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Van Buren Township was awarded the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on May 9. From left are Trustee Kevin Martin, Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers, Supervisor Kevin McNamara, MEDC Chief Place Officer Michele Wildman, another MEDC official, Downtown Development Authority Director Merrie Colburn, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and Clerk Leon Wright.

VBT certified as Mich. Redevelopment Ready Community

Press release

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced May 9 that the Charter Township of Van Buren has been awarded the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification for its efforts in establishing a solid foundation to attract private investment and further build on municipal assets.

Van Buren Charter Township now joins a group of 81 Michigan communities from all regions of the state that have qualified as "thoroughly prepared" in their planning and zoning efforts. This designation aims to eliminate traditional barriers and foster opportunities for potential investment.

For a complete list of Redevelopment Ready Communities, visit https://www.miplace.org/programs/redevelopment-ready-communities/.

"Our mission at MEDC is to support Michigan's strong economic momentum and empower communities to establish a strong planning, zoning and economic development foundation," said MEDC Chief Place Officer Michele Wildman.

"Van Buren Charter Township is well positioned to continue to implement their vision for the future and further improve the quality of life for its residents. We look forward to building upon our relationship with Van Buren Charter Township and supporting local economic development efforts."

As an RRC participant, Van Buren Charter Township received a comprehensive assessment that measured current community and economic development practices compared to RRC best-practice standards. Communities leverage the RRC toolkit to integrate transparency, predictability, and efficiency into local economic development practices. Certification is a compelling indicator that a community has removed development barriers and streamlined processes to be more competitive and attractive for investment.

"Van Buren Charter Township has been involved in this program since 2017, and our team has been diligently working to achieve all of the goals set by the RRC," said Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers. "The dedication and efforts of our Township Board of Trustees, VBT DDA, Planning Commissioners, and many current and former staff members and consultants who have contributed to this initiative have been exceptional. We are excited to utilize these tools to strengthen our relationships with stakeholders and attract new investment in Van Buren Charter Township."

As a certified community, Van Buren Charter Township will have access to new tools to implement its community development goals as well as ongoing support and technical assistance from the Redevelopment Ready Communities team. Annual check-ins and updates will help ensure the township continues implementing the best practices over time. Certification is active for five years before needing to be renewed.

"Van Buren Charter Township is proud to achieve full Redevelopment Ready Communities certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation," said Van Buren Charter Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

"This achievement reflects our commitment to transparent and efficient development practices, making Van Buren Charter Township an attractive destination for investment. As the only certified RRC Township in the tri-county area, we set a standard for economic development and foster a vibrant community for residents and stakeholders."

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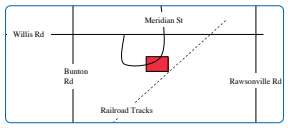

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville High School hosts third-annual Community Career Day

By Ania Felder
Special Writer

On April 23, Belleville High School hosted the district's third-annual Community Career Day from 8 to 10 a.m.

The Career Day is a fair held in the BHS Commons during the spring of the school year. This is where a large number of employees and employers, including local business entrepreneurs, police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, and others – attend as vendors.

The visitors speak with BHS juniors and seniors who are interested in joining their career field after they get out of high school. Other students are unsure about their plans and are seeking guidance from adults in different career fields to find a possible option to commit to after they graduate.

The goal of the career fair is to offer students some career readiness by learning what skills and passions they have while they are still attending high school, then finding a way to transform that into a future career.

The high school began hosting the Career Fair in 2023, and since then it has expanded with more students and more vendors attending.

New vendors this year included University of Michigan Health Care and Ford Rawsonville Components Plant. Other businesses present were Blooms and Balloons, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Angel Food Catering, and the Krumm Agency, Meemic Insurance.

Caterer Tyler Maffesoil of Angel Food Catering described their business as "the heart of Belleville."

"We do weddings, memorials, graduations. Anything that you would need food for we have it." Maffesoil said, explaining his day-to-day career.

Other businesses were willing to pass on advice to students who wish to become entrepreneurs. Former Van Buren Public Schools teacher of 29 years and now Memic Insurance owner Ernie Krumm gave his advise to students.

"Being your own boss and an entrepreneur, you have to be a self-starter and self-motivated," he said. "You have to always remember when you work for yourself, who are you? Are you the person who's going to show up and work hard? Are you the person who's going to show up and work the extra hours? Because no one else is going to do it for you. You have to be the right kind of person."

TAYION Fashion Collection owner Montee Tayion Holand advised students, "All successful businesses, no matter what they are have a few things in common. One, you have to be disciplined. Two, you have to sacrifice. Three, you have to be extremely motivated. You have to get up, go to work everyday, and be enthusiastic about that work. Because people can tell conviction."

A few upperclassmen were also willing to speak on their decision to attend this year's Career Day. Senior Demetrice Brantley, who plans on majoring in business and marking after graduation, said, "I attended today's career day just to network with people and just to get my name out there."

After the fair wrapped up, BHS Principal Nicole Crockett hosted a lunch for all the vendors and volunteers. At that event, she announced the school's new Alumni Registry.

This is a new group intended for BHS graduates to join in hopes they can come back to events such as the Community Career Day to help guide future leaders on the right path.

Crockett said next year she hopes even more businesses and career fields will participate.

Special writer Ania Felder of Van Buren Township also reported on the event on her podcast NewsWithNia.

Photo by Ania Felder
There was a large turnout of both vendors and students at the Belleville High School Commons for the schools third-annual Community Career Day.

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
Karen Mida, center, reads the background of Belleville High School teacher Andrea Sprague as she presents the 2025 Kiwanis Staff Member of the Year Award to her at Monday's school board meeting. Sprague's name has newly been engraved on the plaque that hangs in the Van Buren Public Schools' administrative offices. From left are Kiwanis Lt. Gov. of Division 6 Angela Lee, award-winner Sprague, Mida, and Kiwanis vice president Becky Ross.

Debbie McWilliams unexpectedly was presented with a bouquet of flowers at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. Karen Mida was at the microphone to present a Kiwanis award to a teacher, but first, she said, she had to give flowers to McWilliams. She praised the work McWilliams did to help the Kiwanis Club get the nominations for the award. Then she went on to say she was a valuable asset to the district and they better treat her right and pay her well so they don't lose her. McWilliams is the assistant to School Supt. Pete Kudlak.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Belleville wants you to plant a tree in your yard

The Belleville Planning Commission wants you to plant a tree in your yard in the city, or sponsor one to be planted in a park or the cemetery.

Planning commissioner Alvis Brigis thought 100 trees more would be a good goal and then after he and city councilwoman Julie Kissel (the council liaison to the commission) discussed it, they upped the goal to 120 trees.

That would coincide with the 120th anniversary of Belleville becoming a city next year.

At the April 10 meeting of the commission, they were discussing the new city master plan being written by Giffels Webster. The consultants said there are a reported 9,700 trees in the city and that covers 28% of the city. They said the recommended amount is 40-60% coverage.

Since the city was pretty well built out, Brigis suggested planting 100 more trees, with people doing so on an voluntary basis. Then that number grew.

There are now plans for a tree ordinance, permits, and awards. You have to be careful not to get carried away and plant your tree in the county road right of way. You need permission from the county for that. East Huron River Drive, E. and W. Columbia Avenue, and South Street/Sumpter Road are Wayne County roads. Plant your tree in your back yard.

Looks like the city is about to get a whole lot leafier.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Friday, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced it would pause its controversial Canada goose-killing program and will not issue any goose-gassing permits for the carbon dioxide gassing of geese this year. The DNR confirmed that while the program is paused it will instead focus on researching alternative non-lethal solutions for addressing human-goose conflicts.

A big demonstration that had been planned for Saturday with a person in a large Canada goose costume at the capital was canceled. More than 1,000 emails were sent to officials urging them to stop gassing geese.

Advocates say the fight isn't over until humane, long-term solutions are permanently adopted and the state commits to coexistence with geese rather than conflict.

The Belleville DDA is spending $870 a month for six months ($5,220) to Goodbye Geese to get rid of the geese at Horizon Park so summer concert-goers can spread out blankets and sit on the poop-free grass.

At its April 16 meeting, the DDA turned down a proposal to pay an additional $4,950 for the summer to Goodbye Geese to chase the geese away from Village Park next to Victoria Commons after the Victoria Commons Homeowners Association president said he had received no complaints on geese.

Goodbye Geese replaces last year's Geese Chaser owners, who retired.

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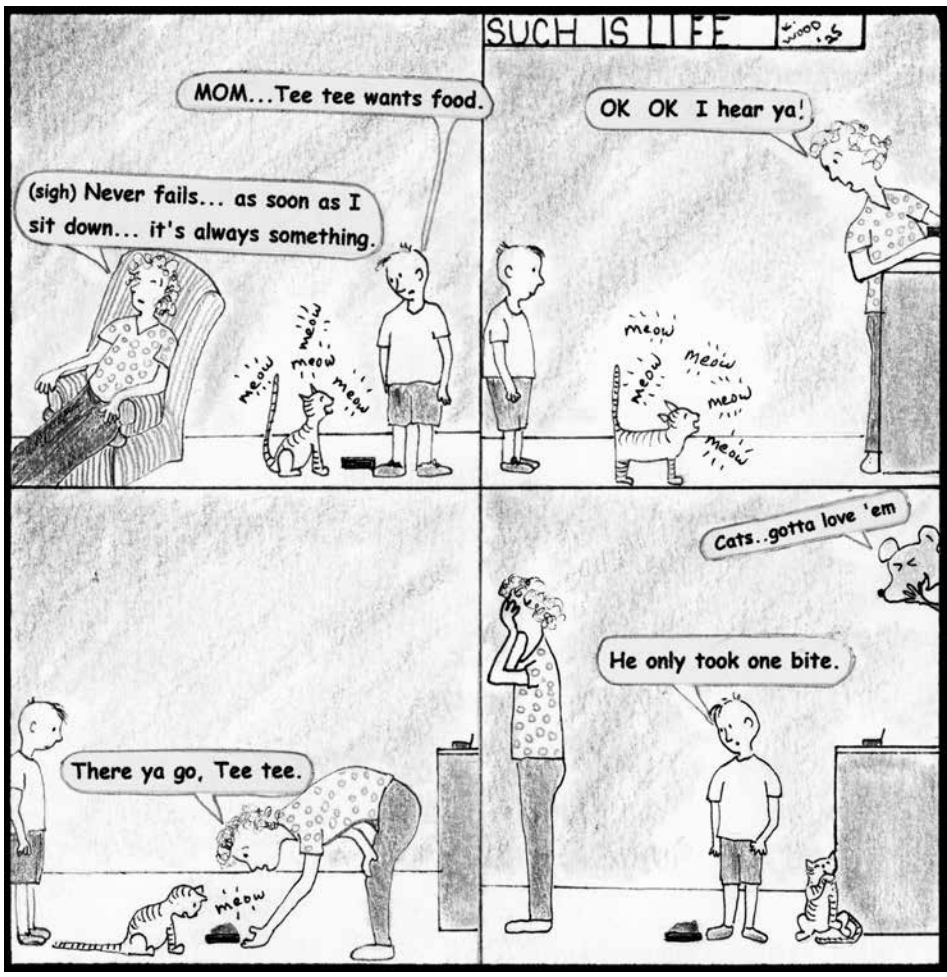
At Monday's school board meeting there was some discussion about how wonderful the new class is that actually is a salon and takes customers from outside the high



school. Those in the class will be able to be certified before they leave and can go right out and get hired. Board vice president Dionne Falconer, who was presiding in the absence of the president, said that they could start doing nails and earn more money than working for $15 at a fast-food restaurant. They could work at this while they pursue a college degree, she said.

It was noted that School Supt. Pete Kudlak was going to get his hair cut there and he confirmed he was.

Board secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick said now she would like to see them add massage therapy to the classes offered.

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In the Sunday *Detroit Free Press* there was a story on page 3A about the city of Belleville and what a wonderful place it is to live. There was a picture of Therese Antonelli of Moving the Mitten, along with her comments, and a picture of a house on Clarence Street that her real estate firm sold.

The whole "story" seemed like an advertisement for Moving the Mitten and it was a great advertisement. No negatives.

Although there is constant angst locally about the vacant stores on Main Street and the high cost of water and crumbling streets in a subdivision, you wouldn't know it in that report.

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We're advised the vacant storefront on Main Street that used to be part of Antiques on Main will reopen as a barbershop. It will be nice to have the shop open again.

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Debbie McWilliams was so surprised when Karen Mida handed her a beautiful bouquet of flowers at Monday's school board meeting.

McWilliams, who is the able and kind assistant to School Supt. Pete Kudlak, had helped Mida and the Kiwanis get their list of candidates for their Staff Member of the Year award. Mida said McWilliams is always very helpful and they are lucky to have her.

We agree with Mida. McWilliams has always been able to get me information we need for stories – before deadline. On Monday, I told her that Reg Ion has spoken of how he knew her when she was a BHS student and played on the softball team. He said she was a sharp and kind person then, as well.

McWilliams was shocked. She said that was so long ago. I told her Reg was head custodian in those days and in the middle of everything. She remembered him from those days but didn't think he would remember a student like her. She was very touched.

She has been taking good care of him now in her school position. She provides school board packets for him for each meeting, as he has requested.

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Letters

VFW gives thank you to our community

To the editor:

This is a thank you to our community:

For 50 years the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167 have distributed Poppies in this community. This is only done once a year and supports not only our relief efforts here, but nationwide as well.

This year's efforts reflect the economic uncertainty we all feel. We distributed close to 3,000 poppies and for this first time in a few years, we did not get a wedding ring. We did receive a gold coin that turned out to be a game token.

Our post provides many services, such as Military Funeral Honors, Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarships, proper flag disposal, youth activities support for the Scouts USA, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, the Belleville free flag program, Bugles Across America, cemetery clean up, and flag services, just to name a few.

Last year your VFW was No. 1 in the State of Michigan for Community Service and 25th in the Nation.

We are currently looking for eligible community members to join our organization.

If you would like to support our mission, feel free to send donations to 44170 Bemis Rd., Belleville, or if you need a poppy feel free to call us at (734) 697-0505 and we would be happy to get it to you.

John Blackstone, Commander
VFW Post 4434

CBC to host Memorial Day parade on May 26

To the editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community is hosting a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. The parade will step off from Belleville High School on W. Columbia, turn left on Main Street, turn left on Roys and continue to the Veterans' Memorial on High Street or turn left on Church Street and disband.

We welcome residents, businesses, organizations to join us as we recognize the men and women who we lost during wars and conflicts. The deadline for entries has passed, however there will always be space for those who decide to come to the BHS parking lot that morning to be part of this memorial parade. We would love to see some of the kids decorate their bikes and ride along with us.

We are looking forward for the community to embrace this parade and attend or participate for many years to come. It is also our hope that many of you, after enjoying the parade, will then go to High Street for the VFW/PLAV ceremony that begins at 11 a.m.

Bill Wolters, president
Belleville Central Business Community

Blight in Belleville, VBT is disappointing to see

To the editor:

As someone who proudly calls Van Buren Township and Belleville my childhood home, it pains me to say that each time I return to visit, I am increasingly disappointed by the state of our community.

The blight in certain areas is becoming impossible to ignore. Dismantled yards, unregulated and overrun chicken habitat, and general neglect of curb appeal are issues that tarnish the beauty and pride of our community. It begs the question: have we grown lax in enforcing the ordinances that once helped maintain the quality and charm of our neighborhoods?

I know there are many who still take pride in our community. That is why I urge township officials to renew their commitment to upholding and enforcing local ordinances. Attention to these details matters, not just for those who carry fond memories of the township, but for current and future residents who deserve a vibrant place to call home.

Ashela Trevino
Ludington

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, May 15** – Varsity Softball vs. Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
- **Friday, May 16** – JV Baseball vs. Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 17** -- JV Baseball vs. Monroe, 11 a.m.
- **Monday, May 19** – JV Baseball KLAA Crossover, 4 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. New Boston, JV 4 p.m., Varsity 5:30 p.m.; JV Softball KLAA Crossover, 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 21** – Boys Golf vs. Livonia Franklin, 2:45 p.m. at Willow Metropark

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director

Third Thursday is here again with shopping specials and popups, plus pending the weather, the Fourth Street Square will be full of crafters for your shopping pleasure. Watch for the Third Thursday A-frames on the sidewalk.

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The Belleville Community Chorus will present its spring concert on Sunday, May 18, at 5 p.m. Entitled "Music from Dawn to Dusk" it will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. Also performing will be the youth chorus and individual solos. The concerts are free but freewill donations are welcome.

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This weekend is also the time for St. Anthony's spring Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. I always encourage you to take time to stop by this sale because of the large variety of treasures.

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The Van Buren DDA has announced its music lineup for June. The concerts will be on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Harris Park starting on June 4 with Dave Fio. June 11 is Surfzup Band, June 18 Cruzin' Jupiter and on June 25 Infinity and Beyond Journey Tribute.

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The Belleville Farmers Market and the Classic Car show will be every Monday starting June 2 and the Thursday Music Lakeside concerts will begin on June 12. Then there will be Third Thursday shopping on June 19, Thunder Over Michigan runs June 21 and 22 and we end June with Belleville Lake Fest on June 27-29. Did you get all that? What a month!

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Have you noticed that Wing Fellas has been advertising for the last few weeks? It may be a little out of the way for some of you, but their food is excellent so make sure you grab one of their coupons in case you are traveling south.

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

More Letters

Wanda is stupendous craftswoman in Sumpter

To the editor:

I would like to offer some kind words about a wonderful experience I had at the Sumpter Senior Center. I have been taking the upholstery class at the senior center for almost two years and all of the pieces of furniture have turned out wonderful.

The class instructor, Wanda, is a stupendous craftswoman. She has been reupholstering for 50 years in Sumpter, New Boston, Romulus, Dearborn, and Taylor.

She has made quite a positive impact on the community by offering her services to anyone she can help. She is very caring and always goes out of her way to help others.

Sumpter needs more people like Wanda! I cannot recommend her upholstery class enough. It's a great opportunity to revamp and upcycle furniture!

With appreciation,
Freda Der-Stepanian
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Obituaries

Theodore (Ted) Anthony Paddock II

THEODORE ANTHONY PADDOCK II
July 30, 1938 – April 25, 2025
Theodore (Ted) Anthony Paddock II, age 86, of Brighton, MI passed peacefully at home with his family on April 25, 2025.
He was born July 30, 1938 in Detroit, MI. Ted graduated from Belleville High School, served in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea, and went on to Western Michigan University. He pursued a career in sales being at the forefront of the ultrasound technology for hospitals.
Ted was married to Charlene Ann Paddock on February 22, 1969 in Clarendon Hills, IL, where they started their family. Later, Ted's sales job transferred the family to Brighton, MI.
He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Charlene, and their children Theo (Melissa) Paddock and Ann Marie (Darren) Stewart; grandchildren Drake Paddock, Kara Paddock and Andrew Stewart; step-grandchildren Shilo (Mike) Pawlak and Phoenix (Samantha) Stewart; step-great grandchildren Jaxon and Julianna Stewart; siblings Joan Tinsley (late Harry) and Gene (Connie) Paddock; nieces and nephews.
He is preceded in death by his parents Theodore A. Paddock and Martha A. O'Konek; siblings Bernard Paddock and Maxine (Neil) Dillenbeck; and niece/nephew Michael, Denise and Joan Dillenbeck.
A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 in Brighton, MI.

THOMAS GUY SHEREDA
April 2, 1942 – April 16, 2025
Passed at Trinity Health at age 83. Survived by loving wife Janice and son Tommy. He enjoyed being with friends and bowling. Cremation has taken place.

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Kendall Brayton Carr, Jr.

KENDALL BRAYTON CARR, JR.
October 14, 1939 – May 7, 2025
Kendall Brayton Carr, Jr., age 85, of Romulus, MI, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Maple Manor in Wayne, MI. He was born October 14, 1939, in Little Falls, NY, son of Kendall Brayton and Margaret Catherine (Stafford) Carr. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for 28 years. Ken even started the Boys Scouts in Fort Knox, KY, on the military base. Ken met Mary, the love of his life, and they were married May 22, 1960, and had 62 years of marriage. He was a strong and disciplined man who would help anyone, anytime. He was a member of the Masonic Temple. He enjoyed building models, working on cars, supporting his son's sports activities, and later his grandchildren and then his great-grandchildren. He was a true dedicated, family man. His family meant everything to him. The family of Kendall Carr would like to express their deepest gratitude to Janet Williams and her incredible team at Maple Manor in Wayne, MI. The care and compassion they showed during the final year of his life went far beyond our expectations. We truly don't know what we would have done without them. We believe God sent them to us in our family's time of need. They were more than just staff -- they became an extension of our family, standing by his side when we couldn't, and offering love, dignity, and support every step of the way.
Mr. Carr is survived by two sons: Glenn (Colleen) Carr of Romulus, MI, and Mark (Martye) Carr of Taylor, MI; daughter-in-law Colleen Carr of Romulus, MI; ten grandchildren: Nikki (Lyle) Place, Matthew (Mikayla) Carr, Joseph (Dorothy) Carr, Christopher McQuiston, Jonathan (Tarhata) Carr, Amber Carr, Katelyn (Thomas) McDonald, Emily (Dominick) Carr, Robert Smith, and David Smith; 24 great-grandchildren; also numerous extended family and friends.
He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary Evelyn (Harrison) Carr, also a son Anthony Carr, and 13 of his siblings.
Visitation was Tuesday, May 13, 2025 and on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 12-5 p.m., with a 5 p.m. funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Pastor John Wester will officiate.
Memorial contributions may be made to the family and will be distributed evenly to Kendall's charities of choice.
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BHS football team fund raiser is car wash at 5 Points on May 24

The parent support group for the Belleville High School football team will hold a fund-raising car wash from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, at the Loranger Chiropractic Clinic at Five Points in Belleville. They will be asking for donations to help support the team and the program.

Obituaries

Rosemary B. "Sue" Mytych

ROSEMARY B. 'SUE' MYTYCH

August 7, 1954 – May 6, 2025

Rosemary B. "Sue" Mytych, age 70, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away early Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at Corewell Hospital, Taylor, MI. She was born August 7, 1954, in West Liberty, Kentucky, daughter of Robert Boyd & Beatrice "Christine" (Nickell) Brown. She was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, New Boston. She enjoyed crocheting, canning, freezing and cooking. Most of all, she loved her family, and cherished time spent with her grandchildren.

Sue is survived by her husband of over 45 years, Thomas Michael Mytych; two sons John Mytych of Garden City, MI, and Brent Mytych of Southgate, MI; grandson John T. Mytych; granddaughter Elizabeth Mytych; and numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and numerous siblings. She was the youngest of 13!

Visitation was Friday, May 9, 2025 with a Prayer Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was Saturday, May 10, 2025, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 18858 Huron River Drive, New Boston, MI 48164, with Father John Hedges as Celebrant. Burial was in St. Stephen Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Stephen's Catholic School and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, May 19 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 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

• Wednesday, May 21 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St.

• Thursday, May 22 – The Wayne County Drain Commission will meet at the Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Monday, May 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Tuesday, May 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m. Also, EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are holding a public information meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wayne County Community College campus at 9555 Haggerty Rd. to discuss Wayne Disposal's application to expand the disposal volume and add hazardous waste storage and treatment capacity at its facility at 49350 N. I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township.

Belleville planners review amended ordinance on trees

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the May 8 meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission, commissioners reviewed a seven-page amended ordinance dealing with tree planting.

At the April 10 meeting, Giffels and Webster, which is working on rewriting the city master plan, reported that Belleville had about 28% tree covering in 2022 when the coverage should be more like 40%.

Commission vice-chairman Julie Kissel, who also is a city council member, said she talked to commissioner Alvis Brigis and mayor Ken Voigt about trees and, "We want more trees. We want a tree initiative."

She said with Blooming America having been hired to come into the city to consult on how to increase its landscaping, this is important.

Commissioner Brigis said in the city master plan surveys, "People said they wanted more parks and trees." He said they were pushing a more voluntary aspect of it. "It should be done well and fast," he said.

Commissioner/councilwoman Kissel said she attended an American Bloom meeting and wrote up a draft of the city for them.

She said Mayor Voigt wants Belleville to be a Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation. "We are not in compliance with Tree City USA regulations. You can't apply again until fall and we need to have an ordinance."

She said they had a draft ordinance that evening which will go before the city council for approval, but she wanted the commission to look it over. She said there has to be money allocated for trees and management of them.

Commissioner James Courage, who was attending his first meeting since being elected chairman during his absence in January, asked if each of these groups had regulations in its area for certification and assistant city manager Steve Jones said that was true.

He said Tree City USA has stringent regulations and the city's ordinance is deficient. He said its always good to review ordinances every few years because things change over time.

Kissel said the tree program needs money from the city. She said there are a number of stumps around the city that need to be removed.

Jones said they need to replace trees when they are taken out. He said last year they cut trees in Victoria Commons and

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On May 2, MI Custom Signs erected a sign at the renovated former Cork & Bottle building on Sumpter Road. Dynamic Energy Solutions will be moving into the building. It is a heating and cooling company, sells generators, has electricians, etc. Lots to do and no grand opening date yet. Photographer Randall Miller said he talked to the management broker also, who told him they are working to bring other tenants into the building.

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Michael Renaud, right, who retired from the Belleville Planning Commission, was presented with a plaque by Mayor Ken Voigt, marking his 15 years of service to the community. This was at the May 5 meeting of the city council.

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DIA's Inside/Out art on display at 9 outside locations in VBT

On May 5, eight framed artworks were installed in public locations around Van Buren Township as part of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside/Out program.

The high-quality reproductions of world-renowned artworks will be in public spaces until October at the following locations:

- Van Buren Township Hall – "Flowers in a Glass Vase" by Rachel Ruysch
- Van Buren Community Center – "Woman Supreme" by Wadsworth Jarrell
- Quirk Park – "Staunch Friends" by William Frederick Yeames
- Harris Park – "Portrait of Postman Roulin" by Vincent van Gogh
- French Landing Park – "Boat Abstraction" by Marsden Hartley
- Riggs Park / Iron Belle Trail – "The Recitation" by Thomas Wilmer Dewing
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- Van Buren Park – "The Lily Pond" by Charles Harry Eaton

The Inside|Out program, now in its 16th year, is made possible through the DIA's millage-funded commitment to Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties. It transforms parks, trails, and community centers into open-air galleries, encouraging residents to enjoy art in everyday spaces.

"The Inside|Out program is more than public art — it's a celebration of culture, creativity, and community," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We're proud to partner with the DIA to bring this experience to our residents. Whether you're biking down the trail or spending time in the park, you'll be surrounded by beauty and inspiration."

Independent photo by James Otzman
A reproduction of "Portrait of Postman Roulin" by Vincent van Gogh is among the nine framed artworks on display in outside locations throughout Van Buren Township this summer. This painting is at Harris Park, next to the Downtown Development Authority headquarters at 10101 Belleville Rd.

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School Board approves grant money for new mental health clinic

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board voted unanimously to use $608,570 of a mental health grant to construct the BHS Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools clinic in the school library's former storeroom.

The project is a division of Michigan Medicine of the University of Michigan to offer accessible clinic and mental health services directly to the school community.

Board president Amy Pearce and trustee David Shall were absent from the meeting. Vice president Dionne Falconer presided.

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

• Approved a contract amount of $259,922 with Laforce LLC, along with a project contingency of $25,992, totaling $285,914 for Edgemont and Rawsonville access control security hardware. This is part of the 2019 bond program that includes upgrading door hardware to support more advanced and secure access systems;

• Approved the collective bargaining agreement between the district and the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Association from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Changes included from 3 to 3.5% salary increase per year, additional childcare leave (same as teachers' contract), offers of four healthcare plans with zero-high deductible options, additional longterm disability insurance option, and increased work days;

• Approved incumbents James Beri and Lynda Jackson as the board's choice for 6-year terms on the Wayne RESA board and directed the board's representatives, president Amy Pearce and secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick to cast Van Buren's ballot for the two at the June 2 election. Information was given on the RESA budget, which will be voted on at the next school board meeting;

• Heard spring building presentations by Edgemont Elementary School Principal Laura Maher and staff members and Early Childhood Development Center Principal Becky Ross and staff members;

• Was given information by Tiffany Tasi, elementary instructional specialist, on the new Michigan Department of Education K-12 Literacy and Dyslexia Law, along with the fact that the present program the district uses is not being updated, that is causing the district to adopt a new English language curriculum at a cost of $438,901 over five years, with two grants covering the cost completely. The committee that studied the 12 proposals and tried out two, has recommended Wonders. This will be voted on at the next board meeting;

• Received information on the proposed heating and cooling equipment replacement for Rawsonville Elementary School, a planned expenditure of $2.5 million through the sinking fund. This was information only and the required professional services have been requested and Integrated Design Service recommended and will be voted on at an upcoming meeting. IDS quoted a cost of 7.7% of the total project;

• Was presented with information on needs for expanding both interior and exterior security camera coverage at BHS, creating secure entry points, and implemetenting standardized security hardware and barricade devices. IT director Sean Garland said a new platform is needed and one platform failed and had to be worked with. The system is failing after being in use since the building was new in 2012. This is a planned expenditure using grant funds and the sinking fund. No vote taken as yet;

• Approved the BHS/McBride Choir Field Trip on June 6 to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH to sing at a Performance in the Park concert series. Sixty-eight students in grades 7-12 will be transported by two school buses and some individual drivers. The cost of $85 per person is financed in part with a donation from the BHS Choirs Alumni Group;

• Approved the retirement of teacher Marsha Barker from BHS as of Aug. 25 after one year of service;

• Approved the resignations of teachers Myla Bennett of McBride after four years of service, Tashana Rembert of BHS after two years, Jarrett Rice of McBride after two years, Chavella Knight of Edgemont after four years, Satoniya Griffin of BHS after one year, Christin Bugescu of Owen after four years, Michael Mayes of McBride after two years, Marissa Moore of Owen after four years, and Anthony Marchello of Owen after 2.5 years;

• Approved the terminations of Michelle Smolarski from Food Service after less than a year and Florence Baker from Food Service after two years;

• Approved the retirement of bus driver Vanessa Lamar after 14 years of service and the resignations of Kizzy Scott as a paraprofessional after less than a year of service, Michael Brief as custodian after less than a year, and Heather Bare as a bus driver after one year;

• Received the board-requested report from Director of Instruction Jeff Moore on the breakdown of students that are schools of choice. The report said there are 603 schools of choice students in the district of the 4,289 total, 14.06%. The percentage has climbed every year since 2020-21, especially in the high school where it is now 20-21% for grades 9-12. Supt. Kudlak said 600 extra students bring in $6 million; and

• Heard parent Angela Mears say she received emails about her comments about the extra cost tacked on to parent payments to the district. She said she paid $350 for band camp and a fee of $10.75 was attached when it was supposed to be $1. She said the senior package cost is coming up in August and she wants to avoid extra costs when she pays the fee. Supt. Kudlak said they are working with RESA on this.

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On its Facebook page, Sumpter Township Police comment on the April 22 presentation of its new Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission certificate.

We were honored to have the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) at last night's township board meeting to present us with the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC) accreditation certificate. This was an incredibly proud moment for the men and women of our department following a years-long process.

The MACP delegation, including Executive Director Chief Robert Stevenson (ret.), Deputy Director Chief Ronald L. Wiles, Jr. (ret.), President Chief Bryan Ergang (Kalamazoo Township Police), and Accreditation Program Director D/Lt. Matt Silverthorn (ret.) spoke at length about the initial accreditation process and the ongoing work and dedication that departments must undertake to achieve reaccreditation every three years.

They then recognized us as one of only 90 police departments in the state to have received accreditation through the MLEAC, before President Chief Ergang presented the framed accreditation certificate to Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Eric Luke.

Achieving accreditation status is a significant professional milestone. It acknowledges our implementation of policies and procedures that reflect best practices in law enforcement. This process has also allowed us to better serve our community, reduce risk and liability for our officers and the department, and strengthen our trust and reputation.

The MLEAC accreditation program promotes continuous improvement, accountability, and transparency within the law enforcement profession. Our department is committed to upholding these standards as we now begin the process of reaccreditation in three years.

We are immensely proud of our department and want to recognize Accreditation Manager Lieutenant Brian Seffani and Assistant Accreditation Manager Captain Patrick Gannon for their dedication and outstanding work toward this achievement.

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Belleville Plan

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replaced them.

Raytheon Martin, who attended his first meeting since being appointed, asked if he wanted to plant a tree, for instance, in honor of his deceased grandmother, could that be a part of the program.

Kissel said that would work in well with the program. She said Brigis wanted 100 more trees for the city and then they bumped it up to 120 trees to mark the 120th anniversary of the city next year.

She said there is a plan to reward people for planting trees by way of a raffle in October. People could sponsor a tree in the cemetery or a park and there could be a raffle for them, too.

"The ordinance is the first step," chairman Courage said.

"The stumps must go," Kissel insisted.

Jones said the trees will be put in the new master plan, with rules for replacement or something.

Kissel said another Blooming America meeting is April 20.

Commissioner John Juriga, who served for many years on the Van Buren Township planning commission before moving to Belleville, said he just received this ordinance and hasn't had time to study it. He said in VBT if you cut a tree down, you have to replace it. If it's a large tree, you replace it with two trees. He said the 14 trees that were cut down on the corner of Third and Main streets in the city to make the property saleable, bother him and there should be a rule about replacement.

Jones said he got the last edit of the ordinance just before the meeting and the commissioners should look it over and give feedback to him or city manager Jason Smith, who put it together.

Commissioner Juriga said he lives on E. Huron River Drive and he wanted to plant a tree in the right of way and that required approval by the county because the street is a county road. It took many steps, but they finally got permission. He said the people across the street just planted a tree without approval and there is no enforcement of the rules.

Jones said they have to figure out where they want sponsored trees, such as Victoria Commons or Horizon Park.

Juriga said there should be some trees at Horizon Park. He said the city cut down trees on the the bank and now it has an erosion problem.

Brigis said if you use Google Earth it can tell you what varieties of trees are in the city.

Juriga said he wanted to mention how healthy it is for people just to see trees.

Brigis said this will appeal to the business people the city wants to attract.

Jones again asked the commissioners to look over the amended ordinance and offer comments. The ordinance will go to the city council for approval after the city holds a public hearing and two readings.

Commissioner Martin said this is some homework for them all. He plans to see what other communities are doing.

Juriga said someone needs to be in charge of enforcement, adding one part-time police officer once a week isn't enough. Many commissioners and Jones praised the work the officer could do.

Jones said the city is working to get approval for Municode which would digitize and organize all the ordinances. Brigis said he wants to know more about Municode to make sure it plays well with AI.

Jones said this is the system used by many municipalities.

Brigis said the product landscape with AI is changing so quickly. It's not something everyone is aware of, he said.

In other business at the 52-minute meeting, the board:

• Canceled the regular June 12 planning commission meeting and set the meeting instead for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 25. This is a better time for the Giffels Webster team to discuss the master plan;

• Heard Jones report that the former lake that used to form on the sidewalk in front of the Veterans Monument has been eliminated as the roadwork begins on High Street and the parking lot there. That area needs to be open for Memorial Day, he said. Jones reported that bids for proposed changes to the new city hall will be before the city council at its next meeting. He said Mayor Voigt wants to be in the building by October. Kissel said, "He's a dreamer";

• Heard Brigis say the tree initiative is a great project. He said the master plan should have digitized backup. And, he said, he'll continue to hammer on AI; and

• Heard Juriga say the DPW yard is unsafe with a lot of aggregate, stones, and cement blocks on the ground. He said he took yard waste to the dumpter in the DPW yard and he tripped on a piece of asphalt and fell. He said it really needs to be cleaned up. He said as a shop teacher he taught the students not to leave anything on the floor as a safety measure. Jones said the DPW cleanup is "a work in progress".

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ORDINANCE 04-15-25 (1) & ORDINANCE RZ 04-15-25 (2)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendments to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) was approved and is hereby adopted:

ORDINANCE 04-15-25(1): Non-Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment. An ordinance to amend the Township's Zoning Ordinance to add the following sections:

Article 6: Supplemental Zoning District Standard, Chapter 5: Planned Unit Developments (Commercial, Office and Industrial). Proposed amendments to permit non-residential planned unit developments (PUDs) in Commercial, Office and Industrial zoning. The amendments will include language specifying intent and purpose, additional considerations, modifications, eligibility, districts and uses, coverage, design, open space requirements, frontages and access, roads and driveways, traffic impact, pedestrian circulation, utilities, natural features, landscaping and screening, existing structures, control and reserves, applicable regulations, approval procedures, phasing, revisions and approved plans and performance guarantee.

ORDINANCE RZ 04-15-25(2): REZONING. An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17(2), as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning the following parcels from R1-B – Single Family Residential to M-1 – Light Industrial:

41743 Van Born Road, ID# V-125-83-005-01-0002-300, 41723 Van Born Road, ID# V-125-83-005-01-0003-000, 41663 Van Born Road, 41635 Van Born Road, ID# V-125-83-005-01-0008-000, 41601 Van Born Road, 41589 Van Born Road, 6040 Haggerty Road, ID# V-125-83-008-99-0002-705;

Also to amend the zoning map by rezoning the parcel located at 6000 Haggerty Road from M-T – Industrial Transportation to M-1 – Light Industrial.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted: May 6, 2025
Published: May 15, 2025
Effective: May 23, 2025

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **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.

• **Friday, May 16; Saturday, May 17; and Sunday, May 18 –** Van Buren Community Players present the youth musical "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." at the Community Center's Black Box Theater at 46425 Tyler Rd. Friday and Saturday performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performance is at 2 p.m. Tickets are $16-20 at the Community Center. Information: (734) 796-7900.

• **Friday, May 16 –** The final game of the BHS Flag Football season starts at 7:30 p.m. at the BHS football field, when BHS plays Fr. Gabriel Richard of Ann Arbor. There is no admission fee and concessions are available. This is the inaugural season for the Flag Football team.

• **Friday, May 16 –** Eagle Riders Summer Steak Roast at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Starts at 5 p.m. until gone, followed by two-person band, "Flaunt Love", at 7:30 p.m.

• **Friday, May 16 –** Family Feud brought to you by the Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start promptly at 7 p.m. Teams of up to six players, $5 per player. Bring snacks to share at your table; drinks can be purchased in the club room. Public welcome.

• **Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17** – St. Anthony spring rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

• **Sunday, May 18 –** The Huron River Watershed Council and the DTE Foundation is celebrating 2025 Huron River Day from noon to 4 p.m. at Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor. Free family event. Many activities. Information: (734) 794-6240.

• **Sunday, May 18 –** "Music from Dawn to Dusk" is the name of the Belleville Community Chorus' spring concert at 5 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. Youth chorus and solos. Free concert; donations welcome.

• **Thursday, May 22 –** You are invited to the retirement open house to congratulate Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger on his retirement after 37 years of fire department service, 13 years of that as fire chief for the community of Belleville. The open house is 4-7 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr.

• **Thursday, May 22 –** "Always a Welcome Sight: Lighthouses of Michigan," a lecture by Andrew Kercher of Port Huron, is from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum. Free pizza at 5:30 p.m. RSVP by emailing bam@vbtmi.gov or calling (734) 697-1944.

• **Saturday, May 24 –** Car wash at Loranger's Clinic at Five Points in Belleville from noon to 4 p.m. to raise money for the football team and football program. Asking for donations.

• **Monday, May 26 –** Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m., starts at BHS and ends on Roys Street. The VFW/PLAV Memorial Day ceremony is at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument on High Street.

• **Wednesday, May 28 –** EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are holding a public information meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wayne County Community College campus at 9555 Haggerty Rd. to discuss Wayne Disposal's application to expand the disposal volume and add hazardous waste storage and treatment capacity at its facility at 49350 N. I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES -- May 6, 2025

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Trustee Boynton. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Director of IT Barbaza, Director of Water and Sewer Miner, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Public Services Luckett and an audience of seven.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025, Prepaid List of April 17, 2025, Prepaid List of April 24, 2025, Prepaid List of May 1, 2025, Voucher List of May 6, 2025, Approval of the Fireworks Display Permit Application for a fireworks display by Belleville Yacht Club on Saturday, July 5, 2025, with a rain date of Sunday, July 6, 2025, Approval of The Memorandum of Understanding between the Senior Alliance and Van Buren Township for the No-Wrong-Door Program. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, May 8 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Washtenaw Golf Club to honor the life of Carol Bird, active community member Ginger Brudder passed away, and a Proclamation for Apraxia Awareness Day was presented to Paxton Shukait.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve special land use for a drive thru restaurant (planning case 24-008) for Chick-Fil-A, to be located at 10010 Belleville Road. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve a proposal from Fishbeck to perform construction administration for the Tyler Road Sidewalk Gap project in an amount not to exceed $48,650. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2025-12: for the Long-Term Maintenance of the Storm Water Management System for Metro Park Party Store at 41001 E. Huron River Drive with the condition that Director Akers update the language to reflect the party store instead of a manufacturing facility. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the 5-year Second Amendment to the existing Ground Lease Agreement with the University of Michigan for the premises containing approximately .45 acres of land in Van Buren Park. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Kelley seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 04-15-25(1) which is a zoning ordinance amendment to add provisions for commercial, office, and industrial planned unit developments. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Frazier, Kelley and Martin. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Boynton. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 04-15-25(2) which is a zoning ordinance amendment to rezone 12 properties near Van Born and Haggerty Roads to M-1, Light Industrial. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Frazier, Kelley and Martin. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Boynton. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The owner of FG Island Grille asked the Board to make an exception and issue her Certificate of Occupancy before she paid the mandated $15,968 tap fee. After discussion it was decided that the board would need to further look into the fee payment.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: Budd moved, Martin seconded to go into closed session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to MCL 15.268 - Sec. 8(a). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Frazier, Kelley and Martin. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Boynton. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Martin seconded to adjourn the closed session at 8:25 p.m.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to reopen the board of trustees meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Frazier moved, Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Sumpter Nixle Alert: Road closure May 19

These road closures will occur on Monday, May 19, for road resurfacing:

• Judd Road will be closed between Carleton West and Gentz.

• Clark Road will be closed between Judd W. and Judd E.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 294 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, May 4:

0027 – found property/child, Dorchester Dr.
0041 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0058 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0209 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Birch Dr.
0219 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
0531 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0704 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0701 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
0712 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0901 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0932 – welfare check, Harmony Ln.
0959 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1121 – follow up by officer, Denton Rd.
xxxx – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1213 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1318 – property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area
1357 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1513 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1526 – assist other dept., Tuttle Hill/Bemis
1552 – animal complaint, Maurice Dr.
1556 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1630 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1650 – noise complaint, Arlene
xxxx – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1851 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Huron River Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, Michigan Ave.
2028 – welfare check, Jackson St.
2031 – 911 welfare check, Wabash Rd.
2236 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.

Monday, May 5:

0051 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
0120 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0124 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0500 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0556 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
0643 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0751 – civil matter, Dewitt Rd.
0830 – civil matter, Dewitt Rd.
0856 – vehicle lockout, Birch Dr.
0928 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1042 – family trouble, Spruce Ln.
1123 – intrusion alarm, Sonrisa St.
xxxx – background investigation, E. Main St.
xxxx – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1313 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1331 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
1523 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1624 – property damage accident, Martz Rd.
2023 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd./Bak Rd.
1838 – family trouble, Dewitt Rd.
2037 – abandoned auto, Haggerty/Edison Lake Rd.
2112 – breaking & entering, Sheldon Rd.
2216 – mental subject, Dewitt Rd.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates Dr.
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Meadows Cir.

Tuesday, May 6:

0059 – shooting, Chandler
0340 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0353 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0717 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0943 – larceny, S. Sadie Ln.
0951 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1438 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1447 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1520 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1653 – threat, Quirk Rd.
1834 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1850 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2058 – PPO violation, N. Cumberland Dr.
2114 – assist citizen, Haggerty Rd.
2337 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd.
2357 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, May 7:

0320 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0822 – 911 welfare check, Cross St.
1051 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
1123 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1228 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1329 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1351 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1448 – 911 welfare check, Bradley Dr.
1450 – traffic offense, Freedom Way
1553 – intrusion alarm, Sonrisa St.
1612 – 911 welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1640 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1823 – family trouble, cross St.
1855 – threat, Mantauk Ct.
1901 – road hazard, Cobblestone
1914 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1935 – road hazard, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2041 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2111 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2130 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
2127 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2148 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
2152 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2207 – domestic, Park Estates Dr./Michigan Ave.
2240 – assault & battery, Basswood Cir.

Thursday, May 8:

0025 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sondra Dr.
0030 – property check, Robbe Rd.
0055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Millard St. / Wheeler St.
0233 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Green (The Parks)
0758 – malicious destruction of property, Pine Dr.
0851 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0903 – found property/child, Cobblestone
0910 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Millington Ct.
1040 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd./Bog Rd.
1159 – intrusion alarm, W. Sadie Ln.
1210 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1308 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1312 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Savage Rd.
1350 – malicious destruction of property, Martinsville Rd.
1522 – fraud, Dalton Dr.
1522 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1559 – welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
1710 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1756 – juvenile complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd. / Beck Rd.
1901 – animal complaint, Chatsworth Dr.
2149 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
2255 – disorderly, Parkside Dr.
2306 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs
2356 – property check, Robbe Rd.

Friday, May 9:

0041 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0225 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0307 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0602 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1033 – neighbor trouble, Pond Bluff Dr.
1046 – misc. complaint, Parkside Dr.
1236 – assist other dept., Jeremy Rd.
1252 – motorist assist, E. Huron River/Haggerty
1319 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
1421 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1421 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1435 – assist citizen, Tyler Rd.
1439 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1504 – larceny, High/Main
1559 – larceny from auto, Sunrise Ln.
1737 – property damage accident, Village Green (The Parks)
xxxx – property damage accident, Village Green (The Parks)
xxxx – repossession, McBride Ave.
1849 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1903 – dumping complaint, Martinsville/Hull
xxxx – neighbor trouble, Pond Bluff Dr.
2004 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2022 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove Rd.
2035 – repossession, Jackson St.
2046 – welfare check, Country Ln./Union St.
2050 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2208 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2225 – found property/child, Belleville/Westlake
2230 – property damage accident, W. bypass/Ecorse Rd.
2316 – noise complaint, Chandler Dr.

Saturday, May 10:

0021 – disorderly, Haggerty/S. I-94 Service Dr.
0039 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
0110 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0213 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0253 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0738 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
0858 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1000 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
1009 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1037 – assist fire dept., Wildrye Ct.
1100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Old Michigan Rd.
1131 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1213 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.
1226 – assist other dept., Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.
1233 – warrant arrest, N. I-94 Service/Belleville
1307 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1310 – neighbor trouble, Westlake Cir.
1347 – assault & battery, Vernon St.
xxxx – private property impound, Rawsonville
1511 – assist other dept., W. I-94/rest area
1522 – hospice death, Park Estates Dr.
1533 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1612 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1645 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1717 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Southport Apartments
1911 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.
1916 – motorist assist, Belleville/I-94 S. Service
1931 – vehicle lockout, Outer Dr.
2210 – unattended death, Bak Rd.
2238 – personal injury accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.

Also, on this log are 83 traffic stops, 8 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also are 21 ordinance violations.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 4:

0229 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0856 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1040 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1820 – property check, Victorian Commons

Monday, May 5:

0739 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0920 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0934 – welfare check, Henry St.
1202 – background investigation, Main St.
1345 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Potter Dr.
1432 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1538 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bentley
1725 – assist citizen, South St.
2024 – domestic, N. Edgemont Ave.

Tuesday, May 6:

1126 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1136 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
1312 – private property impound, South St.
1521 – property damage accident, Main St./Third
2121 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
2231 – PPO violation, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, May 7:

0600 – domestic, W. Columbia Ave.
1043 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1044 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1314 – welfare check, High St.
1632 -- suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
1954 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln.
2049 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2314 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Daisy Blvd.

Thursday, May 8:

0848 – PPO violation, Belle Villa Blvd.
1404 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Friday, May 9:

0514 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
0803 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
xxxx – road hazard, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1110 – fraud, Main St.
1153 – assist fire dept., High/Church
1237 – welfare check, Jeremy Rd.
1619 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1745 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
2151 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
2350 – disorderly, South St./E. Wabash Ave.

Saturday, May 10:

0024 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1332 – welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.

There are 94 reports on this week's log and 53 of these are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 4:

0050 – civil matter, Greenmeadow Dr.
0128 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.
0144 – harassment complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell
1109 – ORV complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1501 – welfare check, Creekside Dr.
1532 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
1749 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.
1831 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1846 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
2031 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, May 5:

0135 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1130 – warrant arrest pickup, out of township
1135 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1234 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1328 – mental health call, California/E. Arizona
1604 – animal complaint, Arkona Rd./Sumpter
1744 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1745 – welfare check, Oregon St.
2149 – follow-up investigation, Oregon St.
2205 – damage to property report, New Mexico
2306 – 911 hangup, Maine St.
2306 – 911 hangup, New Mexico St.

Tuesday, May 6:

0901 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
0941 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0948 – death investigation, 22000 bl. Sumpter
1009 – civil matter, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1232 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1438 – identity theft report, 20000 bl. Sumpter
1501 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1507 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis
1541 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1617 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1824 – civil matter, Arizona St.
2135 – felony warrant arrest, Florida St.
2356 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, May 7:

0656 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
1012 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1138 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
1330 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1338 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
1423 – suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Clark
1531 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Elwell
1802 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1820 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1824 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
1844 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1934 – suspicious vehicle, Carriage Ln.
2100 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2144 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
2146 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, May 8:

0427 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.
0431 – malicious destruction of property, Montana
0508 – malicious destruction of property, Virginia
0755 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0850 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1150 – 911 hangup, New Mexico St.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1407 – citizen assist, New Mexico St.
1545 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1714 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1740 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1759 – follow-up investigation, 10000 bl. Willis
1806 – follow-up investigation, Montana St.
1853 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
2124 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
2319 – suspicious person, Wyoming St.

Friday, May 9:
0012 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
0151 – fire dept. assist, Alaska St.
0622 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1211 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1304 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1315 – mental health call, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1743 – neighbor dispute, Virginia St.
1811 – PPO violation, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1921 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.
2002 – 911 hangup, Montana St.
2103 – follow-up investigation, Oregon St.
2119 – follow-up investigation, 7100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2212 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2232 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
2236 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
2243 – suspicious vehicle, Arizona St.

Saturday, May 10:
0236 – citizen assist, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
0547 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1343 – 911 hangup, Idaho St.
1449 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1509 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1753 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Willis
1805 – narcotics possession/arrest, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1912 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2001 – civil matter, Wayside Dr.
2107 – 911 hangup, Country Club Blvd.
2116 – neighbor dispute, Texas St.
2342 – suspicious circumstance, Country Club Blvd.

Also on this week's log are 203 patrol checks, 83 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

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May 22nd, 2025

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May 11 – Ron Pyzik
May 19 – James Otzman
May 20 – Anna Hose
May 23 – Ed Armatis, Alexa Ferris
May 28 – Molly Riemer, David Riemer

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Flowers in a Glass Vase, Rachel Ruysch

3 Quirk Park
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Staunch Friends, William Frederick Yeames

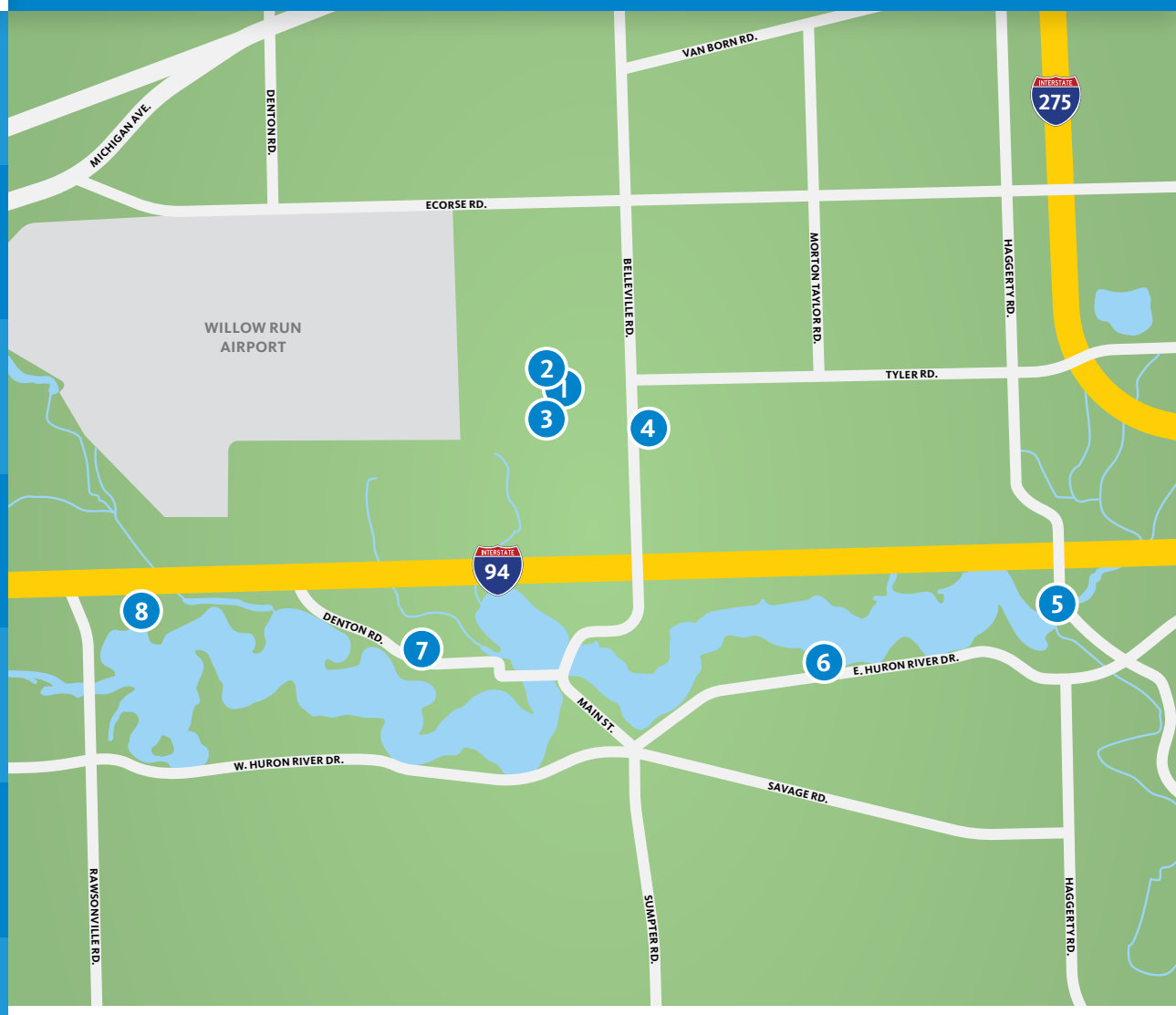
4 Harris Park
10101 Belleville Rd
Postman Roulin, Vincent van Gogh

5 French Landing Park
12090 Haggerty Road
Boat Abstraction, Marsden Hartley

6 Riggs Heritage Park/Iron Belle Trail
12945 Martinsville Rd
The Recitation, Thomas Wilmer Dewing

7 Pickle Park
47800 Denton Rd
Solitude, Jean-Léon Gérôme

8 Van Buren Park
50901 S Interstate 94 Service Dr
The Lily Pond, Charles Harry Eaton



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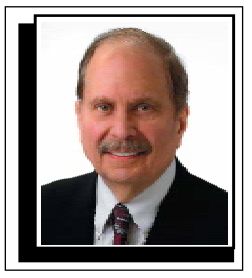

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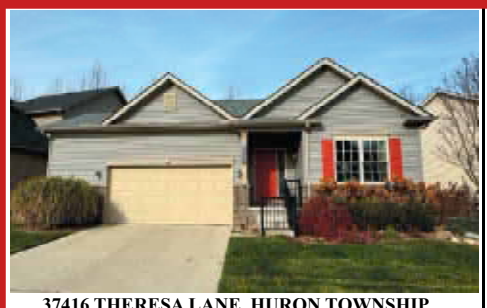

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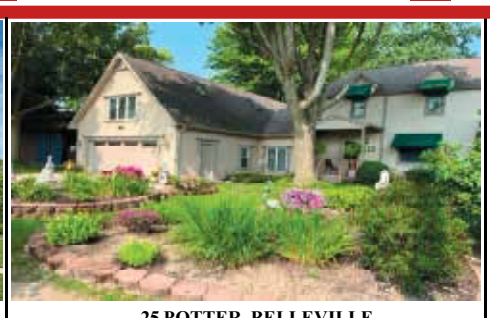

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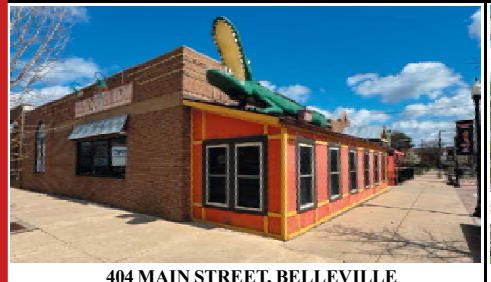

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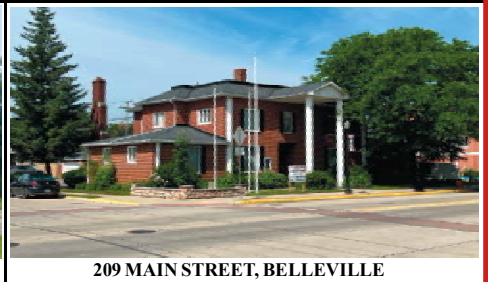

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