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Court Watching:

Rowley arraigned for stealing Belleville police car on June 1

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Kevin Laverne Rowley, Jr., 24 of Wayne was arraigned June 3 via Zoom at 34th District Court by Magistrate Al Hindman for stealing a Belleville Police patrol car on June 1 from 5 Main St. in Belleville, the location of the police department.

Belleville Police Chief David Robinson said the car was on the ramp at the police department and was locked and running while Cpl. Kris Faull went in the station for a minute. This individual was able to pry open a partially open window and opened the door and drove away in the vehicle.

The vehicle was immediately tracked and able to be stopped without incident by Canton and Van Buren police departments, Chief Robinson said, adding, equipment measures are being installed to make sure this cannot occur in the future.

Rowley was wearing only his undershorts as he was arraigned by video from the Van Buren Township police lockup. Cpl. Faull said he has been diagnosed with a mental illness and did take his meds the day before the incident but didn't take his meds the day of the incident.

"We're thankful no one got hurt at the time of the incident," Cpl. Faull said.

When Magistrate Hindman explained the charges to Rowley – unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle and receiving and concealing a motor vehicle – he told the defendant that these are serious charges. Rowley had declined to talk with a court appointed attorney.

Sgt. Faull said Rowley had to be restrained the previous night and so they took his sweat pants away, explaining his nakedness.

Hindman set the bond as \$50,000/10% and said the file will be marked Medical. His probable cause conference was set for 8:30 a.m. on June 16 before Judge Tina Brooks Green.



Photo courtesy of Angie McCluskey

The Belleville High School Women's Soccer team won the Division 1 District Championship on Saturday after going into double overtime to beat Woodhaven. Semi-Regional game is June 8 and Regional is June 10. Standing in back, from left, are coaches Cris Brunett, Joe Zarka, Brian Rupnow, Bill Cline, and Dan Cline. Players, from left, are Jackie Torres, Amy Empson, Chelsea Powell, Alivia Johnston, Jessica Ley, Ryane Ward, Alaya Mack, Aaliyah Wilkerson, Emily Wisniewski, Derricka McCarter, Gabby Revels, Mackenzie Bailey, Rachel Riley, Molly Cote, Olivia McCluskey, and Olivia Newman. In front, from left, are Ellysa Mann, Laura Montgomery, Alli Osborne, Riley Batchelder, Breanna McCluskey, Emily Michelin, Vanessa Slone, Megan Mihaly. See story on page 5.

City to raise water rates in line with GLWA increase

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

As of July 1, the Great Lakes Water Authority price for water to the city of Belleville will go up 2.09% and on Monday the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to pass that rate increase on to water users in the city.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said currently the city charges \$6.13 per unit – which is 1,000 gallons. The increase of 13 cents per unit will make the new city price \$6.26 per unit.

He said earlier the city thought it might be a 3.14% raise and they were relieved it

was less. He said the cost increase will be for water only, not sewer or trash.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he remembers in 2008 or 2009, the city waited eight years to increase the water rates and it was a disaster.

Councilman Fielder said the city is delivering drinking water to residents' front doors for the cost of five water bottles. He noted one-quarter of the residents in the community don't pay property taxes.

"This happened in the past and the city chose not to pass on the cost and it hurt people dearly later," said Fire Chief Brian Loranger.

Councilman Ken Voigt said he agrees with passing it on, but he would like to see an estimate of what water system repairs need to be done in the next 10 to 15 years. He said the city has a healthy fund balance in the water account, but they don't know what will need to be replaced.

Councilman Voigt asked if the city will

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Sumpter Township Treasurer Jim Clark dies Monday, June 7

Word has been received that Sumpter Township Treasurer James Clark died at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at 11:14 p.m. Monday, June 7. No further information was available as we went to press. Clark was elected to the position in the November election and recently was recovering from COVID.



Jim Clark

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching:

Joe Stafford gets 4-15 years for bank robbery in Canton Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Joe Stafford, 55, of Powder Springs, GA, pled guilty to robbing the Chase bank at Michigan Avenue and Old Canton Center Road in Canton Township on Nov. 5 and will spend four to 15 years in prison.

Stafford also was charged with bank robbery at Belleville's Chase bank on Nov. 7. In a plea deal, Stafford agreed to plead guilty to the Canton charge and the Belleville charge was dismissed.

He was given credit for time served of 202 days. Stafford has been in custody since the day he was apprehended by Belleville Police and arrested with the help of Van



Stafford

Buren Township police.

After his May 25 plea before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kelly Ramsey, Stafford was taken to the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center in Jackson to transition into the prison system.

His earliest release date is Nov. 4, 2024 and the maximum discharge date is Nov. 4, 2035. Fees of \$1,898 were assessed.

When Stafford was arraigned by Judge Oakley via Zoom from the Wayne County Jail on Nov. 18, he told Judge Oakley that he wanted no attorney. But, Judge Oakley said on a felony charge a defendant automatically gets an attorney assigned.

Stafford, a trucker, told Judge Oakley it didn't matter how much bond he set because he didn't know anyone in Michigan and couldn't get anyone to pay his bond.

Court appointed defense attorney Samuel

Churikian later told 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley that Stafford's case was quite complicated because he is on parole in Georgia. Churikian said he talked to Stafford's parole officer in Georgia.

Belleville Police Chief David Robinson reported that at about 10:40 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, Belleville police were dispatched to the Chase bank at 465 Main St. on a report of a robbery in progress.

He said police officers from Belleville and Van Buren responded but the suspect was gone when they got there. He said it was determined that the suspect entered the bank and presented a note to the teller demanding money.

Although unspecified violence was mentioned, there was no weapon seen or implied, Chief Robinson said.

Due to a quick response and information

sharing, a potential suspect was located near Horizon Park. Investigative efforts determined that this suspect was the perpetrator of the bank robbery and he was taken into custody.

Stafford was arrested and arraigned on one count of bank robbery with the included enhanced charge of habitual offender — fourth offense.

Then, the bank robbery in Canton was also tied to Stafford.

Chief Robinson said in regards to the sentence, "It is common when there are the same crimes in different jurisdictions within Wayne County, the Prosecutor will drop one of the charges in exchange for a guilty plea, being that the sentences would run concurrently anyway. What's important is the perpetrator was arrested and is held accountable for his crimes."

VBT Board of Trustees approves building of community center

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, at its June 1 Zoom meeting, unanimously approved building a new community center attached to the Senior Center wing at township hall.

Public Services Director Matt Best said this was the May 11 recommendation of the Recreation Committee after several outreach forums for public input. He said if the board approves moving forward they could go out to get bids from construction contractors since they don't know the actual cost of the building yet.

Best had provided the board with a list of things that will be in the community center, including a gymnasium with a full high school basketball court that could allow dividing the space into two functional areas; indoor walking track; cardio and weight training room; fitness studio/dance studio; multi-purpose rooms; locker/shower rooms; lounge/waiting area; indoor play area; Black Box theatre ("The Cube," sponsored by a \$1.137 million grant from the VBT Downtown Development Authority); significant storage space; office space; infrastructure update; fuel pump relocation; and other improvements.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked where the teen lounge is. She said it was mentioned several times at the Recreation Committee meetings and she was told this would be added. She said it would be a place teens could go and visit with friends and play video games.

Director Best said this was the first he heard of a teen lounge. He said what he presented was the recommendation of the

Recreation Committee.

"If the board wants that, it can be added, but it would be at an additional cost," Best said. "Just because it's not on the list, doesn't mean it can't be done. If you want it to be added, we can."

"I didn't think 'added'," Trustee Miller replied. "I thought it would on there."

Clerk Leon Wright said they could use the multi-purpose room. Later he suggested using "The Cube."

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said they had talked about a kind of latchbox area for teenagers.

"This was supposed to be a community center for everyone," Miller said. "I'm just really sad that it wasn't on here."

"This is the recommendation the Recreation Committee made," Best repeated. "They made the recommendation to build. We could do this ... We can add it to this. We can absolutely add it."

"I attended all the Recreation Committee meetings and then some..." Miller said, adding they were told this is the time to add ideas.

Supervisor McNamara said there are capital costs involved and a teen center has a lot of moving parts. He said they could look into it and then he might call Miller up and tell her, "We can't make this work."

"Will we see the plans before it goes any further?" asked Treasurer Sharry Budd.

Best said yes, they would. He said they are doing due diligence with the present building for the architectural design and the timeline is to get the bids out by December or January.

"Nothing is set in stone," Best said. "If the board wants to add something ... it

would have to approve the expenditure ... You're not approving the recreation center based on the list ... You'll have multiple bites of the apple."

Trustee Donald Boynton said he wants an emergency plan for some kind of event, such as civil unrest or severe weather, and wants a critical infrastructure plan. He said it could be a little expensive, but they should be able to fold it in.

"That's my background and that's what I want to see," Trustee Boynton said.

"Yes, we will do as you ask," McNamara said to Boynton.

Best said the graphics they have now are out of date and, "Anything we add will move the building farther into the baseball field."

Trustee Kevin Martin suggested they could have bricks with names on them for a nominal fee as a nice addition to the walkway to the entrance or elsewhere.

McNamara agreed that would be a good plan. Then he called for a motion to approve the community center, plus the addition of a teen center. Trustee Martin intervened, saying they don't need details yet, but just to approve the building.

McNamara agreed. "I wanted a rock wall and I'm not getting it," he said.

In other business at the one-hour-and-31-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2021 tax rate request, which is .8961 in allocated millage and 6.3713 extra voted mills for public safety, totaling 7.2674 mills. The VBT 2021 Taxable Value for real and personal property is \$1,165,488,936 and the tax amounts to \$8,470,074;
- Approved a resolution requesting

the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep the city of Belleville, Van Buren Charter Township, and Sumpter Township together in the state redistricting plan now under way. Supervisor McNamara said he would be going to Dearborn on June 3 to present the letters from the three communities to the commission;

- Approved the reopening plan for the Senior Center, starting June 14 with one to two classes per day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the dining room. Beginning July 1, there will be an addition of one to two classes per day between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the dining room, craft room, or lounge. These current programs would continue: Meals on Wheels, Forgotten Harvest set-up, food distribution set-up, Focus Hope distribution. Treasurer Sharry Budd said she had reservations about opening in June and had hoped to wait until July 1, but she'll support what the other board members decide. Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud said they will not be mandating vaccinations for the seniors participating. She said there will be cleaning and sanitizing the areas used between the classes. Trustee Sherry Frazier said, "If they can't manage it, I'm sure they'll pull back." Clerk Wright said he wanted to make sure it is nothing they will regret later. "Sounds like we have the staff under control" for the cleaning, Clerk Wright said;
- Approved a special land use request to construct a drive-through lane with a drive-through window as part of the demolition of an existing Mobil gasoline filling station

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Should VBT ask employees to move into township?

We received a telephone call over the week end from a reader who owns property in Van Buren Township. He was concerned that Dan Selman was named deputy supervisor to Supervisor Kevin McNamara and that, he said, Selman showed no interest in moving into the township.

Public Act 212 of 1999, the Residency Act, became effective on March 10, 2000. The Act restricts public employers from requiring that certain employees reside within certain geographical boundaries as a condition of employment or promotion.

The Act doesn't apply to paid-per-call fire fighters who need to live a reasonable distance to be of any use in fighting fires.

VBT has a lot of employees who live outside of the township, including the deputy treasurer, police chief, and directors of public service, community service, planning, and recreation.

The city of Belleville has a city manager / police chief who lives in Monroe, a city clerk/treasurer who lives elsewhere, and the DPW director who lives in Romulus.

Sumpter Township has a deputy supervisor/finance director who lives in Ann Arbor and a police chief who lives in the city of Belleville. All this is legal.

We agree with the law. The quality of the employees should be the top priority, not where they hang their hats. What do you think?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We heard the fork-lift accident on the fire scanner on Wednesday afternoon, June 2, near the corner of Main and High in Belleville. The patient was taken to Beaumont Wayne.

We checked with City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson and he said of the accident at the construction site, one fork-lift operator accidentally backed into another worker. Injuries were mild and the employee was expected to be back to work Friday.

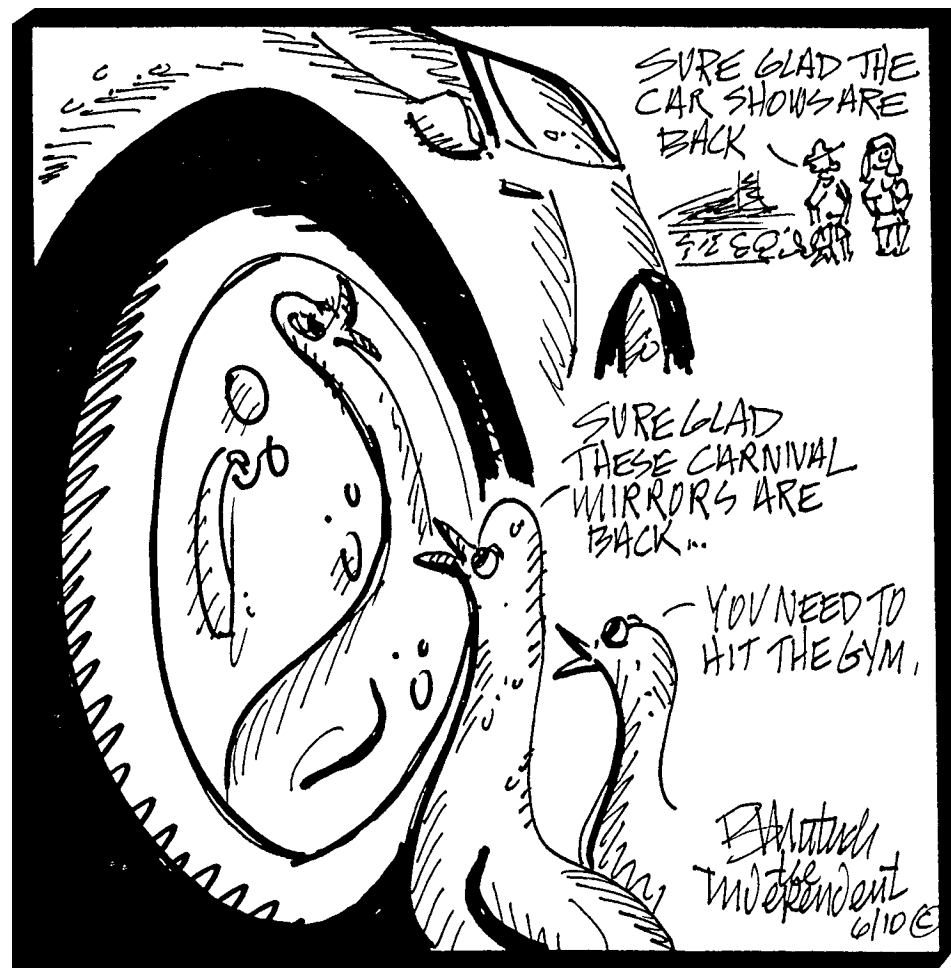
At the June 1 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees via Zoom, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said they had to move the item with the Sumpter supervisor and deputy supervisor to the beginning of the meeting agenda because the Sumpter supervisor had an important engagement.

After Sumpter Supervisor Timothy Bowman and Deputy Supervisor Elle O'Connell introduced themselves to the VBT board, McNamara suggested Bowman explain his situation.

Bowman said his daughter is dealing with a marriage license thing. She is due to be married on June 12, but the marriage license will expire before the wedding, something to do with COVID. He said he is having a pastor at his house that evening to marry his daughter and her fiancé and then the real thing will take place on June 12.

There are always very interesting slice-of-life stories at the 34th District Court sessions. Last week there was a man who was ticketed in Van Buren Township on Oct. 23 for having livestock on insufficient land. He was being asked to produce documentation that they

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



were indeed emotional support chickens, as he claimed.

Another case featured a daughter who appeared on zoom for her father, who was at work. She said he could only speak Romanian, so she was going to handle his case for him. The judge told her that the father had to appear by zoom to handle the non-traffic civil infraction himself and the court would get an interpreter to help. The case was adjourned to another date.

Another case was for a dumping charge and a suspended license charge against a man who only spoke Spanish and an interpreter was provided. He said he actually didn't dump in VBT because he just had grass and dirt in his truck and thought that would be a good place to put it. He dumped the grass, but he was made to pick it up again. As to his license, he said he did have a driver's license when they didn't require social security numbers and just gave them out to immigrants. But they don't do that any more. He pled guilty to dumping and will have a delayed sentence on that. He also pled guilty to allowing an unlicensed person to drive (himself) and was charged \$600 in fines and costs.

In another case a mother was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor when her son missed 106 total hours of school at McBride Middle School since last September. The mother said her son is 14 and has ADHD with a problem of staying focused. She said he was on remote learning

and now has transferred back to in-person schooling.

A reader called to say she got a call from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and a lady with a German accent asked for her husband. She said her husband had work done on this knee a few months ago at St. Joe's. When she told the caller her husband wasn't home, the caller rudely said she'd call later.

Our reader said she called St. Joe and it was the right number for the hospital. The hospital person told her that was the fifth call they had received that day asking about such phone calls. She said it is a scam call and the caller tries to get information on medical records.

Our caller said she thought it might be good to put it in the paper so our readers are alerted to yet another scam and not give out any personal information.

John Juriga delivers our papers to the Romulus Athletic Center where he belongs. He said the people there comment on how much is happening in Belleville. And, on Monday, downtown Belleville was jumping with the first day of the Farmers' Market since COVID, first car show on Main Street, and an art show put on by Savage Elementary School at the Fourth Street Square.



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Letters

Women's Soccer team earns district title

To the editor:

Our very own Belleville Women's Soccer team went into double overtime on Saturday against a tough Woodhaven team. These girls didn't let up and walked off that field making history for our school.

Our girls' soccer program has never made it to the final District game, so before walking on that field on Saturday they were already making history for our community and school. The day was hot, the sun was shining, the wind was hard to manage, but after a brutal 80 minutes of soccer, the Tigers were tied 0-0 against the Woodhaven Warriors.

Next up 2-10 minute overtime period. They walk onto the field for the 1st overtime. About 3 1/2 minutes into the 1st OT, Breanna McCluskey takes a long shot outside the 18 in the far right corner and hits it in the back of the net in the far left corner, right over the goalie's head. That shot will win the Belleville Tigers their first-ever Division 1 District Championship.

What a season these ladies have had. The unknown of what was to come, after not having a season last year, to overcoming the odds and making history for our school.

If you see a player [pictured on the front page], pat them on the back, tell them well-done, because they DESERVE it, they have earned it, and we are so extremely proud of them! These ladies will be known for making our soccer program better than it has ever been. Well done, Lady Tigers!

Next up: Semi-Regionals against Canton at Ann Arbor Skyline on Tuesday June 8 at 5 p.m. If they win this game, they will play on Thursday, June 10.

Angie McCluskey

Impressed with Memorial Day event

To the editor:

Thank you very much for publishing my photo of the 21-gun salute from the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial in Belleville. Both my husband and I are members of PLAV 167 and were impressed with the entire ceremony on this solemn day of remembrance.

Cheryl Martin

DAV Commander #13, Michigan

Birthdays

June 13 – Connie Testorelli

June 14 – Michael Hinton

June 17 – Kyle Ackron, Elliana Oygarden

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Marek Thompson

My 7-year-old grandson plays on a hockey team

To the editor:

My grandson Marek, who is 7 years old, has been skating and playing hockey for three years. He lives with his parents Ryan and Jessica (Niemann) Thompson and his brother in Commerce Township. Marek plays for the Oakland Pirates.

Last weekend they had their first tournament. It was called "The Spring Grinder Event."

There was a total of five games played over three days. The Pirates won three games, tied for one, and lost one. They came in second place and they all received a ribbon and silver medal.

I have a personal comment that I would like to make. Marek's team, the Pirates, has a girl for its goalie and she is very, very good.

Katherine Niemann, Belleville
A proud grandma

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remains at 73, positive tests at 3,433

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 73 as of Monday, June 7, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,433 on Monday, June 7, up from 3,421 the previous Monday, May 31.

On Monday, June 7, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,292 positive cases, 41 deaths; city of Belleville, 488 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 653 positive cases, 11 deaths.

"The bigotry of the nonbeliever is for me nearly as funny as the bigotry of the believer."

– Albert Einstein

More Letters

Reminder: Flag Day is June 14 in USA

To the editor:

A reminder: June 14 is Flag Day. Americans celebrate the adoption of the first National Flag. Also known as the "Stars and Stripes" or "Old Glory," the first American flag was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. In 1818, after five more states joined the union, Congress passed legislation fixing the number of stripes at 13 and requiring that the number of stars equal the number of states.

June 14, Flag Day 2021 is fast-approaching and we are attempting to have a flag displayed at every home in the city.

Free Flags. Thanks for very generous donations of supplies from manager John Vredevel of Manns Lumber and many hours of labor from owner Tom Tinsley of Contract Welding, the washing of many flags by the wife of a member, the VFW is proud to offer free, refurbished flags (12"x18") to all. All these flags are from Hillside Cemetery where they were previously flown over a veteran's grave.

Let's remember these veterans once again by re-displaying their U.S. Flag at your home. Stop by and pick up one at 48 S. Biggs (street-side pick up).

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Don't let Flag Day go by without acknowledging our GREAT COUNTRY.

Pete Pitzen, chairman

VFW Flag Program

P.S. Thank you to a few who picked up FREE flags over Memorial Day and left a monetary donation. It was not necessary, but it is very much appreciated. These donations will be given to VFW Post 4434.

Darian Greely graduates from Bluffton Univ. with criminal justice degree

Darian Greely of Belleville earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a psychology minor from Bluffton University.

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Obituaries



Fay Vern Hedrick

FAY VERN HEDRICK

(July 1, 1942 - May 30, 2021)

Fay Vern Hedrick, age 78, a longtime resident of Sumpter Township for 28 years and currently of Plymouth, passed away on May 30, 2021, in palliative care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was born on July 1, 1942, to Gloyse "Doc" Hedrick and Mae (Grassley) Hedrick. Fay worked as a Operations Manager in Air Freight. Fay was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and celebrated decades of sobriety and service to others in the organization. Fay enjoyed figure skating with Kendall-Jean and playing golf as well as gardening. Fay actively served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. Fay was also an active member of the Oakland Hills Reformed Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills. He was married to Kendall-Jean Hedrick for 53 wonderful years of marriage.

Fay is survived by his wife, Kendall-Jean (Mahalak) Hedrick. Fay was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Von Hedrick, of Monroe, Michigan.

Kendall-Jean and Fay would like to thank the loving and dedicated staff of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. The care was beyond exceptional with morning routine involving the nursing team singing to Fay to welcome the day. This brought great peace and comfort in his time in palliative care. Much appreciation is expressed for the exceptional care from the nursing staff and hospital.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements have been made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Donations to Dawn Farm or Oakland Hills Community Church would be greatly appreciated. A memorial service will be held at a later time at Oakland Hills Community Church. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Lisa Ann Obeshaw

LISA ANN OBESHAU

(September 20, 1960 – June 6, 2021)

Lisa Ann Obeshaw, age 60, of Mesick, MI, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2021 at home, surrounded by family. She was born September 20, 1960 in Royal Oak, MI, daughter of Gary Walter Denison and Charma Lee (Harrison) Denison. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1978. She worked as a program manager at Yazaki Corporation for many years. Lisa was an artist who could do almost anything. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, making jewelry, painting, drawing, photography, to name a few! She loved spending time near the water and being with her family.

Mrs. Obeshaw is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years, Robert James Obeshaw, Jr.; daughter Jody Lynne Obeshaw of Taylor, MI; father Gary Denison; seven grandchildren: Estacia Rose Obeshaw, Astraya Michea Clifton, Robert Obeshaw IV, Alexander Obeshaw, Takoda Obeshaw, Torrence Obeshaw, and Robert Obeshaw; two sisters Nicole Denison and Terry Patterson; two brothers Timothy Denison and David Denison; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Lisa was preceded in death by her mother Charma Denison, son Robert James Obeshaw III, brother Robert Patterson, also a sister Laura Bies.

Visitation was 3-7 PM Wednesday with a 7 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to breast cancer research and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MARGARET GERTRUDE SCHULTE

(September 13, 1929 - June 1, 2021)

Age 91 of Belleville. Survived by children Eugene, Susanne, Joseph; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; siblings Dorothy, Herbert, Arnold, Bernard, and Kenneth. Memorial talk via Zoom in mid-July. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Monica Martin

MONICA MARTIN

(March 23, 1954 – June 6, 2021)

Monica L. Martin, age 67, of Van Buren Township, MI, formerly of California, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2021 at her home. She was born March 23, 1954, in Belleville, daughter of Steve & Julianna (Ferder) Lochli. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1972. She was a dedicated office manager who worked for Clinton Township for many years. She enjoyed gardening, photography and loved animals. Monica is survived by her toy poodle Mitzy, her tabby cat Kitty, brother John Lochli of Belleville, MI, two sisters: Rosemary and Margaret; 4 nephews, 3 great-nieces and 5 great-nephews, also numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Steve and Julianna, also a brother Harold Lochli.

To honor her wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society and would be appreciated. Thank you for keeping Monica and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

JOHNNY JOSEPH CYMES

(January 20, 1940 – November 27, 2020)

Age 80 of Van Buren Township. Memorial Service will be 11 a.m., Saturday, July 24, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Family will welcome friends from 10-11 a.m. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Canton resident dies after head-on collision at Ecorse/Denton

LaCrystal Bostic, 37, of Canton Township died after the Chevrolet Equinox she was driving was involved in a head-on collision with a wrong-way driver on Ecorse Road near Denton Road.

Van Buren Township Public Safety officers and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to the scene of a two-vehicle head-on accident at about 4:20 p.m., June 1, said Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain.

Bostic received significant injuries and was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 29-year-old Van Buren Township resident was driving her Jeep Compass eastbound in the westbound lanes of Ecorse Road, near Denton Road when she collided with the westbound Equinox.

The driver of the Jeep was treated at the scene by Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedics and transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where she was admitted in stable condition.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data, and secure physical evidence, Director Laurain said. The accident remains under investigation and anyone with information or who witnessed this incident is asked to contact Det. Mike Long at (734) 699-8930.

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Sumpter Twp. hires new police officer, new ordinance officer

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Gino Anthony Criscenti was hired as a full-time police officer by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its May 25 zoom meeting.

Public Safety Director Eric Luke asked that the board hire him at the sixth-month pay level. Director Luke said the former officer left in January and it is difficult to get applications.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said it's not just police, but everybody is having trouble recruiting and getting qualified workers.

Luke said he would rather have the police department down one officer than go below its standards. He said Criscenti is a "great fit."

Crescenti must pass physical and psychological evaluations and a drug screening before being sworn in.

Crescenti thanked the board via zoom for the opportunity. "I am honored to start a new chapter in my life."

Luke pointed out Crescenti was speaking to them from Las Vegas.

The board also approved the hiring of a second, full-time ordinance officer. Kevin Scott must first pass a physical examination and drug screening. This employment must be consistent with the AFSCME union bargaining agreement.

Scott also thanked the board for the job via zoom. He said it will be "an awesome opportunity and experience..."

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the retirement, with regrets, of Ken Konka, superintendent of water and sewer, as of June 4. "He's been an asset

to our community and good wishes on his retirement";

- Approved a Human Resources Committee to access personnel needs now and for the future. Committee members are Trustees Matt Oddy, Tim Rush, and Don LaPorte; Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick; and Finance Director/Deputy Supervisor Michelle O'Connell;

- Extended the holding of virtual meetings until July 1, with the opportunity to continue them until Oct. 14, per MIOSHA. While there was some support for in-person meetings, Supervisor Tim Bowman said, "It's still out there." He referred to someone who said, "People are dying to come to the meetings," but, "We just had an outbreak a week ago in the township that shut the whole show down. I would continue virtual meetings. That's my opinion." Trustee Morgan voted no;

- Appointed and designated Michelle O'Connell as worksite coordinator for the COVID Plan with mask requirements to July 1;

- Approved an application for display fireworks by Brian Messer at his residence at 41005 Judd Rd., at 10 p.m., June 26 with a rain date of June 27, with a stipulation for a updated insurance policy;

- Approved a request to send clerk's office assistant Dawn Hadyniak to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks' Institute conference from June 13-18 at a cost not to exceed \$1,350;

- Was advised the Senior Center officially reopened on May 17;

- Heard O'Connell report she has a meeting with Forgotten Harvest on May 28

to look at options for its project;

- Approved a change in the COAM contract to increase by 2% the pay difference between sergeant and corporal in the police department. The difference for sergeants and corporals would go from the present 8% to 10%. The rest of the contract stays the same. This item was not on the agenda, but township attorney Rob Young presented it during his report. Trustee Don LaPorte said, "We all agreed on COAM in closed session"; and

- Heard attorney Young also propose a resolution not on the agenda that the board passed unanimously. This resolution was to send to the state's new redistricting commission asking it to keep Sumpter, Van Buren, and Belleville in the same district. The Belleville City Council and the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees already approved their resolutions to send to the commission.

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which followed the workshop session, was delayed, waiting for Trustee Peggy Morgan to reconnect her zoom connection. She was gone a total of 28 minutes while her connection was being worked on.

Absent from the meeting were Clerk Esther Hurst and Treasurer Jim Clark.

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VBT to host Movie Night in the Park during Belleville Lake Fest

VBT news release

In partnership with the Belleville Lake Fest, Van Buren Township's Parks and Recreation Department will transform Van Buren Park into an outdoor movie theater.

Join us for a family-friendly FREE flick on Friday, June 25. The movie is "Finding Nemo," which is about a clownfish that is trying to find its way home. This event is free, rain or shine, and open to the public. However, you must register at vanburen-mi.org/movie.

"We're really excited to be part of the first-ever Belleville Lake Fest," said VBT

Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "When the Chamber came to us asking if we would host an event, I instantly thought about how fun a movie in Van Buren Park would be for families."

The movie-viewing area will open at 8 p.m. with the movie starting after sunset, around 9:45 p.m. Before the movie begins, moviegoers can spend the evening in the park, pick their spot, play on the playground, and enjoy some free crafts provided by the VBT Parks and Recreation Department.

Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets,

bug spray, a picnic, or purchase food from a variety of on-site food trucks. Food trucks include the Elephant Ear Man featuring corn dogs, lemonade, and the famous elephant ear; and King Edward Subs featuring subs, hot dogs, mac and cheese, nachos, and more. As much as we love furry friends, please keep all non-therapy pets at home.

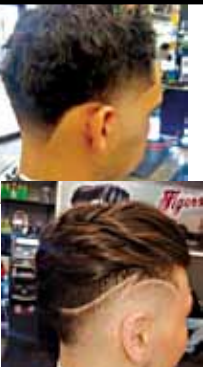
"I'm looking forward to seeing everyone as we kick back and relax under the stars," said Director of Parks and Recreation Jennifer Zaenglein.

To register, for the movie night, we're asking residents to create a Van Buren Township Rec Desk account. (Van Buren Township will not sell or distribute your personal information; this account is for Parks and Recreation programs and events only). If you already have a Rec Account you can log in and head to the Programs tab to complete your registration.

To create a new Rec Desk account, visit vanburen-mi.org/movie. For more information or questions, call the Parks Department at (734) 699-8921.



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VBT Beach closed, French Landing Park closed for construction

VBT news release

Pardon our dust, at the parks. The "Saddle," a portion of Van Buren Park's road, which connects the front and back loops, is currently under construction. While this project is under way, there will be little to no access to this area.

This also means the park beach is closed until further notice. This project is part of the Iron Belle Trail and was made possible

through a Wayne County grant. When completed, this area will be paved with a walking path.

French Landing Park also is closed as of Monday, June 7. Construction consists of site demo, prep, pathways, new sunshade, and outdoor furniture. Bathrooms at French Landing will be closed during construction.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Wayne County partners to provide vaccines to homebound residents

Wayne County is partnering with local municipalities to schedule COVID-19 vaccinations for homebound residents.

Residents, caregivers or their family members need to register with the township or city and then a medical professional will contact you so the vaccine can be administered at your home.

To register in Van Buren Township, visit the following website and fill out the online form with your contact information <http://vanburen-mi.org/vaccine>.

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Van Buren Township residents can contact the supervisor's office with questions and for help at: (734) 699-8910.

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Shane Convery, market master of the Belleville Farmers' Market answered questions about radishes and spinach and other greens he grew at his farm in Willis that he had brought to the market on Monday. This was the first day of the season for the Belleville Farmers' Market, which will be open every Monday from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on the new Fourth Street Place. There were thirteen vendors at Monday's market and Convery was the only farmer present. Others had crafts and jams and candles and snacks. The Jehovah Witness booth had free blood pressure checks and free bottles of cold water. Monday also was the beginning of the Main Street Car Show, which runs every Monday all summer from 6 to 9 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, June 10 – Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, June 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, special 6 p.m. Zoom meeting of Sumpter Township Board Trustees for a public hearing on proposed Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for \$1.25 million in water line upgrades.
- Wednesday, June 16 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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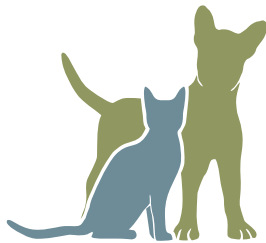
Molly does seem to get along with the other cats here so she may enjoy a feline sibling. We're not sure how she is with dogs but we always encourage slow and sweet introductions. **Molly** would most likely enjoy a kid or two to love on her.

If you're interested in adopting **Molly**, you can go to our website friendsofmichigan.org/adoption-application to submit an application. **Molly** is spayed, micro-chipped, up to date on vaccinations and negative for FIV/FelV.



Savage Elementary School had an art show Monday at the Fourth Street Square in downtown Belleville. Art teacher Genevieve Riggs and Jane Stalmack are putting the artwork in place under a tent next to Egan's Pub. Parents, grandparents, artists, and those who were downtown for the Farmers' Market and the Main Street Car Show crowded the square to enjoy the artwork.

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Eagle Scout

Nick Rafferty, the son of Derek Rafferty and Kattie Rafferty of Belleville, became an Eagle Scout in Troop 231 on May 26. Nick is a 2021 graduate of Belleville High School. Nick's Eagle project was installation of raised flower beds at Savage Elementary School. Nick plans to attend Kettering University and pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He earned his Eagle while participating in three high school sports and playing in the band.

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City Council

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get a sewage treatment increase this year.

Rutherford said the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority is in the process of doing "rate methodology" right now and it probably will increase. He said everything goes up eventually.

Rutherford said DUWA now charges on excess flow and they are trying to work out a way to charge those that have excess. He said Belleville has done its diligence for upgrades and needs to be credited for that.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the DUWA took the treatment facility over from the

county and there was a deal that members wouldn't get an increase for several years.

Fire Chief Loranger asked how much fund balance was eaten into by the past large increase in rates referred to and Mayor Conley said there wasn't a fund balance.

"The increase was 50%," said Mayor Conley. "It was huge." She said there has been a conscious effort to maintain a fund balance.

Voigt said he wants to know what the potential water maintenance is going to be in the future before starting to build a bigger fund balance. He said they should know what the costs will be, even though some grant money is coming. He would like to know what will need replacing in the next 10-15 years.

Rutherford said it's pretty tough to predict what's going to need replacement in a water system because it's a sealed system, not like the sewer system where you can put cameras in to see.

Voigt said he would like to have engineers make a rough idea of how much it would take to replace those failing pipes on Huron River Drive and on Edgemont and estimates for the next 10-15 years.

"The rate increase of 2.09%, that's real," said Rutherford. "It will happen on July 1 and it has nothing to do with the fund balance."

"It only affects the fund balance if you don't pass it on," said Mayor Conley.

Fielder said the council had almost

committed to passing on the rate increases after the last experience. "These systems constantly fail," he said of the water pipes.

Voigt said he didn't think the council should hold off on passing on the increase because he doesn't want to end up in the situation they had 5-10 years ago with a 50% increase.

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

- Held an eight-minute public hearing on the budget and then adopted the 2021-22 General Fund Budget of \$2,709,841. The DDA's new budget of \$835,445 was approved along with the city budget;

- Approved the property tax levy of 16.2 mills, which incorporates the Headlee rollback;

- Approved giving the city authority to add electrical power on High Street by whatever means most efficient, as requested by Steve Jones representing the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Jones wanted the power for the Music Lakeside stage that in the past has been connected to the power box at the Veterans Memorial by a long extension cord. He said BACA would cover the cost. Mayor Conley asked that they also have the electrical contractor look at how much it would cost to get power to Fourth Street Place. Rutherford said that option was explored by the DDA who found it to be too expensive. There is an underground conduit, but no lines and no place for the cabinet, he said, adding that he worked with the DDA on that;

- Approved the Central Business Community's Taste of Belleville 6-8 p.m. on Aug. 19. The city's Bridge Walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Taste of Belleville will be on High Street and in Horizon Park. The Music Lakeside concert will begin at 7 p.m.;

- Appointed Councilwoman Kelly Bates as chairperson of the City of Belleville 75th Anniversary celebration, with the help of Councilman Fielder. The item was put on the agenda by Councilman Voigt who said Belleville became a village in 1905 and a city in 1946. He said it also is the 75th anniversary of the police department. There were constables until the department was formed in 1946. The celebration could take place at the Taste of Belleville or on the first Wednesday Food Truck Rally in September;

- Approved extending the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) hours for the Belleville Lake Fest, June 25-27, to 3 p.m. to midnight on Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, as requested by City Manager / Police Chief Dave Robinson;

- Approved accounts payable of \$153,380.15 and the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: B&R Janitorial, \$1,027 for cleaning supplies, from the DPW and DDA budgets; Western Wayne County, \$3,638.56 for fire mutual aid; and Dell, \$2,333.79 and \$2,333.79, for vehicle upfitting for police department;

- Heard City Manager/Police Chief Robinson report that the grass-cutting contractor will cut the parks every Wednesday. They had a crew problem earlier but now they have two full crews. He also reported he has extended a conditional offer to one of the applicants for administrative assistant and currently is doing a background check. If all works out the new assistant should be on the next agenda, June 21, and on the job July 5. Robinson also said he will also have different resolutions for all the federal money the city is getting; and

- Heard Councilman Voigt report that the Belleville Bass outdoor sculptures have arrived and are out to artists for decorating. He said he hopes to have a few installed before Lake Fest. There are also two sculptures owned by BACA that will be installed, he said.

VBT planners approve revised site plan for new homes in Country Walk

Upland Homes Country Walk has about 15 or 16 lots left on which to build in the subdivision and it wants to build a smaller colonial than it has available.

At its 31-minute, May 26 meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission gave conditional approval to the new Model 2100 colonials presented by Phillip Kuntzman of Upland Homes.

VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development said staff will make sure the setbacks and distinguishing features requirements are adhered to.

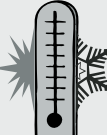
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Van Buren Twp. to hire youth for R.E.A.L. summer youth program

Van Buren Township is hiring youth positions, ages 16-24, for the R.E.A.L. (Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders) summer youth program.

Positions include youth community manager, groundskeeper, community ambassadors team leaders, and community ambassadors. All positions are paid and range from \$12 to \$22 per hour.

"Once again, Van Buren Township is excited to offer the R.E.A.L. program to area youth," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "Now in its fifth year, our summer program offers students real-

life skills and helps them build lifelong relationships. It's always a lot of fun for the students and staff!"

The six-week program is designed to provide youth participants with the opportunity to develop marketable skills in a "REAL" work environment. Students are guaranteed 20 hours a week during a three-day work week.

Important deadlines and dates include:

- Youth candidates must complete and submit the application packet back to the township by June 15;
- The township will contact the chosen candidates by June 18 and schedule an

interview;

- Final hires will be contacted Friday, June 25, and will be required to complete a drug screen and physical by June 30;
- Program begins Tuesday, July 6, and ends Thursday, Aug. 12.

Candidates are required to:

- Display acceptable work habits;
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"This year we will be introducing Entrepreneurship-19," said Human Resource Director Nicole Sumpter. "The pandemic produced a next generation of entrepreneurs and we are going to open the doors for our youth."

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VB T offers limited reopening for Senior Center programs

VB T news release

Van Buren Township's Senior Center announces the reopening of programs and classes beginning Monday, June 14, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. only.

"We've missed you all very much and we feel confident we can now open our doors to provide a safe and effective environment for programming and classes," said Senior Center Director Lynette Jordan.

"Our reopening plan involves safety procedures that allow for safe educational, recreational, and fitness-base activities for our senior population and staff," said Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud.

Until further notice, new COVID procedures include:

1. Members must enter and exit the building from the main doors of township

hall. Do NOT enter from the Senior Center or Community Services doors.

2. Upon arrival, members will be asked daily COVID screening questions and get their temperatures checked.

3. All members must register for classes in advance by calling the Senior Center at (734) 699-8919. Registration, which is first-come, first-serve, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

4. Masks are required at all times when in the building.

5. Participants must bring their own fitness equipment.

6. Individuals must exit the building immediately when the class is finished.

7. All class and program areas will be sanitized between programs by township staff.

8. Class sizes will be limited.

"We are so looking forward to seeing all of your smiling eyes and catching up," said Senior Coordinator Pat McBride.

Please note, this is not a full reopening of the Senior Center. This is a limited opening of programs and classes only. To view a list of available programs visit vanburen-mi.org/seniorcenter.

Belleville DDA meets in special session to consider Thompson replacement

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority met in special zoom session on May 26 to discuss how to replace DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson who has resigned as of June 1.

After one hour and 24 minutes of discussion, the DDA informally agreed to:

- Not rush into any decisions and study whether a part-time coordinator could be used instead of a full-time person;
- Have the DDA attorney address the board in a teaching session on the rights and responsibilities of the DDA;
- Continue to use Belleville Police Department Records Clerk Brianna Hootman to compose agendas as directed by DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern and to prepare minutes of

the meetings. City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said that would be without charge to the DDA because Hootman will be increasing her skills; and

• Wait until the new city deputy administrator is hired and see if that person's skills in economic development and knowledge of DDAs could help the DDA. Chief Robinson said the new deputy would attend planning commission meetings and prepare minutes and this information would be valuable to the DDA. This new person could work on gathering information for the DDA as directed and the DDA would make the final decisions, as required.

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Ypsilanti Native Plant Nursery, LLC and Manager Laura Bien specialize in growing flowers and grasses indigenous to the Belleville tri-community, especially plants and trees that make up the forests and prairies that are native to Southeast Michigan. Their seed stock is sustainably wild, harvested, and made available to regional, state growers, and to the general public who want to maintain the local strain of plants to our region. Ypsilanti Native Plant Nursery is state licensed and offers custom plant mixtures, garden kits, and individual plants, such as milkweed, coneflower, butterfly weed, bee balm, blue vervain, and more. Their website also provides plant and tree resources on species and habitat. Visit www.ypsilantinativeplantnursery.com and call (734) 635-8843. Be sure to see their business card ad in today's paper.

Urban Barbershop at 264 East Columbia

Avenue in the plaza next to Jet's Pizza, offers walk ins and appointments with Shaun at (586) 625-0673. See their ad in today's paper and save \$5 off a standard cut when you simply mention Alkaline Water of Belleville.

Mike Colletta (Lakeside Jewelers) is offering top dollar for your silver items, including silver coins (pre-1965), rings, earrings, and necklaces, sterling flatware, silver bars, silver collectibles, and more. Call (734) 697-9110 for an appointment. No walk-ins. Be sure to see his ad in today's paper.

It's Family Fishing Funday this Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter. All activities are free, however registration is required and can be made at www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fishing-fun-day-tickets. Kids 17 and under will gather from 9 to 11 a.m. and adults from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be a fishing contest, crafts, and more. Participants are asked to bring their own fishing poles and bait. Social distancing will be in place. This weekend also marks free fishing weekend, (June 12-13) in Michigan where no fishing licenses are required. There's also free entry to all Michigan State Parks over the weekend.

The Superior Auto & Truck Repair retirement auction is this Saturday, June 12, beginning at 10 a.m. at the business at 307 Davis Street in Belleville. Rollo Juckette and Brad Neuhart are the auctioneers. Visit www.rolloandbrad.com.

The Canadian Snowbirds Jet Team and the CF-18 Hornet Demo Team are the stars for a pair of evening drive-in performances June 12-13 at Willow Run Airport. Tickets are \$85 per vehicle. Gates open at 4 p.m. both days for the 5 p.m. shows. That also means that there will likely be jet noise

around the lake later this week as both teams arrive and schedule their respective practices. Visit www.yankeearmuseum.org. Tickets are available online only with a 500-vehicle limit each day.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 17, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, the City cannot ensure 6 feet separation between participants in the Chambers of City Hall. As a result, the regular meeting of the City Council was 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	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

B. Council Follow Up List

- Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte added filling the position of Ordinance Officer to the list and noting on the water bills information about pick-up of bulky items.

C. Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 3, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, May 3, 2021, as presented with a correction to Item Number 14.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NONE

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Redistricting Commission

Mayor Conley presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-050** requesting that the MICRC consider keeping the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township together as the redistricting plans are drawn and adopted for the State of Michigan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

B. Wayne County Annual Permit Package

Director Rutherford presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to accept **Resolution 21-047** authorizing execution of Wayne County Permits as outlined in Wayne County's Model Community Resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mayor Conley Aye

Motion Carried.

C. Call for Public Hearing – 2021-22 FY Budget
MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-048** authorizing a Public Hearing to hear comments from the public pertaining to the proposed 2021-2022 FY Budget on Monday, June 7, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-049** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Advised Council that everything is going well and that he is adjusting to his learning curve.

- He went on to express excitement about the pending Deputy Administrator candidates.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte reminded everyone to be safe and responsible while boating.

- Council Member Fielder expressed that he would like the administration to research ways to get City Hall fully open and present the Council with recommendations.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley expressed that she is looking forward to filling the position of Deputy Administrator and recommended that Rick Rutherford serve as Acting City Manager in City Manager Robinson's absence; he was appointed, by resolution, in 2020.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Mike Renaud commented on the Belleville bridge roadbed.

14. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(c)

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to adjourn to closed session for a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried, no action expected.

15. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to reconvene at 9:02 p.m. the open meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, seconded by Bates to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk

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City of Belleville Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City of Belleville currently has several Board and Commission vacancies. If you are interested in serving on one or more Boards or Commissions, please click on the Boards and Commissions web page on the City of Belleville's website for instructions; or contact the City Clerk's office, City of Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

Verna Chapman
City Clerk

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VBT Board

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and redevelopment at 11250 Haggerty Rd. The project can now continue with site plan review by the planning commission;

- Was introduced to Sumpter Township Supervisor Timothy Bowman and his Deputy Supervisor Elle O'Connell. Supervisor Bowman said he has been a contractor in Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township and he wants to find ways to work together with Van Buren to bring more work and revenue to the

area. Deputy O'Connell said she spent 18 months as financial director in Sumpter and now also is deputy supervisor. She told Van Buren to not hesitate to reach out if they need anything from Sumpter;

- Recognized the 32 years of service to the township by Assessing Director Linda Stevenson, who is retiring. Board members praised Stevenson's work and Supervisor McNamara said they gave her a special plaque and she held it up to show it off via Zoom;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara thank the eight departments that fought the

apartment building fire at The Waverly (former Harbour Club) and said he had sent a letter to each;

- Heard McNamara announce that the residents of Belle Point subdivision sent a letter thanking Sgt. Alexander Shultz for an outstanding safety presentation. He also read a letter thanking Superintendent Kris Schlutow for assisting in the repair of a headstone at Denton Cemetery. McNamara said the township is having a slight issue with mowing at the cemeteries due to contractor issues with getting employees. He said the contractor has had the township's back when needed and the township will have the contractor's back while it gets its issue resolved;

- Heard Clerk Wright thank Bob and Marie Krouse for replacing flags on veterans' graves in all the township cemeteries. Clerk Wright said they have been taking care of the graves longer than

he's been clerk;

- Heard resident Rick Williams ask via zoom when the meetings are coming back to township hall. McNamara said June 30 is the last day they can meet via Zoom and expects to meet in person after July 1. Williams also asked if tax abatements can go to residents since they lost so much in the pandemic. McNamara said they are not allowed to give back tax money. Williams also asked if the former Ford property across from township hall now owned by the township is "hunttable." He said he walks through it and sees blinds. He said the supervisor has power to give permission. McNamara said they have no permission. Williams said there is a rumor going around that a township employee is hunting there. "If you want to contact me it would be better than on YouTube," McNamara said. "It's litigious."

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 28, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at 501 West Columbia, Belleville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Van Buren Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2021-2022 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2021-2022 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2021-2022 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 555 West Columbia, Belleville, Michigan.

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

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Darlene Loyer Gerick, Secretary
Van Buren Public Schools

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on June 17, 2021**, for the Tennis Court Repair and Resurfacing Project at Belleville High School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must be included. A sworn and notarized criminal background check affidavit must be included. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid Documents including Bid Forms may be obtained directly from Foresite Design. Please email Christy O'Berry at christy@foresitedesign.com for access. Bid Documents may also be obtained from local plan rooms (GRBX, CAM, etc.).

Documents will be available for viewing on **June 2, 2021**. Any questions, contact Mike Sims, Foresite Design, at mike@foresitedesign.com

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 1, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 962 0093 1579 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Department Director Best, Community Services Director Renaud, Planning and Economic Development Director Power, Communication Specialist Nichols and a maximum audience of twenty-three (23).

Introduction of Sumpter Township Supervisor Timothy Bowman and Deputy Supervisor Elle O'Connell.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021, Prepaid List of May 20, 2021, Prepaid List of May 27, 2021, Voucher List of June 1, 2021, and Resolution 2021-15: 2021 Tax Rate Request. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Recognition of Assessing Director Linda Stevenson's retirement after 32 years of service, read a letter from residents of Belle Point subdivision thanking Sergeant Shultz for his outstanding safety presentation at their meeting, thanked the communities who assisted with the fire at the Harbor Club apartments, read a letter thanking Superintendent Kris Schlutow for assisting in the repair of a headstone, announced the Township is having a slight issue with mowing at the cemeteries due to contractor issues and should have it resolved soon, and thanked Bob and Marie Krouse for replacing

flags at the Township cemeteries in honor or all our veterans.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the Resolution 2021-14: To request that the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) keep the City of Belleville, Van Buren Charter Township and Sumpter Township together in the redistricting plan. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Van Buren Township Senior Center June 2021 Reopening Plan. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the building of a Community Center based on the recommendation of the Recreation Committee dated May 11, 2021. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the special land request to construct a drive-thru lane with a drive thru window as part of the demolition of an existing gasoline filling station and redevelopment of 11250 Haggerty Road parcel ID 83-051-99-0003-002. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Resident questioned when the Board meetings would be held in person, if tax abatements could be given to residents, and if permission has been granted to anyone to hunt on Township owned property. Supervisor McNamara indicated that meetings are planned to resume in person in July, tax abatements to residents are not allowed, and no one has been given permission to hunt on Township owned property.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Boynton seconded to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 262 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, May 30:

0113 – malicious destruction of property, Brandi
0156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0325 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
0638 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94
Service Dr.
0939 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0948 – assist other dept., River Oak
1204 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1521 – traffic offense, Pine Dr.
1539 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1645 – motorist assist, W. I-94 Haggerty ramp /
Haggerty Rd.
1755 – shooting, Greenwood Dr.
1821 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Denton /
Denton Rd.
1845 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1921 – retail fraud, Michigan Ave.
1923 – property damage accident, W. I-94/N.
Belleville I-94 ramp W.
1928 – disorderly, Ash Dr.
1939 – family trouble, Martinsville Rd.
2130 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2223 – traffic offense, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2236 – domestic, N. Woodbury Dr.
2326 – noise complaint, Jeremy Rd.

Monday, May 31:

0031 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
0342 – assist other dept., McKinley St.
0952 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood
Dr.
1149 – noise complaint, Montague Ave./Roulo St.
1306 – malicious destruction of property, Lenmoore
Ave.
1310 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
1331 – suicidal person, North Shore Dr.
1505 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1934 – neighbor trouble, Van Born
1954 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2010 – larceny, Jackson St.
2102 – trespassing, Cobblestone Ct.
2138 – noise complaint, Andover Farms
2321 – domestic, Maple Dr.

Tuesday, June 1:

0024 – noise complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
0346 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Grove
0432 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0547 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0745 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94
Service Dr.
0917 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
1035 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
1141 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1207 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Roulo St.
1302 – fraud, Union St.
1410 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Belleville Rd.
1418 – harassment call, Willow way
1427 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arborview Ln.
1518 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty
1535 – trespassing, Lohr
1611 – assist other dept., Martz Rd./McKean Rd.
1618 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94
Service Dr.

1620 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Denton
1856 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1911 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2003 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2017 – malicious destruction of property, Jackson
St. / Hamilton St.
2022 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2037 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2041 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94
Service Dr.
2054 – runaway, Elwell Rd.

Wednesday, June 2:

0303 – 911 welfare check, Vine St.
0518 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1032 – malicious destruction of property, Wildbrook
Dr.
1052 – sexual assault, Rose Blvd.
1109 – property damage accident, Van Buren Plaza

1112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.
1120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hayes/Hamilton
1204 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1440 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1523 – harassment call, Willow Way
1538 – property damage accident, Greenbriar
1601 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
1697 – PPO violation, Belleville Rd.
1731 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.
1746 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Belleville Rd.
1904 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Ecorse Rd.
1959 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
Rd.
2034 – property damage accident, Jackson St. / N.
I-94 Service Dr.
2156 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2348 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.

Thursday, June 3:

0008 – suspicious person/vehicle, Leon Dr.
0205 – warrant arrest, Detroit Detention Center
0227 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0330 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colonial Rd.
0508 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0648 – larceny, Willow Way
0702 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0703 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0704 – larceny from auto, Archwood Apts.
0752 – animal complaint, Belleville Manor
0823 – fraud, Hardwood Dr.
0849 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0911 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rayna Ct.
1136 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1154 – ordinance violation, Jackson St.
1245 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94

Service Dr.
1312 – property damage accident, Beckley Rd.
1321 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1334 – domestic, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.
1423 – PPO violation, Belleville Rd.
1632 – 911 welfare check, Martinsville Rd.
1724 – fraud, N. Woodbury Dr.
1734 – animal complaint, Anna Dr.
1739 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1749 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1801 – operating while intoxicated, W. I-94 /
Belleville Rd.
1922 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1955 – animal complaint, Stonybrook Ct.
2004 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2200 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2304 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
2312 – harassment call, Denton Rd.

Friday, June 4:

0107 – noise complaint, Vernon St.
0139 – mental subject, Robson Rd.
0218 – fight, E. Sadie Ln.
0228 – malicious destruction of property, Archwood
Dr.
0334 – malicious destruction of property, Dellor
0823 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94
Service Dr.
0909 – dumping complaint, Haggerty/McBride
1114 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
Dr.

1145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1158 – harassment call, Christina Ln.
1251 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1254 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1257 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
1357 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1401 – animal complaint, Southport Apts.
1408 – fight, Denton Rd.
1441 – PPO violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1646 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /
Denton Rd.
1656 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd.
/ Savage Rd.
1813 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
/ Quirk Rd.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1944 – found property/child, Quirk Rd./N. I-94
Service Dr.
2019 – threat, Birch Dr.
2155 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, June 5:

0028 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0356 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0627 – malicious destruction of property, Kent
0709 – family trouble, Brandi Dr.
1001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1002 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Elwell

1019 – suicidal person, Country Walk Blvd.
1144 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1211 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1302 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1307 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1500 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
1529 – fight, Quirk Rd.
1635 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1744 – disorderly, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1819 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1936 – 911 welfare check, Pond Bluff Dr.
1942 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.
2014 – animal complaint, N. Timberview Dr.
2034 – disorderly, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
2054 – domestic, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
2057 – fight, Quirk Rd.
2058 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2102 – property damage accident, DNR boat launch,
Rawsonville
2120 – disorderly, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
2127 – animal complaint, Lancaster Dr.
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Western/Cross
2246 – domestic, Jeremy Rd.
2319 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr./Denton

Also on this week's log are 19 traffic stops, two of
which were on the I-94 freeway, and seven road
hazards.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 30:

1645 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
1711 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
1731 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
1895 – mental subject, Bedell St.
1957 – animal complaint, Main St.
2048 – traffic stop, Main St.
2126 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2129 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2240 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
2309 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Monday, May 31:

0005 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0031 – assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.
0455 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa
1240 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1606 – fight, N. Biggs Ave.
1927 – property damage accident, Loza Ln.
2209 – trespassing, Carmell

Tuesday, June 1:

1214 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main
2215 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2226 – motorist assist, South St./E. Columbia
2241 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2322 – welfare check, Carmell St.

Wednesday, June 2:

0118 – welfare check, N. Biggs Ave.
0820 – intrusion alarm, High St.
1303 – assist fire dept., Main St./High St.
1437 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty
St.
1438 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd.
1758 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln.

Thursday, June 3:

0157 – larceny from auto, N. Liberty St.
0406 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0428 – motorist assist, Five Point Mini Mart
0447 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0528 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0549 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
1145 – traffic stop, Belleville Free Will
1638 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./High St.
1706 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1858 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell
2000 – civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2233 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2236 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

Friday, June 4:

0109 – sexual assault, Menlo Park Dr.
0205 – property damage accident, Victorian Ln.
0237 – domestic, Loza Ln.
0837 – road hazard, Sumpter/Bemis
1003 – Victorian Ln./Oxford Ct.
1557 – assault & battery, South St.
1734 – motorist assist, Denton Rd./Main St.
1846 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1938 – motorist assist, W. Columbia Ave./Huron
River Dr.

2103 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa
2107 – trespassing, Denton Rd.
2154 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa
Blvd.
2258 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.

Saturday, June 5:

0217 – traffic stop, E. Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
0255 – traffic stop, South St.
0341 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0358 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.
1104 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty
St.

2213 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2223 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2236 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2256 – traffic stop, Main St.

On this week's log there are 27 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 30:

0941 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
1038 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1152 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1215 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1454 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
2006 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2208 – traffic complaint, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2255 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, May 31:

0134 – noise complaint, Creekside Dr.
0201 – alarm, Timberlane Dr.
0700 – operating while intoxicated arrest,
Martinsville Rd.
1222 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1322 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1524 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1544 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Haggerty
Rd.

1622 – 911 hang up, Third St.
1800 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1901 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2231 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, June 1:

0726 – animal complaint, Creekside Dr.
0857 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Judd
0919 – larceny, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0927 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1032 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1111 – suspicious person, Oakville Waltz Rd. /
Martinsville Rd.
1133 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1500 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1924 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2052 – animal complaint, Walnut St.
2205 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Wednesday, June 2:

0048 – welfare check, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
0052 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
0059 – assist other agency, Hampshire Dr.
1102 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1124 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1203 – suspicious circumstance, 10000 bl.
Rawsonville Rd.

1257 – animal complaint, Delaware/California
1332 – follow-up investigation, Hampshire Dr.
1432 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1502 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1936 – suspicious circumstance, Willis Rd. /
Rawsonville Rd.
2228 – shots fired, 459 Hampshire Dr.
2344 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, June 3:

0249 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0529 – fire dept. assist, Redwood St.
1107 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1158 – animal complaint, Third St.
1218 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1404 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Elwell
1437 – alarm, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1501 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1502 – civil matter, Greenmeadow Dr.
1521 – fraud complaint, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1524 – alarm, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1757 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis
1924 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1948 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2054 – traffic complaint, Willis Rd./Rawsonville

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2118 – juvenile complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2141 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2302 – alarm, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

Friday, June 4:

0319 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0704 – assault, Hampshire Dr.
0829 – follow-up investigation, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1011 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1057 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1642 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1710 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1731 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1806 – larceny, Rustic Ln.
1905 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1935 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
2002 – harassment complaint, Brookview Dr.
2021 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, June 5:

0454 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
0743 – death investigation, Virginia St.
0822 – follow-up investigation, Virginia St.
1002 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1129 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1242 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1407 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1422 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1800 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1949 – unwanted person, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
2039 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2309 – follow-up investigation, Brookview Dr.
2340 – felony warrant arrest, Judd/Rawsonville
2347 – traffic complaint, Martinsville/Wear
Also on this week's log are 24 patrol checks, 43 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 10** – Free food every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at BE Church, 494 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, <https://bechurchfood.com/>.

• **Friday, June 11** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

• **Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12** – Midwest Invitational Rodeo at 7 p.m. each night at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township.

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• **Monday, June 14** – State Rep. Ranjeev Puri is holding a virtual coffee hour from noon to 1 p.m. it is being live streamed via YouTube and social media. You can reach his office by phone at (517) 373-2575 and by email at RanjeevPuri@house.mi.gov.

• **Monday, June 14** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

• **Tuesday, June 15** – 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, June 15** – 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

• **Friday, June 18** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

• **Monday, June 21** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street,

6-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, June 24** – The Bugs Beddow Band is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

• **Friday, June 25** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

• **Monday, June 28** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, July 1** – Downriver Dan is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

• **Friday, July 2** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

• **Saturday, July 3** – Belleville Yacht Club is holding its annual fireworks at dusk over Belleville Lake in front of the clubhouse. The BYC is a private club, but the fireworks can be enjoyed from a great distance. Rain date is July 4.

• **Monday, July 5** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

• **Wednesday, July 7** – Food truck and live music on Fourth Street Place, in front of the library in downtown Belleville. Street closed 5-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, July 8** – The Bobby Murray Band with Tosha Owens and Lenny Watkins is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

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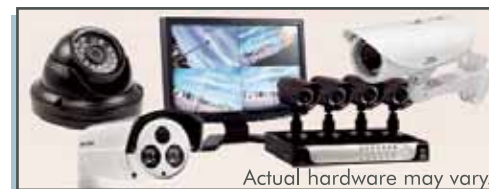
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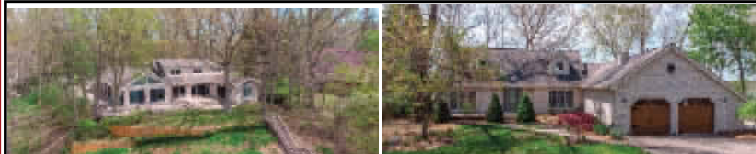
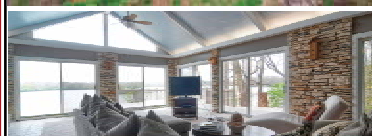
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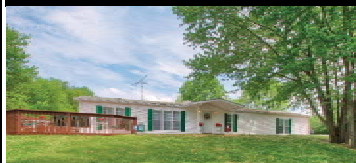


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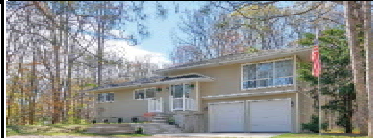
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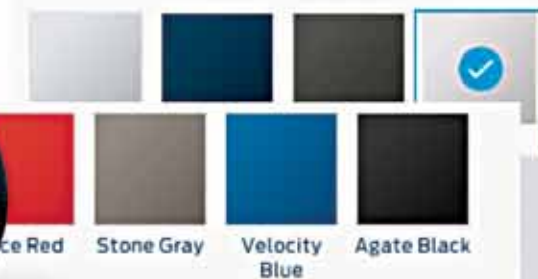
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