michigan rowers compete with Texas on Belleville Lake. The center of the activity is the 6,000-square-foot, \$1.2 million

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• **Sunday, May 1** – The Belleville Community Chorus presents its spring concert, “America Sings,” at 3 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church. Free, but donations are welcomed.

• **Sunday, May 1** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Thursday, May 5** – National Day of Prayer at noon will extend prayers for all first responders in the Van Buren, Belleville, and Sumpter area in front of Van Buren Township Fire Station #2 on Belleville Road, put on by the members of Open Arms Lutheran Church.

• **Friday, May 6** – 34th District Court in Romulus invites the public to “Community Day at the Court” from noon to 5 p.m. Many events planned. This is the first open house since completion of the new, two-story building.

• **Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7** – Friends of the Library “Dollar Days” Used Book Sale. Open to general public noon-3 p.m.; members of Friends, 11 a.m.-noon, both days.

• **Saturday, May 7** -- Perennial Plant Swap, noon-1 p.m., Belleville Area District Library lawn. Adults and children invited to participate.

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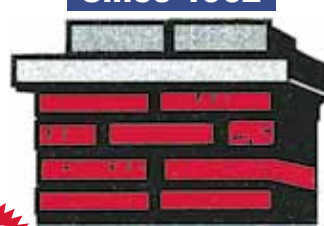
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The cast and crew of this year's play at McBride Middle Schools number more than 30.

McBride Middle School to present 'Mystery at Shady Acres'

McBride Middle School will present this year's play, "Mystery at Shady Acres," at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29, and at noon on Saturday, April 30.

Tickets will 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. The play is directed by Tracy Delfuoco and Pamela O'Neill.

The audience's help is needed to solve the baffling theft at Shady Acres, a cozy hotel tucked away in the remote English countryside in the late 1920s. The hotel staff is frantically preparing for the arrival of their most prestigious guests ever — the wealthy and famous Fairfaxes from America. Everything seems to be going awry as the hotel is turned topsy-turvy with zany activity.

Finally, hotel manager Mr. Clifford manages to usher the English Tea Garden tour group out of the lobby early and to straighten out the confusion between the Fairfaxes and the Brighthams, another pair of wealthy guests. Just when he thinks everything is going smoothly, Mrs. Fairfax's valuable diamond necklace is stolen! Who could it be? And who is the mysterious man lurking about who signed the hotel register as Mr. X?

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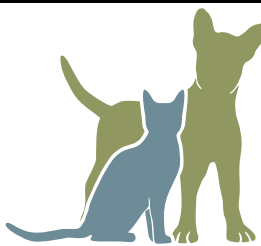
I am a big boy with a big heart. I used to live with young kids and I loved them. I also like playing with other dogs. I love playing with my friend Toro in the yard here! I'm a little iffy about cats...I really, really want to sniff them. Since I came from a loving home, I know lots of things already. I know how to sit, lay down and walk nicely on a leash. What I really want is someone to hang out on the couch with - you can even use me for a pillow! The only reason I am here is that my family had to move! I hope I can find a new family soon.

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COVID-19 deaths stay at 130 in 48111, positive tests total 9,068

The total number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 130 as of Monday, April 25, according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 9,068 on Monday, April 25, up from 9,010 on Sunday, April 17.

On Monday, April 25, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,208 positive cases, 87 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,042 positive cases, 13 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,818 positive cases, 30 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had four positive tests recorded last week. As of April 22 there has been a total of 572 positive cases since the beginning of the school year last August. Deaths, if any, are not reported.



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Last weekend's "Seussical, the Musical" put on by the Belleville High School Tiger Drama group was a big success and drew large crowds. Some of those taking part were, from left, Ryann Lacey, David Grivas, Madison Leads, Aaron Rizzo, Yanjie Zhu, and Avery Fields.

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- **Friday, April 29:** JV Baseball vs. New Boston, double-header, 4 p.m.
- **Monday, May 2:** JV Softball vs. Wyandotte, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 3:** Girls & Boys Track vs. Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 4:** JV Baseball vs. Franklin, double-header, 4 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Franklin, double-header, 4 p.m.

BHS Soccer away games

- **Tuesday, May 3:** Away at Franklin High School, JV, 5:30 p.m., Varsity, 7 p.m.
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- Angie McCluskey

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Fire at Bayloff Stamping Plant in VBT leaves minor damage

At about 4 a.m. on April 11, 16 workers ran to safety when the building sprinklers went off after a spark flew into a dust collection bin causing a fire inside Bayloff Stamping Plant number 2 on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township.

All of the overnight workers were able to escape the building safely, according to Van Buren Township Fire Chief David McNally.

A filter had a hole in it and a spark got through into the dust bin, Chief McNally said, adding the fire was contained to the machine. The plant was back in operation that afternoon.

Mutual aid was provided by Canton, Romulus, and Ypsilanti Township fire departments.

Belleville Road had to be closed in both directions for a few hours from the heavy amount of smoke but it was reopened just before 6 a.m. No injuries were reported.

Chief McNally said VBT, over the April 9-10 weekend, also fought a garage fire

on Dartmoor Circle in Andover Farms subdivision due to a cooking malfunction and another fire in Homestead subdivision off Ecorse Road due to smoking materials.

On Sunday evening, April 10, VBT and Sumpter Township also assisted Belleville Fire Department in a trailer fire on Carmel, with the home being a total loss. Fire fighters left at 2 a.m.

Court Watching:

Second charge added for accused sex offender in City of Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Matthew Lee Morton of Westland was charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct first degree (person under 13) on Feb. 13, 2021 in the City of Belleville. His probable cause conference was held March 9 before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin and his preliminary exam set for March 28. Prosecutor Ragan Lake said she expected to have two witnesses testify. The exam was adjourned until April 19.

His bond was set at \$50,000/10% and if he is released he must have no contact with the victim and cannot return to an address on West Columbia Ave.

At the exam the charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct second degree was added to the original charge. The defendant was bound over to circuit court for an April 26 arraignment on the information. Judge Martin refused the prosecutor's request to add a GPS tether.

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• 31st District State Representative, 2-year term – Democrats Reggie Miller and Glenn R. Morrison, Jr. of Van Buren Township, and Republicans Dale Biniecki of Monroe and Holli Vallade of Milan.

• 3rd Circuit Judge incumbent 6-year terms, 15 positions, 16 filing and then David A. Groner withdraws: Yvonna Abraham, Eric W. Cholack, Melissa Anne Cox, Susan A. Dabaja, Wanda A. Evans, Patricia Susan Fresard, Sheila Gibson Manning, Alexis A. Glendening, Susan L. Hubbard, Muriel Diane Hughes, Kelly Ann Ramsey, Mark Slavens, Martha M. Snow, Brian R. Sullivan, Darnella Williams-Claybourne.

• 3rd Circuit Judge non-incumbent, 6-year terms, 5 positions open, 12 running: Charise Anderson, Philip Cavanagh, Kiefer Joseph Cox (withdraws), LaKena Tennille Crespo, John C. Gillis, Nicholas John Hathaway, Shakira Lynn Hawkins, Ron L. Haywood, John Michael Malone, Anne Marie McCarthy, Regina Triplett, Tenisha Renee Yancey, Chastity Youngblood.

• 3rd Circuit Judge incumbent, partial term ending 01/01/2027, 1 position – incumbent Christopher Bount, unopposed.

• 3rd Circuit Judge new judgeship, 6-year term, 1 position – Kiefer Joseph Cox and John C. Gillis, both of Detroit.

• Judge of Probate, incumbent, 6-year term, 1 position – incumbent Lawrence Joseph Paolucci. Withdrawn: Lisa Marie

Neilson.

• Judge of Probate, non-incumbent, 6-year term, 1 position – John Charles Cahalan of Grosse Pointe Farms and Michael James McClary of Livonia.

• 34th District Court, 6-year term – incumbent Judge Brian A. Oakley, unopposed.

• Wayne County Executive, 4-year term – Democrats MD R. Alam, Monica Conyers, Warren C. Evans, Beverly Kindle-Walker, and Republican Mark Ashley Price.

• Wayne County Sheriff, partial term ending 12/31/2024, 1 position – Democrats Walter Epps, Joan Merriewether, Raphael Washington.

• Wayne County Commissioner, 11th District, 2-year term, 1 position: Democrats Toni Clark of Sumpter Township and incumbent Al Haidou of Wayne and Republican Corey James Blue of Sumpter Township.

• Sumpter Township Treasurer, to fill

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hear some of his stories.

Braun & Helmer Auction Service will be holding an Estate Auction on Thursday, May 5, starting at 10 a.m. at 10021 Endicott St. in Van Buren Township. Some of the items up for bid are a 1984 Chevy Celebrity, 1973 Suzuki Trail 90 Motorbike, Wheel Horse Garden Tractor, tools, beer signs and much more. Check out their website for lots of pictures and details at www.braunandhelmer.com and see their ad in today's paper. Call (734) 368-1763.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is holding its annual Flea Market this weekend, starting Thursday, April 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon on the church grounds at 19109 Craig St. in New Boston. Proceeds will go to the St. Paul's Ladies Aid and Men's Club.

This weekend marks the official opening for the season of three of the area's greenhouses, starting with Garden Fantasy on Tyler Road

near Morton Taylor, offering cool weather plants and flowers, starter vegetables, and a big selection of cemetery flowers, cones, crosses, hearts, and more. Flats of annuals, hanging baskets and other spring favorites are available, too, just be careful with annuals with this crazy Michigan cold weather. They're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and will be open Sundays, starting May 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (734) 697-1765. Down the street to the east, Robson Greenhouse on Haggerty Road, north of Tyler is open, with their spring and summer favorites of annuals and vegetable plants, specialty flowers, pots, and baskets. The family owned and operated business is celebrating its 93rd year. Incredible. They're open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. until the last customer is gone for the day. Call (734) 397-2252. Across town in Sumpter Township, Donald Zywicki and Zywicki Greenhouses on Willow Road, just east of Rawsonville Road is open for another season, their 70th, selling bedding plants, vegetable plants, flats, baskets, and other favorites. They also open at 8 a.m. seven days a week. Call (734) 461-6197. Be sure to see the ads from all three greenhouses in today's paper and don't forget Mother's Day is May 8. Can't wait to catch some of that new greenhouse smell myself.

Cheryl Wagner will be holding her ninth-annual Art & Garden Show this Sunday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 47947 West Huron River Dr. in Van Buren Township.

Vendors will be selling perennial plants, pottery, baskets, flowers, glass, jewelry, and much more. Call (734) 699-9050.

Outdoor Amenities and owner Eric Partridge offer professional installation of decking, fencing, brick pavers and more for residential and commercial customers in the Belleville and surrounding communities and is currently looking for individuals to join his full-time construction team. New hires can earn up to \$20 per hour based on experience. Applicants must have their own transportation. See his help wanted ad in today's paper and call (734) 341-3364.

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

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin Trustee Frazier and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Planning and Economic Development Powers, Communications Specialist Japowicz, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland, Lieutenant Bazy, Sergeant Keele, Officer Byrd and an audience of thirteen (13).

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022, Work Study Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2022, Prepaid List of April 7, 2022, Prepaid List of April 14, 2022, Voucher List of April 19, 2022, Reapproval of the Township Investment Policy and Authorized Investment Institutions and Approval of the price increase from \$5 per column inch to \$7 per column inch for publications in The Belleville Independent. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The 34th District Court is hosting Community Day at the Court for the public on Friday, May 6 from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm; residents are invited to attend a Museum Visioning Workshop at the Belleville Area Museum on Wednesday, June 1st from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm; a survey will be launching this May to receive tri-community resident's input on the Belleville Area Museum; the September Days Senior Center is closed as of Friday, April 15

for construction; Senior Center classes will take place at Quirk Park beginning Monday, April 18 and at Haggerty School beginning in June; Haggerty Subdivision Sidewalk Replacement Program has begun and sidewalks are currently being assessed; a public hearing will be held about the Haggerty Subdivision Sidewalk Program at a future date; southbound Haggerty Road is closed from Tyler to I-94 due to construction for the summer and I-275 northbound from I-94 to M-14 will be closed starting Friday, April 22 until Monday, April 25 for repairs.

The Van Buren Township Police Department Accreditation Video was shown.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): A resident expressed their excitement for the Gateway Signage project and recommended additional locations for signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve of ThinkGard's Cloud Based/On-Premise Disaster Recovery Solution for Van Buren Township Data and Application Servers and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the 3-year agreement. Motion Carried. Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve of the selection of Graphic House, Inc for the Gateway Signage project for \$176,698. Motion Carried. Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve of Graphic House, Inc for the Park Signage Phase II project for \$119,124. Motion Carried. Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve of the selection of Santoro Services, LLC for the Belleville Area Museum Landscape & Irrigation Improvement project for \$100,819.15. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A resident reported graffiti on a utility box at the corner of Haggerty and Ecorse.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Boynton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Publish: April 28, 2022

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR FRENCH LANDING PARK PHASE II

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for the construction project, French Landing Park Phase II at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on Bid Net Direct (MITN) and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "FRENCH LANDING PARK PHASE II" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., local time.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 10:00 am in the Denton Room at Township Hall. The bidding contractors will be able to visit the project site following the conference.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Russell Design, Inc. 114 Rayson Street, Suite 2A Northville, Michigan 48167. (248) 374-3222.

Published: 4-28-22

Public Notice

Public Budget Hearing
will be held for the following
Public School Academy:

Keystone
47925 Bemis Rd., Belleville
734-697-9470
May 12, 5 p.m.

A copy of the Budget for the listed
Public School Academy will be available
on the transparency page of the
school's website.

Published: April 28, 2022

19-year-old Romulus resident thrown from vehicle, dies in VBT

A 19-year-old male from Romulus, identified as Kenneth Payne III, was a passenger in a vehicle that hit several trees on Monday afternoon. He had been ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

At about 1:21 p.m. on April 25, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to the area of Ecorse Road between the Washtenaw County line and Denton Road, concerning a reported one-vehicle accident.

Van Buren Police Lt. Kenneth Floro said the preliminary investigation revealed that a 2012 Chevrolet Cruz was traveling eastbound on Ecorse Road just east of the county line when it left the roadway and collided with several trees.

The Van Buren Fire Department and HVA arrived on the scene to provide emergency medical care for all the people involved in this collision, Lt. Floro said.

The first responding units discovered one person ejected and unresponsive. Another person was responsive and in need of care.

The driver of the vehicle, a 17-year-old female from Romulus, was treated at the scene and transported to University of Michigan Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor where she was listed in serious condition, Lt. Floro said.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow up investigation, collect data, and secure physical evidence. The accident remains under investigation and anyone with information or who may have witnessed this incident is asked to contact Lt. Kenneth Floro, Sgt. Jeff Stanton or Ofc. Dave Champagne at (734) 699-8930.

FMAR holds donation site to help people, animals in Ukraine

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) in Sumpter Township is holding a special donation site to help the people and animals of Ukraine.

It is at the top of the Animal Rescue Site or those interested may type in <https://store.theanimalrescuesite.greatergood.com/products/96167-crisis-in-ukraine-send-aid-now> .

FMAR vice president Marcy LaFramboise said it a safe site that will ensure donations go where they are needed most.

“We are all praying for the people in Ukraine and an end to this terrible, devastating war,” she said in the Spring Edition of the FMAR newsletter.

“The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people’s money.”
– Margaret Thatcher

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 17:

No calls

Monday, April 18:

0902 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
1415 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1614 – traffic stop, Main St.
1626 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1640 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1756 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1805 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1839 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1905 – welfare check, Second St.
1912 – private property impound, S. Industrial Park Dr.

Tuesday, April 19:

0802 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
0806 – traffic stop, W. Columbia/Harbour
0954 – traffic stop, E. Davis St./South St.
0957 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1027 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./High St.
1057 – traffic stop, High St.
1104 – family trouble, Carmel St.
1405 – parking complaint, Light Tower
1413 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1608 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1654 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1653 – civil matter, Henry St.
1714 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
1931 – disorderly, Third St.
2143 – traffic stop, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.
2306 – misc. complaint, Main St./High St.

Wednesday, April 20:

0032 – assist other dept., Wexford Ave.
1144 – private property impound, Main St.
1523 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1725 – unattended death, Greylock St.
2034 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
2122 – assist other dept., Potter Dr.
2209 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2212 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

Thursday, April 21:

0952 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1433 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1449 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1549 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1951 – threat, Main St.
1956 – juvenile complaint, St. Anthony
2355 – traffic stop, Bedell St./E. Huron River Dr.

Friday, April 22:

0831 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
1104 – traffic stop, Charles St./Roys St.
1351 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.
1521 – assault & battery, Owen St.
1637 – fraud, Belle Villa Blvd.
2213 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon

Saturday, April 23:

0329 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
0427 – welfare check, Main St./South St.
0723 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0733 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.
0746 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0754 – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.
0815 – traffic offense, Belleville/Quirk
0836 – traffic offense, Sunrise/Belleville
0945 – juvenile complaint, Third St./Church St.
1022 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1037 – traffic offense, South St./Davis St.
1142 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1148 – traffic stop, South St./tracks
1537 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1600 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wexford Ave.
1648 – ordinance violation, High St.
1728 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1736 – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.
1742 – traffic offense, Main St./Fifth St.
1750 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1755 – 911 welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr. / Breakwater Dr.
1813 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./Bell Cove Ct.
1829 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1840 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St.
1851 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1957 – traffic stop, Belleville/Quirk
2035 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
2111 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2126 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour

Pointe Dr.

2150 – traffic stop, High St.

2339 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.

There were 42 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 17:

0036 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0206 – disorderly person, Washington St.
0724 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2045 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1209 – welfare check, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1707 – fire dept. assist, California St.
1821 – noise complaint, Stonecrest Dr.
1822 – ORV complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1831 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis Rd./Haggerty
1856 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Karr Rd.

/ Arkona Rd.

2213 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Fenster Rd.

Monday, April 18:

0038 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Judd
0044 – harassment complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0731 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1055 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1057 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1111 – mental health call, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
1129 – fraud complaint, Arizona St.
1140 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Thatcham Ln.

1141 – assist other agency, Virginia St.

1141 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1306 – animal complaint, Wear Rd./Elwell Rd.

1312 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.

1315 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Arkona

1348 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.

1903 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

2031 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Willis

Tuesday, April 19:

0001 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0831 – suspicious circumstance, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0949 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1115 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

1412 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.

1516 – flee & elude, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.

1610 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

1846 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.

2003 – family trouble, First St.

2231 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.

2245 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, April 20:

0500 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1002 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1054 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1208 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1358 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1411 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willow
1436 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1451 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1634 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.

1713 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

1843 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

2127 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

2130 – mental health call, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.

2153 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.

Thursday, April 21:

0049 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln./Rustic Ln.

0554 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.

1003 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Bemis

1246 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.

1254 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

1328 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1336 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1528 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1727 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

2341 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, April 22:

0822 – larceny, Mulberry Ln.
0923 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1036 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1307 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1934 – neighbor dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1950 – welfare check, Redwood St.
2028 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.

2136 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.

2208 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln./Country Club Blvd.

2214 – noise complaint, Wayside Dr.

2246 – noise complaint, Stonecrest Dr.

Saturday, April 23:

0310 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz/Karr

1337 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1350 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.

1543 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

1546 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1839 – disorderly person, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1938 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Willis

2205 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd

2346 – suspicious person, Timberlane/Rustic Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 109 patrol checks, 29 traffic stops, and four misc. details.

No police logs available from Van Buren Township.

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Gun at BHS

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been investigating reports of a suspicious situation in Briarwood Subdivision that involved four suspicious subjects who were seen inside a vehicle parked in a garage.

Lt. Floro said while Van Buren Township officers were investigating this matter, a second call came into the dispatch center reporting that a vehicle had recently been stolen from Briarwood Subdivision. Lt. Floro said it should be noted that upon the arrival of Van Buren officers at the Briarwood Subdivision (within minutes of the call), the suspicious subjects were no longer in the area.

Through a preliminary investigation and reviewing security cameras in the area, Van Buren officers obtained descriptions of four subjects in the exact area of these crimes as they were being committed. Van Buren officers provided the physical descriptions of the possible suspects to the other officers on duty.

Lt. Floro said Belleville's Sgt. Faull was aware of the incidents in close proximity to Belleville High School that were under investigation, as well as the physical descriptions of the four possible suspects.

He said Sgt. Faull observed five suspects in the parking lot of BHS, matching the description of the suspects Van Buren was looking for and detained the subjects.

Van Buren officers arrived on scene and

additional investigation was conducted, Lt. Floro said.

He said the incidents that occurred in Van Buren Township remain under investigation at this time. He said, contrary to some reports, there was no chase or pursuit of any kind during this incident.

On March 7 a 15-year-old BHS student was arrested after a student in an adjoining stall in a school restroom reported he saw a possible firearm fall on the floor. The suspect student was apprehended and the firearm recovered. The student was taken to the Wayne County Youth Home while the case progresses in juvenile court.

At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak said the fifth student who was arrested April 21 had not been with the others at the subdivision but was with the four others when they got back and he was swept up with them by police and his loaded gun was discovered.

That student had been in school for five of the six hours on April 21.

Supt. Kudlak also said the students found with guns on March 7 and April 21 both live in Ypsilanti Township within the school district and are not Students of Choice. He also clarified that the other four students live elsewhere in the district.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 2 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Monday, May 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, May 10 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 16 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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