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VB School Board plans for new bond issue

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, consultant Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Realpoint, gave an update on plans that would end up with a bond on the ballot in November.

He said it would be about \$76 million and would be issued in three series, in 2026, 2028, and 2030. It won't increase the millage rate for voters, he said.

The district is currently winding up projects from its 2019 bond issue.

He said they have to submit a request to the state for the bond vote by May 28 and at the June 9 board meeting it needs to be approved and then sent to the state. On July 14 or 28 the board would pass a resolution setting an election in November.

They are still working on the exact amount that would be requested, based on projects at the school.

He listed projects at all the schools in the district, including a four-classroom addition to the Early Childhood Development Center, which has a waiting list, and a new football scoreboard at BHS, and renovation of the media center.

At Haggerty School, the plan is to demolish all or part of the vacant building to make way for moving all of the district service operations onto one site, including the bus garage, warehouse, and main IT data room.

Board president Amy Pearce said they have talked about buying property along W. Columbia Ave. in the future, so the administration building could be moved out to the street to free up space for the high school.

Board vice president Dionne Falconer asked if they will be able to work around tariffs and School Supt. Pete Kudlak

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Photo courtesy Karen Skszek Mida

The new Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates were inducted during Friday ceremonies. From left are Mark Davenport, who also accepted honors for his brothers Harlan and Steve, who were not present; James Ford; Dr. Harold Gable; and Lynn Archer, who accepted a posthumous honor for her late husband, Jeffrey Archer.

BHS inducts six new Distinguished Graduates

The six 2025 Distinguished Graduates of Belleville High School were honored on Friday with a meal in the school commons followed by an induction ceremony in the high school auditorium.

This was in conjunction with the induction ceremony of 57 BHS students into the National Honor Society.

New distinguished graduates are Harlan Davenport, class of 1967; Steve Davenport, class of 1973; Mark Davenport, class of 1980; James Ford, class of 1964; and Dr. Harold Gable, II, class of 1977; with a special posthumous award for Jeffrey Archer, class of 1968.

The evening's printed program introduced the honorees this way:

The Davenport Brothers

Harlan, Steve, and Mark Davenport –

known to many simply as the Davenport Brothers – are pillars of the Belleville community where they've lived, worked and raised their families for decades. Starting their careers in the trades, the brothers learned the ropes from a local family business that gave them the direction, work ethic, and craftsmanship needed to launch their own venture.

In 1980, their entrepreneurial spirit led them to establish a fence construction business that quickly grew into a respected general contracting company serving Belleville and the surrounding areas. Over the years, their dedication to quality, integrity, and community helped them build not just homes and buildings, but lifelong relationship.

Rooted in Belleville since childhood,

the Davenport brothers have each raised families here – ten children in total, all of whom attended Van Buren Public Schools. Their commitment to the community extends far beyond their business. For over 50 years, the Davenports have supported local youth programs, serving as coaches, fans, and sponsors in Little League baseball and softball, football, and hockey. Their generosity is well-known, often donating time, labor, and materials to support neighbors, schools, and small businesses.

The brothers are also deeply involved in local fundraising efforts and never hesitate to lend a hand when their community calls. Whether it's building a fence for a neighbor or backing a local cause, the Davenport name has become synonymous with giving

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

BHS 'Bellevillains' compete at FIRST World Championships

By Mark Laginess

Team 6615, the Bellevillains, packed up their robot and pit gear and headed to Houston, Texas, to pursue the title of "World Champion" as part of the 2024-2025 FIRST Robotics Competition.

A total of 601 teams from around the world invaded the George R. Brown Convention Center for the three-day event from April 17-19.

Marking the second consecutive year for the BHS team at the world championships, the Bellevillains were among 76 teams assigned to the Curie Division, one of eight divisions on the eight fields in the massive facility.

Unlike the local district and state competitions which gave participating teams 12 qualification matches per event, the world championships consisted of 10 qualifying matches followed by a divisional double-elimination playoff and an eventual overall event playoff, also a double-elimination format.

As with district and state events, teams were randomly assigned into alliances of three for each match with six teams on the field at one time. For their first match of the day, the Bellevillains were coupled with Team 1466, Webb Robotics from Knoxville, TN, and Team 10154, PizzaByte 2.0 from Panama which was in its rookie year.

While that match and the next three resulted in losses for the BHS team, they closed out the first day of competition with their first win which featured another international partner, Team 4481, Team Rembrandts from the Netherlands, and Team 1771, North Gwinnett Robotics from Suwanee, GA.

Perhaps the most challenging match was the sixth which opened the second day of competition when the Bellevillains' partners were both from Istanbul, Türkiye, Teams 6838 and 6948, X-SHARC and EAGLES, respectively.

Said mentor Jeremy Church about the experience, "Lots of translating on the fly." While that match was another loss, Team 6615 won three of the four remaining matches on the second day to finish with an overall 4-6 qualification record and 57th place in the division, a marked improvement over the 1-9 record and 73rd place in the 2024 championship.

Even though they were not chosen to compete in the divisional playoffs, the Bellevillains stood out from the crowd with their signature uniforms which featured stove-pipe top hats for each member of their drive team.

"The villain theme was a big success," said Church. "The hats got so much attention. The [game] announcer asked if she could wear one during one of our



The Bellevillains drive team consults with their Match 5 alliance partners from The Netherlands and Suwanee, GA prior to their Day 2 match at the FIRST World Championships in Houston, Texas. (Photo credit: Jeremy Church)

matches, and she did. Sharp-dressed kids get attention."

The Houston championships capped a second consecutive successful season performance for Team 6615. Improvements in the team's maturity in robot design and construction, drive team capability, and pit and scouting support have been noteworthy.

Since it was formed in 2017, Team 6615 has realized several notable achievements, including:

- Highest Rookie Seed and Rookie Inspiration Awards in 2017 at the St. Joseph district event;
- First Place banner and trophy at the 2018 St. Joseph district event;
- Playoff alliance captains in 2024 at both Belleville (Alliance 1) and Ann Arbor Skyline (Alliance 3) district events;
- Imagery Award at the 2024 Belleville district event;
- Team Spirit Award at the 2024 Ann Arbor Skyline district event;
- DTE Division winner in 2024 at FIRST in Michigan state championships;
- Overall event finalist (second place) trophy in 2024 state championships;

• Finalist trophy at the 2025 Belleville district event;

• First place banner and trophy at the 2025 Renaissance district event;

• Engineering Inspiration Award at the 2025 Renaissance district event; and

• Back-to-back invitations to the 2024 and 2025 Michigan district championships at Saginaw Valley State University and the FIRST world championships in Houston.

The Bellevillains, Tiger Robotics Booster Organization, and all Van Buren Public Schools Robotics teams at all levels owe a huge "thank you" to our generous sponsors, including:

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Xavier Miah, Bailee Robinson, Carson Conley, Desmond Reinhard, and their robot, "USS Fury," are queued for their seventh of ten matches in the Curie Division at the FIRST World Championships in Houston, TX. (Photo credit: Jeremy Church)

OPINIONS

Editorial

BHS, Albion College fulfill Harper's dream

Harper Mathis, a 15-year-old Belleville student suffering from terminal brain cancer, is in hospice care at her home.

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, board president Amy Pearce wiped away tears as she told a story about Harper.

She said Harper's dream had been to graduate from high school and college and this was not going to happen.

Pearce said she and BHS principal Nicole Crockett, along with the president of Albion College and the college provost all went to the Mathis home together and surrounded Harper in her bed.

Harper was provided with a cap and gown. Pearce said principal Crockett gave the speech she would be giving at this year's BHS graduation ceremony, changing it slightly to focus on Harper. Then Harper was presented with an honorary diploma.

Albion College, which had kind of adopted Harper through its lacrosse team, Pearce said, also presented her with an honorary diploma.

A girl's dreams had been realized through some simple but meaningful actions that the family will never forget.

The community has wrapped its arms around Harper, including students at Keystone and BHS sports teams, the BYC, and many more -- all wanting to help this brave girl and her family.

Finally, they couldn't take the tumor away, but they did make some dreams come true.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received a call from Raytheon Martin of Victoria Commons who we first got to know in 2023 when he was responsible for getting two new reclining chairs donated and delivered by Gardner White to the Belleville Fire Department for use by fire fighters. He has been active with the department since and took training to become a certified fire fighter.

He also has been appointed to the Belleville Planning Commission but hasn't been able to attend meetings yet because they were on the same nights as his fire training.

All that said, Ray said he had been attending the fire academy in Monroe and on April 24 they had the last class and were let out early, which usually wasn't allowed because you have to have so many hours of training under state rules.

Some of students gathered at a private home to celebrate. He wasn't invited so he wasn't there, but he was sent a racist message from the party. It showed his black face with swastikas around it and a big penis.

He complained to the head of the fire academy, Belleville Public Safety Director Kris Faull, and Belleville Fire Chief 2 Chris Zweng. Ray said the academy head called him at home twice on Thursday and was very concerned over the matter which is under investigation.

The practical hands-on test for certification was Sunday and he passed that. Several class members apologized to him for what happened and said they didn't know what the message said, but it never should have happened.

The written test for the certification was on Monday and we're sure he passed. Medical certification classes have overlapped with the fire classes. We urged him to get certified



and come home to the people in Belleville who love him.

Our check to pay for the April 10 printing of our paper was mailed on April 10 and carried an April 10 postmark. Our printers are in Davisburg, up near Flint. They let us know on Monday, April 28, that the check finally came in their mail.

We're not the only one with stories to tell about deteriorating mail service.

The Van Buren school board had on its agenda on Monday that it would recognize the 2024-25 girls' basketball team which won the state championship. But not a single girl was present for the recognition because the team had something else it had to do. The board got to honor all the coaches, instead.

The thought of EV school buses plugging into the electricity at the district's Haggerty School site gives me chills. The electrical grid in that area goes down on sunny days without an apparent reason. I live in that neighborhood and know what this could mean.

My comments come following Monday's school board meeting where it was announced the district was thinking of tearing down all of the vacant Haggerty School or part of it and making it the district's center of operations, with a warehouse, IT data center, and many other things, including a bus garage to get the buses off of Davis Street in the city.

One of the board members said people would be able to get through Five Points easier every morning and afternoon with all the buses gone.

This project would be one of the ones funded by a new bond issue that is expected to be on November's ballot. We are assured our taxes would not be increased by approving this bond issue.

At a recent meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, Brian Cullin asked about all the soil being moved around in the area along Independence Lane behind the gas station at the corner of Haggerty and the North I-94 Service Drive.

Director of municipal services Ron Akers said the township was aware of this problem and had sent them a letter of violation.

At the April 23 meeting, Cullin asked about it again. Akers said the violation letter gave them until April 30 to meet with the township on this.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said it is hard to control violations of ordinances and that there are a lot of violations in Haggerty subdivision. Akers said complaints of violations are usually made by neighbors.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant for the township, said, they don't want to fine people and, "We look for compliance."



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Letters

Donations sought for BHS graduation party

To the editor:

Graduation for the Belleville High School Class of 2025 is fast approaching. The Class of 2025 Seniors will get together one last time before graduation at the annual senior party on May 23 at BHS. The events will be a safe alternative to celebrate the Class of 2025.

The Senior Party Planning Committee at BHS is organizing this event and we need your help. We are asking area businesses and community members to help us make this event memorable through donations.

Any help you could offer, such as monetary gifts or items appropriate for the Class of 2025, would be most appreciated. Besides providing entertainment, decorations, food, and drinks, our goal is for each graduate to receive a special gift.

Connie Testorelli and Felicia Lasenby are the BHS Student Council Advisors for this fantastic class. The TAX ID of the high school is 38-6004192. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lasenby at (734) 697-9133, ext. 2203, flasenby@vanburenschools.net, or Mrs. Testorelli at (734) 697-9133, ext. 2048, ctestorelli@vanburenschools.net.

Checks should be made payable to Belleville High Class of 2025. Please note in the memo area that it is for the Senior Party Class of 2025 Donation.

Checks and items can be sent or dropped off at: Belleville High School, Attention: Felicia Lasenby, 501 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI 48111.

Should you wish to donate an item(s) that you would like picked up, please call BHS (734) 697-9133 and arrangements will be made. Thank you for your time and your continued support of our community.

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There is no current danger in your drinking water, and if there ever were, you would be notified right away. The City has submitted the report and will continue to do so annually ahead of the deadline.

We're sharing this information with you because transparency is important, and you have the right to know. If you have questions or want tips on how to reduce lead in your water, the letter includes helpful steps and contact information.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to keep our community safe and informed.

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Thank you to St. Jude

To the editor:

Please put this in next week's paper.

Just would like to say Thank You to St. Jude.

Signed: AFM

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, May 1** -- Girls Soccer vs. Dearborn JV- 5:30 p.m., Varsity -- 7 p.m.
- **Friday, May 2** -- JV Baseball vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Riverview, 4:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 3** -- Girls Soccer vs. Ann Arbor Huron JV-10:30 a.m., Varsity-12 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. Milan, 12 p.m.
- **Monday, May 5** -- Varsity Baseball vs. Melvindale, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Melvindale, 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 6** -- Girls Soccer vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer, JV - 4 p.m.; Varsity, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 7** -- JV Softball vs. Fordson, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Fordson, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Lacrosse vs. Livonia Stevenson, 6 p.m.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
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Well, May is starting out with a bang! May 1 is the Open House at 34th District Court in Romulus from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots to see, plus it is always good to know where the court is located. It seems like most of us wind up there for one reason or another! So let's go to have some fun.

May 3 and 4 will be a busy time at the Belleville Area District Library. The first used book sale of the year will begin on the 3rd at noon and run to 3 p.m., and Sunday the 4th will be their \$4 bag sale from 1 to 4 p.m. Don't forget the Perennial Plant Swap on the side lawn from noon to 1 p.m. on the 3rd.

Let us not forget the Mother's Day Market on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wayne County Community College... and ...

We definitely know Spring is here when friends gather on Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cheryl Wagner's Art & Garden Show on W. Huron River Drive. There are always great gifts at this once-a-year show and right in time for Mother's Day. Of course, you may shop for yourself as well. See her ad that is running for the last time in the paper today.

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Have you completed your entry form for

the Memorial Day Parade? Call Janet at (734) 558-5368 or go the CBC website at www.bellevillecentralbusinesscommunity.com for an Entry Form.

Just in case you missed it, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts does have wooden fish and lighthouse blanks that you can decorate for outdoor display in Horizon Park this summer. A \$5 donation

is recommended but not required. Stop by the library and pick up one or more and return them by Saturday, June 7.

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

Correction: Jim Pollard was 96 at his passing

On the front page of the April 24 Independent, the last bullet point under article "VBT OKs engineering..." it said that Jim Pollard was 94. He was actually 96 when he passed on March 30. He would have been 97 on May 14.

We apologize for the misinformation.

Rosemary K. Oztzman, editor

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Conrad J. Welsing, Jr.

CONRAD J. WELSING, JR.

June 28, 1946 – April 16, 2025

The world lost an amazing soul on 4/16/25. Strong in his Christian faith; it was fitting he passed during Holy Week. The eldest of nine children, he was raised in Centerline, MI. As a Michigan State University Psychology graduate with his Master's in Advertising, Conrad built a rich and varied career in advertising/marketing where his creativity and insight thrived. He later began teaching, where he found deep fulfillment sharing his knowledge and inspiring others. His passion for understanding the world extended far beyond the classroom. He was endlessly curious, with a deep love for reading, genealogy, hypnosis, and intellectual exploration.

Conrad is survived by his wife, April and two daughters, Michelle (Marc) and Colleen.

He will be deeply missed by his family, including his wife, daughters, siblings, grandchildren, extended family in Canada, and all those whose lives he touched.

A celebration of life will be held on June 28 at the Belleville Yacht Club.

Donations can be made to: <https://victors.us/braincancerwarriors> to help fund brain cancer research at the U of M.



JOHN PARTIN

December 24, 1948 – April 15, 2025

Age 76, of Romulus. Survived by wife Carol; children John, James, and Wendy Kapuscinski; sister Barbara Ann Cairra; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Celebration of life is at 3 p.m. on May 17 at 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus.

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VIRGINIA 'GINGER' BRUDER

November 8, 1946 – April 25, 2025

Virginia "Ginger" Bruder, age 78, of Willis, MI, passed away on April 25, 2025, at Trinity Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI with her husband by her side. She was born on November 8, 1946, in Sylva, OH to Conrad and Mildred Olwick (Schudel). Ginger enjoyed spending time with her husband, Keith. Together they traveled to more than a dozen countries. Most recently to see the Egyptian Pyramids. She was a member of the Moose, Van Buren Eagles, Huron Valley Conservation Club, and the Belleville Area Museum. She helped to start the Belleville Area District Library. Ginger also helped and developed many projects with the Belleville Rotary Club. She especially enjoyed teaching genealogy at the library. Ginger loved to study the history of the Civil War. Her biggest and most passionate hobby was cooking. Ginger loved to watch and listen to basketball and the Tigers Baseball games.

After college graduation, Ginger taught business classes at a high school in Cincinnati, OH. Later she worked for many years at McGraw Hill Book Company before opening her own store, "Miss Ginger's" on Main Street in Downtown Belleville. Later she became the office manager for Keith Bruder Landscape Company.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Keith Bruder, of Willis, MI. Also surviving are her brothers, Larry (Pat) Schudel of Texas and George (Pat) Schudel of Metamora, Ohio, as well as several nieces, especially Colleen of Texas, and her nephews and friends in her committee groups.

Sadly, she is preceded in death by her mother and father, Conrad and Mildred Olwick; her sister Constance Schudel; her in-laws, Albert and Shirley Straub, sister-in-law Sandra (George) Brown, Kathy (Ralph) Valkenberg, and brother-in-law Butch Pluff and Lloyd Kinsman.

A visitation is planned for Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and a visitation on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 11 a.m. until the time of service of 1 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church will officiate. A burial will follow at Alban Cemetery in Ypsilanti, MI.

LORETTA MOUSSEAU

August 2, 1942 – April 25, 2025

Age 82, of Sumpter Township. Survived by children Paul, Tara, Nicole, Lance, Brandon and Zachary. Chapel memorial service and burial took place at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, on April 29. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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MARGARET PULLEY

September 9, 1950 – April 22, 2025

Age 74. Born in Northville and raised in Belleville. Married Donald on July 3, 1971 and he preceded her in death. They had 6 children, 17 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way. Survived by 3 siblings; 2 siblings preceded her in death. Loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother filled with joyful, happy memories.

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said they are putting escalation dollars in the bond. Kakoczki said, unfortunately, no one knows how the tariffs will affect the building. They could plan for higher building costs than it turns out to be and then end up with extra money for additional projects.

In other business at the one-hour-54-minute meeting on April 28, the board:

- Recognized the BHS Robotics Club for its trip to the world championships in Texas and the girls varsity basketball team for winning the state championship;
- Approved the May 12-15 JROTC Boot Camp field trip to Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta, MI. Cost is \$40 each for the about 55 students in grades 9-12 participating;
- Heard Kakoczki explain the \$285,914 plan to replace door hardware at Edgemont and Rawsonville schools to support secure access systems. It will be using 2019 bond funds and will be voted upon at the next board meeting. The lone bidder was LaForce, LLC;

• Heard director of plant operations James Williams and consultant Kakoczki report on the Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools project, a division of Michigan Medicine at the University of Michigan, to offer accessible clinic and mental health services directly to the school community. Total cost and fees is \$608,570, including \$110,703 for contract manager Davenport Brothers Construction, which will manager the ten contractors involved. This project will change the media center's storeroom area into the clinic. It will be voted on at the next board meeting. The work is through a mental health grant;

• Approved Schools of Choice for the 2025-26 school year, offering an unlimited number of openings in all grade levels from May 20 to Sept. 25. Director of instruction Jeff Moore said they do not allow new students who have had out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. The schools of choice students do not get to choose their elementary school and siblings are kept together. Pearce asked what percent of the students are schools of choice and how that has changed over the last five years. Moore said it remained about 13%. He said he will do a presentation to the board on the subject. Reg Ion called out from the audience that the board should vote no on schools of choice, but "I know you won't." Pearce said, "If you're going to speak at my meeting, you'll fill out a card," and Ion refused to fill out a card;

• Approved 21 updates to the Board Policy as presented at the previous meeting;

• Approved the purchase of four general-education diesel buses from the general fund and two general-education electric buses through a Clean Air Fund grant that includes charging stations in the total amount of \$1,566,330 from Hoekstra in Grand Rapids. The district follows a bus replacement program to replace the district buses every eight years to keep the fleet

in good working order. To maintain the program, the district purchases six buses a year;

• Accepted the resignation Chelsea Mittlestat, a paraprofessional for five years, as of April 21; and accepted the hiring of Michelle Smolarski for BHS food service as of April 14;

• Heard resident Kathy Wasser tell the board her concerns about how the school discipline policy is being administered, especially in the elementary schools where administrators do not back up the teachers. She said she looked for a student handbook on the district website and could only find one from 2022-23. She said the handbook says, "Parents are responsible for the attitude and conduct of their students." She said students disrespect the teachers and get away with it. Supt. Kudlak said he would call Wasser to answer her questions and they will make sure the website has the right handbook;

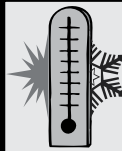
• Heard Moore report a new literacy program is being developed for grades K-6 for this coming school year. He said the robotic arm the district got in 2019 is broken and needs to be fixed or replaced. The cosmetology class grand opening is May 6 and E sports finals are under way, he said;

• Heard Supt. Kudlak report May 16 is the only home game for the new flag football team and board vice president Falconer was honored with a distinction award from the Michigan Association of School Boards for the many classes she has taken. He said a new after-school community education program will start next school year for students and adults. It will include art, clubs, basketball, aquatics, and other things, for an hour for a fee. He said the district will take over its latch-key program that had been run by a private company; and

• Heard trustee David Shall ask for the results of student testing after it is done. Moore said they are not allowed to release the results until August and he will share the results then.



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BHS Lady Tigers to launch inaugural flag football season

Belleville High School has made history with the official launch of the Lady Tigers Flag Football Team, one of 42 schools across the state participating in Michigan's pilot season of high school girls' flag football. The initiative is supported by the Detroit Lions and NFL Flag Football.

The BHS Lady Tigers are not just playing for wins, they're playing for legacy, said head coach Marcus Napthen.

He said the program is fueled by a passionate coaching staff, student-athletes determined to blaze a trail, and the unwavering support of the Belleville community.

"We are building more than a team. We are creating a movement," coach Napthen said. "Our players are pioneers. They are laying the foundation for what we hope will become an official MHSAA-sanctioned varsity sport in Michigan."

In an emotional and powerful gesture, the Lady Tigers have dedicated their first season to Harper Mathis, a lifelong Belleville student battling terminal brain cancer. The team will proudly wear on their uniforms a special Harper Strong patch designed by Harper and her best friend, junior Keira Peterman. The patch is a symbol of love, strength, and resilience.

The team's regular season kicks off:

- May 4 vs. Lincoln Park at Lincoln Park High School, 4 p.m.
- May 10 vs. Saline at Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, 2:30 p.m.
- May 16 vs. AA Gabriel Richard at Belleville High School, 7:30 p.m. (home finale)

In addition, the Lady Tigers were scheduled

to compete in their first pre-season matchup on April 28 at Brighton High School at 8 p.m. The Brighton Bulldogs are considered one of the premier programs in the state, and this game will be a key test for Belleville's young squad.

The BHS Lady Tigers are also working with Demetrice Brantley, a Belleville student and aspiring filmmaker who is documenting the entire season. Inspired by the HBO series "Hard Knocks" and the award-winning documentary "Undeclared," his behind-the-scenes footage will highlight the team's journey, triumphs, and growing bond as a Tiger family.

Coach Napthen and the entire staff invite the community to support this group of young women as they make Belleville history on the field -- and help push for flag football to become an official varsity sport in Michigan.

Coaching staff, besides head coach Napthen, are: Bryon Kelley, offensive coordinator; Sean Elliott, defensive coordinator; and Dee Huggins, Justin Streefkerk and Trezelle "Tree" Jenkins, assistant coaches.

2025 Belleville High School Lady Tigers Flag Football roster: Ariel Hawkins, Aaliyah Hicks, Dayton Jenkins, Kynnedi Johnson, Grace Kelley, Mya LaDouceur, Jasmine Ndukwe, Keira Peterman, Ryleigh Rochon, Avani Samineni, Kianna Scott, Mia Shrader, Jamia Stevens, Rilee Suggs, Kaydence Trotter

Head coach Napthen is an AP English Language Instructor and 10th grade English teacher at BHS. He is an AI writing consultant and designer and was Wayne RESA Excellence in Education award winner for ELA Leadership.

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Belleville Rotary Club president Rachel Kozlowski, at left, presented a ceremonial check of \$20,000 from the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation to the Salvation Army to help them fight homelessness in this area. From left, next to Kozlowski, who is also a foundation member, are other Cozadd foundation members, Ray Eissinger, David Parrott, Keith Bruder, 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin, Salvation Army Majors Mary Ann and Kris Wood, and John Juriga.

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A Nixel alert from the city of Belleville advises that road construction work is beginning this week:

Starting May 1 (weather permitting), the High Street parking lot near Horizon Park will be closed as we kick off our 2025 road construction season.

Here's what to expect:

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- Next, High Street from Main to Roys Street will have its pavement removed and replaced.

- Following that, Liberty Street from Main to Huron River Drive will undergo pavement removal, water main replacement, and then full repaving.

- Lastly, High Street from Roys Street to Huron River Drive will have its pavement removed and replaced.

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back.

Though Harlan now spends part of his time enjoying Florida's warm weather, he

continues to stay active in the business. Steve enjoys bowling, traveling, and making music with his grandchildren. Mark also finds joy in Florida getaways, cherishing time with his two grandchildren.

While many high school graduates leave

town in pursuit of success, the Davenport brothers chose to build their legacy in the place they've always called home. Through decades of hard work, family, and service, they have helped shape the very foundation of Belleville – and their story continues to

inspire future generations.

James Ford, 1964

James Ford graduated from Belleville High School as the class salutatorian in 1964. During his years at Belleville he played varsity football for three years, was captain of the track team, was conference champion in the pole vault as a sophomore, was a Merit Scholarship finalist, and served as president of the student council.

After high school he attended the University of Michigan in the honors college, competed as a pole vaulter for the University of Michigan track team, and graduated in 1968 with a degree in history.

After graduation from the University of Michigan, he went through a year of Air Force pilot training at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas where he won the commander's trophy as the top graduate in his class. He then spent three years as an aircraft commander flying a C-141 jet transport all over the world, followed by a year of flying electronic surveillance missions in Vietnam and Laos during the Vietnam War. He was recognized in February 1973 as the air crew of the month in Southeast Asia for successfully recovering from an inflight fire, the loss of an engine, and the loss of all lights and electrical instruments during a night combat mission over Laos.

After the Air Force, he graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia Law School in 1975, spent two years as house counsel for the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company, and then practiced law for 40 years as the owner of his own law firm in Kalamazoo, MI where he lived with his wife and three children. During his career, he received a number of awards for cases that changed the law in Michigan, including a case that changed how juries are selected to ensure that minorities are adequately represented, and a First Amendment case that was included in Molly Ivin's last book, "Bill of Wrongs." In 1999 he was selected by the Michigan Lawyers Weekly as one of their ten "lawyers of the year" in the State of Michigan.

When not practicing law, he published a book of memoirs titled "I Lived in Those Times" and volunteered as a pole vaulting coach for 30 years at Loy Norrix High School. After extensive research, he returned to Vietnam in 2019 with his wife where, in an act of reconciliation, they found and shared tea with the Viet Cong soldier that had executed her helicopter pilot first husband in a small hamlet south of Danang 50 years earlier to the day. It became a front-page story in most newspapers in Michigan and many military and out-of-state publications as well.

Dr. Harold Gable II, 1977

Dr. Harold L. Gable II is a Doctor of Chiropractic care and a 1977 Belleville High School graduate. Harold grew up in the Belleville area and learned the value of hard work, discipline, and service to others, at an early age. He worked for his parents, Lina and Harold Sr., along with his brother Chris, who owned and operated the 7 Seas Restaurant in Ypsilanti, MI for 22 years.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL
46425 TYLER ROAD
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL HOLD TWO SEPARATE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (IDD) FOR APPROXIMATELY 355 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DENTON AND ECORSE ROADS. IF APPROVED, SAID IDD WILL BE "INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #26".

THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION (IFT) FOR THE SAME APPROXIMATE 355 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DENTON AND ECORSE ROADS.

THE FOLLOWING PARCEL IDENTIFY PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #26 AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION. COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 5, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 8 EAST, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 5, 33.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, 33.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 87 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ECORSE SERVICE DRIVE (66 FEET WIDE), 2625.44 FEET TO THE NORTH-SOUTH ¼ LINE OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID ECORSE SERVICE DRIVE, 2607.48 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DENTON ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID DENTON ROAD, 619.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, PERPENDICULAR TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 5, 27.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID DENTON ROAD, 1651.61 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S VAN BUREN PLAT NO.3, AS RECORDED LIBER 67 OF PLATS, PAGE 53, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SUPERVISOR'S PLAT, 27.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID DENTON ROAD, 270.09 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF VAN BORN ROAD, AS VACATED IN LIBER 31695, PAGE 240, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS AND THE SOUTH LINE OF THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID VAN BORN ROAD, 5035.03 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BECK ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH); THENCE SOUTH 06 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID BECK ROAD, 880.78 FEET TO THE EAST-WEST ¼ LINE OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 08 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID BECK ROAD, 1328.65 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID BECK ROAD, 1296.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 354.85 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Clerk Leon Wright at 734-699-8909.

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INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

GARAGE/YARD SALE

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. Hunting, fishing, golf cart, household items etc. 44151 Willis Rd. May 1, 2, & 3 9am – 6pm 5/01

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While attending BHS, Dr. Gable was an outstanding student-athlete. Harold was a member of the cross-country, swimming, and track teams, excelling in both individual and team events. He earned nine varsity letters in the three years that he was in athletics, a remarkable accomplishment. Dr. Gable continued his record of athletic success by earning a swimming scholarship to Ambassador College in Pasadena, CA. Upon completing his undergraduate degree, Dr. Gable went on to study at Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, SC, graduating in 1982.

Since becoming a Doctor of Chiropractic, Dr. Gable has owned and operated clinics serving both the Ypsilanti and Belleville communities for over 40 years. In addition to being a successful doctor and businessman, Dr. Gable has also been an

Amway distributor for almost the same amount of time. Dr. Gable has provided chiropractic care and treatment to countless patients in the area during these many years, providing important and beneficial care.

Dr. Gable has served and represented his professional community by being on the Board of Regents for Sherman College for ten years and has been a long-term member of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors. Dr. Gable has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus and embodies the organization's principles of serving others, leading with values, faith, and guarding family. He is also an active member in his church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti.

His greatest blessings and commitment are to his family. Dr. Gable has been happily married to his wife Melodie for more than 42 years. Their union has been blessed with three children Ian, Kellee, and Grant.

Jeffrey Archer, 1968

Posthumous Award

Jeff Archer was a proud Belleville native, graduating from Belleville High School before dedicating 37 years of his life to teach English and history – exclusively at BHS. He really loved his work and it showed. Beloved by both students and colleagues, Mr. Archer left a lasting impact through his humor, his outgoing nature, his kind words, and his unwavering willingness to lend a hand.

His teaching style was unforgettable – often seen perched on a desk, shoes kicked off, or dramatically tossing a book out the window to make a point. His classroom was a space of learning, laughter, and genuine connection.

Mr. Archer wasn't just a teacher – he was "The Voice" of BHS. He lent his booming narration to countless school events: graduation, Halloween productions, swim meets, and football games from the press box. Wherever there was an audience, Mr.

Archer brought the energy.

If something needed doing, Mr. Archer was there. When the United Nations Club needed a sponsor, he stepped up. Whether it was building a homecoming float or setting the stage for a play, Mr. Archer was in the thick of it. Yet, when it came to home projects, he often joked, "I taught night school and driver's training so I could hire the work done – I'm not spending my weekends at the hardware store!"

His commitment extended beyond the classroom. Mr. Archer spearheaded the Social Studies Department's "Adopt-a-Highway" cleanup program and planted dozens of trees around the school. One tree in particular held special meaning – his "Challenger Tree" planted in memory of the Challenger astronauts in 1986, especially because a teacher was among them. Mr. Archer and his friend John Gochis not only maintained the memorial garden but saved the tree and plaque during the school's reconstruction. It still stands proudly near the parking lot today.

Mr. Archer's dedication to education reached far beyond Belleville. Through a connection at Eastern Michigan University, he spent parts of three summers teaching English at an orphanage in Arusha, Tanzania. His final trip in 2008 was particularly memorable, as the entire family brought four duffel bags filled with soccer balls and jerseys to help the students start their own soccer team.

And every March, Mr. Archer brought joy to young readers throughout the district by donning a Cat in the Hat costume and visiting six elementary schools to read aloud and spread the magic of books.

Jeff Archer was more than a teacher. He was a force of nature, a mentor, a friend, and a champion for students near and far. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Public Notice

Van Buren Township – Belleville Road Widening Project Open House

The **second open house** for the **Belleville Road Widening Project**, a critical infrastructure initiative aimed at improving traffic flow, safety, and accessibility along Belleville Road between Ecorse and Tyler Roads.

This event will provide an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the project's final design, ask questions, and share any thoughts or concerns you may have. Your feedback is important as we work together to enhance our community's roadways, pedestrian facilities and utility infrastructure.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Time: stop in anytime between 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Van Buren Township Hall Board Room 46425 Tyler Road

At the open house, you will have the chance to review project plans, speak with project team members, and provide input. We are committed to transparency and collaboration, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on this important project.

Should you have any questions before the event or require additional information, please feel free to contact us at mcoburn-dda@vbtmi.gov or 734-699-8941.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 1** – Fourth-annual Community Day at the 34th District Court, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 11129 Wayne Rd., Romulus. Public safety demonstrations, tours, pet adoptions, car show, food trucks.

• **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 1, 2, 3** – Annual Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, (734) 753-9048. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, and more. Sponsored by Ladies Aid and Men's Club.

• **Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4** – Used-book sale at Belleville Area District Library. Saturday hours are noon-3 p.m. Sunday hours are 1-4 p.m. Deadline for book donations is April 30.

• **Saturday, May 3** – Michigan Association of Fire Fighters/Sumpter Fire Fighters pancake breakfast is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sumpter Township fire hall at 20550 Sumpter Rd. Breakfast is \$5 at the fund raiser.

• **Saturday, May 3** – Kentucky Derby Party at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., open to the public. Dinner tickets are available at \$15 at the door in limited amounts. If you don't want dinner, there is no charge to enter. Basket raffles, other prizes, drink specials, best hat contest, live band, horse races. Doors open and race wagering begins at 3:30 p.m. Scott Martin Band, 7:30 p.m.

• **Sunday, May 4** – VFW and PLAV present Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the city of Belleville. Brief ceremony to continue to honor the past and present members of the military. Free flags will be available to take home just in time to display for Memorial Day.

• **Friday, May 9** – Music Bingo begins at 7:30 p.m. hosted by DJ Betty at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Public welcome.

• **Thursday, May 15** – Third Thursday in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when popup crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown Belleville. It's the Third Thursday of each month, from March through December.

• **Thursday, May 15** – The Keystone Academy All-Bands Concert is at 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church at 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Students from the fifth through eighth grades will perform under band director Eric Zeuty. This is the third year the concert will be at Bethany, which has a large enough auditorium for all who wish to attend.

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National Honor Society Inductees

Joseph Ahargee, Sarah Alrawas, Rylee Aythart, Zaria Banks, Mark Batie, Jr., Jordan Boykin, Lillian Bryan, Vincent Buckland, Antoine Cannon, Joslyn Carter, Chelsea Chinemelu, Ella Convery, Samaya Cooper, Sophia Costis, Trevor Davenport, Darius Duceac, Paris Edwards, Jalen Ford, Hannah Fortune, Taarika Gandhi, Adrianna Garrison, Londyn Hicks, Charlotte Hill, Laila Hollis, Natalie Hungerford, Isaias Ibarra-Reyes, Lahleen Johnson, Suchith Lanka, Sydney Lasenby, Elizabeth Loria, Luis McAllister, Michael Mesa Cardenas, Chloe Miller, Connor Milligan, David Mitchell, Jr., Makaela Mongo, Megan Mulvenna, Ryan Music, Emmalyn Nota, Blessing Nsiku, Nevea O'Neal, Keira Peterman, Deric Roth, Avani Samineni, Brooklynn Sanders, Natalie Sanders, Mia Shrader, Katelyn Smith, Sophia Sultana, Madison Thomas, Aliyah Topp, Kaydence Trotter, Jour'dyn Tucker, Braylon Watts, Bryce Watts, Aaron Yopp, Evangeline York

Distinguished Graduate Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the 2024-25 Distinguished Graduate Program was: Nicole Crockett, BHS principal; Linda Clayton, BHS Alumni Coordinator; Tom Fielder, Historical Society; and former Distinguished Graduates Shelley Brown Chudzinski, Randy Brown, Karen Skszek Mida, and William Wolters.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Flag Placement for Memorial Day 2025

8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 10th

(Rain date: May 17th)



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

We will begin placing flags on Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 a.m. and need volunteers to help. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Should you wish to volunteer, contact the City Clerk. If you would like to work in a specific section, the Clerk's office must be contacted, or that section may not be guaranteed.

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

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
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clerk@belleville.mi.us



PUBLISH: Apr 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 2025

National Heritage Academies Keystone Academy Public Notice

Public Budget Hearings

will be held for the following
Public School Academy:

Keystone

47925 Bemis Rd., Belleville
734-697-9470

May 8, 5 p.m.

Copies of the budgets for the listed
Public School Academies will be
available at the school office.

Published: May 1, 2025



City of Belleville Public Notice



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Belleville failed to complete and submit a service line material inventory

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We were required to complete an inventory of service lines materials indicating which service lines are made of lead, galvanized previously connected to lead, unknown, or non-lead materials and report the inventory to the state by October 16, 2024. Our water supply did not complete and submit an inventory by the deadline. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this information closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead pipes, brass faucets, plumbing with leaded solder, and other plumbing components containing lead. In homes with lead pipes that connect the home to the water main, also known as lead service lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water. Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1988. Service lines made of galvanized iron or steel that are (or were previously) downstream of lead can also be a source of lead in drinking water. Identifying and ultimately removing lead and galvanized service lines is an important way to protect public health. Among homes without lead service lines, the most common problem is with brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and plumbing with lead solder.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

What should I do?

See below for steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead in drinking water.

What is being done?

The City of Belleville is actively working to complete its Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory (CDSMI) and aims to resolve the situation and return to compliance by May 7, 2025.

For more information, please contact Melissa Frierson at (734) 252-4316 or 6 Main St. Belleville, MI 48111

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact your health care provider.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead in your water

Below are recommended actions you may take, separately or in combination, to reduce your exposure to lead in your drinking water.

- **Consider using a lead-reducing filter.** The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommends Michigan households use a certified lead-reducing drinking water filter if your home has or if you are uncertain if it has a source of lead, such as one of the following:
 - A lead service line, or galvanized previously connected to lead service line, carrying water from the street to your residence.
 - Lead or galvanized plumbing
 - Copper plumbing with lead solder before 1988 (EGLE recommendation). Old faucets and fittings that were sold before 2014.
- Use the filter until you are able to remove sources of household lead plumbing, such as:
 - Replace pre-2014 faucets.
 - Get a lead inspection and replace needed plumbing.
- Look for filters that are tested and certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for lead reduction and NSF/ANSI Standard 42 for particulate reduction (Class I).
- For filters to work properly, follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Run your water to flush out lead-containing water.** The more time water has been sitting in your home's pipes, the more lead it may contain. Therefore, if your water has not been used for several hours, run the water before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes lead-containing water from the pipes. Homes with a lead service line, or galvanized service line that was previously connected to lead, should run the water for at least five minutes to flush water from your home or building's plumbing and the lead service line.
- **Use cold water for drinking and cooking.** Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
- **Boiling water does not remove lead from water.** Filter cold water, then boil the filtered water as necessary.
- **Clean your aerator.** The aerator on the end of your faucet is a screen that will catch debris. This debris could include particulate lead. The aerator should be removed at least every six months to rinse out any debris.
- **Check for other sources of lead.** In addition to service lines, other plumbing in your home may contain lead and could increase the levels of lead in your drinking water. These may include faucets, valves, and soldered joints. It is recommended that homeowners contact a licensed plumber and have a plumbing assessment done to determine if your in-home plumbing is a source of lead in your drinking water.
- **Test your water for lead.** If you wish to get your drinking water tested, call your water supply or use a certified lab. To find a certified lab, go to Michigan.gov/EGLElab and click on "Certifications."
- **Learn about construction in your neighborhood.** Construction may cause more lead to be released from a lead service line or galvanized service line if present. Contact us to find out about any construction or maintenance work that may disturb your service line.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 380 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, April 20:

0639 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0630 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
xxxx – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1009 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1044 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1301 – assist fire dept., Leon Dr.
1459 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
1746 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Locust Dr.
1747 – domestic, Milton Dr.
1848 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1839 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood
1904 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.
2145 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
2234 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Monday, April 21:

0101 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
0135 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0358 – assault & battery, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0616 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Denton Rd.
0740 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
0821 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
0953 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1035 – lost property/child, E. Huron River Dr.
1125 – malicious destruction of property, Locust
1210 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1156 – larceny, Van Buren St.
1238 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Venetian Ave.
1309 – welfare check, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – personal injury accident, Denton/Main
1336 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1407 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1436 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1530 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1549 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1550 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1550 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1551 – misc. complaint, McBride
1554 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1622 – motorist assist, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1629 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
1713 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1726 – misc. complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1833 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1858 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
1926 – assist other dept., SB I-275/W. Huron River
1930 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2035 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

2134 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2148 – motorist assist, Quirk Rd./Tyler Rd.
2155 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.
2209 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
2216 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2239 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.

Tuesday, April 22:

0022 – missing person, Lenmoore Ave.
0210 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edison Lake
0800 – intrusion alarm, Lake Villa Dr.
0921 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
0939 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0957 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1042 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1201 – PPO violation, Cross St.
1330 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1419 – traffic offense, Togowtee Pass/Hoeft Rd.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1441 – mental subject, Lenmoore Ave.
1503 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1529 – neighbor trouble, Andover Dr.
1540 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1542 – suicidal person, Elwell Rd.
1552 – intrusion alarm, Huron River Dr.

1612 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1810 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1807 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1841 – parking complaint, Hardwood Dr.
2034 – harassment call, S. Woodbury Dr.
2057 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2133 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
2215 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2224 – intrusion alarm, Hull Rd.
2310 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, April 23:

0039 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0127 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0134 – 911 welfare check, Holly Ln.
0317 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
xxxx – repossession, Savage Rd.
1004 – breaking & entering, Van Born Rd.
1208 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1306 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1314 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1407 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1421 – suicidal person, Elwell Rd.
1415 – assist fire dept., Hampton Dr.
1442 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1700 – animal complaint, Van Buren/Lincoln St.
1847 – welfare check, Oak Blvd.

1904 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sawgrass Ct.
2107 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
2109 – animal complaint, Roulo St./Hull Rd.
2203 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2153 – fight, Belleville Rd.
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2257 – assist other dept., Ayres Ave.
2344 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Independence Ln.

Thursday, April 24:

0029 – domestic, Lake Point Pass
0308 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0658 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
xxxx – assist other dept., Third St.
1028 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1049 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1057 – larceny from auto, Martz Rd.
1235 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood
1450 – animal complaint, Purple Sage Ct.
1527 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
1525 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
1633 – dumping complaint, Jeremy Rd./Bradley
1642 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Michigan Ave.
1854 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2049 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2049 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2104 – PPO violation, Water's Edge Ln.
2119 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
2132 – neighbor trouble, Sunrise Ln.
2135 – suicidal person, America
2332 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
2334 – domestic, Holly Ln.

Friday, April 25:

0010 – 911 welfare check, America
0107 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.
0243 – assist fire dept., Colonial Rd.
0247 – assist other dept., Robson Rd.
0438 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
0654 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tallgrass Ct.
xxxx – repossession, Richard Run Dr.
0841 – bomb threat, Belleville Rd.
0917 – intrusion alarm, Chandler Dr.
1056 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1130 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1122 – assist other dept., Maple Dr.
1139 – animal complaint, Edison Lake Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, Old Michigan Rd.
1300 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1435 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1349 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1512 – civil matter, Jeremy Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Hardwood Dr.
1817 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Rawsonville Rd.
1831 – vehicle lockout, Oak Ln.
1853 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1901 – assist other dept., E I-94/Belleville Rd.

1930 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1954 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2114 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Born Rd. / Beck Rd.
2132 – runaway, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2224 – traffic offense, Park Estates
2208 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.
2253 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2305 – PPO violation, Parkwood Dr.
2318 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, April 26:

0034 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0047 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0105 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd.
0222 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0220 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0228 – domestic, Oak Blvd.
0304 – malicious destruction of property, Sadie Ln.
0450 – misc. complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0457 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1034 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
1142 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1208 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1209 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1230 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.
1236 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.
1246 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1258 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1400 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Blvd.

1428 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.
1411 – larceny, N. I-96 Service Dr.
1432 – intrusion alarm, Belmont Dr.
1434 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1536 – civil matter, Buchanan St.
xxxx – threat, Belleville Rd.
1617 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1806 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1824 – property check, Tallgrass Ct.
1934 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd./Michigan
2017 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
2042 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2104 – neighbor trouble, Cedar St.
2124 – suspicious person, vehicle, circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2131 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
2216 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2225 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
2245 – intrusion alarm, Ruthan Dr.
2333 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Also, on this log are 180 traffic stops, 60 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 20:

1533 – assist other dept., Main St.
1732 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
2027 – welfare check, Henry St.
2219 – welfare check, Carmell St.

Monday, April 21:

0208 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Santa Clara St.
1000 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Estrada
1121 – larceny, W. Davis St.
1147 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.
1257 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1258 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1319 – personal injury accident, Denton Rd./Main
1744 – fraud, W. Waterbury Ct.

Tuesday, April 22:

1033 – welfare check, Oxford Ct.
1524 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1648 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1659 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1742 – misc. complaint, N. Liberty St.
1823 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.

Wednesday, April 23:

1502 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1535 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1542 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.

2006 – 911 welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, April 24:

0501 – repossession, Carmell St.
0954 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1416 – traffic offense, Savage/Madelon
1444 – trespassing, Potter Dr.
2030 – missing person, W. Columbia Ave.
2223 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.

Friday, April 25:

0718 – property damage accident, Main St. / E. Huron River Dr.
0853 – family trouble, N. Edgemont Ave.
1125 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1215 – civil matter, Estrada Dr.
1713 – missing person, Belle Villa Blvd.
1801 – civil matter, Main St.

Saturday, April 26:

0215 – road hazard, Main St.
0305 – assist other dept., Belleville/N. I-94 Service
0947 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Thornhill Ct.
1036 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Robbe St.
1054 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1211 – civil matter, Main St.
1730 – juvenile complaint, Main St.

There are 117 reports on this week's log and 77 of these are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 20:

0258 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.
0502 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Clark
0932 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1009 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
1231 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1332 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1433 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1511 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1608 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1710 – traffic complaint/hazard, Brookview Dr.
1729 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1847 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1905 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2056 – animal complaint, Oregon St.
2146 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Monday, April 21:

0256 – suspicious vehicle, Arizona St.
0646 – traffic complaint/hazard, Haggerty/Harris
0928 – found property, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1208 – civil matter, Redwood Dr.
1223 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1241 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1245 – neighbor dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1405 – alarm, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1442 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1554 – found property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1623 – juvenile matter, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1915 – harassment complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1944 – 911 hangup, Willow Rd./Sherwood Rd.
2000 – ordinance violation, 27000 bl. Sherwood
2051 – mental health call, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Tuesday, April 22:

0717 – subpoena service, out of township
1000 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1035 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1152 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1510 – alarm, Hampshire Dr.
1520 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1743 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1744 – lost property, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1837 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1844 – welfare check, Carriage Ln.
2009 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2217 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
2329 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.

Wednesday, April 23:

1509 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1639 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1737 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2047 – malicious destruction of property, Virginia
2123 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.

Thursday, April 24:

0133 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0509 – alarms/all other, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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SATURDAY, MAY 10

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Public Notice

**United States of America
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French Landing Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 9951)
Public Notice**

STS Hydropower, LLC (STS) and Van Buren Charter Township, Michigan (MI) are collectively the Licensees of the 1.8-megawatt (MW) French Landing Hydroelectric Project (Project) located on the Huron River in the Van Buren Charter Township and City of Belleville, in Wayne County, Michigan. The Licensees are pursuing a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the continued operation of the Project in accordance with FERC's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) as defined at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 5. The Project's current operating license expires on April 30, 2027. In accordance with FERC regulations, the Licensees must file a Final License Application (FLA) for a new license with FERC no later than April 30, 2025. Please take notice that the Licensees filed their FLA with FERC on April 29, 2025. In accordance with FERC regulations, the Licensees are providing public notice of the FLA filing.

The licensed Project works consist of: (1) a dam consisting of: (i) a 35-foot-high, 270-foot-long left earth embankment with a crest elevation of 658.5 feet (NGVD29); (ii) a 33-foot-2-inch-wide sector gated left spillway bay with a sill elevation of 640.0 feet; (iii) a 14-foot-3-inch wide left concrete pier; (iv) a 50.5-foot-wide by 68-foot-long masonry powerhouse of concrete substructure and brick substructure; (v) a 14-foot-3-inch-wide right concrete pier; (vi) a 33-foot-2-inch-wide sector gated right spillway bay with a sill elevation of 640.0 feet; (vii) a 12-foot-wide and 83-foot-long abandoned fish ladder; (viii) a 181-foot-1.5-inch-long ungated six barrel-arch spillway with a crest elevation of 652.0 feet; and (ix) and a 515-foot-long right earth embankment with a crest elevation of 657.5 feet; (2) a powerhouse containing one generating unit rated at 1,800 kW; (3) a reservoir with a surface area of 1,270 acres and a storage capacity of 17,780 acre-feet at maximum pool elevation of 651.5 feet; (4) an outlet channel approximately 108 feet long with a variable width, with a minimum distance of 88 feet and a maximum distance of 100 feet 5 inches; (5) transmission facilities including (i) the 4.16-kV generator leads; (ii) a 525-foot-long buried 4.16 kV transmission line; (iii) a 2,500 kVA 4.16/41.6-kV, 2-HVA step-up transformer; (iv) the 50-foot-long, 4.16-kV transmission line to the point of interconnection and; (6) appurtenant facilities.

The Licensees are making public portions of the FLA available to resource agencies, Indian Tribes, local governments, non-government organizations, and the public on the Project's distribution list. An electronic copy of the FLA is available on FERC's website using the following weblink: <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>, enter P-9951 in the docket number. A paper copy of the FLA can also be viewed at Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111. Please review library hours as they vary throughout the week. Upon acceptance of the FLA, FERC will publish subsequent notices soliciting public participation. Any questions regarding this notice or the FLA can be directed to Melissa Rondou at melissa.rondou@eaglecreekre.com.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 5 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Thursday, May 8 – Keystone Academy School Board annual meeting, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 12 – Van Buren Public

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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- 0717 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 0839 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 0907 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
- 1113 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
- 1116 – civil matter, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1247 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1314 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
- 1323 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1547 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1811 – neighbor dispute, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1811 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1910 – civil matter, Redwood Dr.
- 1934 – shots fired, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 2038 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
- 2138 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.

Friday, April 25:

- 0103 – civil matter, Arizona St.
- 0133 – 911 hangup, Nevada St.

Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, May 13 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 19 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 p.m., at the Parks & Rec. building at Graham Park, 24560 Sumpter Rd.
- Tuesday, May 20 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed

- 0411 – family trouble, Oakville Waltz Rd.
- 1032 – welfare check, Dakota Ct.
- 1040 – larceny complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1116 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1129 – 911 hangup, Wayside Dr.
- 1321 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
- 1401 – lost property, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1553 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1654 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
- 1805 – juvenile matter, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 2202 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Saturday, April 26:

- 0303 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
- 0901 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
- 0947 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
- 1327 – 911 hangup, Utah Ct.
- 1641 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1646 – breaking & entering report, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1657 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 2002 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2057 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.

Also on this week's log are 247 patrol checks, 83 traffic stops, and 10 misc. details.

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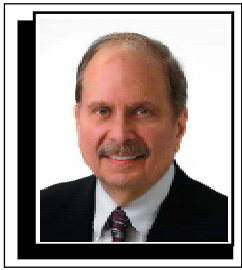
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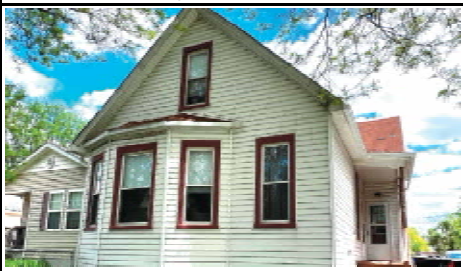
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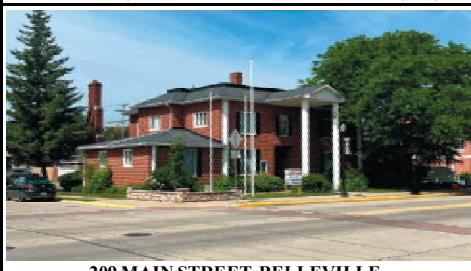
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