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FREE

Waltz Road Bridge in New Boston to open on Monday, June 3

The Waltz Road Bridge in New Boston will reopen on Monday, June 3, almost exactly two years from the day Wayne County closed the 93-year-old bridge.

An 8 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony will mark the opening, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous announced to the crowd at the conclusion of the Sumpter Fest parade on Saturday.

The bridge will then be open for traffic by the general public, said Huron Township Supervisor David A. Glaab in a Friday news release.

The county closed the bridge on June 1, 2017 after inspection found deterioration to bridge bearings, the bridge deck, and steel supports, he said.

Following a review of repair and replacement options, Wayne County

decided replacement offered the longest life for the bridge while being most cost effective, he said.

"After two years of closure, we are very excited the construction of the new Waltz Road Bridge is nearly complete," Supervisor Glaab said. "While the bridge replacement project imposed significant challenges for local businesses and served as an impediment for local traffic, it is now time to reap the long-term benefits of this significant infrastructure investment in our community."

Glaab said he credits Wayne County Commissioner Haidous, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, and DPS Director Beverly Watts working with the township to secure a timely replacement of the bridge.

VBT Planners ask for ordinance to make way for senior housing

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting May 22, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission heard what other communities are doing to let their senior citizens age in place and then directed their planning consultant to come up with an ordinance for them to consider.

At a past meeting, Commissioner Medina Atchinson said her friends are having to move to other communities when they get older and wish to downsize their homes. She urged the commission to find a way for the people who live in this area to be able to stay in the township.

Consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna presented a three-page report on what communities of similar size are doing for senior housing. She reported on Lyon Township, one of the fastest-growing

townships in Michigan; Orion Charter Township; City of Inkster; and City of Rochester, where she serves as planning consultant.

"In recent years, senior housing has been a vital topic in planning," said Krishnan, who replaced Patrick Sloan as VBT planning consultant when Sloan was hired from McKenna by Canton Township.

Krishnan spoke of a VBT ordinance allowing senior housing in industrial zoning and VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the commission, said she didn't like having it in an industrial setting.

Beth Ernat, assistant development director of Clover Development, got up to speak on the subject. She said her company, which is based in New York, has five different adult communities in Michigan, and also communities in New York, Ohio,

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Grand Marshals of the Sumpter Country Fest Parade on Saturday were members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish League of American Veterans Post 167. From left are Pete Pitzen, Rick Dawson, John Blackstone, Stan Scott, Stan Pikula, Robert Krouse, Primo Gutierrez, David Dybicki, Barney Ban, and Russ Canell.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Lori Day and Geof Bush sang the National Anthem to begin Memorial Day ceremonies Monday at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. The service was put on by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish League of American Veterans Post 167. The ceremony included stories of two of the young men whose names are engraved on the monument as dying in World War II. Those stories were researched by Cornell Anton and read by Anton and Tom Fielder. Wreaths from the VFW, PLAV and City of Belleville were placed at the memorial, Pastor Bob White led a moment of silence held nationally on this day and prayed over the gathering, which concluded with a 21-gun salute and playing of "Taps."

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville Rotary scholarship students feted at awards night

On May 21, the Rotary Club of Belleville held its 74th-annual scholarship program at the Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus.

Six \$5,000 scholarships were awarded to Belleville-area-resident graduates. Four awards went to Belleville High School students and two to local residents who attended other area schools.

Scholarships were distributed as follows: Donald D. Juchartz Award to Jensen Drewyor; Charles B. Cozadd Award to Corbin Fields; three Academic Scholarships to Emma Rafferty, Kyle Gurney and Alexis Satterfield; and the Community Service scholarship to Andrew Schweers.

Past Belleville Rotarians -- Donald D. Juchartz and Charles B. Cozadd -- were Rotarians who exemplified the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

Juchartz, well known to all, from local farmers to community and national leaders, had a remarkable career sharing his horticulture expertise locally, nationally, and internationally, through all forms of media.

Cozadd, a respected attorney and another committed Rotarian, contributed the major estate gift that led to the creation of the foundation that makes the scholarship program possible.

Belleville Rotary Club President-Elect

Rachel Kozlowski offered welcoming remarks including an overview of Rotary's scope and purpose. She then introduced keynote speaker Rev. James Walker of Belleville First United Methodist Church.

Rev. Walker's presentation, directed primarily at the student awardees, highlighted two secrets of which they may not be aware: first, that their parents and families have sacrificed in many ways to make the students as successful as they are; the second secret is that in their lives relationships are more important than money or things.

He stressed the example of Jesus, whether one is a believer or not, to show love, compassion and kindness to those one encounters every day -- especially those in need. He used other real-life examples in his talk and argued that greatness can even come from failure. He encouraged everyone to consider every day what can be done to help people.

Following Rev. Walker's address scholarship presentations were made by Belleville Rotarians Mary Jo Suchy, Dennis Davidson, John MacDermid, Jerry Richardson, Brian Percy, and Ramon Eissinger.

After the presentations, President-Elect Kozlowski invited those who are interested in learning more about the club to join them at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, meeting at



Photo courtesy of Timeless Images by Susan Belleville Rotary Scholarship Awards went to, from left, Alexis Satterfield, Emma Rafferty, Kyle Gurney, Andrew Schweers, Corbin Fields, and Jensen Drewyor.

WCCC. In closing, club President Brian Percy then thanked all attendees and those whose work made the evening possible.

Since inception, Rotary Club of Belleville has now awarded \$552,500 to Belleville High School students in the

club's scholarship program. This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation, which assists the club in funding or partial funding of its many projects.

Sumpter Township Police Department switches to CLEMIS

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on May 14, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the request of Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke to approve an agreement with Oakland County's Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) for police department consortium services.

CLEMIS is also used by the police departments in Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville.

At the Feb. 12 meeting, Chief Luke said he attended a meeting of the consortium for the police department CAD system his department uses, which is SEMIA with an OSSI system.

He said it originally had 13 members which has fallen to eight members. There has to be an increase in fees to cover the costs, for the members remaining. He said Central Square bought the OSSI system which will force Sumpter to pay \$10,000 to \$20,000 for maintenance and a share of \$100,000 for cost.

Chief Luke said the township needs to go with the CLEMIS system which started

40 years ago. Romulus pulled out of OSSI and Huron Township is looking at doing the same. Since, Huron Township does dispatch for Sumpter, Sumpter will be forced to join on their tail, Luke said.

All departments at 34th District Court will be in CLEMIS, he said. The cost will still be a lot, he said, \$88,000 compared to \$30,000, and there are costs for changing -- \$5,000-\$6,000 to get the information out and \$5,000 to \$10,000 to put it into CLEMIS.

The brunt of the cost will be paid by Huron Township because they have the 911 system, Luke said.

In other business at the May 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved the May 15 resignation of Dawn Hadyniak from the position of deputy clerk and then approved hiring her as of May 15 to fill the union position of assistant in the clerk's office. She will keep her seniority of Aug. 7, 2017 for vacations, paid time off, and sick time. She will be allowed to continue her third year of training for Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk certification to benefit the

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Before the May 14 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, a ribbon-cutting was held to dedicate the Senior Center's new 32-foot SMART bus with a 26-passenger capacity. The senior bus travels 34 miles a day and assists 15,000 seniors annually. The Senior Center provides rides to those who need assistance getting to and from the Senior Center, banks, grocery stores, and other daily necessities. The current fleet is made up of three vehicles and with this upgrade, the service hopes to be able to assist even more individuals in the community. Sumpter's population is 9,549 and 2,389 of those are over the age of 55, well within the eligible age of the program. The Senior Center offers free trips in the area and charges a small fee for trips outside of the township. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting are, from left, Trustees Don Swinson and Don LaPorte, Treasurer Ken Bednark, Supervisor John Morgan, Trustees Matt Oddy and Tim Rush, Helen Krajewski, Planning Commissioner Mary Sherwood, Jim Posegay, Clerk Esther Hurst, Senior Coordinator Mary Ann Watson, and Department General Manager at SMART Robert Cramer.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Lettering on new pedestrian walkway too 'industrial'?

At Tuesday's meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, there was discussion about the lettering on the new pedestrian walkway along Belleville Road over I-94. (See page 11 for a picture.)

"I have bad taste and I didn't know it would look this bad," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said this is the lettering as proposed a year ago. She said when you are going 70 to 80 miles an hour down I-94, "You can actually read it's Van Buren Township."

DDA member Carol Bird pointed out nobody else has such lettering on their overpasses.

"The Van Buren Township lettering looks industrial," said Supervisor McNamara, adding the landscaping is gorgeous and the 7'x7' logo sign is something to be proud of.

McNamara asked if it was too late to change the letters and Ireland said it's too late. "Raised block lettering might look better," he said. The fancy brickwork on the bridge matches the brickwork on the DDA's Placemaking Project, father down Belleville Road.

DDA members also worried about who would do the mowing of grass at the bridge and suggested if the state or county didn't do it often enough, VBT might have to do it since it's their front door. We'll get used to the lettering and, yes, the logo is really something to be proud of.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Camping World north of the I-94 freeway in Van Buren Township now has a huge American flag blowing in the wind, with many people saying how much they like it.

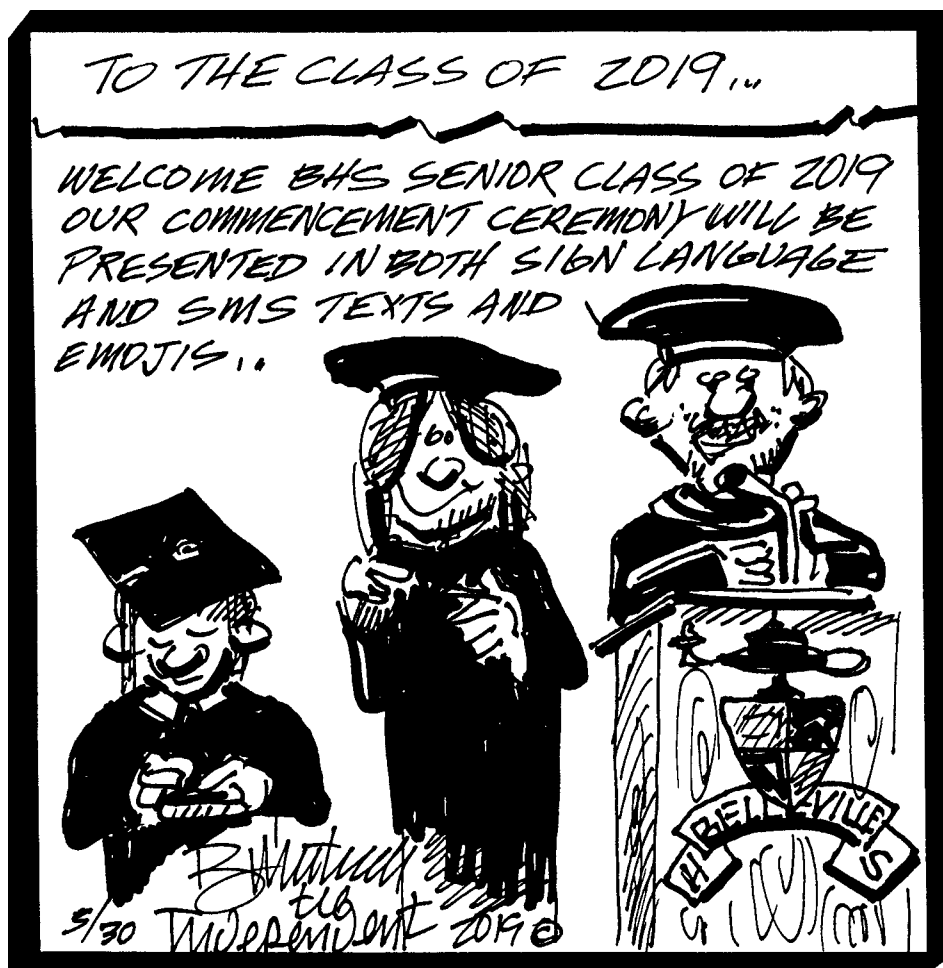
In Statesville, N.C., however, the company is under fire for flying a larger-than-allowed U.S. flag over its Camping World dealership. The company president Marcus Lemonis said flying big flags is a family tradition that started in South Florida.

"This is about more than just the flag," Lemonis told television station WSOC-TV in Charlotte, N.C. "This is about our veterans, military, and the men and women that have sacrificed for this great country. They are the reason we fly the flag and they are the reason we will NOT take it down! The flag isn't coming down. It's the only thing I know for certain. I know I'm going to die. I know I'm going to pay taxes. And, I know I'm not taking the flag down."

A lawsuit by the city of Statesville against Camping World says a flag within 100 feet of a highway cannot be larger than 25'x40'. The Camping World flag is 40'x80'. Statesville is fining him \$50 a day retroactive to Oct. 15 for the flag.

Sure hope VBT doesn't get involved in his flag fight.

Chris Warren of the Yankee Air Museum writes to us: "I wanted to alert your readers regarding IRS scam calls we have been getting on our home phone. The calls come either from Texas or California and they consist of a recorded, female voice. All calls say, 'This is officially a final notice from IRS to inform you that IRS is filing a lawsuit against you. For more information call 209-813-2455'. I called the VBT police department and was told VBT residents are



being flooded with these calls. They said if you do answer the call not to give out any information. Please alert any seniors in your families or any others that might be vulnerable to these calls. Thank you."

I called the school superintendent's office on Friday and was told they just found out the last day of school is June 13, which is a half day. At the last school board meeting they still didn't know what the last day was because they didn't know for sure the rules of Governor Whitmer's decision to forgive some of the snow days. Van Buren's last day of school could have been June 18.

At Saturday's Sumpter Fest Parade I was happy to see Congresswoman Debbie Dingell wearing flat-heeled shoes for her one-mile walk on Sumpter Road from Judd to the fairgrounds across from the township hall.

I took a picture of her in her three-inch heels a couple of years ago when she walked Sumpter Road for the parade. I couldn't believe she was able to walk that far in those heels.

This year people were saying, "Oh, look how short she is." About three inches shorter than usual, I'd say.

At about 11:22 a.m. on Friday, there was a four-vehicle accident in front of Pinter's on the Van Buren Township side of Rawsonville Road that closed Rawsonville Road for about 45 minutes. Huron Valley

Ambulance was on the scene and Ypsilanti Township assisted. There was a power outage, but no wires down.

We received a call from the scene. The VBT resident said she had stopped down the road at Banotai's to look at plants to attract butterflies and otherwise might have been right in the middle of the accident.

We received two anonymous letters, apparently from the same writer. We would have printed them had they been signed. Please sign your letters.

One letter was about City of Belleville DPS workers smoking in city vehicles as they drive around, setting a bad example for youngsters, and also smoking in the city garage by the city manager and police officers. A lengthy printout on the law on smoking was included.

The second letter complained about how Van Buren Township is separating itself from the tri-community by placing its name and trademark on the bridge spanning I-94. The writer thought it would have been a neighborly gesture to have had the words saying instead "Tri-Community Area - Belleville, Sumpter, & Van Buren Twp."

"Either we're a tri-community area or we are not. Currently, some of us feel as if we are not," the letter said.



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Letters

Our little city of Belleville is coming alive

To the editor,

What a joy to pick up a copy of the *Independent* newspaper these days! Our little city of Belleville is coming alive – thanks to a futuristic entrepreneur, namely Scott Jones. We have waited so long for someone of his stature to come along – this is it!

We can start singing again. "The Whole Town's Talking About the Jones Boy." "Git 'er done," Scott! Your parents are proud, as well they should be, and so are we who have longed to see traffic and shoppers returning to Belleville.

Vincent Van Gogh is credited with saying: "What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?"

Thank you. God Bless America.

P.S. Let's pay particular attention to who will be our next City Manager.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

'10,296 pounds of Thanks' for food given

To the editor:

The Post Office Food Drive was held on May 11.

10,296 pounds of food were collected and delivered to the Emergency Food Closet housed at the First United Methodist Church. We would like to thank the members of our community for their generous donations.

We would like to give special thanks to all the Belleville Postal Mail Carriers for making this happen and the 60 volunteers who worked for four days setting up, delivering the food to the church, sorting, checking "freshness" dates, boxing, shelving, recycling, and clean-up.

The success of this effort would not be possible without the help of so many hands! Everyone's involvement to fill the shelves of the Emergency Food Closet that serves so many families in need is greatly appreciated. Thanks for making this another successful food drive!

Minette Brownlee

Marilyn Wood

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To the editor,

"Fix the Damn Roads" was/is the rallying cry of our illustrious governor who welds this heraldic cry with bombastic criticism of previous administrations. She alluded to the chicanery of politicians and their disregard of the citizens of Michigan. Of course, this means the "Republican Party!" The diversion of gasoline taxes and auto registration fees had to be a fact. I do not want to belabor this fact as her solution has a more serious impact on Michigan families than ever before in the history of this state!

Governor Gretchen Whitmer's solution: A fair gasoline tax of 45 cents/gallon on gasoline/diesel fuel. The real facts of "Who is paying how much!"

Sure, everyday drivers of automobiles will have their wallet/credit card wrench with shock when the final of the time-released tax increases leaves consumers reeling. Like ALL taxes, once in place virtually impossible to repeal, not impossible to replace! But, what about businesses? Isn't this an increase in the cost of doing business for the trucker, utility trucks like DTE, the gardeners who mow your lawns, city and county automobiles and trucks, snow removal, etc., etc.?

Then, there are the grocery stores, clothing stores, restaurants, cleaning and uniform delivery, and it's difficult to think of a business not affected. I wonder how many airlines will refuel in Michigan and if they do, must increase rates from and within Michigan.

This is a slow increase (so we don't feel the full impact) of "cost of goods or services." Any prudent businessperson will add those increases to their costs of manufacturing, production, or transportation. Keep in mind, that these are percentage increases, not dollar amounts. A minimum percentage of profit added to increased cost of goods is much more than the alluded 45 cents. It goes right down to increases in ketchup and mustard for that increase in hotdogs and buns. From clothes and furniture and paint, to ALL everyday living.

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Cornell Anton, Jr.
Belleville

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St Jude answered my prayer. pjs

Obituaries



Susan Renee Stabnau

SUSAN RENEE STABNAU

January 7, 1966 – May 24, 2019

Age 53, resident of Belleville died at her residence on Friday, May 24, 2019.

Susan is the beloved wife of Mark Stabnau of 25 years; loving mother of Danielle (Gary) Burnaska of Pinckney, Erica Martin of Texas, William Stabnau of Belleville, and Emily Stabnau (David Wright Jr) of Belleville. Susan is also survived by her brother Ronnie Whittenberg, sister Deborah Green, brother Kevin Whittenberg, mother-in-law Peggy Stabnau, her dogs Minnie and Chance, grandson Tommy Martin Jr, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Fleda Whittenberg, and her sister Joyce Whittenberg.

Susan was the president of B.A.L.L. For nine years where she spent most of her days helping the kids fall in love with the game. She also loves spending time with her family.

There will be a memorial service June 2, 2019 at the Stabnau residence starting at noon at 51187 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Yankee Air Museum is gearing up for its Thunder Over Michigan Air Show this summer and has added an F-16 Viper Demo to its show schedule, which includes a line-up of Corsairs, aerobatic pilots Michael Goulian and John Klatt and Screaming Sasquatch, and a whole lot more. Tickets are \$35 if purchased by June 16 and \$45 at the gate. Kids 15 and under are free. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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quads, dirt bikes, etc. Track events are an additional \$10 per person. Mutha Shuckers will be having a Cornhole Tournament on June 1, beginning with registration at 10 a.m., and competition at 11 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person and \$40 per team. Everything else, including parking, is free. See their ad in today's paper. Call (734) 697-7002.

The Belleville Farmer's Market season gets under way next Monday, June 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Fourth Street Square. Now through September, the market expects to have a lineup of locally grown vegetables, fruit, crafts, and much more. Vendors are always invited. The event is put on by the Belleville Central Business Community and presented by Sumpter Collision, Genisys Credit Union, and Express Tire Automotive Repair. Visit them on Facebook at Belleville Farmers Market. For vendor info, call Janet Millard at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. Be sure to check out the weekly car show that also starts next Monday along Main Street.

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Court watching

Carl Wayne Boone

Carl Wayne Boone, 47, waived his preliminary exam before Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on May 22 on charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving while license suspended, and driving with open intoxicant in the vehicle on May 4 in Sumpter Township. He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on June 5 for an arraignment on the information. Boone is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%. His court-appointed attorney is William Courtright.

Michael Regis Colasanti

The probable cause conference for Michael Regis Colasanti, 38, on charges of fleeing police in a vehicle-4th degree and operating while intoxicated-2nd on March 11, 2018 in Sumpter Township was adjourned until June 26. He is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%. His retained attorney is Vincent Haisha.

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• **Saturday, June 1** – Milan Dragway, 10860 Plank Rd. in Milan, is hosting its 10th-annual Detroit Dragway Reunion, one of the biggest events of the year. Gates open at 9 a.m. and cars begin racing at 10 a.m. sharp and continues until dusk. Cost to enter the gate is \$20 and kids 12 and under are free. (734) 439-7368

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• **Sunday, June 2** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Monday, June 3** – Belleville Farmers' Market opens for the season and will run from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays through September at the Fourth Street Square. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Monday, June 3** – Main Street Car Show begins today and runs from 5 to 9 p.m. on Mondays through Sept. 30, with the exception of Labor Day. Sponsored by Egan's Pub and other community sponsors.

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Obituaries



Richard Alfred Wenzel

RICHARD ALFRED WENZEL

January 5, 1952 – May 25, 2019
 Richard Alfred Wenzel, age 67, died unexpectedly at his home, Saturday, May 25, 2019. He was born January 5, 1952 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Arthur Theodore & Alice Catherine (Agge) Wenzel, Sr.

Dick graduated from Belleville High School Class of 1970. He went to Eastern Michigan University where he received a double Master's in Secondary Education and Administration/Leadership. He taught at Owen Intermediate School (formerly South Middle School) for one semester, and then retired from McBride Intermediate (formerly North Middle School) in 2012 after 37 years, where he taught English, History and Social Studies. Mr. Wenzel also enjoyed coaching Football and Baseball at North Middle School and volunteered at Belleville High School games as well. He loved his students and community and organized the North Middle School Pancake Supper for years, as well as helped plan and attend most 8th grade trips to Washington D.C. He even started the Media Productions program at North and taught Driver's Education each summer. He was a dedicated and loyal man who attended all of his daughters' band concerts, dance recitals, plays and many of his former students' activities and graduation parties.

Mr. Wenzel is survived by two daughters Kara Ann (Noah Meyers) Wenzel of Washington, DC and Katy L. W. (Brent) Paiva of St. Louis, Missouri, grandson Bennett Wenzel Paiva, father-in-law Richard Felske, sister Kae (Jay) Hartford of Belleville, MI, and sister-in-law Ruth Ann Wenzel of Wayne, MI. Dick is also survived by extended family, friends, teaching colleagues, former students, and his dog Maggie May.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 25 years Patricia Ann (Felske) Wenzel on April 8, 2005, mother-in-law Ann Felske, uncle Harvey "Happy" Wenzel, three brothers Marvin C. Wenzel, Arthur T. Wenzel, Jr. and John "Mego" Wenzel, and sister-in-law Sherry Wenzel.

Visitation will be 1-8 PM Wednesday, May 29, and 10-11 AM Thursday, May 30, with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Doug Valentine will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Richard Wenzel's name, can be made to Van Buren Public Schools-Elementary Libraries, and would be appreciated by the family.

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Jazmine Nicole Rose-Hagerman

JAZMINE NICOLE ROSE-HAGERMAN

April 23, 1985 – May 19, 2019

Jazmine passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 19, with her loving family by her side. She is survived by her mother Cathy Rose-Breza; father Jeffrey A. Hagerman; sisters Desirae and Kacy; two children, Daniel and Ciarah; boyfriend David Fields; grandmother Mary Jane Hagerman; aunts and uncle Debi and John Hagerman, Joyce Hagerman, Sharon Hagerman and Nicole Cooper; several cousins, nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly. She is preceded in death by her grandfather James H. Hagerman, Sr. and uncles James H. Hagerman Jr. and Jerry A. Hagerman. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please keep Jazmine's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

MICHAEL JOHN KIESELBACH

October 29, 1958 – May 25, 2019

Age 60, of Hale. Survived by wife Carole, sons Michael and John, mother Inez Kieselbach, 5 grandchildren, two siblings. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

ANN MARIE SCHMIDT

December 11, 1961 – May 19, 2019

Age 57. Survived by husband Brian, two step-sons, two grandchildren, her father, nine siblings. Gathering held at David C. Brown Funeral Home on May 24. A mass was held on Beaver Island and she was interred there. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JAMES ADAM SMITH

February 4, 1932 – May 23, 2019

Age 87. Survived by wife Mary, daughter Deborah; son James; sister Patricia, 9 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren. Services were May 26 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 3 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, June 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, June 11 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 13 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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"The demographics are great in Van Buren Township," Ernat said. "We want to be in Van Buren Township."

She said they need acreage because they are looking at 120 units, two to four stories high, in the light industrial property, with room for green space and buffer.

She said light industrial zoning is a transition zone between industrial and residential.

"I like PUD [Planned Unit Development] or Special Provisions District," she said. Krishnan had reported on the Special Projects District in Rochester with the planning commission being able to determine placement.

Ernat said Clover provides three kinds of units: a residential unit for independent living, where people can sell their house and live there for ten years on that investment. Then, there is full care, where meals and other services are provided, and finally units where medical care and memory services are provided.

She said their typical resident is an 82-year-old female. There is one parking space per unit. This housing is not subsidized.

"Our apartments are not designed to be anything other than senior care, for those 55 and older," Ernat said.

She said 2% of their units are one-bedroom, which is 800 square feet. Others are two bedroom, one bath, at 1,000 square feet, and two bedrooms, two baths, at 1,200 square feet.

They would need about 10 to 12 acres, with a "sweet spot" of eight to ten acres, she said.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked if they would like surrounding amenities.

Ernat said they would like healthcare, shopping, churches, "not on top of, but close by," that the residents are familiar with.

"Not the rolling countryside," Commissioner Jahr stated.

She agreed, noting they have placed developments on an outlot to Meijer and behind a Home Depot.

Ernat said in selecting a site, Clover looks at acreage, price of the property, and the demographics, which is great in VBT.

She said Clover will start with conversations with the community to see if this is a desired use in the township and how to make it

happen. It is not income-restricted, she said.

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said around Belleville Road, north of Tyler, there is mixed-use zoning.

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson asked if there is any zoning district where this is special use and Akers said not in residential. He said they would like to see a flexibility for developers.

"It's not a good idea for the planning commission to have *carte blanche* on where to put it, like in Rochester, but it's worth exploring," Jahr said.

"I hope staff will identify property for Ms. Ernat for possible sites," Commissioner Atchinson said, and Akers said he could.

Krishna said the process in Rochester works for them, but may not be what is needed here. She said she would bring back a draft ordinance.

Krishna said an ordinance would cover all three types of units in one package: independent, dependent, and Alzheimer/medical.

Commission vice-chairman Donald Boynton said he would like to see a hybrid of all three that is not too broad.

"If it makes sense to decrease parking, we should have the flexibility to do that, and also landscaping," Commissioner Boynton said.

"We look forward to seeing what you bring," Chairwoman Thompson said.

In other business at the 49-minute meeting on May 22, the commission also discussed whether automobile rental and leasing agencies should be taken out of C-1 and C-2 zoning and restricted to M-1, light industrial.

Akers said the supervisor's office asked staff to look into this change. He said it wouldn't affect an auto dealership, but it would be for Hertz or U-Haul. Right now they are able to locate in commercial zoning on Belleville and Rawsonville roads and eliminating such businesses would "keep the Belleville Road corridor looking attractive," Akers said.

Atchinson said Hertz used to have a car rental at Willow Run Airport and when Atchinson customers needed a rental they were taken there.

"Now when we have to rent a car, we have to drive farther and farther away," Atchinson said, noting Hertz is gone from Willow Run because of a lack of business.

"I would like to have a car rental on Belleville Road," she said.

Akers said trucks and construction equipment were his concerns. He said there is C-2 zoning on Belleville Road between Belleville Square and the hotels and also at Rawsonville and I-94.

He said Kmart are closing around the state and self-storage or U-Haul could be set up on the Kmart property, if the store should close.

Akers agreed it might be more appropriate to separate the car rentals from the truck rentals.

Rezoning

The commission also held a public hearing on the rezoning of 13414 Martinsville Rd. from M-1, light industrial, to R1-B, single-family residential.

This is another in a recent series of homes rezoned on Martinsville, north of Savage Road, in an area that had been zoned M-1

at one time in the past, but had already had homes on them. Recently, the banks have required the homes to be properly zoned in order for property buyers to get loans.

Andrea L. Ratajski said she got married in November and is living with her husband in Bloomfield Hills. She has accepted an offer on her former home and is waiting for a closing date. She is asking for the rezoning on the .94 acres on Martinsville.

Atchinson said she and Andrea have been long-time friends, but she has no financial interest in this transaction. Commission members said their friendship doesn't matter in the vote on the rezoning.

The commission voted unanimously to send the rezoning request on to the township board for final action, with a recommendation for approval.



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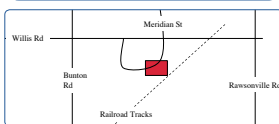
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Steve Jones gives a microphone to U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell at the end of the Sumpter Fest Parade on Saturday. She expressed sentiments on the meaning of Memorial Day and said she had other parades to attend that week end.

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township. Her wages will reflect her May 15, 2019 hire date into the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees union and her longevity calculated on that date;

- Approved the appointment of Anthony Burdick to the deputy clerk position to be paid \$25.08 per hour effective May 15, pending a background check. Burdick said he had lived in the township for 15 years;

- Approved the closure of Sumpter Road from Judd Road to Dunn Road from 11:30 a.m. until the parade ends on Saturday, May 25, for the Sumpter Country Festival parade;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending and restating the blight ordinance. Township attorney Rob Young said this amendment is at the request of Chief Luke. Ordinance misdemeanor tickets take a while to work their way through the court. This will change them to civil infractions as other communities do;

- Approved the addendum to the Sumpter Township Emergency Management Plan to include the Storm Ready and SKYWARN spotter programs;

- Approved the application to the National Weather Service for the Storm Ready Community program;

- Approved amending the fee schedule to include USB drives for Freedom of Information Act requests for copies of the board meeting off the audio-visual system in the board room at a cost of \$5;

- Approved having Hennessey Engineers request bids for drain repairs to the fire station;

- Heard attorney Young explain in the prosecution of a blight ordinance, the court ordered a lien of \$5,000 to clean up the blight and bids came in at \$5,825 and \$6,500. The lower bid was approved;

- Heard Chief Luke say 12 people turned in assessments of flood damage to the county, saying their properties were “affected” up to “destroyed.” Another from Washtenaw County turned in an assessment because they get their water from Sumpter. He said these are all preliminary and his assessment was there was more flooding than normal, but it was minor to moderate flooding in the township. These assessments to the county were not to pay money but to turn over to the

state. The State of Michigan sent five teams out to assess the flooding damage, but they only went to Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, and Allen Park. He said it will be months down the road before money will be released. He said the county deals with the state and the state deals with the federal government;

- Heard Treasurer Ken Bednark report there is \$1.6 million in the tax fund and they are still in the process of untangling the furball in his office. He said there have been three treasurers and four deputies in one year, which led to the present situation which is being worked out;

- Heard Kari Ford, from the auditor, report she’s been at Sumpter since April 25, for 25 hours per week doing the former finance director’s job. She said they have made progress. She said the deputy treasurer is capable, but needs to be trained and, “That’s what we’re working on. She said they are working on taxes to the county and it’s probably OK to let that go to the county. She said she’s in the finance director’s office and she’s done a significant amount of accounting. She said there are a couple of good applications for finance director and she urged the board to hire a person as soon as possible. She said they have until September to get the audit to the state. The former financial director was on duty through April 30. She said she wouldn’t say everything is smoothed out, but she’s confident they can get it all taken care of;

- Heard attorney Young say he has no further updates on the situation that keeps retirees from getting their money. He said bids are being posted for upgrades to the hexagon building to turn it into a library facility. They will coordinate with the district library, but Sumpter is doing the upgrades alone;

- Heard Treasurer Bednark say the recent Emergency Response Training led by Jamie Goode moves the township forward in the area of emergency response; and

- Heard Richard Harrison of Odyssey Drive say Wayne County has dumped dirt along Bemis Road. He said they used to have a 2-3’ shoulder of gravel along Bemis and now if someone drops off the road they are in the sod. “We’re at the end of the line out here” for service,” Harrison said. He urged everyone to call the road commission with complaints.

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VBT warns real estate agents to do due-diligence on Martinsville

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township has sent a letter to real estate agents in the area telling them to do their due-diligence before selling a house and setting off the 30 days to closing.

At the regular meeting of the township board of trustees on May 21, he said there have been several homes sold on Martinsville Road that have needed rezoning because they were on land presently zoned M-1, light industrial.

He said it takes 60 to 90 days for a rezoning and this is holding up a lot of sales.

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said he looked into the situation and found that in the past, in the 1980s or 1990s, apparently an industrial developer planned a project and an area of land was rezoned. The project did not move forward.

He said people now trying to sell their homes in that area find the banks won't loan to the buyers because the houses are in industrial zoning.

"Can't the township change them all?" asked Trustee Sherry Frazier, who is a real estate agent.

"Rather than mass rezoning, we are having them do it individually," Akers said, explaining some people have industrial uses on their property.

Supervisor McNamara said the township is going through a Master Plan update and it will be looking at the situation there.

"We could send letters to those in the M-1 zone with a house on it and ask if they want rezoning at a reduced rate," Akers said.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked if someone could build a factory there on the present

M-1 zoning and Akers said they could.

She said those trying to sell their homes are losing time with the rezoning. She asked if that is costing them money.

Akers said the mortgage company could renegotiate the time and there is no money lost there.

"Is there any other area with this challenge?" Trustee Miller asked and Akers said he didn't know.

Akers said Haggerty Sub has a problem because some want to build additions, but there are not any other areas with the problem on Martinsville.

He said there were plans for an industrial development at one point and it is Master Planned residential.

Trustee Paul White said there is a small machine shop on Haggerty Road, near Bemis, with 150-foot frontage mixed in with residential uses. He said also Draw Tite on Martinsville is in a residential area.

Trustee Frazier said banks are requiring property zoning because it affects the property value. She said a parcel on Belleville Road, near Ecorse, has been for sale for two to three years that is advertised as "zoned industrial."

In other business at the 43-minute regular meeting on May 21, the board:

- Approved the second reading and approval of an ordinance rezoning 1123 Savage Rd., at the corner of Martinsville, from M-1, light industrial, to R1-B, single family residential; and

- Approved the second reading and final approval of an amendment to an ordinance that codifies park rules and gives township police the ability to enforce park rules. When asked about the park rules, Supervisor McNamara replied, "If you act like a human being, no problem".

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The Belleville Area District Library will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the program room of the library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, MI 48111, to consider the proposed 2019-2020 Library Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The debt service millage rate proposed to be levied for the repayment of the bonds for the new library will also be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available on the library's website (www.belleville.lib.mi.us) and at the Library during open hours (Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm, and Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm).

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Court Watching:

Ervin Toliver charged with murder in 2008 Pine Creek shooting

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Ervin Altonio Toliver, 41, has been charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office with homicide, possession of weapon by a felon, and another weapons charge, for the murder of a teen in 2008 in Van Buren Township.

VBT Police Lt. Louis Keele said Toliver has just completed a ten-year sentence on gun charges in a federal penitentiary.

Lt. Keele said VBT got the warrants for him in 2011 and waited for him to get done

with his federal sentence to prosecute these charges.

Toliver was brought to the 34th District Court lockup on May 22 to go before Magistrate Lisa Martin for his probable cause conference, but after several hours of waiting for his retained attorney of record, Raymond Burkett, the court session was adjourned until June 5.

Magistrate Martin said it was learned the defense attorney had been suddenly hospitalized and wouldn't be coming.

Early in the morning on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008, Kenneth Jackson, 17, of Ypsilanti was shot in the neck in the parking lot of Pine Creek Golf Course on West Huron River Drive. Then he was put into a Dodge Neon and taken to the Speedway gas station at Rawsonville and Grove roads where he was

abandoned in the back seat of the car.

At about 1:47 a.m., VBT police responded to the Speedway station. About the same time, employees at Pine Creek Golf course called police to report gun shots being fired in their parking lot.

Police from VBT and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department found a male juvenile in the back seat of the Neon with no other occupants or witnesses at the scene.

Jackson was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, where he was treated and later pronounced dead.

As the case unfolded, police learned the shots fired at Pine Creek and the shooting victim at Speedway were related.

Witnesses at Pine Creek reported a verbal/physical altercation had taken place between individuals and then several shots were

fired in the parking lot. Seven shell casing from a 9mm handgun were confiscated by police and sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, who was a captain at the time, said one witness told police that some of the people involved left the golf course parking lot in a red Dodge Neon and turned toward Rawsonville Road on West Huron River Drive, driving away at a high rate of speed.

Accounts from witnesses at Pine Creek and Speedway said there were numerous others that were there at both locations who may be friends of the victim and they fled the scenes before police arrived.

Captain Laurain said officers were on the case non-stop and were frustrated by people

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City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2019-20 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI, to consider the proposed 2019-20 City Budget.

The proposed General Fund budget is \$2,440,431 based on estimated sources of revenue, including a proposed 2019-20 City property tax levy of 1.10 mills for general operating purposes.

The City Council has authority to establish the proposed total millage rate of 18.10 mills, the current maximum allowable millage rate permitted by State Statute and the City Charter.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The budget includes proposed appropriations for the following funds:

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDS.
General Fund	\$ 2,145,431	\$ 2,440,431
Major Street Fund	\$ 293,871	\$ 259,329
Local Street Fund	\$ 239,896	\$ 105,464
Cemetery Fund	\$ 57,350	\$ 72,722
Sanitation Fund	\$ 209,800	\$ 190,733
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Building Dept. Fund	\$ 79,000	\$ 63,282
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Public Improvement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 344,000	\$ 344,000
DDA Debt Service Fund	\$ 407,420	\$ 407,420

A complete copy of the proposed 2019-20 City Budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Public comments on the proposed budget may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearing, and in writing or in person at the hearing.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MAY 21, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Taylor and an audience of four (4).

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

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

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Meeting minutes of May 6, 2019, Board Meeting minutes of May 7, 2019, Closed Session Meeting minutes of May 6, 2019, Prepaid List of May 9, 2019, Prepaid List of May 16, 2019, Prepaid List of May 21, 2019, Voucher List of May 21, 2019, Approval of Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2019 Fireworks Show at Beck Ball Fields on June 29, 2019 with a rain date of June 30th and Approval of granting DTE a 193 square foot easement on Township property located at 6920 Morton Taylor Road. The easement is being created to provide electric service to the new cellular tower on Morton Taylor Road]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Announcements included the following: the Senior Center is hosting a Health and Wellness Expo on Tuesday, June 18, admission is free if you make a reservation prior to June 7th; residents were thanked for filling out water damage and flooding assessment forms, damage assessment teams from the state have visited some of the harder hit residential sites in the area; Davenport Brother's Construction has begun work prepping the site for the Quirk Park Splash Pad; there will be a fireworks display on Saturday, June 29th at the Beck Ball Fields at dusk; the Township will be hosting a free tire disposal event on June 1st with residents limited to 7 residential tires per household and the first quarterly edition of the magazine *Van Buren Today* will be mailed to residents and businesses soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, White seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-07-19(1), an approval of the amendment of Chapter 62 (Parks and Recreation) Article I (In General) to amend Sec. 62-1 to 62-25. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd and McNamara. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This ordinance gives Van Buren Township Police officers the authority to enforce park rules.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-07-19(2), an approval of the amendment of Chapter 74 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places) Article II (Sidewalks) to amend Sec. 74-27. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd and McNamara. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This amendment of Sec. 74-27 exempts the Iron Belle Trail from the snow removal ordinance so that residents living on the trail are not responsible for snow removal on the trail.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-07-19(3), an approval of the amendment of Chapter 74 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places) Article II (Sidewalks) to amend Sec. 74-26. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd and McNamara. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This amendment of Sec. 74-26 exempts the Iron Belle Trail from the sidewalk maintenance ordinance so that residents living on the trail are not responsible for upkeep of the trail.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-07-19(4) to rezone parcel V125-83-105-99-0011-000; otherwise known as 1123 Savage Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd and McNamara. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Court watching

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being reluctant to give information.

“We are shaking doors in Ypsilanti and West Willow neighborhoods with the Washtenaw County Sheriffs and nobody’s

seen nothing,” Laurain said.

He said police could not understand why information was being withheld, asking, “Why does nobody want justice?” He said police believed they knew the identity of the shooter, but needed a witness to speak up.

Laurain said the Neon was registered to a female who told police she lent it out to someone for a week and he said he would bring it back. She told police she only knew his street name.

The evening at Pine Creek began with a birthday party for a person turning 40, with about 20 or 30 guests. The bartender told police everything was going fine until others

showed up and too many people were in the restaurant, so entry had to be limited.

Harsh, loud words were spoken inside the restaurant and the dispute was taken outside, Laurain said. There were up to 100 people in the parking lot. Witnesses said the victim and two others were arguing with two others and then a gun was produced and fired.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 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) were approved and are hereby adopted:

1. Ordinance No. 05-07-19(4): 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 parcel V125-83-105-99-0011-000; otherwise known as 1123 Savage Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.

This property is located on the northwest corner of Savage and Martinsville Roads.

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 Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted: May 21, 2019
Published: May 30, 2019
Effective: June 07, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Charter Township Act (MCL 42.8) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 21st day of May 2019:

- 1. Ordinance #05-07-19(1): AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ACTIVITIES IN TOWNSHIP PARKS LOCATED IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN.** An ordinance to regulate various activities in Township Parks including; entry pass and fees; Board of Trustees authority to adopt park rules; park hours and seasons; closing of parks; large group events; tents and bounce houses; alcohol; tobacco; beaches; swimming and wading; motor vehicles; disposal of refuse; music; animals; picnicking; use of explosives or fireworks; and preservation of property.
- 2. Ordinance #05-07-19(2): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP’S SNOW REMOVAL REGULATIONS TO EXEMPT THE IRON BELLE TRAIL.** An ordinance to amend the Township’s snow removal regulations to exempt the Iron Belle Trail from the snow removal and maintenance requirements.
- 3. Ordinance #05-07-19(3): AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP’S SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS TO EXEMPT THE IRON BELLE TRAIL.** An ordinance to amend the Township’s sidewalk maintenance regulations to exempt the Iron Belle Trail from sidewalk maintenance requirements.

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 regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These ordinances will go into effect upon publication.

Posting Date: May 22, 2019
Date of Publication: May 30, 2019
Effective: May 30, 2019

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

The City of Belleville Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on June 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be conducted at the City of Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, City of Belleville, MI 48111.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding the amendments to the current Zoning Ordinance for the Central Business District.

All citizens are welcome to attend and have the right to public comment regarding this issue. Pertinent information is available for review at the Clerk’s Office in Belleville City Hall during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting to the City Manager’s office at the above address by 4:00 p.m. June 13, 2019.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: May 30, 2019

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE No. 99-007 and 99-101 WHICH PROVIDE FOR OUTDOOR CAFES ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE.

The City of Belleville Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on June 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be conducted at the City of Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, City of Belleville, MI 48111.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding amending and replacing previous Ordinances proving for outdoor cafes on private and public property.

All citizens are welcome to attend and have the right to public comment regarding this issue. Pertinent information is available for review at the Clerk’s Office in Belleville City Hall during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting to the City Manager’s office at the above address by 4:00 p.m. June 13, 2019.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: May 30, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 448 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 19:

0254 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty / Savage
0302 – shooting, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
0322 – motorist assist, Lohr Rd.
0408 – noise complaint, S. Cumberland Dr.
0516 – motorist assist, Belleville/Quirk
0726 – parking complaint, Country Walk/Dover Ct.
0752 – lake complaint, Ventura Dr./Peninsular Dr.
0838 – domestic, Arthur St.
1018 – 911 welfare check, Laguna Dr.
1231 – juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1243 – personal injury accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1318 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Huron River
1333 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove St.
1825 – overdose, McKinley St.
1944 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2020 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2145 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
2351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.

Monday, May 20:

0013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.
0039 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0323 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
0426 – disorderly, E. Archwood Dr.
0433 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0757 – ordinance violation, Huron River Dr.
1015 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1228 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1251 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
1314 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1325 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.
1329 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Alden
1335 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1337 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1415 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pine Dr.
1505 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1715 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1734 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodgrove Dr.
1739 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1751 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1805 – suicidal person, Bradley Dr.
1819 – assault & battery, Robson Rd.
1935 – threat, Lake Point Blvd.
2014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
2017 – family trouble, State St.
2032 – road hazard, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
2118 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd. / Hull Rd.
2137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Churchill Dr. / Stratford Dr.
2208 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2341 – missing person, Assembly St.

Tuesday, May 21:

0722 – warrant arrest, Haggerty BP
0819 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0822 – threat, Robson Rd.
0910 – warrant arrest, W. Columbia
1032 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1158 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave.
1225 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
1230 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1253 – larceny from auto, Beckley
1332 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1418 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1430 – fraud, Thompkins
1438 – 911 welfare check, Robson Rd.
1513 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1535 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1727 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.
1817 – malicious destruction of property, Victoria
1838 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates Dr.
1858 – noise complaint, Colonial Rd./Chester Ct.
1937 – property damage accident, Martz Rd.
2111 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
2142 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
2201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.

2238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ormond Dr.
2345 – motorist assist, EB I-94/Jackson

Wednesday, May 22:

0114 – warrant arrest, Mound Rd.
0149 – abandoned auto, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0511 – parking complaint, Walmart
0815 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
0910 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0914 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1058 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1233 – animal complaint, Woodgrove Dr.
1305 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1508 – lost property/child, Parkwood St.
1516 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1545 – shooting, Robbe Rd.
1603 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1628 – juvenile complaint, Savage Rd.
1814 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2041 – traffic offense, Hoeft Rd./Hull Rd.
2138 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
2228 – property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr

Thursday, May 23:

0121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0204 – domestic, Anna Dr.
0409 – overdose, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0501 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born
0648 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0931 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0946 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1344 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Rd.
1454 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd.
1517 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1518 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1754 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1932 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1928 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
2110 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
2146 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler Rd.
2237 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cross St.

Friday, May 24:

0056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0132 – shooting, W. Huron River Dr.
0355 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0404 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0654 – suspicious person/vehicle, Prairie Ct.
1055 – abandoned auto, Laguna Dr.
1103 – ordinance violation, Harmony Ln.
1119 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Bog
1249 – ordinance violation, Lake Crest Dr. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1307 – breaking & entering, Lighthouse Dr.
1331 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk
1610 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1657 – traffic offense, Rolan Meadows Dr./Tyler
1702 – hospice death, W. Huron River Dr.
1723 – juvenile complaint, Independence Ln.
1919 – suicidal person, Ladonna
1926 – domestic, Quirk Rd.
1937 – animal complaint, Oak Ln.
1948 – traffic offense, Parkwood Dr.
2254 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
2335 – noise complaint, Darmoor Cir.

Saturday, May 25:

0107 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
0125 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0237 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
0404 – parking complaint, Walmart
0417 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1001 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
1222 – found property/child, Denton Rd.
1245 – domestic, Rogers Ave.
1351 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1354 – personal injury accident, W I-94/Belleville
1416 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1447 – disorderly, Country Walk Ct.
1459 – domestic, Hannan Rd.
1655 – mental subject, Bemis Rd.
1722 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1839 – mental subject, Westlake Cir.
1842 – trespassing, N. Timberview Dr.
1859 – unattended death, Robbe Rd.

1959 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
2001 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2037 – threat, Maple Dr.
2231 – domestic, Sylvia Dr.
2334 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 162 traffic stops, 52 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 19:

0148 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
1017 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1025 – road hazard, Main St./Third St.
1228 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1243 – overdose, Henry St.
1452 – miscellaneous complaint, Carmell St.
1619 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1653 – fireworks, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Monday, May 20:

0253 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St./ Main St.
1559 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1722 – fraud, South St.
2041 – warrant arrest, Clinton St.
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Tuesday, May 21:

0853 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0933 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1238 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1412 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1517 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Liberty St. / E. Columbia Ave.
2337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church/Henry

Wednesday, May 22:

0107 – assist citizen, Main St./Third St.
1027 – hospice death, N. Biggs Ave.
1208 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1616 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1708 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1738 – follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.
2130 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, May 23:

0030 – welfare check, Henry St.
0747 – property damage accident, South St./Main
0800 – private property/property damage accident, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1322 – juvenile complaint, Village Park/Savage
1623 – private property impound, E. Columbia
1731 – fraud, Carmell St.
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
2016 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2207 – assist fire dept., Main St.

Friday, May 24:

0541 – suicidal person, Robbe Ave.
0817 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1019 – abandoned auto, Belle Villa/Estrada
1139 – traffic offense, Robbe/Madelon
1149 – traffic offense, Savage/tracks
1323 – disorderly, N. Liberty St.
1900 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2052 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
2210 – civil matter, Clarence St.

Saturday, May 25:

0213 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
0238 – disorderly, Main St.
1421 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1503 – motorist assist, Main St./E. Huron River

Also on this week's log are 27 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 19:

0319 – assist other agency, out of township
0333 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0947 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1110 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1155 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
1236 – assist other agency, Edgewood Dr.
1304 – traffic hazard, Sherwood/Willow
1452 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1601 – civil dispute, Maine St.
2036 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Bemis
2057 – subpoena service, Knollwood
2139 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2146 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.
2241 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Monday, May 20:

0230 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0756 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1017 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1318 – 911 hang up, 4000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1717 – fire dept. assist, out of township
1902 – reckless driver, Sherwood/Willow
1926 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1954 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1958 – well-being check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2126 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
2148 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
2209 – assist other agency, out of township
2240 – fire dept. assist, Delaware
2249 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2240 – fire dept. assist, Delaware
2249 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2328 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township

Tuesday, May 21:

0121 – citizen assist, Clark/Oakville Waltz
0158 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0205 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
0851 – property damage accident, 8700 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1119 – death investigation, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1345 – property damage accident, Rawsonville /

Wear

1352 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Eyvind Dr.
1750 – subpoena service, out of township
1816 – assist other agency, Clark/Judd
2339 – family trouble, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, May 22:

0105 – assist other agency, out of township
1318 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1333 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1502 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1509 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1554 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1712 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1714 – mental health commitment, 19000 bl.

Crandell Ct.

1726 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest
1852 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2009 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Thursday, May 23:

0504 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Harris
0631 – fire dept. assist, Willis/Rawsonville
0752 – well-being check, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0950 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0958 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1129 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
1133 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1147 – well-being check, Redwood Ct.
1255 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1323 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1432 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1438 – ordinance violation, Judd/Sumpter
1803 – subpoena service, Rustic Ln.
1807 – subpoena service, Knollwood
1832 – subpoena service, out of township
1855 – down wires, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2205 – threats complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Friday, May 24:

0009 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.
0023 – disorderly person, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0610 – warrant arrest pickup, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0803 – subpoena service, out of township
0901 – subpoena service, Rustic Ln.
1004 – subpoena service, Rustic Ln.
1136 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Fenster
1208 – larceny, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1248 – neighbor dispute, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1249 – traffic hazard, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1414 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1650 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1702 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1715 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1934 – suspicious incident, Martinsville/Judd
2301 – disorderly person, 25000 bl. Martinsville

Saturday, May 25:

0134 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0826 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0921 – civil dispute, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0953 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1145 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos
1307 – reckless driver, Rawsonville/Oakville Waltz
1328 – noise complaint, Country Club Blvd.
1531 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris
1539 – ORV complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1552 – down wires, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1558 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1600 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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1603 – down wires, Bemis/Rawsonville
 1611 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
 1622 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1628 – down wires, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1730 – citizen assist, Willow/Sumpter
 1740 – juvenile complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1751 – leaving the scene of a property damage
 accident, Wayside Dr.
 1806 – down wires, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 1846 – traffic hazard, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 2019 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville
 2111 – fireworks complaint, Sumpter Rd.
 2112 – well-being check, Sumpter/Dunn
 2140 – threats complaint, Washington
 2219 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Dunn
 2305 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week's log are 14 follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 48 patrol checks, and 34 traffic stops.

Jehovah's Witnesses begin one of largest conventions in the world

One of the largest global conventions in 2019, spanning six continents and over 200 countries and presented in over 400 languages, began in Van Buren Township last Friday.

Beginning in May, Jehovah's Witnesses plan to host a global series of three-day conventions, Friday through Sunday, featuring the theme "Love Never Fails." It is anticipated that there will be an attendance of 30,000 at 15 conventions to be held at Belleville Assembly Hall at 43777 Ecorse Rd. The next series begins Friday, May 31.

Michigan State Police investigate two shootings on I-94 in VBT

Fox 2 News reported that Michigan State Police are investigating a shooting along eastbound I-94 near I-275 in Van Buren Township early Tuesday morning. This is the second shooting reported on the same stretch of freeway, with the first reported about 24 hours earlier, Fox News said.

MSP was called around 1 a.m. Tuesday. A driver going eastbound on I-94 said he noticed a dark-colored vehicle pull up beside him and someone inside started shooting. The man wasn't hurt and the suspect sped off.

I-94 from Haggerty to I-275 was shut down for about four hours overnight during the investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Metro South Post at (734) 287-5000.

Police also are investigating a second shooting that occurred Monday morning. Someone reported a silver Pontiac Grand Prix with someone inside shooting at cars along the same stretch of road. One car was hit several times, but the driver wasn't hurt.

It is unknown if the two shootings are connected.

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