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3 vehicles, 1 teen hit by gunshots at Main / Denton

On Tuesday, April 27, at approximately 8 p.m., the Belleville Police Department and the Van Buren Twp. Police Department were dispatched to the area of the Belleville Road Bridge and Denton Road for multiple 911 calls regarding shots being fired from a black-colored sedan at other vehicles.

Upon arrival officers were able to determine that the black sedan was traveling southbound on Belleville Road. As the vehicle approached the intersection of Denton Road in the left turn lane, an occupant of the vehicle shot several shots at vehicles stopped for the traffic light in the southbound lanes of Belleville Road at Denton.

At this time, three separate vehicles were struck by gun fire. One 16-year-old victim suffered a non-life-threatening gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

An alert citizen witness was able to capture the license plate of the suspect vehicle. A short time later, the unoccupied suspect vehicle was located by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and was impounded.

A motive for this incident has yet to be identified.

Chief Robinson would like to thank the Van Buren Police Department for their exceptional assistance in this incident as well as the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department for their quick response in locating the suspect vehicle. Chief Robinson stated, "This incident is an example of the unwavering support and partnership we share regional law enforcement partners".

"This was truly a frightening incident for the victims of this senseless crime. I cannot thank the citizens enough for their true partnership and their willingness to assist us when they witness a crime," said Chief

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Some of the staff members of the 34th District Court in Romulus took a tour of the new, two-story, 50,000-square-foot court building on Friday led by Judges Lisa Martin and Tina Brooks Green. The staff, from left, are Maria Withrow, Heather Mortzfield, Shannon Rapp, and Marlisa Snider. Groundbreaking for the new structure was April 23, 2018 with an anticipated completion in August 2019. Delays were caused by the COVID pandemic. The \$17 million building will officially open at noon on May 10, 2021 with a ceremonial flag raising. The courthouse is located across a parking lot from Romulus City Hall and is next to the Romulus library at 11131 Wayne Rd.

City OKs Robinson contract as city manager / police chief

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council at Monday's zoom meeting unanimously approved an employment contract for Police Chief David Robinson that makes him city manager as well as police chief.

Mayor Kerreen Conley explained that she and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte met with Chief Robinson and asked if he was interested in being city manager, as well as chief. He was and negotiations began and they reached an agreement.

They also worked on a deputy administrator position and that has been posted and interviews are scheduled for the week of May 17.

Mayor Conley thanked the chief for working so hard on this and said she wants an assistant to be hired soon.

Councilman Tom Fielder encouraged the chief to act as quickly as possible to get an assistant so that he isn't the point person on all the calls coming in for both police and city business.

Councilman Ken Voigt, a retired Belleville police officer, said he read the contract and liked it and was happy to make the motion to approve it. Councilwoman Kelly Bates seconded the motion, which was approved in a roll-call vote.

The at-will contract for City Manager/

Police Chief is retroactive to Feb. 15 and pays \$90,000 a year. He is eligible to be a participant in the Employer's 457 Plan and the city will make contributions to the plan in the amount of \$5,000 annually. He does not require health insurance benefits and shall not receive medical, dental, vision care or retiree healthcare benefits. He will be provided with 200 hours of paid time off annually effective July 1.

When Robinson was asked what they should call him, he said, "Chief is just fine." At the end of the meeting, however, Mayor Conley referred to him as "Chief Manager."

At the end of the meeting, under City Manager Comments, Robinson said, "Thanks for giving me a job." He said

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Sumpter Township Board fires Fire Chief Januszyk without cause

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of the April 27 zoom board meeting, after listing reasons why they wanted to fire Fire Chief Joe Januszyk, the Sumpter Township Board voted 5-2 to remove him *without cause*.

Although it was listed as a closed-door session on Januszyk, Januszyk called for the meeting to be open to the public.

Supervisor Tim Bowman had put the item on the agenda and made a motion to vote to terminate Chief Januszyk. Trustee Peggy Morgan said she had a question on the motion, which had no second.

Attorney Rob Young said they have to have a second on the motion and then a discussion before a vote.

Young asked Supervisor Bowman if he meant to call for a motion to be made and Trustee Don LaPorte made the motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Rush to terminate Januszyk, effective immediately, and put Rick Brown in as interim chief with the same pay as the previous chief.

Clerk Esther Hurst started to call the roll for a vote, but Young said you have to discuss the motion. The question should be is there any discussion on the motion.

Trustee Matt Oddy asked LaPorte if Januszyk was being terminated *for cause* or *without cause*.

Trustee LaPorte paused, sighed, and replied it would be *without cause*, "with respect to the outgoing fire chief." LaPorte said *without cause* would mean he can get his contract honored to the fullest and received 30 days severance pay.

Young said there is seven days' notice plus the 30 days severance pay.

LaPorte, who made the motion to fire the chief, not only serves on the fire department

under Chief Januszyk, but is the board's liaison to the fire department, essentially serving over Januszyk.

The 5-2 vote was taken with Trustee Morgan voting "absolutely not" and Treasurer Jim Clark voting, "no."

The board had voted 5-2 at its April 13 meeting to fire Fire Fighter Colleen "Armatis, with Morgan voting "hell, no" and Clark voting "no."

Januszyk's firing stemmed from what he said at the hearing for Armatis, said Supervisor Bowman in starting the discussion on the fire chief.

Bowman said the board requested Public Safety Director Eric Luke to discuss problems at the fire house with Joe Januszyk and he requested Joe should be terminated.

"Everybody is upset about me saying something about the whistle blower," Januszyk said, noting he had no problem with a whistle blower. He said the problem he had was that he was told the investigation was for 14 months and he assumed the whistleblower – somebody employed by Sumpter Township -- knew something for 14 months and didn't tell him.

Januszyk said Chief Luke corrected him saying it was only three to four months earlier that he was informed about Armatis.

Trustee Morgan started to speak and Director Luke cut in saying, "I want to make it clear I did not bring the termination request to the board. This is a board action, an issue with what he said at the last board meeting. Statements from the last meeting."

"It's what he said that makes this board

want to terminate him," Morgan said.

"It's not what he said," Supervisor Bowman said. "I don't think he did his job for 14 months. The facts were facts. He was calling out the whistleblower."

"That wasn't what he said," Morgan replied.

"Wow," said LaPorte. "Joe can speak for himself."

Januszyk said he was at a "bonfire" for eight and a quarter hours before the meeting on Armatis and had nothing to eat. He said he is a diabetic and his blood pressure was down to 80, and it's always 120-130. He said under that circumstance, "You kind of lose it."

He said he never called the employee a "whistleblower."

"Joe and I had a conversation," LaPorte said. "The person who came forward was just as guilty as she was, is what you said." LaPorte said 14 months in a row Januszyk had attested payroll was right. "If you were taken advantage of, I don't know," he said.

"Someone was committing time-card fraud ... and it's your responsibility, nobody else's. There's where I stand," LaPorte said.

"I never denied any of the responsibility," Januszyk said. "I told you that."

Morgan asked Januszyk how long he had been with the department and he said almost 43 years.

"You dedicated your time and everything to the fire department," Morgan said. "Nobody went to the fire station to ask anyone in the fire department about the incident. Ninety-five percent of the

fire fighters are supporting Joe – in not terminating him. If I am incorrect, Joe, will you correct me?" Januszyk replied, "Sure."

"Here's what happened," Morgan said. Fire fighters were upset with Armatis for making \$27,000 last year. But, she was steppin up and taking jobs for the sake of the department and the chief.

Oddy cuts in loudly asking attorney Young to shut her down.

Young said the issue was not with Armatis, but with the statement that the employee was just as guilty as Armatis and if she was denied culpability it would affect concerns with Januszyk not doing his job.

"This is Joe's hearing, is it not?" Morgan asked.

Trustee Rush yelled out, "Point of order ... I would like to keep this in a civil manner ... all board members should request the floor from the supervisor."

"I would like to vote," Bowman said. "Everybody had adequate time." Morgan said Januszyk did not have adequate time.

"You want to shut me down because you don't want to hear what I have to say out to the board," Morgan said, adding they are just going to do what they want to do.

Oddy made a motion to consider censure on Morgan for disturbing the meeting and Rush seconded. No vote was taken.

"Do what you want to do," Morgan said. "Ain't going to set me up."

"Nobody's trying to set you up," Oddy said. "Just trying to keep the meeting civil and proper."

City Council

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Belleville is a great city and he has met some extremely wonderful people here.

Councilwoman Bates said, "We are absolutely blessed to have you and we know you're the best for the job."

Councilman Voigt congratulated the chief on his additional responsibilities.

Robinson, who retired from the Dearborn Police Department, replaces Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, who served a year as interim city manager following the retirement of longtime City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. Robinson had been serving as acting city manager since Kobylarz left early this year.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-four-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the request of the Downtown Development Authority to close Fourth Street from about 5 to 9 p.m. on the first Wednesdays of June, July, August, and September for a food truck with band event. DDA chairperson Alyssa McGovern said volunteers will be paying attention to

the size of the group and if it gets too big for COVID restrictions, they will direct people away. They will have hand sanitizer stations. Chief Robinson said he will list this as a detail for police reserves and they won't mind putting up the barricades for the street closings;

- Approved a request from the Huron Valley Conservation Association to hold a flower sale on the Fourth Street Square on Saturday, June 5. Councilman Voigt said the group has been doing the flower sales for 20 years and he praised the work of the HVCA and how it serves the fifth graders in the school district;

- Approved a resolution praising the work of the Rotary Club, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home and local volunteers for their Earth Week activities, which included cleaning up the cemetery and clearing up storm drains. DPS Director Rick Rutherford said the Rotary also worked on the gazebo at Victory Park. Voigt said Rotary put the roof on the gazebo and has done some carpentry work there and he appreciates

them stepping up;

- Heard Councilman Fielder complain at length about a list of issues, including the council getting items put on the agenda at the last minute. He said this meant they couldn't research the issue before being asked to vote on it. His complaints included that evening's DDA and HCVA events;

- Heard Chief Robinson say he put the items on late to support the citizens who had time-sensitive events, and he hated to inconvenience them to have to come back. He said he will make it crystal clear that the city has to get all items for the agenda by the end of the business day on Tuesday before the following Monday's meeting. Mayor Conley said they would prepare a policy to vote on at the next meeting that deals with submitting agenda items; and

- Heard Mayor Conley announce that DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson will be leaving the DDA at the end of May and DDA chairperson McGovern is working on a transition plan.

Shootings

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Robinson.

In an update on Tuesday, Chief Robinson said they are making excellent progress in identifying those involved in this incident and it's important to note that the city has been working with local, state, and federal law enforcement partners as well as the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in this investigation.

"We will leverage every law enforcement partnership and follow every lead until the individual(s) responsible for this reckless act of violence are brought to justice as we will never tolerate violent actions being brought into our city," Chief Robinson said.

"It is the courage of our citizens, victims, and witnesses to step up and be involved that makes all the difference in solving crime in Belleville."

OPINIONS

Editorial

Belleville goes in new direction with new city manager

On Monday, the Belleville City Council unanimously approved an at-will contract with its new city manager, who also happens to be its police chief. This is a first for both the city and the chief.

David Robinson is city manager/police chief or police chief/city manager, whatever rolls off the tongue. He said you can just call him "Chief."

Chief Robinson came to Belleville a little over a year ago after a 30-year career with the Dearborn Police Department. He retired as deputy chief. After retirement he served as interim director of the nonprofit Wayne County Mediation Services Dispute Resolution Center and wrote its strategic plan.

"My calling and passion is law enforcement," he said. "That's what I'm good at. When the opportunity came up here, it was almost perfect," he said in 2020.

Little did he know that he would be end up serving his new city in two top jobs at once. He didn't hesitate at all when the city asked if he would consider it. Those who have met him are very happy to have him around. He is pleasant and kindly and very, very sharp.

The city has hired a top-notch professional who takes criticism with a smile. He said he is a lifelong learner and now he's well on his way to learning how to be a city manager and pass it on. Welcome, Chief-Manager.

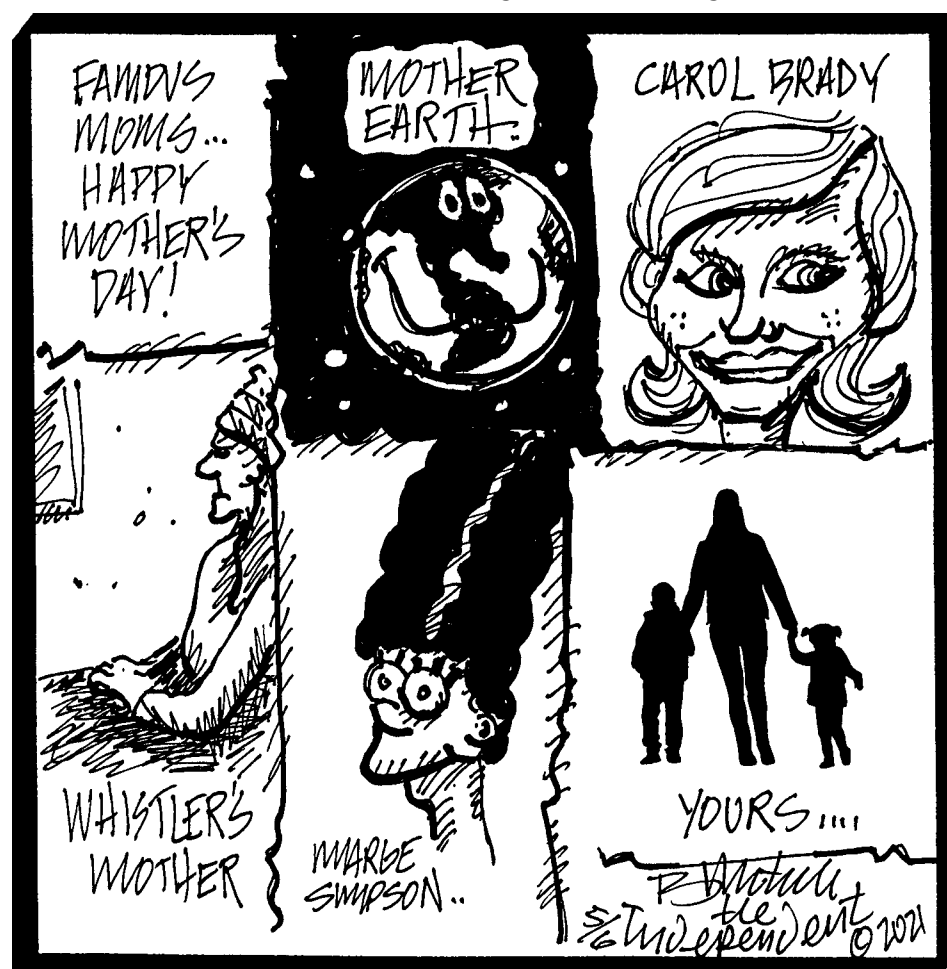
EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Mickey Widener of Van Buren Township phoned me as his daughter was pushing him to therapy at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He said during the first week in April he had a stroke. He's doing better now and hopes to get out in a week or so. He said his friends didn't know where he was, so he asked me to tell them. Mickey said he's having trouble walking, but he's sure he can get over that. His voice is strong and his words are clear.

A Livonia man, Cody Mahon, was arrested in the VBT Walmart parking lot while walking near his car on Monday April 26, after driving erratically and being chased by Livonia police three times on April 24 and getting away. At one point he was clocked at 100 mph and another he reportedly did a donut in an intersection. He is now in custody on three counts of fleeing and eluding and waiting in the Wayne County Jail on \$100,000 bond for his next court appearance in 16th District Court.

A reader was in my office on Thursday and she told me her next stop was feeding the deer who are fenced in in the area of Denton Road and Ecorse because she is afraid they are starving. The fence is 10 feet high. She regularly brings them lettuce, apples, and other things to eat. I told her that the day before I had been at 34th District Court via zoom and a man was in front of Judge Oakley on a citation he got for feeding deer. It's against the law. The man said he wasn't baiting deer, just feeding them. Judge Oakley read the law to the man that says it is illegal to feed the deer in the lower peninsula and violation is a misdemeanor. The man's attorney, Murray Duncan, got the



case adjourned so he could study the law.

I called VBT Police and dispatch put me through to Lt. Charles Bazy, who called me back. Yes, he said, it is illegal to feed the deer because of the chronic wasting disease. I asked him if the deer behind the 10-foot fence were starving, and he said they were in no danger of starving. He said he has seen those deer jump over that fence without even taking a running start. Lt. Bazy said under that law, deer in the upper peninsula can be fed during certain times of the year.

On Monday, VBT police received a complaint about a resident of Country Pond subdivision that said a mother is afraid to let her children outside because a neighbor puts out 100 pounds of corn at a time to feed deer, raccoon, rabbits, geese and other wildlife. The corn is put on private property, as well, which is illegal.

The mother is afraid the wild animals will attack her children.

A DNR official was going out to talk to the person who was putting out the feed to explain that what she was doing was illegal, as far as the deer are concerned. The plan was to explain the law to her and give her a second chance. Next time it would be a citation.

My son, Bill, said the Belleville Lake Bass, the four-foot-tall fiberglass fish that are going to be painted by



artists and displayed around Belleville and Van Buren Township, remind him of how Don Knotts looked in the 1964 movie "The Incredible Mr. Limpet."

I didn't remember the movie so I Googled it and found if you put a pair of glasses on the Belleville Bass it would look just like Mr. Limpet. The story in the movie/cartoon has Knotts turning into a fish and helping the U.S. with submarine warfare.

The Belleville City Council has two seats up for election in November: Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte and Councilman Tom Fielder currently hold the seats.

The Belleville Women's Club, that used to be the Belleville and Professional Women's Club, met on Monday and dissolved their club. The secret ballot was 11-3 to dissolve. We will be getting official notification, we're told.

At the Sumpter Township regular meeting on April 27, Supervisor Tim Bowman said he was talking to Steve Davenport and Steve has drawings of the city hall/police station that Belleville was going to build and offered to show them to Bowman. "We do need a new township hall," Bowman said.



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Letters

No letters printed after scolding for ideas

To the editor:

An **OPINION** without PI (π) is just an ONION.

I've noticed recently in the *Independent* that it is devoid of the opinion column. What a shame. Perhaps, Charles Larocque can take the blame for scolding people for expressing their opinion (belief, not so strong as knowledge or judgment).

Taking a quote for C.L.'s reply, "I'm not sure where to begin." So, I'll try. Granted C.L. has been given or acquired a good mind and can express himself well in writing. I find the harsh, unkind words in his opinion – ignorant, uneducated, uninformed, hypocritical, demeaning – when he writes about the Equality Act (act – the process of doing). Acts – the fifth book of the New Testament. Manifestation – apparent to the eye or to the mind; plain; clear.

He condemns those people of not expressing themselves so eloquently, but they do believe in equality for all. I do admit that we Americans have been biased in dealing with other races. And, I am in hope (promise) that the lawmakers will rectify these issues.

As to the invitation of an individual platform of discussion, I do not feel the privilege to accept – as in a court of law or public debate.

With his express interest and points of view, I do feel he has little interest in religion. "So be it" or "Amen," as we who believe. However, I wonder if he and his family celebrate Christmas and Easter? A time given to society for the time off from work or school. Religious holidays acknowledging the birth and death of Christ.

Having read the biography of one of the best world's scientific minds: Albert Einstein who acknowledged that a superior being created the universe. And he was still looking for the answers that, that super being knew. Albert Einstein did not participate in religion, as such, but he knew of its mysteries.

Charles Larocque, in my opinion, has hope (will happen) or with his intelligence will work to make it happen for future generations: Hope (will happen), Faith (belief without proof) and Charity (a kindness in judging people's thoughts).

G. Bitnar
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: The writer referred to the April 22 edition of the *Independent* that carried no letters at all. We can't remember that ever happening before.

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BHS band uniforms in 1955 were scarlet & gray

To the editor:

I pulled out my BHS year books and found that the photo in the 1956 Tiger Lore Yearbook that had the uniform colors were the scarlet and gray. To be in the 1956 yearbook the scarlet and gray uniforms had to be in use in 1955. The photo in the yearbook is black and white; however, the design of the uniform confirms they are scarlet and gray and not the black uniforms that were handed down to the Junior Band.

Rosalie Bird Dolittle (BHS Class of 1960) says she remembers that Mr. Coffelt had the band vote on the color for the uniforms and they chose scarlet and gray and everyone liked the bright new look and the plumes in the hats. Just a little extra info.

Phyllis Smith, Belleville
BHS Class of 1960

Successful Meijer 'Simply Give' campaign

To the editor:

GREAT NEWS! \$21,210 was raised during the recent "Meijer Winter Simply Give Campaign" that partnered with the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church located at 417 Charles St.

\$10,000 of that was contributed by Meijer on its Double Match Days. The money raised will fill the bags with food for the hungry in Van Buren and Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville.

A big thank you goes out to all the individuals, families, churches, schools, and businesses that purchased Simply Give cards. Without the help of everyone, this successful campaign would not have been possible.

The Emergency Food Closet is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food is distributed to all clients on a weekly basis.

Marilyn Wood
Coordinator - Emergency Food Closet
Belleville First United Methodist Church

Support BHS Girls' High School Soccer

To the editor:

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Varsity - 7 p.m.

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More Letters

Owen School conducts parent outreach

To the editor:

I am the principal of Owen Intermediate School and I wanted to share some information with you about our parent outreach during the pandemic. Each year we receive funding through the federal government program called Title 1.

Some of that money must be allocated to parent involvement. It is an opportunity to encourage family bonding, teach them about the curriculum, help them connect to the school, and an opportunity to spread some prizes. Due to the pandemic, we had to take a different approach and move all of our activities online.

In December we held a family movie night. In March, we held Bingo for Books. We purchased a book for every child that attended and had a variety of prizes available. All of the prizes worked to address the social-emotional needs of the students. They encouraged physical activity, mindfulness, family games, art, and journals for students to collect their thoughts.

Part of the money was able to be spent purchasing books that we distributed to in-person families and sent them home to virtual ones. In April, we held Are You Smarter Than an Intermediate Student? fashioned after the TV show. We used Kahoot! and created questions based on the 5th- and 6th-grade curriculum and had families work on solving them. There were four subjects ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The family with the highest points won a prize. It was a fierce competition.

Our next event is Tuesday Night, May 13, at 6 p.m. We are trying something different and will have families gather (and, of course, socially distance by participating in The Great Owen Road Rally. Families will start at Owen Intermediate and then travel throughout the city to answer clues, take photos, film short videos, etc. All of this is taking place through an app called GooseChase. Questions and activities were created by the staff. We can't wait to hold this event!

All of our events are held on the second Tuesday of the month which is our Hungry Howie's Fundraiser Night. We encourage parents to double-dip! As a bonus, we randomly pick five families that signed up and send them home with a \$25 gift card to Hungry Howie's. Hopefully, they eat the pizza the same night! Again, all of the food and prizes are paid for through our Title 1 dollars.

I just thought I would share the ways we are trying to connect with our families and the community at large. Let me know if you have any questions!

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Obituaries

THOMAS R. BOOKS

(August 7, 1931 – April 30, 2021)

Formerly of Van Buren Township. Born August 7, 1931, passed away on April 30, 2021 in Hendersonville, NC. He was born in Mishawaka, Indiana as the middle child to Harold and Pauline Books. He graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1949, Miami University (Ohio) in 1953 and University of Detroit in 1960.

In 1990, he retired from Ford Motor Company where he held managerial positions in various accounting and finance activities at Steel Division Controllers Office, Ford of Europe Finance Staff, and Ford World Headquarters Finance Staff.

He is survived by his wife, Sara; his children Peggy (Ken) Voigt, Martin (Theresa) Books, and Michael (Theresa) Books; his grandchildren, Matthew (Marybeth), Sarah (Jason Ratkowski), Adam (Lindsay), Jacob (Emily Stump) and Alistair; his great-grandchildren Maxwell, Marcus, Daria, Lukas, Malachi, Jackson, Ella, and Madalyn; his step-children David (Jana) Fee and Mary (Joseph) Keller; and his step-grandchildren Matthew, Jack and Cade.

He is also survived by a sister Ruth M. Schlegel, sister-in-law Barbara Books, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives Shirley A. (Hambright) and Joan W. (Carlin), and a brother Charles E. Books.

He was a member of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church and Hendersonville Country Club. While living in the Belleville area, he was a member at Belleville Presbyterian Church.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial service will be held this summer at St. Joseph Cemetery in South Bend, Indiana.

Donations in his name can be made to Four Seasons Hospice, 581 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

JOSEPH ANTHONY GABRYS, JR.

(September 30, 1938 – April 28, 2021)

Age 82, of Belleville. Survived by wife Linda Sue; sons Joseph III, Jacob, and Nathan. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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More Letters

Infrastructure neglect in this area for too long

To the editor:

I find it extremely interesting that there is a plan to explore potential development of Sumpter Road from the railroad tracks to Hull Road and down to Bemis Road. I agree it would be nice to have a sidewalk or bike paths on Sumpter Road. I have a problem with such future development when there are many, many other areas that need immediate attention.

At the north side of the R.R. tracks there are many, many other areas that need immediate attention. At the north side of the R.R. tracks there are five or six empty buildings. Also, just south of the R.R. tracks there are five or six empty buildings. Also, just south of the R.R. tracks I complained years ago that Wayne County and the city of Belleville did not require a bypass lane so cars could make left turns into Family Dollar and the other stores in the back so that cars are not forced to be on the tracks.

In Van Buren Township it is so nice to see a bypass lane in front of the River of Life Church as was required of the original owners years ago.

Moving further into western Van Buren Township, the R.R. tracks on Elwell Road have a gaping hole, no gravel or asphalt. By the way, it would be nice if Elwell Road could be paved from Bemis Road to Huron River Drive that could be paid from general fund monies and not charge the residents. The Martz Road R.R. track by the sod farm has such gigantic holes, you have to stop the car to try and get across without having the car be swallowed up. Does that get any attention? NO!

Now I will discuss the Rawsonville Road Corridor which is under Washtenaw County's jurisdiction but affects Van Buren Township, Ypsilanti Township, Sumpter Township, and Augusta Township. In the years past there was no requirement for both entrances to Presidential Estates to have southbound bypass lanes so that traffic flow is not stopped when cars make left turns into their manufacture home

communities. (Many rear-end collisions have occurred.) There was no bypass lane required when the Shell gas station and car wash were built at Martz Road. Also, Rawsonville Road at Martz needs left-turn arrows north and southbound in addition to the existing east-west left turn arrows.

We are in the year 2021 and yet Rawsonville Road remains two lanes south from Huron River Drive since the 1960s. If the powers to be in Van Buren Township have not noticed all of the manufactured home communities, please check traffic numbers in the morning and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. is like an expressway. Why aren't the officials in the township planning contacting Washtenaw County to widen Rawsonville Road? Mr. Brent Schlak is the traffic safety/transportation consultant for Washtenaw County. We also need left-turn arrows at Huron River Drive and Textile north and south. Traffic narrows from four lanes to the archaic two lanes.

Now for the last of my concerns. The Kmart shopping mall is mostly vacant if you haven't noticed. It could be revitalized instead of picking on Sumpter Road for commercial development. I am the lady who gathered hundreds of names on petitions to get a Kroger store at the old Kmart. What happened? Never heard! After all, Kroger Corp. is building a huge grocery warehouse in Romulus. The land at Rawsonville and I-94 that could accommodate a Kroger Mall is prime!

I plead with governmental authorities to check out the huge increase of traffic on Rawsonville Road and Belleville Road, as well. That is because of the large increase in population in a 10-mile radius.

I will continue to squeak and squawk because the squeaky wheel gets the oil!

Please fix the areas I mentioned because there has been infrastructure neglect for too long.

Mary Ban

Sumpter Township resident

Today is National Day of Prayer in America

To the editor:

In 1775, the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer while forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been

many calls for a day of prayer, including that from President Lincoln in 1863. President Truman signed a bill on April 17, 1952 proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday in May each year as the National Day of Prayer. This year, that day falls on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Our theme this year is "LORD, pour out Your Love, Life and Liberty", from our theme verse: 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Today, it is most important and urgent that we Americans show boldness and conviction when praying for America because the Word of God teaches us that our fervent prayers are effective and that our Loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways and avail much!

I personally would like to call attention to all of our tri-community leaders, all those who have been placed in roles of authority, i.e. Township Supervisors and Trustees, City Mayor and Council Members, and all ranks of our Police Forces and Firemen. Let's join together and lift them up in Prayer!

Let our leaders know that we American citizens pray for their steadfast obedience, attention and connection to prayer as follows:

1. That they be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to HIM for every decision and act. (Proverbs 9:10);

2. That they recognize their own personal inadequacy and pray and seek the will of GOD. (Proverbs 3:5-8, Luke 11:9-13);

3. That they respect authority and practice accountability: (Romans 13: 1-7);

4. That they be given godly counsel and God-fearing advisors: (Proverbs 24:6);

5. That they be honest in financial, tax and ethical matters: (1Corinthians 6:10, 1 Timothy 6:6-10);

6. That they desire honesty, integrity and loyalty. (Psalm 26, Proverbs 11:3);

7. That they have courage to resist manipulation, pressure and the fear of man. (Proverbs 29:25, 2 Timothy 1:7), and perhaps most importantly -

8. That they may be prepared to give an account to ALMIGHTY GOD. (Hebrews 9:27).

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 6** – Free food every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Belleville Church of God Mountain Assembly, 494 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, <https://bechurchfood.com/>.

• **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7, 8** – Buddy Poppies for sale along Main Street by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish League of American Veterans Post 167. This is a major, nationwide fund raiser for the group to earn funds for worthy causes to help the community.

• **Sunday, May 9** – Mother's Day Flower Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville. This is a fund raiser for Boy Scout Troop 793.

• **Monday, May 10** – Virtual coffee hour from noon to 1 p.m. with State Rep. Ranjeev Puri, live streamed via YouTube and social media. Let his office know about any concerns by phone at (517) 373-2575 and by email at RanjeevPuri@house.mi.gov. Rep. Puri represents the city of Belleville and Van Buren Township in Lansing.

• **Tuesday, May 11** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away runs from 2 to 4 p.m., or while supplies last, every Tuesday at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Volunteers will load fresh groceries into the vehicle of anyone in need. You can also get food for neighbors and friends/relatives.

• **Tuesday, May 11** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away at noon every Tuesday until further notice at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Rd. Information: Virginia Williams, (734) 673-8396

• **Wednesday, May 12** – Drive-through Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Cost: \$12 for adults; \$5 per child. Please bring check or exact amount, if possible. Menu: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, dessert. Last dinner until September. Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020

Heated lawnmower causes fire in garage in 16000 block of Haggerty

Van Buren Township fire fighters were called to a garage fire in the 16000 block of Haggerty Road at about 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27.

Fire Chief David McNally said a heated lawnmower set the garage on fire with flames going through the roof. He said the fire was easily contained and there were no injuries.

Chief McNally said there was smoke damage to the many items in the garage.

Romulus had been called for mutual aid for possible need of its ladder truck, he said.

Van Buren fire fighters battle grass fire Sunday, house fire Monday

At 4:46 Sunday afternoon, Van Buren Township fire fighters were called to battle a three-acre grass fire on Hannan Road, bordering the metropark.

Fire Chief David McNally said the fire was in the woodlands and it was put out without any injuries. He said the grass is dry and easily ignited.

On Monday morning at 5:30, VBT fire fighters were called to a house fire on Assembly Hill in Presidential Estates. Chief McNally said a BBQ grille was placed against the outside of the building with hot coals, probably charcoal, still inside.

The siding, walls, and three rooms and contents were burned. He said Ypsilanti Township came for mutual aid, as it always does in that area.

Rotary Club needs help to clean up DNR Launch at Rawsonville Road

Rotary Club of Belleville is doing another community clean up and it would like help. The clean-up target this time is the DNR Boat Launch on Rawsonville Road. They will be working from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, May 8.

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Two women save man's life with CPR behind Egan's Pub in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"They saved that guy," said Van Buren Township Fire Chief David McNally, referring to lifesaving measures taken by Jackie Floro and Ashley Snider to save a man they found collapsed from a heart attack in the alley behind Egan's Pub in Belleville recently.

Chief McNally said it was about two weeks ago that the male cook from Egan's collapsed in the alley and was found by Floro, an employee, and Snider, who was a patron. They immediately started cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Chief McNally said he was coming over the Belleville Bridge into Belleville when he heard the call over his radio and he shot down the alley to see if he could help until paramedics could arrive.

He said Belleville Police, Fire and Huron Valley Ambulance arrived and HVA shocked him. The man was taken to the hospital where he reportedly got a pacemaker installed and was able to go home.

McNally said Floro was working at Egan's and Snider, who is a physical trainer for Belleville High School, was a customer.

"That he was able to get a pacemaker and go home is wonderful," McNally said. "They saved his life and I think people should know about it."

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 11 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township

Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, May 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.



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School Board approves \$246,416 for playground for Early Childhood Ctr.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's in-person meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board unanimously approved a proposal for \$246,416.50 to pay for the playground at the new Early Childhood Development Center, now under construction east of the high school.

Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Cresa had presented a detailed playground plan to the board at its April 12 meeting.

Kakoczki also presented information on the scope of work planned for Series 2 of the bond. Part one is construction of the Early Childhood Development Center, now under way, and part two of the bond is renovations at Owen, Tyler and Savage schools which will be done during the summer of 2022.

He also gave the quarterly update on the

2019 bond projects and their progress.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-seven-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard the announcement by Whitney Beaubien of the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation that it has given grants totaling \$23,000 to teachers in the district who applied, most grants around \$500 each. The foundation has planned a 5K Splash & Dash fund raiser for June 26 during Lake Fest. School Supt. Pete Kudlak pointed out all fundraising money it earns goes to the school without any deductions;

- Approved the Fall 2021-2022 School of Choice recommendation offering an unlimited number of openings throughout the district. Applications will be accepted from May 10 through Aug. 30, with a possibility the state could extend the deadline. Supt. Kudlak estimated 15% of the elementary students are School of Choice students. He said he anticipates being 100% in person for classes in the fall for the district;

- Approved salary recommendations for 29 employees not affiliated with a union contract, mostly in the central office and part-timers, with board vice president Susan Featheringill abstaining because her daughter, Sara Cortese, director of finance, is on the list. Director of Human Resources Abdul Madyun, with the top salary, remained at \$112,000. Kudlak said the salaries had been frozen for a couple of years;

- Accepted the resignation of Marie Punnett of the Rawsonville Elementary non-instructive staff after 1.5 years of service as of April 9 for personal reasons;

- Approved hiring custodian Dawn Linton as of April 12 and custodian Laura Harper as of April 26;

- Heard board president Amy Pearce announce that Owen Intermediate School wants donations for the ducks they are taking care of in the school's courtyard; and

- Heard Pearce announce that board secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick will be receiving the Certified Board Membership she earned by attending nine different classes through the Michigan Association of School Boards. She also will receive an Award of Merit from the MASB.

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VBT board approves removal of soil for 2, 5-acre ponds

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Excavation and removal of 192,800 cubic yards of soil for two, five-acre ponds to irrigate farmland on Hull Road was approved by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting by zoom on April 20.

Dennis Wilkin wants to expose the groundwater for irrigation of 247 acres to grow beans and corn on his property south of Hull Road between Sumpter and Martinsville roads.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, told the board ponds are permitted by the Right to Farm Act and is an accepted practice. He said the planning commission conditionally approved the request to build two ponds. The question of excavation is decided by the township board.

Director Power said the water depth will be 10 to 12', the pond will be 14' to 15' from the top of the slope to the water.

Todd Waller and Denny Farmer were also at the zoom meeting with Wilkin to answer any questions by the board.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked if they have the truck route covered and Power said they were working on that.

Supervisor McNamara also asked about cleaning the trucks and he was told they will apply cleaners and if it gets too bad, they will shut the job down.

Memo of Understanding

The board also approved with six ayes, no nays, and one recusal the 2021 memorandums of understanding for participation in the Wayne County Local Road Initiative with the homeowners associations at Walden Woods, Charter Club Estates, Andover Farms, and Robinson River Park.

Clerk Leon Wright recused himself from the vote on this because he is president of Andover Farms HOA and signed one of the memos of understanding for his subdivision.

Trustee Kevin Martin asked if he should recuse himself from the vote because he lives in Charter Club subdivision and he was told since he was not an officer in the homeowners' association that would not be

necessary.

Matthew Best, director of public services, explained the project to the board. He said in the spring of 2020, Wayne County halted the Local Roads Initiative Funding Projects because of COVID.

He said four township subdivisions had been a part of that round of funding and work was one intergovernmental agreement away from proceeding. He said the supervisor's office had worked hard to get that funding reinstated.

The township recently has been made aware that Wayne County has restored funding for the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative and the township has restarted the previous project to try to get the remaining repairs to the roads completed, Best said.

The township has obtained the signed memos of understanding from each subdivision participating. After approval by the board, the project will move forward with an intergovernmental agreement with the county, and then the township will get a contractor for construction.

The township expects to spend the entire \$375,000 on this previously approved project with a 20% local match from the subdivisions, Best said. He said each HOA put in an amount based on the work.

Best said this was the same program used to pave McBride Avenue in front of the middle school.

In other business at the 53-minute, April 20 meeting, the board:

- Approved unanimously the second and final reading of Ordinance 04-06-21(1) amendments to lot coverage and outdoor industrial storage area related to unenclosed roofed structures;

- Heard McNamara announce a 7 p.m. April 27 zoom, town-hall meeting was set to discuss sidewalks for Haggerty subdivision. He said the Downtown Development Authority's sidewalk replacement project in the DDA district was to start April 26; and

- Heard McNamara announce the Belleville Area Council for the Arts bought ten, four-foot-tall fish and wants the township to buy one of them to display. He said they are \$1,300 each. Trustee Reggie Miller said the township can't make

donations to private groups and Treasurer Sharry Budd agreed, saying, "I don't think we can spend township money that way." McNamara said he hasn't done anything about the request and, "If you have a problem, give me a call."

The board met in closed-door session at 5 p.m. on April 20 via zoom "to consider the contents of an attorney-client communication." The regular meeting, open to the public via zoom, started at 6 p.m.

Trustee Donald Boynton did not attend the closed-door session because of a perceived conflict of interest having to do with him living in Country Walk subdivision.

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Sumpter closes township after COVID in treasurer's office

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

During a 36-minute special zoom meeting at noon on Friday, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to close township hall and to reopen on Monday, May 10. Although it was not announced at the meeting, informed sources said the closure was necessary due to COVID in the treasurer's office.

Trustee Don LaPorte was unable to attend the noon meeting because of work requirements. Clerk Esther Hurst signed in to her zoom attendance from Burlington, N.C. and Trustee Matthew Oddy signed in from his job in Detroit. Supervisor Tim Bowman zoomed in from his truck at a Sumpter work site.

Attorney Rob Young said "the story broke" Thursday morning, April 29, about 8:30 or 9 a.m. Then, Public Safety Director Eric Luke, Finance Director/Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole and Young got together and made the decision that was necessary.

"They acted the way they should," Young said. "Had to do what we had to do."

On Thursday morning a sign was posted on the township hall door that said the building was closed "due to unforeseen circumstances."

"The township board has the beginning and end say in this," Young said, noting that is why the meeting was called to officially close township hall.

At the beginning of the zoom meeting, Treasurer Jim Clark announced he just got up from an hour-long nap and board members told him sleep was a good way to heal. At the end of the meeting, board members gave good wishes to Treasurer Clark and Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark to get well soon.

Deputy Supervisor Cole said she had done research that shows the incubation period is seven to ten days and ten days would end up as May 7 for the building to be closed, with the reopening on May 10.

She said they would allow the May 4 Monroe

Intermediate School District election to take place, but would limit access to township hall. Payroll could continue. Cole said she has tested negative.

She said Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick has scheduled the office to be sprayed at 1 p.m. that day (Friday).

Clerk Hurst said the clerk's office has to be available to receive and give out ballots on Sunday, May 2, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Burdick said they will do as they have done before: Meet people at the front door and conduct the business there. He said he has to be there and there is no way to avoid it.

"I have to be here Sunday," Burdick said. "I test negative." He said he has to be at the township hall Monday and for the Tuesday election. He said he will keep election personnel in the gym across the street from township hall and he will do a lot of running back and forth across Sumpter Road for the election.

Cole said she called the bank and the township can proceed with payroll as it does normally and Treasurer Clark or Deputy Treasurer Clark can transfer funds for the payroll with telephone approval.

"Who will check on who's positive and negative?" asked Trustee Peggy Morgan of the testing.

Cole said they are not allowed to announce the results, but she and Burdick will keep track.

"We have a COVID emergency plan we have to follow or we could amend," Young said. "MIOsha could come in and check. We need to adhere to that. If it needs changes, we change it."

Trustee Tim Rush suggested they remind everyone via email, "If you feel under the weather in any way, please don't come to work."

Young said they could do that, but it's in the plan. Not suggested, but mandated. It's what the township adopted and is mandated by the state.

He said he knows how frustrated everyone is. He said the pandemic is still impacting and the board needs to stay on point.

"Now that we have an incident, a follow-up review could report how this happened," said Trustee Matt Oddy. He said it's an emergency situation now. If the township has to answer to MIOsha it will have a report.

Cole said she and Burdick are putting a report together.

Trustee Peggy Morgan asked if they could put a plan together so they don't have to call a special meeting.

Young said if the board wants to assign aspects they could. This could change and have other people affected, he said.

"I see no problem with having the executive board make decision or have a trustee step in if one of the executive board isn't able," she said.

Trustee Rush said it is nice to be able to react quickly with an emergency meeting by zoom with a quorum. He said they would have to legislate what can be done.

Morgan said she was thinking of other things to be done and said in the past board members were called one by one to say whether they agreed or disagreed.

"I hope we aren't taking votes by phone," Young said. "That doesn't pass the muster."

Item two from the emergency agenda was: "Consider approval of interim appointment due to recent events."

Trustee Oddy asked if they were removing that item.

Young said the purpose of the item is that different departments have to have a plan in place.

"It sounds like the issue we have with payroll is worked out with the bank on the transfer of funds," Oddy said. "Once the amount is set, the Clarks call and approve it. The things have to stay in the lockbox because we're closed."

Hurst said the next agenda would be thin because people won't be at the township hall while it is closed.

When Morgan made a motion to remove Item B, Young said he hates to upset things, but the township hasn't addressed if the water department is working. He asked about late penalties and said, "We have to monitor this."

Cole said the water department is working and all have their vaccines. She said the only person possibly exposed has been vaccinated. She said they are not assessing penalties already because of COVID.

Oddy wanted details about the possible exposure.

Cole said there was six feet of space between the water employee and the infected person. Masks were worn and they were together less than 15 minutes.

Oddy said employees can answer their phones from home from the water department. "They're being paid," he said.

Cole said the township has the ability to transfer calls.

Oddy asked if they have put it on cable and the website and Cole said they were waiting for this meeting until the township was officially closed.

Oddy said one employee can work and one doesn't and both are paid.

"If they can't come into the office, they are paid anyway," Cole said. "COVID protocol."



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VBPS Education Foundation names grant recipients for 2021

Whitney Beaubien of the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation announced to the VBPS Board of Education at its April 26 meeting that the foundation has given grants totaling \$23,000 to teachers in the district who applied. Most grants are around \$500 each, she said.

Grants are to purchase education equipment that can be used and reused, said board president Amy Pearce.

Baubien said the foundation has planned a 5K Splash & Dash fund raiser for June 26 during Belleville Lake Fest.

Usually the winners of the grants attend a school board meeting to accept their grants, but this year because of the pandemic, the grants simply were announced. Aleisa Pitt, principal of Tyler Elementary School, said the grants were delivered in person to the teachers instead, along with a bright balloon.

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Dingell announces over \$131,000 in funding for Oakwoods Metropark

On April 30, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-12, announced \$131,643 in federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant funding for the development of an accessible nature trail and other amenities at Oakwoods Metropark in New Boston. This funding is part of the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program which helps to build and protect parks outside of national park boundaries.

"Access to community park amenities and trails needs to be equitable," said Rep. Dingell. "Michiganders should be able to enjoy our state's great parks and other nature spaces regardless of physical limitations. With this federal funding, we will ensure that all New Boston residents and Oakwoods visitors can properly access the park and participate in recreational activities.

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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 up to 62, positive tests at 3,259

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code grew from 61 to 62 as of Monday, May 3, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,259 on Monday, May 3, up from 3,140 the previous Sunday, April 25.

On Monday, May 3, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,164 positive cases, 34 deaths; city of Belleville, 476 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 619 positive cases, 7 deaths.

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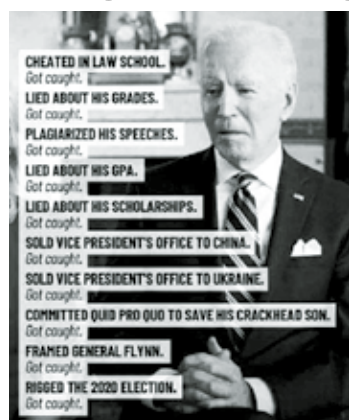
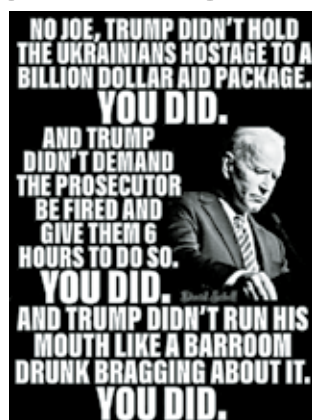
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposals for grass cutting and related services for the enforcement of the Township's Grass and Weeds. Bid forms are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, by appointment between 10:00 a.m and to 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (same day appointments are available) and on the Township's website www.vanburen-mi.org. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, and should be submitted to the Clerk's office. Bids may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service, and no bids submitted by facsimile or electronically will be accepted. The bids will be publicly opened following the bid deadline. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid. The Township is an equal opportunity contractor, which does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, or physical ability.

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Van Buren Township seeks input on Sumpter Road Corridor plan

By Alysha Albrecht

Communications Specialist

Van Buren Charter Township is excited to start a planning process that will envision the future of the Sumpter Road Corridor between the city limits of the City of Belleville and Bemis Road. Following an introductory webinar with the township Planning Commission held on Wednesday, April 28, the township is seeking further feedback

Public Notice

Public Budget Hearing

will be held for the following
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734-697-9470, Or

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PIN: 520 821 935#

May 13, 6 p.m.

Copies of the Budget for the listed
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on the transparency reporting page of
the school's website.

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from the residents, business owners, community leaders and other stakeholders about what they would like to see in the area. The township seeks to meet several key objectives as part of this process.

The township wants to work toward articulating a vision for the future of the Sumpter Road Corridor, in coordination with the City of Belleville and other key stakeholders. The township completed a full update to its Master Plan in 2020 and it recognized more work needed to be done in several key areas. One of the most important areas is the township's south side, including the Sumpter Road Corridor. This part of the township was planned in depth in 2007 through the South Side Master Plan. Van Buren Township Public Services Director Matthew Best said, "Based on feedback and direction in that plan, the township has kept its promise to keep much of the area south of Hull Road rural." North of Hull Road, the township planned for Commercial Future Land Use to Spencer Avenue and Mixed Use Future Land Use north of Spencer Avenue. "It is time to hear again from the community," said Best.

The township seeks **consensus** on whether or not people want to see a different future along Sumpter Road **south** of Hull. The

township has already planned for limited pockets of commercial, including the Citgo gas station and pockets of Commercial Use near the intersections with Bemis Road and Hull Road. Otherwise, the township has planned for large lot (rural) housing and agriculture. Does this remain to be what the community wants to see?

The township also seeks **guidance** on how properties along Sumpter Road **north** of Hull can be better utilized. North of Hull Road, Belleville and Van Buren Township intertwine. "Up until now, the township planned and zoned for Commercial Use from Hull Road to Spencer Avenue, and even zoned for Industrial Use to the north of Owen Street," said Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Director Dan Power. "One of the effects of the past planning and zoning is that lots built as home sites were planned to convert into things like retail, restaurants, offices, and even Industrial uses." North of Spencer Avenue, the township planned for Mixed Use.

But what does this mean? Does "mixed use" include offices? Homes? Print shops? And what would the buildings look like if they are redeveloped as "mixed use?" Parcels north of Hull Road might be better served by

going "back" to residential or changing into one or more different Land Uses in the future. "The township would like to build consensus behind how this can be achieved, and do so in a way that complements zoning and land use on the City of Belleville side," stated Power.

Following the introductory webinar on April 28, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara stated, "One of the striking results of the meeting was that there is no consensus yet. We heard from people who want *something* done north of Hull Road. But South of Hull Road, there are differing opinions on what to do or not to do. We need more input from the community."

The township wants to hear your input! Please share your thoughts by contacting Dan Power, Director of Planning and Economic Development via email at dpower@vanburen-mi.org or call 734.699.8900, ext. 9392.

All feedback collected will be put into analysis and used as recommendations for the project. At a later date, the township will also let residents know about specific scheduled public input activities related to the project. More information and future updates will be posted at vanburen-mi.org/SumpterRoadCorridor.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 19, 2021 - 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, the City cannot ensure six (6) feet separation between participants in the Council Chambers at City Hall. As a result, the regular meeting of the City Council will be held via ZOOM. The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations – None
B. Council Follow Up List

- Voigt recommended:
i. Adding Street Conditions at Harbor Point to the list.

- ii. Establishing a Committee for Road Repairs

C. Citizens Comments on Non Agenda Items - None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to accept the Agenda as presented with the addition of Item 8F – Approve New Position and authorize Acting City Manager to move forward with posting and, remove BACA from Veteran Banner Request.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2021 as

presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING NONE

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NONE

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. BACA Art Street Banners

Steve Jones presented this item.
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution 21-036** authorizing the Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) to purchase and place custom art banners illustrated by local artists on the light poles along Main Street to hang during the months of August, September, and October 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B. Veterans Banners

Acting City Manager presented this item.

Motion: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-037** authorizing placement of Veteran Banners on the light poles along Main Street to hang during the months of November and December of 2021 and January 2022 with proceeds earmarked for the City's Veterans Memorial fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C. Belleville Bass Sculptures

Acting City Manager presented this item.

Motion: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-038** authorizing the members of BACA to place Bass Sculptures throughout the City of Belleville working with the Department of Public Service to identify locations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

D. Hydro Corp

DPW Director Rutherford presented this item.

Motion: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-039** authorizing the extension of the current contract under the same terms to expire August 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

E. AWIA Reporting

DPW Director Rutherford presented this item.

Motion: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution 21-040** to extend Hennessey Engineers current contract to include completion of the Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

F. Creation of Job Description for Deputy Administrator

Acting City Manager presented this item.

Motion: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-040A** for creation of a Deputy Administrator Job Description and authorizing the Acting City Manager to post for the new position.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-041** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Acting City Manager Robinson expressed that suspects were arrested in connection with the Chase Bank Robbery.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Bates:

- o Thanked everyone for their attendance and support for the Veterans Banners project.
- o Council Member Voigt:
- o Congratulated the police department for their work in the robbery investigation.
- o Expressed excitement about the new sculptures and thanked the DDA.
- o Council Member Fielder:
- o Reported on his meeting with Detroit/Wayne Integrated Health and noted that the Chairman Brooks resigned and Eric Dough of VBT is the current Chair.
- o Noted that everyone will begin seeing new sculptures on May 4.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Conley thanked the Chief and Staff for Nixle, applauded all of the vaccination efforts, and reminded everyone to mask-up and socially distance.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

No objections were noted.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Verna Chapman, City Clerk

Approved: May 3, 2021

Posted: May 4, 2021

Published: May 6, 2021

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 282 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, April 25:

0354 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0429 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0904 – missing person, Arthur St.
1003 – hospice death, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1043 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1054 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1136 – intrusion alarm, Briarcliff Dr.
1206 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1255 – welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.
1257 – juvenile complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Rd.
1453 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1622 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1705 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1721 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1752 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pine Dr.
1822 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1937 – traffic offense, Maple Dr.
2002 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Martinsville Rd.
2012 – traffic offense, Mott/Dellor
2016 – harassment call, Winchester St.
2031 – traffic offense, Country Ln.
2114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2121 – overdose, McKinley St.
2338 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Monday, April 26:

0043 – domestic, Mott
0913 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
0940 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1134 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1141 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./S. I-275 Ecorse ramp
1157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Van Born
1216 – assist other dept., Sadie Ln.
1228 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1254 – parking complaint, Stamford Rd.
1422 – hospice death, Montague Ave.
1507 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1519 – assist fire dept., E. Adams
1601 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1718 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1747 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1833 – misc. complaint, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1837 – civil matter, Lake Pointe Pass
1858 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1939 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2048 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2057 – property damage accident, Milton Dr.
2135 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
2146 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2149 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.
2232 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.
2348 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
2359 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Rd.

Tuesday, April 27:

0255 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0310 – fleeing & eluding, Westlake Cir./Belleville
0347 – civil matter, Stonebridge Ct.
0536 – parking complaint, Kent Dr./Lancaster Dr.
0745 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0750 – larceny from auto, N. Woodbury Dr.
0850 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
0905 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1245 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1256 – malicious destruction of property, Ricardo
1256 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1258 – 911 welfare check, Savage Rd.
1315 – property damage accident, S. Lilley/Van

Born
1346 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1439 – harassment call, Robbe Rd.
1543 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1549 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1654 – assist other dept., Lenmoore Ave.
1702 – fraud, Mida Dr.
1705 – suspicious activity report, Belleville Rd.
1712 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maurice Dr. / Old Michigan Rd.

1730 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
1824 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.
1848 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1856 – vehicle lockout, W. Archwood Dr.
1859 – parking complaint, Stamford Rd.
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr. / Country Walk Blvd.
2004 – shooting, Hayward's
2212 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, April 28:

0136 – larceny from auto, Holly Ln.
0759 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0801 – missing person, Bemis Rd.
0952 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler
1104 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1128 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1215 – assist citizen, Crowley Ave.
1220 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1234 – traffic offense, Martinsville Rd.
1240 – shooting, Haggerty Rd.
1248 – assist fire dept., Rolan Meadows Dr.
1257 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1537 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Riggs
1620 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
1646 – welfare check, Arthur St.
1644 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94

1702 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1730 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1731 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1951 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
2004 – motorist assist, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2042 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2104 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
2222 – overdose, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2220 – 911 welfare check, Marina Cove
2227 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
2250 – hospice death, Park Estates Dr.
2252 – assist citizen, Savage Rd./Boulder Pond Blvd.
2302 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2308 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty

Thursday, April 29:

0051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Haggerty
0117 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0429 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0703 – welfare check, Robson Rd.
0859 – unattended death, Sugarbush Ln.
0904 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
0909 – juvenile complaint, S. Grove
1000 – juvenile complaint, S. Grove
1000 – assist other dept., S. Grove
1001 – assist other dept., S. Grove
1002 – juvenile complaint, S. Grove
1014 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1019 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1217 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1521 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
1642 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1842 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Lancaster
1902 – intrusion alarm, Greenbriar Dr.
2026 – family trouble, Bemis Rd.
2143 – assist other dept., Belle Villa
2207 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2340 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Friday, April 30:

0027 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0112 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0144 – disorderly, Locust Dr.
0220 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0309 – shooting, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0620 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0645 – hospice death, Marlowe Ave.
0758 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
0854 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1216 – warrant arrest, S. Canton Center
1245 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1249 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
1251 – animal complaint, Western St.
1259 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1447 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1500 – neighbor trouble, Bak Rd.
1603 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1614 – domestic, Amanda Dr.
1646 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1702 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1716 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1733 – misc. complaint, Ecorse Service B Dr.
1736 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1758 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1802 – parking complaint, Jackson St./Hayes St.

1819 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1850 – suspicious person/vehicle, Coolidge St. / Barkley St.
1902 – animal complaint, Pine Dr.
1926 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1930 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr
1947 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1951 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2010 – assist fire dept., Westlake Cir.
2206 – noise complaint, Beck Rd.
2218 – property damage accident, Harbour Club
2235 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2259 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born

Saturday, May 1:

0035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
0055 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0101 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa
0149 – welfare check, Harbour Club
0303 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0330 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0510 – suspicious person/vehicle, Reedgrass Ln.
0650 – sexual assault, Reedgrass Ln.
0719 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0738 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0910 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0922 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1009 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1010 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa
1106 – intrusion alarm, Togowtee Pass
1127 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1129 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1221 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1311 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville

Rd.
1316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1404 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1415 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1538 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1703 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1723 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1918 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1940 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
2001 – welfare check, EB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.
2037 – larceny, Woodwall Ct.
2117 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2231 – noise complaint, Robbe Rd.

Also on this week's log are 63 traffic stops, three of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 25:

0101 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
0142 – larceny from auto, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1125 – civil matter, Church St.
1251 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.
1306 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1410 – traffic stop, N. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.
1423 – traffic stop, High St./Roys St.
1426 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
1508 – welfare check, S. Liberty St.
2212 – sexual assault, E. Columbia Ave.

Monday, April 26:

0100 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
0548 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0856 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, April 27:

0020 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0928 – property check, Main St.
1415 – misc. complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1957 – shooting, Main St.
2014 – shooting, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 28:

1109 – traffic stop, Tuscan Manor
1308 – hospice death, Bedell St.
2007 – larceny, Anaheim

Thursday, April 29:

0213 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
0802 – fraud, Main St.
1219 – property damage accident, Main St.
1336 – welfare check, Main St.
2010 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

Friday, April 30:

0017 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0811 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.

0905 – animal complaint, Third/Churh
0914 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0930 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1001 – follow-up by officer, E. Huron River Dr.
1048 – follow-up by officer, Main St.
1253 – assist other dept., Village Green Ln.
1420 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Main St.
1931 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./Fifth
1957 – larceny, San Carlos St.
2047 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
2358 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.

Saturday, May 1:

0047 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0506 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1503 – civil matter, Main St.
1835 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1914 – assist other dept., Bay Pointe Dr.
2105 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2141 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2154 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2213 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2234 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2242 – traffic stop, Main St.
2311 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2349 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

There were 24 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 25:

0304 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0402 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1018 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1321 – traffic complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1333 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1517 – suspicious circumstances, Rustic Ln.
1693 – welfare check, Stonecrest Dr.
1716 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2052 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2200 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2234 – traffic stop, Harris Rd./Martinsville Rd.
2259 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2353 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

Monday, April 26:

0018 – mental health call, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0853 – suspicious person, Wear Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0948 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1107 – suspicious circumstances, 48000 bl. Willis
1152 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1407 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1433 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1440 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1608 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1933 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2218 – suspicious circumstances, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.

2345 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2348 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2348 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

Tuesday, April 27:

0141 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
0621 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0647 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.
0853 – suspicious person, Pecan St.
1139 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1358 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1440 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1913 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1954 – suspicious circumstances, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

2006 – noise complaint, Knollwood Dr.
2126 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2153 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

Wednesday, April 28:

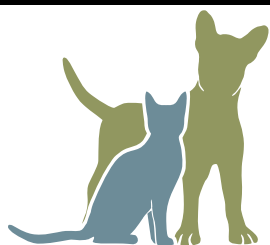
0039 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0105 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
0758 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0845 – traffic stop, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
0923 – traffic stop, Haggerty/Oakville Waltz
1035 – property damage accident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1106 – 911 hang up, Virginia St.
1208 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1314 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1324 – suspicious circumstances, 51000 bl. Willis
1344 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1425 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1658 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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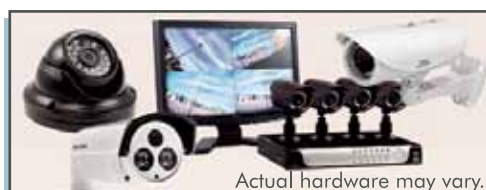
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Breaking news from the folks at Yankee Air Museum and the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show coming this summer to Willow Run Airport. The show takes on a new drive-in only format on Aug. 7-8 and will consist of two performances on Saturday and two on Sunday. Those of us that already have purchased online tickets were notified and went through the virtual transaction of receiving new tickets as the originals aren't good anymore. Now for more breaking news. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to perform both days, but each afternoon shows only. Both morning shows will feature the F-35A Lightning II Demo and the B-25 "Mitchell Madness" performances and both afternoon shows will feature the B-25s and the Thunderbirds. Drive-in car passes will cost \$165 and will allow as many passengers as legally allowed in your vehicle. Buses and RVs and taller vehicles will be directed to the back of the general parking. Passengers are required to stay within proximity to their vehicle as there will be no vendors or food stations available for purchase. No static displays this year, either. Passengers will be allowed to set up their chairs and umbrellas just outside the passenger side or in front of

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1824 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1859 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1859 – traffic stop, Judd Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2029 – traffic stop, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2223 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
Thursday, April 29:
0613 – mental health call, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1006 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Kozma Rd.
1120 – assist other agency, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1502 – suspicious circumstances, Redwood Ct.
1653 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1837 – traffic stop, Rustic Ln./Creekside Dr.
1842 – mental health call, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1920 – traffic stop Martinsville Rd./Willis Ct.
1927 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1938 – 911 hang up, Greenmeadow Dr.
2000 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Friday, April 30:
0150 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0256 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
0838 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1239 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1525 – assist other agency, Creekside Dr.
1534 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
1829 – juvenile complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1852 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2029 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
2047 – traffic stop, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2219 – assist other agency, 8700 bl. Rawsonville
2228 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
2303 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.
Saturday, May 1:
0941 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1428 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1449 – civil matter, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1450 – civil matter, Redwood Ct.
1634 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1647 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1727 – traffic stop, Bemis Rd./Martha's Dr.
1742 – misc. detail, out of township
1850 – animal complaint, 5200 bl. Oakville Waltz
1850 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2337 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
Also 66 patrol checks were on this week's long. There were 14 traffic stops.

their vehicles. Restrooms, first aid and air show volunteers will be on hand to help with the crowds. Now, can you bring in your favorite food and drinks? Yes! As coolers are allowed, however no BBQs or alcohol is permitted. There's a handful of pages of frequently asked questions along with restrictions so be sure to check them out on their website. There will be no airplane rides conducted by the YAM this year nor will there be any club seating along the air show line, like in the past. The airport grounds will open at 7 a.m. for the morning show with flying starting at 9 a.m. and over by 11 a.m. The afternoon show will allow vehicles to enter beginning at 11:30 a.m. with flying at 1:30 p.m. and over by 4 p.m. Other schedule details will be released as we get closer to show dates. There will also be no battle re-enactments this year and no tickets will be available for purchase at the gate. Air show announcers and military narrations will be available by tuning into a radio frequency from your vehicle, like at a drive-in. It's going to be great as I'm looking forward to a little more normalcy. Thanks Thunder Over Michigan organizers. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and follow the links to purchase tickets and for more info. Hurry summer.

Leonard Armstrong of Armstrong's Funland and Ice Cream is re-opening on May 21 at their location at 8787 Belleville Road just north of Tyler Road. The local attraction didn't open last year because of Covid and wasn't open two years ago due to medical reasons. Now, Leonard and family are back for 2021, and they can't wait to reunite with friends and families in and around our community. Leonard's first car show is set for May 28 too, just in time for the Memorial Day weekend. Call (734) 546-9565.

Beltone Hearing Center on Sumpter Road near Tornado's Pizza is offering 1-on-1 appointments and curbside services as they follow CDC guidelines. They offer free hearing screening and trials of their patented Imagine Technology hearing aid systems. They will accept and support most Medicare and discounted plans, such as BCBS/True Hearing, Silverscript, and more. Your purchase comes with a free Lifetime Belcare Treatment Plan. See their ad in today's paper and visit www.beltonehearingaid.com. The phone number to the Belleville location is (734) 256-4113, however there are many locations in Southeast Michigan, including Downriver and two in Ann Arbor.

The Belleville Rotary Club is teaming up with the Michigan DNR to complete a clean-up project at the West Belleville Boat Ramp area off Rawsonville Road this Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to help.

Hott Hair Salon and Denny's Barbershop on Main Street near 5-Points wants to get Mom out of the house with a gift certificate or an offer of \$10 off salon services with their ad coupon in today's paper. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments are available by calling (734) 697-4485. The offer runs through the month of May.

As more and more businesses expand their hours and services, it's becoming easier than ever to shop local for Mom this Mother's Day, from florists and greenhouses to restaurants and drive throughs. Our local Boy Scout Troop 793 will be selling flowers this Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square. Be sure to pick up a Buddy Poppy from our very own VFW Post 4434 and PLAV Post 167 members that will be out and about along Main Street May 6-8. Both events are fundraisers for their organizations.



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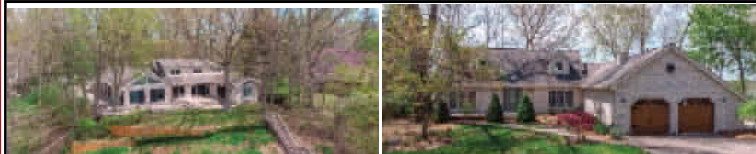
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