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F R E E

VBT attorney explains Wayne Disposal lawsuit and what's ahead

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Brandon Grysko, partner in the law firm Fausone & Grysko in Northville, told the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees a step-by-step report of what has happened in the township's law suit against Wayne Disposal's radioactive waste and explained what is expected to come next as the suit continues.

At the township's regular board meeting on June 3, supervisor Kevin McNamara said he had invited Grysko to address the board to bring them up to date. He said others who are interested can view the recorded report on the township's YouTube recording of the meeting or on its website.

Grysko said the law suit, brought by the city of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Canton Township, and city of Romulus, was slated to be short, but it ended up being long and still going on. He wanted to tell how they got where they are.

Wayne County is an intervening party. He said the lawsuit was filed in September of 2024. In late August the news broke that Wayne Disposal was bringing radioactive waste into its site in Van Buren Township.

A townhall meeting was set up at Wayne County Community College to discuss this and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) told the public they have been doing it for years, he said.

Grysko said on Sept. 16 they filed the 64-page law suit to challenge their ability to do that without public comment.

He said they wanted to put a stop to it before the waste got into the ground, since law suits can take years, so they filed a motion for a temporary restraining order.

A few days after filing, Wayne County Third Circuit Court Judge Kevin Cox issued the temporary restraining order.

The first count was under the nuisance code and Van Buren Township fire chief

said there is a real danger because the fire department didn't have training to fight fires at the site and there were access issues.

Grysko said another count under the public nuisance code is that the public has a right to comment on the Wayne Disposal license which has been expired for two years, but allowed to continue.

He asked for a general injunction.

Wayne Disposal filed an emergency motion and an evidentiary hearing was to be set. He said it didn't happen for a couple of months and it was set in October.

He said then Wayne Disposal filed to have the case heard in federal court. So the case was sent to federal court and then remanded back to Third Circuit Court. Instead of an evidentiary motion, Wayne Disposal filed a motion for summary judgment to dismiss. That was set in February. The injunction was still in place.

Judge Cox ruled from the bench against the motion for dismissal. Evidentiary hearing dates were set for May 19 and 20. Grysko said there were 4,000 pages of documents and it was like a trial.

This was to determine whether or not there was sufficient evidence for the injunction to stay in effect.

Grysko said his team called six witnesses on the first day and Wayne Disposal put on three witnesses the next day. The judge ordered proposals from each side by late June. Closing arguments are set for July 1.

Grysko said the township's side had as witnesses the Wayne County Public Health official who talked about such waste streams in highly populated areas, an expert from the University of Michigan who talked about nuclear radiation, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner, a Homeland Security official, Van Buren Township fire chief Dave McNally, and Belleville mayor Ken Voigt.

Wayne Disposal called witness Liz

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Photo by Nicole VanAssche

Liam Klink caught a 24-inch carp to get top prize in that category at Saturday's Kids' Fishing Derby in Sumpter Township. About 80 turned out for the event at Sherwood Pond in Banotai Park and some children report catching their very first fish ever. See more information on page 5.

School Board approves \$77 million bond issue to be on Nov. ballot

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the paperwork to send to the state for preliminary qualification of a November ballot asking voters to approve \$77 million in bonds, plus interest.

This would be to replace the current bonds that are expiring.

The action was taken at Monday's regular board meeting without discussion.

The bond had been discussed at a previous meeting.

Absent from Monday's meeting were board president Amy Pearce, vice-president Dionne Falconer, and trustee Victor DeLibera. Presiding was secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick.

In other business at the two-and-a-half-hour meeting on Monday, the board:

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“Wedding Steed – Peer Gynt” in front of Chase Bank in Belleville. \$7,500.00



“Mending Heart” at Belle Tire in Van Buren Township. \$25,000.00



“Time” at Belleville Area District Library in the children’s garden on Roys Street. \$11,000.00



“Point of View” at Harris Park in Van Buren Township. \$7,000.00

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Parents, staff, students ask school board for help

High school counselors are usually assigned to a student as the student enters ninth grade and then the counselor gets to know the student well and is able to give advice to get the student through the turmoils of high school and out into the world.

One student said her counselor helped get her through school and even answered late-night emails. BHS counselors are very important.

This is what a stream of ten speakers told the Van Buren Public School Board of Education at the end of a two-hour board meeting on Monday.

What they objected to is that the counselors now at the high school have been informed they are going to be elementary school counselors in the fall. One speaker said she asked why and was told the district is going in a new direction with counseling and it's easier to find high school counselors to hire.

The school board listened impassively and did not reply to any of the heartfelt requests to revoke this decision and let these counselors who know the high school students keep serving them.

Grandparent Reg Ion asked the board if it would reply to the crowd of about 30 and there was no response. Ion asked School Supt. Kudlak to respond, and Kudlak said he would call Ion, but Ion didn't wish to be called. He wanted the school leaders to offer words of support or help of some kind, but it didn't.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

There was quite a crowd at Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. But, it meets in the cafeteria at the high school, so the crowd could just spread out into the cafeteria and wait.

The events of the evening started at 6:30 p.m. with a party and food to honor the retiring employees. Then, about ten were honored with stories about their background during the meeting. Then, the Top Ten seniors were honored with only two present. There were spring sports teams honored, as well, with lots of praise.

But, although these celebrations concluded, the crowd didn't go away. They waited through two hours' worth of meeting until they could speak. They signed little cards, as the board requires, and were called by their names, although it was hard to hear them because the board chair called them out as the crowd was applauding the previous speaker.

Supt. Kudlak warned the crowd at the beginning that they could only speak for three minutes each. He said he would be timing them. A little chilling and less than friendly.

Most of the crowd members were concerned over the sudden dismantling of the BHS counselors' office, with the high school counselors being assigned to the elementary schools where they have no experience. Nobody spoke more than the three minutes allowed.

Some spoke with tears, recounting how these counselors had kept them in school when they were faltering. These counselors know the students they've been helping since they came in ninth grade, speakers said.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



But, the school board, which was meeting with a bare quorum, did not ask any questions or explain anything. That's not how they act when their friends stand up without signing any cards and talk.

It was like the people who elected them are now the enemy because they question a sudden decision. Who made the decision and why? That's what most of them wanted to know. All they heard was crickets from the board and applause from the audience.

The traffic signals at Belleville Road and the North I-94 Service Drive were flashing red in all directions on Saturday afternoon. Van Buren Township Public Safety Department put out a Nixle alert at 2:14 p.m. to advise people to stay away from the area, if possible.

It said Wayne County Roads was aware of the problem but said it is unable to fix it until Sunday morning. "Traffic is congested," the alert said.

We usually see several traffic accidents at that corner each week on our police dispatch log. It's a tricky corner sometimes.

The part of High Street in the city of Belleville that has been resurfaced really looks nice. The parking lot at the Veterans Memorial looks safer with the stops along the water. Next, work starts on North Liberty Street and then back for the rest of High Street. Lots of roadwork in the city this summer.

I just learned the Gypsy moth I used to know had its name changed to Spongy moth. It was mentioned in passing in a report from the Michigan DNR about not worrying about them this season since they are on the wane. Boy, am I behind the times. Wonder why that name change was necessary.

The new laundromat has opened next to Diamond Head on the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. People have been asking about when it was going to open, since the sign has been up for a while. Well, it's open. New, clean, ready. Our area has been without a laundromat for some time.

Sumpter Township sent out a scam warning from the state via Nixle concerning a text message being sent that claims to be from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The state has no Department of Motor Vehicles. The message is claiming the person owes money on an unpaid traffic ticket. The Michigan Secretary of State handles this function, but the Secretary of State will never ask you to send money or provide personal information through a text message.

The scam warning says to not click on any links in the text or respond in any way. Just delete.



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Letters

Kids' fishing derby in Sumpter Twp. brings 80

To the editor:

We had another great event here in Sumpter Township with the kids fishing derby! Approximately 80 were in attendance. It was held on June 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parks and Recreation provided a total of 12 medals and prizes to include 1st-3rd place for the most fish caught in three ages groups: 8 and under, 9-12, and 13-17. Additionally, awards and medals were given for biggest fish, most fish, and smallest fish.

Parks & Rec. made sure to welcome up, and applaud, the children who caught their first fish in life!

Parks & Rec had a surprise lottery provided by the donations of Honey Pest Control (Trustee JC Honey) and Supervisor Tim Bowman. Parks and Rec was able to put the remaining Derby cards in a basket and draw for prizes to include fishing poles and tackle boxes.

Without the generous donations of Sumpter Township Board, the event would not have been as successful.

We've had much feedback since the culmination of the event in regards to how much fun the children had and how pleased the parents were with Parks & Rec involvement and attention to the children.

Nearly everyone received a prize.

Be sure to visit "Everything Sumpter" for details.

Biggest fish caught was by Liam Klink. It was a 24-inch carp.

Nicole VanAssche, chairperson
 Sumpter Township Parks & Rec

Team Tigers ministry needs help with food

To the editor:

As the school year comes to an end Team Tigers will continue collecting donations throughout the summer.

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Please reach out to Dana or Brandon at teamtigersbackpacks@outlook.com if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Brandon Underwood, Team Tigers
 Open Arms Lutheran Church
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Museum open during farmer's mkt., car show

To the editor and friends of Belleville Area Museum:

Summer is here!

First off, thank you to everyone who was able to come for Andrew Kercher's presentation on "The Lighthouses of Michigan." We had a full house. The speaker was wonderful, and we are hopeful to have him in our next lecture cycle.

This month, until the beginning of October, the museum will be open on Mondays from 4-7:30 p.m. for the farmer's market and car show on Main Street in Belleville. Come visit our tent right outside the museum for a free sticker.

We will also be selling our new merchandise commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the French Landing Dam and Belleville Lake. The logo for the celebration was made special by our director Elizabeth Renaud and is available on t-shirts, mugs, and tote bags.

On Thursday, June 26, we welcome back Tyler Moll from the Wayne Historical Museum as he presents his lecture "How to Date Your Old House." He will be sharing dating techniques that could help you identify how old a building is. The lecture will be from 6-7 p.m. Free pizza will be available at 5:30. We have limited seating, so if you would like to attend, RSVP by emailing bam@vbtmi.gov or calling our front desk at (734) 697-1944.

Also, if anyone hasn't seen the most recent *Van Buren Today*, I wrote an article on the 100th Anniversary of the French Landing Dam and Belleville Lake that was published there. If you would like a copy, you can pick one up at the museum or the township hall. If you would like further information on it, feel free to email me anytime with questions.

We hope to see you soon.

Mary Utz, curator
 Belleville Area Museum Curator
 Van Buren Charter Township

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director



Hope you have had a change to stop by Get the Scoop to take advantage of his specials. His ad runs for the last time this week so let's hope they continue for a while longer. Since I never know how long an ad will run, it is always a good idea to cut it out if you think you will need it down the road. Of course, we are pretty used to getting the calls for phone numbers of ads that only run for short periods. Ads with coupons and/or specials are a test to see if you are paying attention. So please take advantage of the specials.

It is also time to take advantage of the specials at our greenhouses. Those ads will be done shortly.

I do assume that a lot of you look over our classified page each week. There were lots of garage sales last weekend but only one this weekend in Haggerty sub. Do you look over the for sales also? That Western snowplow has been in there for weeks. It has a good sale price – they sure are pricey – and the gentleman who owns it is determined to get it sold. Surely someone needs it for their snow removal business!

Just one little comment to all you people who just have to turn left on Liberty after the bridge. Main Street is very busy and you all seem to be in such a hurry, so instead of turning on the yellow or even worse the red,

you would be better off going to Fifth Street to make your turn. Those of you who jump the light when it turns green, do know you can get a ticket for turning in front of cars trying to go through? Turning left on a red at Third Street isn't very bright either! Don't even get me started on zipper turns. Okay, rant over.

Hope to see you on Monday nights enjoying the music at the car show and farmers market.

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



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Donald Ray Chance

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January 11, 1949– June 5, 2025

Donald Ray Chance, age 76, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, June 5, 2025, at Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI. He was born January 11, 1949, in Detroit, MI. Don proudly served his country as a Sergeant 1st infantry (Big Red One) 2nd Battalion in the mechanized division of the U.S. Army, Vietnam Conflict. Donald qualified with expert marksmanship. He also was the recipient of a Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. He retired from the Rawsonville Road Ford Motor Company plant after nearly 35 years of loyal service. He was a member of the U.A.W. 898. He enjoyed bowling, watching old movies on television, and making people laugh. He will be truly missed.

Mr. Chance is survived by three children: Craig (Jennifer) Chance of Ypsilanti Township, MI, Shiela Chance and Garrett (Alida) Chance, both of Belleville, MI; his first wife Louise (Cierpial) Chance of Belleville, MI; five grandchildren: Katelynn Rupnow, Nicole Chance, Nicholas Chance, Zachary Dorton, and Jacob Gjekaj; 1 great-granddaughter Raelynn Rose Cupp; also several nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mildred Louise (Mullins) Varton and Edward Samuel Varton, a sister Sally Randall, brother James Chance and former wife Sheryl (Collins) Chance.

To honor his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or Wounded Warriors and would be appreciated.

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FLOYD M. SPRINGER

May 18, 1946 – June 2, 2025

Floyd M. Springer passed away peacefully at home on June 2, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. He was 79 years old.

Born on May 18, 1946, Floyd was a lifelong resident of Belleville and a proud graduate of Belleville High School, Class of 1965. He served honorably in the United States Army and spent a year in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. During his time in service, Floyd was awarded both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for acts of bravery and dedication to his country.

After returning home, Floyd married the love of his life, Dawn. They shared 55 wonderful years together. Floyd worked for many years as a mechanic, eventually spending the majority of his career at Draw-Tite trailer hitch company, where he held a variety of positions and was known for his reliability and strong work ethic. Floyd's greatest joy came from spending time with his sons, Dale and Dean. Together, they tackled countless projects -- always building or fixing something side by side. Between the three of them, there wasn't anything they couldn't build or fix. Floyd also enjoyed golfing with his sons and friends, cherishing the time, laughter, and stories shared on the course.

He and Dawn loved to take day trips together, often finding new places to explore and enjoy. In recent years, Floyd could often be found at the Belleville Monday Night Car Show, sharing his passion for classic cars with Dean and fellow enthusiasts.

Floyd had a one-of-a-kind sense of humor that could make anyone laugh. If you knew him, you know...It's not something that can be easily described, but it was unforgettable. His quick wit and unexpected remarks often left people smiling long after the conversation ended.

Floyd is preceded in death by his mother, Marie, and his sister-in-law, Alma Springer. He is survived by his devoted wife Dawn; his sons Dale and Dean (Kathleen); his beloved grandsons Cody, Joe, and Parker; his brother Ron; and his sister Mary (Bill).

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys St., Belleville, followed by a luncheon at noon. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Grace Baptist Church in Floyd's honor.

Floyd will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy of love, strength, and service will live on in his family and community.

JOHN BRIAN OWENS

May 9, 1961– March 22, 2025

Age 63, of Cape Coral, FL. Memorial service is Saturday July 26, at noon until the time of service at 2 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. A balloon release will take place at 3 p.m., with a memorial dinner to follow.

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replacement of BHS band bleachers, as discussed at the last meeting;

- Approved the purchase of 850 student Chromebooks for fifth graders and ninth graders from Sehi Computing for the total amount of \$256,054 from the 2025-26 sinking funds. Each student entering fifth grade gets a Chromebook and carries it until ninth grade, when the student gets a new Chromebook, Sean Garland explained at the May 27 meeting;

- Heard spring building presentations from leaders of McBride Middle School, Owen Intermediate, and Savage Elementary schools;

- Approved a special education contract with Bilingual Therapies for the 2025-26 to hire a physical therapist at a cost of \$116 per hour (minimum three hours a month). A current vacancy exists for a part-time physical therapist to assist students with disabilities who have significant gross-motor needs;

- Approved membership for McBride Middle School and Belleville High School in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the coming school year;

- Approved without discussion a collective bargaining agreement with the Van Buren Food Services Association for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Changes include increase of starting pay from \$15.84 per hour to \$17 per hour; revised contract schedule with an average increase in pay of \$.50 per person for the first year and \$.25 for the second year; increased attendance bonus from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year to increase staff attendance, addition of choice of three healthcare plans, and others;

- Approved, without comment, the salaries of employees non-affiliated with unions, as discussed at the last meeting. The salaries take effect on July 1. They range from \$140,000 for director of student services Julien Frazier and director of finance Priya Nayak to \$32,250 for pre-school tuition teachers Haley Dagnillo and Tyan Brown.

Lunch dads are paid \$15 per hour;

- Approved the BHS Cross Country Field Trip for July 28-31 for 15-30 students in grades 9-12 at Van Buren State Park in South Haven. Cost to student is \$125-\$150 to be self-financed and with team funds;

- Approved the Washington, DC Field Trip for McBride eighth-grade students May 13-16, 2026. Cost to student is \$926 each and will be self-financed and through fundraising and scholarships;

- Held a party before the meeting to celebrate the retirements of district employees and then honored ten retirees personally during the meeting;

- Honored members of the Esports team and spring sports teams, some of whose members went on to championships at the state level, as well as the Top Ten graduating seniors from the class of almost 400;

- Approved the resignation of teacher Ryan Petersmark of BHS after eight years

of service as of June 13;

- Approved the hiring of Kristen Wrase for district side ASD coach as of Aug. 27; Heather Herrick as a social worker at Rawsonville Elementary as of Aug. 27; Jennifer Kitchen as principal of Tyler Elementary as of Aug. 1; Ashley Snyder as athletic trainer at BHS as of Aug. 1; Whitney Briggs as Savage Elementary resource room teacher as of Aug. 27;



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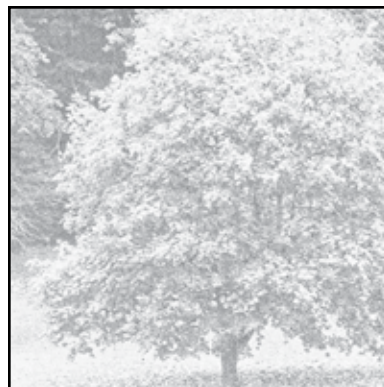
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JOHNNY PAUL DILLARD

October 18, 1953 – May 13, 2025

Johnny Paul Dillard, age 71, passed away at home on May 13, 2025 from a long illness. He had been a resident of Sumpter Township for the last 50-plus years but is originally from Dayton, TN. Johnny retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad after a 40-year career. He was also a "Ride or Die" Tennessee Volunteers football fan. "Go Vols."

He is survived by his beloved wife Rola and her three children; his four children from a previous marriage Johnny P. (Kelly) Dillard Jr., Michael S. (Tammy) Dillard, Joseph S. Dillard, and Kristy L. Carnahan; his seven grandchildren Johnny, Peyton, Drew, Brookelyn, Brayden, Emme and Asher; two brothers Billy Ray and Gary; two sisters Linda and Sue. Also survived by Tina Dillard and many extended family members.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.



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Mickey Widener of Van Buren Township sent this picture to the Independent to show his son Lee Widener holding a baby deer he found as he mowed his parents' back yard on Fret Road. Lee picked up the newborn to show his parents and then put the baby deer back where he found it. Although often deer reject their offspring after they've been touched by people, Mickey said he has seen this baby running with its mother across the back of his property since then.

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June 18; and retirement of Noreen Desliets of the transportation department after 16 years as of June 30;

- Approved hiring Anthony Marshall as a school bus driver as of May 29 and Michael Ellerby as a custodian as of June 9;

- Heard Todd Blackburn of Sumpter Township complain about school buses that are speeding at 55 in a 40 mph zone. He said he called the school to complain and the person argued with him saying the sonar on the bus said it wasn't speeding. She said that was a 45 mph zone according to GPS. She told him to call the police. Blackburn said he doesn't want anyone's job or points on his/her license, he just wants the bus drivers to stop speeding with our children on board. Speeding is illegal, he said;

- Heard Rachel Jager, who has taught at BHS for 25 years and has a daughter in the top ten graduates, say that staff morale is low and colleagues feel unseen, unheard, and unvalued. She said teachers are seeking

other employment and it's not for the pay. She said the entire counseling department has been dismantled and those counselors have been highly effective in the past. She was applauded;

- Heard BHS counselor Shana Currie say the previous Monday she was told the three counselors were reassigned to the elementary schools because the BHS counselor department is moving in another direction. She said on that Monday the elementary principals were unaware "of our pending appearance." She asked who made the decision and how was it made? She said high school counselors do not have experience with elementary students;

- Heard Reg Ion ask School Supt. Pete Kudlak if the district recruits students and Supt. Kudlak said he could call Ion the next day to talk about it. Ion asked if he was going to call all the people asking about the counselors? Ion kept pushing and Kudlak said the district does not recruit students. Ion said Kudlak had told him before the meeting that the district does recruit students;

- Heard board member David Shall say

while it is interesting to see the tests the district has compiled to test students, he would like to see how this district stacks up against other districts; and

- Heard Gerick announce that her recent project had raised \$1,400 for Tiger Village.

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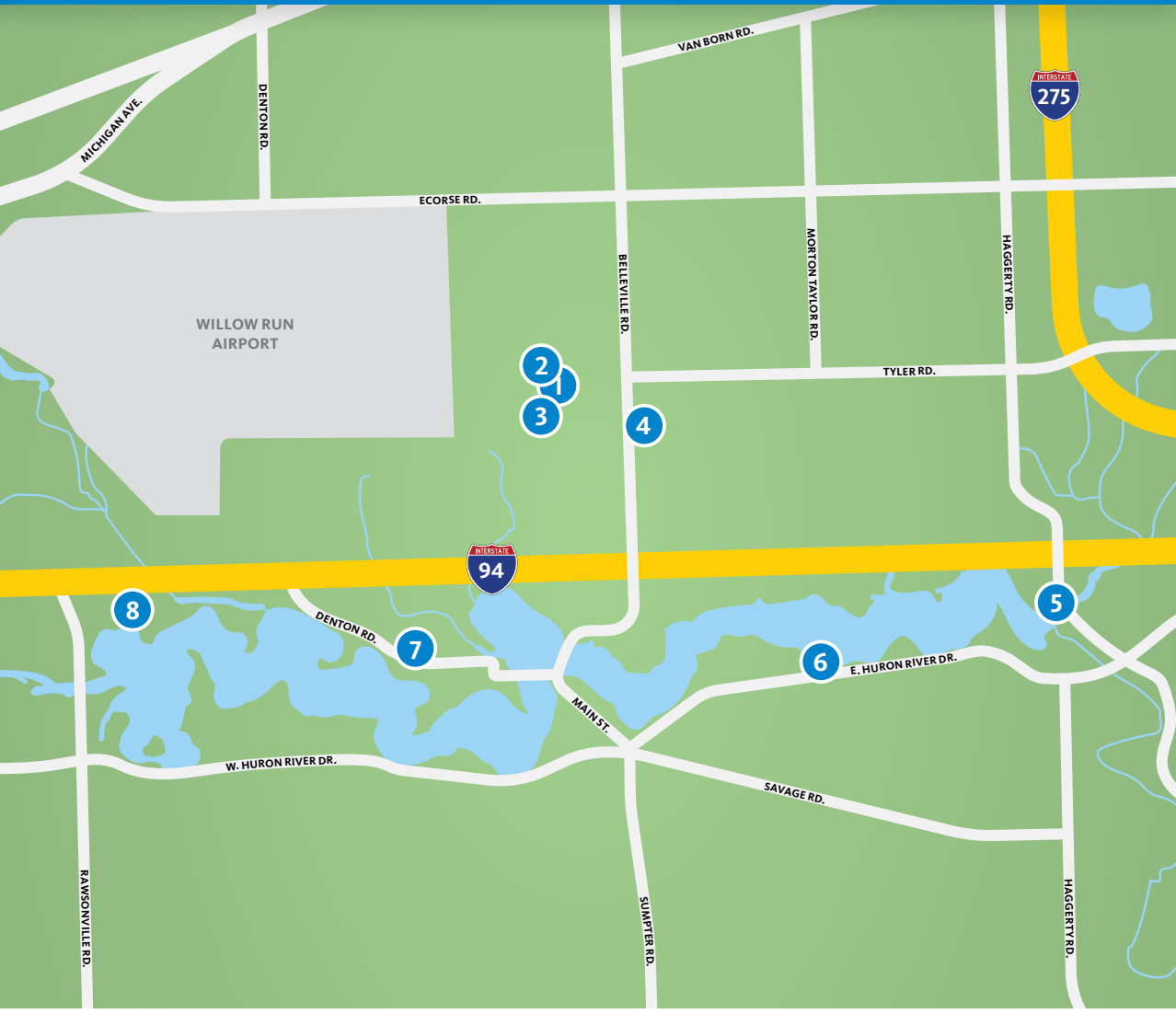


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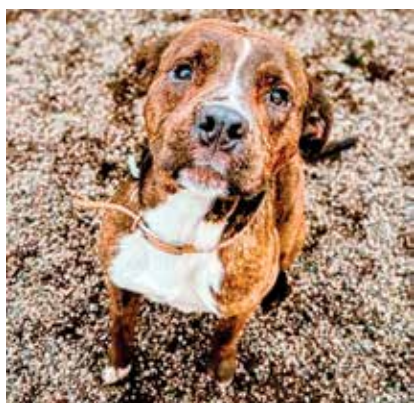
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BHS to welcome 9th graders with new Freshman Academy

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

In just the first semester of the 2024-25 school year, there were 239 occurrences of ninth graders being disciplined at Belleville High School. There were 419 in ninth grade.

"They gave us a run for our money," BHS principal Nicole Crockett told the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at its regular meeting May 27.

It is always difficult for the students to adjust to high school after coming from the middle school, but last year 16% had failure in math, 15% failure in English, 17% failure in social studies, and 5.5% failure in science.

She said Phase I of a Freshman Academy is being set up to concentrate on helping the new high school students. They will be located on one of the second floor wings, although they will be taking classes with other grades.

She said the Freshman Academy idea started in Monroe and has shown great results. Principal Crockett said they went over to see the program in Monroe and were impressed.

She said every student, whether having troubles or not, will be regularly counseled individually.

She said the academy will need a ninth-grade administrator, dean, counselors, CORE teachers, specialty teachers, and assigned support staff.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said these new staff members will be in the next school year's budget, which is being prepared. He said Phase II will be next year.

In other business at the two-hour-35-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the new K-5 ELA Wonders Curriculum, which was discussed at length at the last board meeting, at a cost of \$438,901 over five years;
- Heard a presentation on the \$130,400 contract for the proposed new band bleachers to be paid from the 2019 Bond Program. The contract with Southern

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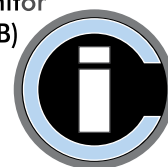


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Anti-Trump rally set Saturday at Harris Park in Van Buren Township

Flyers are being distributed by a group calling itself "Belleville Area Friends Indivisible Fights Back!" announcing an anti-Trump demonstration from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, at Harris Park, 10101 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township.

The demonstration will be on the sidewalk on the east side of Belleville Road with a welcome desk in the park and "fun tools" for the kids.

The flyer suggests people could park in the nearby shopping center away from customer entrances.

The event is called "No Kings Belleville!" and stresses, "The flag doesn't belong to Donald Trump, it belongs to us." It says the demonstrations across the nation will be everywhere he isn't to say, "no throne, no crowns, no kings."

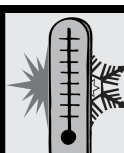
Organizer Linda Priest said the recent rally in Canton had 2,500 people and it was peaceful and went off well. She said there is a commitment to nonviolent action here as well.

Northern Michigan University announces Winter's Dean's List

Northern Michigan University has announced its Dean's List for the Winter 2025 semester.

Caleb Gross of Belleville qualified with a grade point average of 4.00.

Sophia Floro of Belleville and Marc Gore of Van Buren Township qualified with a grade point Average of 3.50-3.99.



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Bleacher Company, Inc. will be voted on at the next board meeting. The new bleachers will seat 410 people. They are seeking to relocate the current band bleachers at the stadium or to McBride;

- Approved heating and cooling replacement at Rawsonville Elementary School, as discussed in detail at the last board meeting;

- Heard building presentations from Tyler and Rawsonville elementary schools and BHS;

- Approved BHS camera upgrades and replacements, as discussed at a previous meeting at a cost of \$64,667.28 with Security 101;

- Approved the annual Wayne Westland Cooperative Agreement. Van Buren Public Schools pays Wayne Westland 50% of a student's state allocation for vocational education because each student participant spends half a day there;

- Approved having board secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick as the official representative to vote in the June 2 Biennial RESA board election and trustee Cal Hawkins as backup. They were directed to vote for the two incumbents running unopposed in the

district's area;

- Approved the Wayne RESA proposed budget of \$900 million for the 2025-26 school year, with information given in a recent meeting;

- Approved the Livonia Transition Agreement for three special needs students between the ages of 18 and 26 at a cost of \$8,000 each. This continued education is required by law;

- Approved an agreement with Stepping Stones for special education services during the 2025-26 school year as needed in the future with costs from \$79.50/hr. to \$95/hr. The department is fully staffed now

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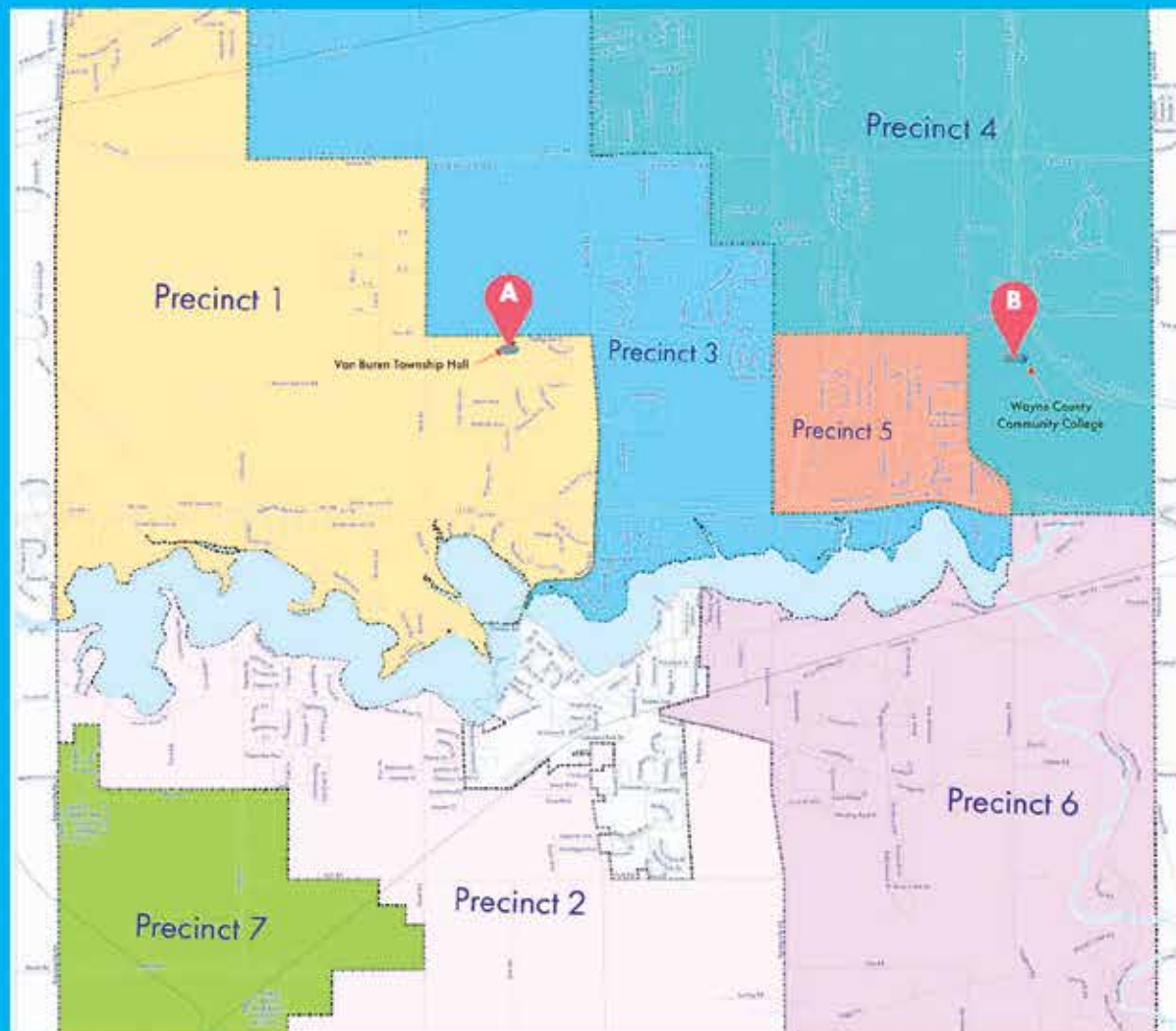
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Browne of EGLE who said a public hearing on the license renewal will be held in August. First there will be a town hall, then drafting of a permit, and then a public hearing.

Another Wayne Disposal witness was the contractor chosen to remediate the New York site. He said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has five sites nationwide that could be used. The contractors costed out the sites and cost was a factor, but not the only factor in choosing the Van Buren Township site, Grysko said.

Then there were two public service employees who explained how waste can come to Michigan Disposal, which is also on the Wayne Disposal site, and then be diluted and disposed on the site.

Grysko said on July 1 when there are oral arguments the judge could rule from the bench or he could take it under advisement since there is a lot of evidence to review.

"This is a very important case to the community," Grysko concluded.

Supervisor McNamara said it would be improper to have comments or discussion on the case since the law suit is still active.

A resident in tears told the township board she was very upset over the radioactive waste coming to the township.

McNamara said step 1 is to try to stop it. The landfill accepts TNORMS (technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material) and it was never intended to take nuclear waste, which is a big, huge difference, he said.

He suggested people call their state representative Reggie Miller and state senator Darrin Camilleri because they are working on state law can be passed to stop this and, "Ultimately, that's what we want."

He thanked the many township employees who gathered evidence for the suit. He said there were 10,000 pages gathered before that was cut down to the current 4,000 pages.

In other business at the 39-minute meeting on June 3, the board:

- Approved the first reading of an amendment to the township zoning ordinance to update exterior commercial lighting standards for public safety. Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said several developers asked to have higher light availability and the township checked with other communities and found the township's lighting standards were not adequate. A public hearing was held May 14 at the planning commission, with no comments. The second reading and adoption of the amendment is expected at the next meeting;

- Approved the first reading of an amendment to the township zoning ordinance to reduce the setback requirement for monument signs within residential developments and specifying the requirements to be based on number of entrances. This is to bring the signs closer to the road so you can see them, McNamara said. A public hearing was held May 14 by the planning commission and there were no comments. The second

reading and adoption of the amendment is expected at the next meeting; and

- Approved change order #1 for the Tyler Road Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$64,069.60. Director Akers said the township had additional funding so it can do more sidewalks and related work than originally planned. The township was approved for a \$300,000 grant and this change order brings the total cost of the project to \$244,870. The

township spends the money first and then is reimbursed. There will now be sidewalk replacements in front of the ITC corridor, Parkwood, and Hickory Woods. In addition there will be some concrete driveway work (approaches and areas north of the sidewalk) to protect the sidewalk from damage from vehicles entering and leaving the driveway.

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and this is in case help is needed later in the year;

- Reviewed non-affiliated salary information for administrators which takes effect July 1. The board will vote on the list at the next meeting. The district reviews like salaries in other districts and

adjust VBPS salaries to stay in line and competitive. The custodial supervisor pay for Bette LaDouceur went to \$72,000 and payroll specialist pay for Trena Plovie went to \$70,000, because they were out of line. All the directors also were out of line, and Julien Frazier and Priya Nayak got raises to \$140,000 and John Leroy, Jeff Moore, and James Williams got raises to \$134,000. Everyone else on the list got a raise of \$1,750 except for the hourly workers;

- Approved the resignations of the following Owen Intermediate School teachers: Margaret Jones, after seven years of service; Anitress Gray, after four years; and David Jablinsky after two years, all as of June 13;

- Approved the resignation of Jason Strzalkowski of BHS after 21 years of service as of July 31, to take a position as a elementary principal in a neighboring district;

- Approved the retirement of Norman Lampinen of Buildings and Grounds after 42 years of service as of June 27; the resignation of Kyle Mattausch of Buildings and Grounds, after less than a year of service as of March 6; and the resignation of Kelsie McLaughlin from the Transportation Department after two years of service as of May 13;

- Heard parent Angela Mears ask the board to provide the number of classes board members took during their recent state conference at Mackinac Island. She said an unsigned letter in a recent *Independent* irritated her because it said the money used to send the whole board to Mackinac Island could have been better used for counselors and tutors to help the students. She will write a letter of rebuttal, she said;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say he and Julien

Frazier went to breakfast with Pastor Billy Hailes of Messiah Lutheran Church and four other pastors to discuss the needs of students. Pastor Hailes was present to tell of a student he met who was hungry and ate both halves of a Pop Tart the pastor happened to have at hand. Pastor Hailes said that the boy was hungry moved him; and

- Heard graduating senior Ivana Goff tell of the events of the last few weeks of the senior year. There was a senior breakfast before the senior walk and a senior party on May 23 at BHS that had "so much food, candy. It was a blast." She said after the seniors created the number 25 on the athletic field for pictures, the Early Childhood Center graduates came on the field and seniors gave them little diplomas because they were graduating into elementary school.

Public meeting set on Wayne Disposal Inc.'s hazardous waste license

The previously announced public information meeting for the Wayne Disposal Inc. hazardous waste license application has been rescheduled for 6-8 p.m., June 26, at the Wayne County Community College District, Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township.

The facility's current license was issued on May 4, 2012.

If you have questions about the application or how to comment, contact Christine Matlock at (517) 290-4612; MatlockC2@Michigan.gov; or EGLE-MMD-HWS@Michigan.gov.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- June 3, 2025

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

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025, Prepaid List of May 22, 2025, Prepaid List of May 29, 2025, and Voucher List of June 2, 2025. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

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

The Belleville High School girl's basketball team had a very successful season, two Belleville High School Track and Field athletes broke State records for hurdles at the Division 1 State Championship, and the Belleville Area Museum is selling 100th anniversary merchandise to celebrate the Belleville Lake and French Landing Dam's 100th year, and on June 26 at 6:00 p.m. the BAM's Lecture Series will be hosting a "How to Date Your Old

House," by Wayne Historical Museum Director Tyler Moll.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 06-03-25(1) an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance for exterior commercial lighting standards for public safety. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 06-03-25(2) an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance to reduce the setback requirement for monument signs within residential developments and specifying the requirements for quantity to be based on number of entrances. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the change order #1 for the Tyler Road Sidewalk Project in an amount of \$65,069.60. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Attorney Brandon Grysko gave the Board an update on the Wayne Disposal lawsuit and a resident expressed concern on the effects of the contaminated waste that is part of the Wayne Disposal lawsuit

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor McNamara thanked staff for their efforts in collecting documents for attorneys relating to the lawsuit.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
 Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Special Notice

The regular meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission, scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, has been cancelled and postponed to Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:30pm.

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 23, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at 501 W Columbia Ave, Belleville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Van Buren Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2025-2026 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2025-2026 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 555 W Columbia Ave, 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

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 345 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, June 1:

0138 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.
0353 – assist citizen, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River
0405 – intrusion alarm, Coolidge St.
0446 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0754 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
0906 – assist other dept., Mott
1032 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. I-94/N. Haggerty I-94 ramp W
1059 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1308 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1622 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1644 – misc. complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
1825 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1831 – welfare check, Hardwood Dr.
1841 – trespassing, Alba Ct.
1905 – disorderly, Michigan Ave.
1930 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Haggerty
1952 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Red Oak Dr.
2157 – juvenile complaint, Richard Run Dr.
2202 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
2235 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
2303 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, June 2:

0129 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0223 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0342 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Celestine Dr.
0902 – welfare check, Ladonna
0903 – family trouble, Sondra Dr.
1243 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1305 – private property impound, Belle Pointe Dr.
xxxx – property damage accident, Cobblestone Creek Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
1342 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Timberview Dr./Heatherfield Blvd.
1524 – found property/child, Van Born Rd.
1627 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lincoln St.
1647 – mental subject, Bemis Rd.
1950 – juvenile complaint, Hoeft Rd./Bog Rd.
1839 – harassment call, Sunrise Ln.
1853 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1907 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1907 – malicious destruction of property, S. Woodbury Dr.
2044 – 911 welfare check, Arthur St.
2115 – welfare check, Tyler Rd.
2354 – civil matter, Oak Ln.

Tuesday, June 3:

0001 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd.
0100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0206 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service
0204 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0609 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0857 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0835 – disorderly, Michigan/Michigan Ave.
0931 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0855 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0946 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Barnwell Dr.
1144 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1152 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1406 – mental subject, Freedom Way
1256 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1242 – narcotics crime, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1414 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1340 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd./Beck Rd.
1441 – larceny, McBride
1458 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1503 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1720 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1850 – neighbor trouble, Freedom Way
1859 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1911 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.

1941 – civil matter, Red Oak Dr.

1953 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

2008 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Dewitt Rd.

2102 – warrant arrest, Belleville Rd.

2122 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

2213 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, June 4:

0201 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Landmark

0344 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Alba Ct.

0716 – 911 welfare check, Lake Point Blvd.

0727 – parking complaint, Kent Ln./Fairfield Dr.

0827 – family trouble, Sunrise Ln.

0923 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1001 – threat, Haggerty Rd.

1204 – noise complaint, Arlene Ln.

1215 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1304 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1347 – assist other dept., Carmell St.

1414 – juvenile complaint, Stamford Rd.

1515 – animal complaint, Parkwood

1629 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.

1808 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

1808 – disorderly, Bemis Rd.

1823 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

1832 – missing person, Belleville Rd.

1937 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

2006 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Savage Rd.

2056 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

2131 – domestic, Outer Dr.

2235 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk

2318 – welfare check, Freedom Way

Thursday, June 5:

0020 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Belleville

0037 – domestic, Florence Ln.

0401 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

0805 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd./Belleville Rd.

0813 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd. / Old Michigan Rd.

0838 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Old Michigan Rd.

1005 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.

1037 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.

1057 – welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.

1136 – family trouble, Haggerty Rd.

1353 – welfare check, Van Buren St.

1323 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.

1437 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1529 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.

Xxxx – mental subject, Bradley Dr.

1544 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

1707 – animal complaint, Crowley Ave.

1719 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr./Hannan Rd.

1842 – assist citizen, Lake Point Pass

xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2056 – warrant arrest, I-275/Huron

xxxx – domestic, Hamilton St.

2251 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.

2330 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.

Friday, June 6:

0033 – family trouble, Landmark

0148 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.

0209 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0253 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.

0419 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.

0438 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.

0452 – suicidal person, Ecorse Rd.

0723 – malicious destruction of property, Farmbrook Ln.

0835 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse

xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – background investigation, Tyler Rd.

1047 – fraud, Chandler Dr.

1050 – fraud, Oak Ln.

1154 – property check, Jackson St.

1205 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.

xxxx – repossession, Pierce St.

1336 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

1408 – civil matter, Lohr Rd.

1416 – domestic, Winchester St.

1517 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.

1536 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.

1842 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.

1838 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – road hazard, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River

1854 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar

1858 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

1922 – family trouble, Lenmoore Ave.

1937 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.

2057 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.

2129 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

2146 – fireworks, Bog Rd.

2220 – threat, Richard Run Dr.

2248 – threat, Country Ln.

2259 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

2355 – noise complaint, Winchester St./Vernon St.

Saturday, June 7:

0024 – noise complaint, Beck Rd.

0117 – shooting, Edwards Rd./Ecorse Rd.

0259 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.

xxxx – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.

1049 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1058 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

1315 – fraud, Westlake Cir.

1406 – threat, N. Woodbury Dr.

1437 – civil matter, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.

1511 – property damage accident, Martinsville/Fret

1511 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.

1550 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1621 – civil matter, Monterey Dr.

1931 – parking complaint, Monterey Dr.

2010 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

xxxx – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.

2046 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.

2143 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Alden Dr.

2104 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

2213 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.

Also, on this log are 136 traffic stops, 33 of which are on the I-94 freeway. There also are 31 ordinance violations.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 1:

0032 – parking complaint, Main St./Roys St.
1110 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Doane's Landing
1126 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1548 – disorderly, Main St.
1601 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, June 2:

1352 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Columbia Ave.
1402 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Ln.
1502 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1525 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1526 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1539 – misc. complaint, Third St.
1556 – 911 welfare check, Owen St.
1725 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1745 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
2011 – larceny, Robbe St.
2058 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
2315 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, June 3:

0813 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd./Main St.
1306 – assault & battery, Main St.
1334 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
xxxx – harassment call, High St.
1642 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2050 – civil matter, Robbe St.
2156 – civil matter, Robbe St.

Wednesday, June 4:

0847 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St. / Henry St.
1048 – 911 welfare check, Church St.
1201 – traffic offense, Savage/tracks
1346 – family trouble, Carmell St.
1526 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1638 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1823 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, First St./N. Liberty St.

Thursday, June 5:

0410 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.
0906 – intrusion alarm, Fifth St.
0930 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St.
1439 – civil matter, Robbe St.

1525 – neighbor trouble, W. Columbia Ave.

1659 – welfare check, Greylock St.

1946 – welfare check, Dos Rios

Friday, June 6:

0417 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
0826 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1342 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Angola St.
1358 – disorderly, E. Columbia Ave.
1632 – welfare check, Dos Rios
2055 – disorderly, Loza Ln.

Saturday, June 7:

0954 – neighbor trouble, N. Edgemont Ave.
1910 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr. / Wexford Ave.

There are 91 reports on this week's log and 46 of them are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 1:

0327 – mental health call, Martinsville/Harris
0558 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1258 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.
1510 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis Rd./Clark
1553 – harassment complaint, Birch Dr.
1756 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
1855 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1942 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2054 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
2115 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.
2233 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.
2314 – fire dept. assist, Utah St.
2353 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.

Monday, June 2:

0450 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
0828 – mental health call, Knollwood Dr.
0913 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0920 – damage to property report, 23000 bl. Elwell
1101 – suspicious circumstance, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1159 – damage to property report, Willow/Elwell
1220 – follow-up investigation, 29000 bl.

Martinsville Rd.

1227 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1657 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1843 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Rawsonville
1856 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1928 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
1937 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2003 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2237 – noise complaint, Second St.

Tuesday, June 3:

0021 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.
0123 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
0842 – property damage accident, Carriage Ln. / Rustic Ln.
1228 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1236 – 911 hangup, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1251 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1358 – damage to property report, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
1522 – 911 hangup, Country Club Blvd. / Creekside Dr.

1543 – alarm, Hampshire Dr.
1558 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Paris
1806 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1815 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
2205 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2302 – property damage accident, Judd Rd./Bohn
2312 – noise complaint, New Mexico St.

Wednesday, June 4:

0641 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
0708 – family trouble, Arizona St.
0827 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1134 – property damage accident, Harris Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1207 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1214 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1226 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Wear
1245 – recovered stolen vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis
1300 – follow-up investigation, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1341 – welfare check, Knollwood Dr.
1536 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1734 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.

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1759 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1817 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1940 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1942 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2000 – harassment complaint, Arizona St.
2012 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
Willow Rd.
2114 – family trouble, Tulip Dr.
2146 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2212 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.
2324 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, June 5:

0132 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
0348 – property damage accident, Arizona St.
0756 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1011 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1458 – fire dept. assist, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz
1536 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1617 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1709 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1737 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1844 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1849 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2142 – juvenile matter, Ohio St.
2310 – flee & elude police, Willis Rd./California

Friday, June 6:

0038 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0113 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0739 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
0939 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
1024 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.
1036 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Willis
1136 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1249 – family trouble, Georgia St.
1418 – harassment complaint, 44000 bl. Harris
1618 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1652 – 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1751 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1918 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
1932 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.
2116 – civil matter, Georgia St.
2120 – 911 hangup, Nevada St.
2303 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Saturday, June 7:

0119 – noise complaint, Butternut Ct.
0154 – juvenile matter, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0657 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0835 – suspicious person, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
0859 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0950 – family trouble, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1011 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1322 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1501 – found property, Willow Rd./Elwell Rd.
1530 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1539 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
1728 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1747 – mental health call, Wyoming St.
1854 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.
1940 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2002 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2031 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2057 – civil matter, Country Club Blvd.
2119 – shots fired, Sully Dr./Bemis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 170 patrol checks, 55 traffic stops, and 16 misc. details.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 12** – Music Lakeside in Belleville beings today at 7 p.m., with Thursday concerts all summer. Tonight is Soul Shine featuring Machine Gun Kelly Johnson.

• **Friday, June 13** – Winner Winner Chicken Dinner from 5-7 p.m. at Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., (734) 941-3030. Three pieces of broasted chicken, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and rolls, \$15. All proceeds benefit the Honor Guard.

• **Saturday, June 14** – Annual Free Summer Blast Car Show at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Food, drinks, games, door prizes, face painting, magician, balloon animals, waterslide. Car show information: Jerry (313) 460-1011.

• **Wednesday, June 18** – Van Buren Township DDA concert, 7-9 p.m., Harris Park with Cruzin' Jupiter.

• **Wednesday, June 18** – Congresswoman Debbie Dingell will hold a town hall at 6:30 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township. Also attending will be state senator Darrin Camilleri and state representatives Reggie Miller and Ranjeev Puri.

• **Thursday, June 19** – Third Thursday in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when popu crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown Belleville. It's the Third Thursday of each month, from March through December.

• **Thursday, June 19** – Music Lakeside in Belleville, 7-9 p.m. Tonight is Paul Keller Quintet.

• **Friday, June 20** – Eagle Riders Steak Roast at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Starts at 5 p.m. until gone, followed by entertainment.

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."
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Van Buren Housing and Neighborhood Survey

Van Buren Township is currently undertaking a comprehensive planning effort to guide the future of housing, redevelopment, and community design and your input is essential. As part of this effort, residents are encouraged to complete the Housing Readiness Survey, which is open through June 27, 2025. The survey is an important opportunity for the community to share feedback on housing needs, preferences, and priorities that will help shape future development in the Township. This planning process, which began in Fall 2025 with stakeholder engagement which places focus on promoting walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, expanding housing choices, and enhancing connectivity across public spaces. Resident feedback will directly inform zoning updates and redevelopment concepts, particularly for key sites such as the Belleville Road corridor and the 181-acre Ford Land Parcel.

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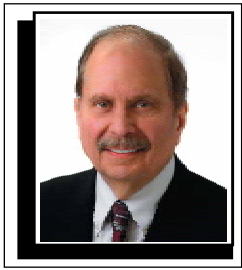
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