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Strawberry Festival Parade steps off from BHS at 11 a.m. Saturday

The annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival Parade steps off at 11 a.m. Saturday from Belleville High School. The parade will travel east on West Columbia Avenue to Five Points and then up Main Street to the museum.

Grand Marshal of this year's parade is Peggy Curtis, who during her 39 years of coaching led BHS softball teams to two back-to-back state championships, the only state championship ever won by a team at BHS.

After the 2016 season, in which her team won the fifth Michigan High School Athletic Association district title in a row, the varsity softball field was named for her and her name put on the scoreboard.

Curtis was a member of the staff that started the softball program in the school district, so she basically built the field and program from scratch into one of the most successful in the state.

Curtis is a BHS graduate and now has grandchildren who attend school in the district.

While honoring her before the school board in 2016, Athletic Director Joseph Brodie said, "She is a true example of loyalty and dedication."

He said on the field, Curtis accumulated more than 700 wins, numerous coaching honors including induction into the Michigan High School Athletic Association Coaches Hall of Fame, as well as league, district, and regional championships.

Brodie said, to his count, Curtis had been involved with getting 35 of her players signed to play at the collegiate level.

Besides the Grand Marshal, parade coordinator 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green announces the following units had signed up for the parade as of Monday.

Judge Green said to units in the parade: "Please note that only vehicles that are participating in the parade will be allowed to enter Davis Street. All other vehicles are asked to park west of the high school in the parking lot and walk around to the line up.

There is no parking available behind St. Anthony's Church. This is a CHANGE from prior years. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter."

- Grand Marshal Peggy Curtis
- VFW 4434 – PLAV 167 with Color Guard
- City of Belleville elected officials
- Van Buren Township elected officials
- Sumpter Township elected officials
- Belleville Police and Fire
- Van Buren Police and Fire
- Van Buren Honor Guard
- Sumpter Police and Fire
- Augusta Fire
- Meijer
- Wayne County Community College
- Wayne County Fairgrounds
- Strawberry Queen and Court
- Congresswoman Debbie Dingell
- State Senator Erica Geiss
- State Representative Kristy Pagan
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- Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club
- Zap Zone Family Fun Center of Canton
- River of Life
- Belleville High School Marching Band
- Huron Valley Ambulance
- Miss Great Lakes Teen
- Belleville Area Women's Club
- Michigan Black Horsemen Association
- Belleville Community Chorus
- Belleville Central Business Community
- Chances Are Youth 4-H Club
- BACA Music Lakeside Guest of Honor 2019
- BACA Music Lakeside Guest of Honor 2018
- Jitterbugs Elite Dance
- A-One Limo

This is the festival's 43rd year and for the first time one of the festival's founders, St. Anthony Catholic Church, is not

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Kylie Morton, Valedictorian of the Belleville High School Class of 2019, is going to Purdue University to study mechanical engineering.



Julia Marshall, Salutatorian of the Belleville High School Class of 2019, will attend the University of California at Berkley to study nuclear engineering.



Those winning 2019 Senior Awards at Belleville High School posed for a picture together.

Belleville High School 2019 Senior Awards

- Army Award for Excellence in Academics and Athletics: Matthew Mrocca
- Army Award for Excellence in Academics and Athletics: Lauren Umphrey
- Art Award: Sierra Gurney
- Belleville New Tech Award: Corbin Fields
- BHS Productions Theatre Award: Lance Bagley
- Business Education Award: Ethan Lloyd
- English Award: Xavier Komaromi
- Female Senior Athletic Award: Bailey Etherton
- FIRST Robotics: Anjali Sharma
- Leigh Tallman Award: Kendall Jolly
- Male Senior Athletic Award: Andrew Leamy

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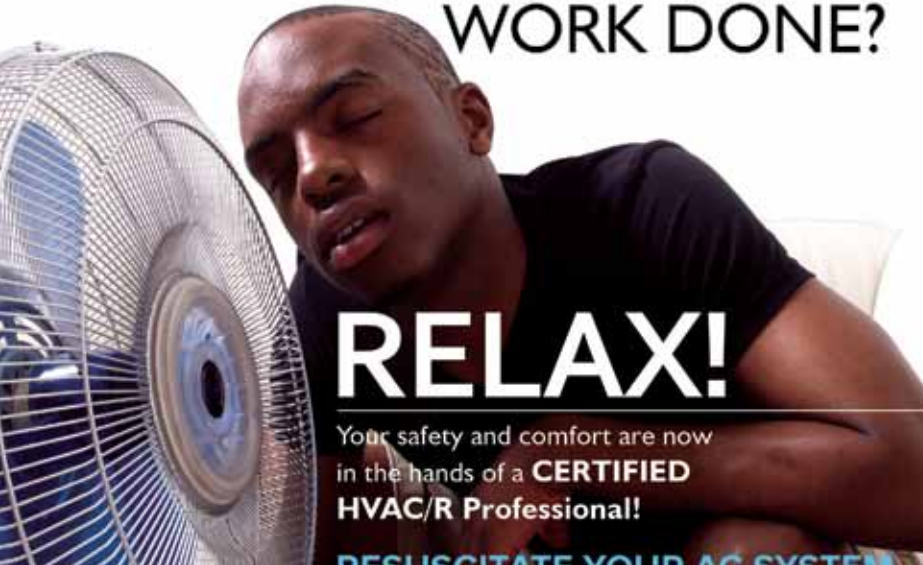
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“Blue Migration” by Toni Diane Lucadello of Fostoria, OH, is located in front of Chase Bank on Main Street in Belleville. Price to purchase is \$10,500.



“Harlequin” by Pamela Reithmeier of Monclova, OH, is located in front of Belle Tire on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. Price to purchase is \$4,000.



“Madame Butterfly” by Mike Sohikian of Genoa, OH, is located at the entrance to the City of Belleville next to the Denton Road Bridge. Price to purchase is \$10,500.



“Spring Time Promise” by Rick Leichtler of Sugar Grove, OH, is located near the front door of the Van Buren Township Hall on Tyler Road. Price to purchase is \$6,500.



“Curves” by Ray Katz of Pontiac is located at Five Points in the City of Belleville. Price to purchase is \$15,000.



“The Oak Leaf Arch III” by Jim Gallucci of Greenboro, NC, is located by the sidewalk in the Fourth Street Square on Main Street in the City of Belleville. Price to purchase is \$25,000.



“Surley” by D.W. Martin of Edinboro, PA, is located at Walgreens on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. Price to purchase is \$9,500.



“Inverted Arch Seven” by Kenneth Thompson of Blissfield is located in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. Price to purchase is \$7,500.

10 outdoor sculptures borrowed for a year

Midwest Sculpture Initiative has leased these ten outdoor sculptures to the Downtown Development Authorities in the city of Belleville and Van Buren Township. They will be in place until next May

Members of the community and businesses have donated to the project.

Independent photos by James Oztzman



“Tree of Life” by Richard Morgan of Wauseon, OH, is located at McDonald’s/ Taco Bell on Belleville Road in Van Buren Township. Price to purchase is \$4,750.



“Old Orchard” by Todd Kime of Ottawa Hills, OH, is located at the triangle at the corner of Belleville and Quirk roads in Van Buren Township. Price to purchase is \$17,500.

OPINIONS

Editorial

District library setting schedule to celebrate building

The Belleville Area District Library board is setting up a schedule to celebrate its new building, now under construction in downtown Belleville – thanks to the approval of taxpayers.

The board and library administration are working with the Masons to set up a ceremonial cornerstone laying for the building and that is set for Saturday, June 29, hopefully at 1 p.m., followed by an ice cream social. Mark that on your calendar.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the library board, members talked about other events, including a book brigade when the building opens, hopefully in January, where volunteers will move books from the old building to the new. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she would like to officially open the library when the last book is transferred. This would be the soft opening of the library.

Actually, professionals will be engaged to move most of the books.

A special event will be planned for the donors to the library with invitations and possibly wine. This might wait until after the parking lot is completed so people who dress up for event can enter in style.

Another party will be planned inside the old building before it is demolished, perhaps with a brass band and a Mardi Gras theme.

It's fun to look forward to celebrating completion of a huge, new building downtown and the community will be a part of everything because it's theirs.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We have word that Joan Bodnar, executive director of Belleville's National Strawberry Festival due to begin on Friday, had a heart attack and was in the hospital last Friday. She is doing well.

Last Thursday morning, we received a call from a resident of Quirk Road. She lives across the street from the Wayne County Fairgrounds and saw more than 30 DTE trucks pulling into the fairgrounds. It was quite a sight.

We called the fairgrounds and were told that there was a regional DTE meeting and the employees needed to have their trucks with them in case they got called into service for an emergency. So, they staged them at the fairgrounds.

We've been advised that Sumpter Officer Chris Herrick received a letter of commendation from Huron Township for his assistance on a suicide run. Officer Herrick used to work for Van Buren Township Police Department.

A reader came into my office to tell me of the three calls she got over the past few months and to warn other senior citizens about it.

She said all three calls were from young men claiming to be her grandson and needing money quickly.

The first call was from someone who said, "I'm your grandchild," and when she asked which one, he said Michael. She knew it wasn't true because she has a grandson named Michael, but they don't call him Michael. This "Michael" said he was in Boston and was in trouble and needed bond money. He told her not to tell his parents.



She told him to sit in jail until he goes to court -- and hung up.

The second caller was in pain. He, too, was Michael and he had a broken nose and needed money to treat it. She told him to go to a walk-in clinic and they would take care of him -- and then she hung up.

The third "grandson" was stuck in Europe and needed money to get home. She just hung up.

Our reader said she is very cautious because she has a friend who believed a caller like these and sent the young man \$5,000, thinking it was her grandson. It wasn't.

She thinks some other senior citizens who want to help their grandchildren and have some money tucked away might fall into this trap, as well.

Another reader, Tom Mitchell, said he read about the full traffic signal announced for Hannan Road at the corner of South I-94 Service Drive and Northline Road. Hannan currently is 35 mph there and does not stop. The drivers going east on the Service Drive and west on Northline have to stop.

Mitchell said when he drives along Hannan at 35 mph at that intersection he watches carefully because there have been so many accidents there.

He wondered if Wayne County had considered a roundabout there. He thinks it would be much safer. He recalled the first roundabout he encountered. It was in Australia and it was very confusing, since he was already driving on the left side of the

road. But, he got used to roundabouts and find them very handy.

There were several fires on Thursday in Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township. One at Harbour Club Apartments at 1:50 p.m. was a dryer fire with smoke in the hall. The fire department was there about an hour.

In Sumpter at about 3:31 p.m. there was a kitchen fire at 601 Ohio St. in Holiday West mobile home park. Police on the scene reported everyone was outside, but they could hear the fire inside and the outside was beginning to melt.

A reader called me on Thursday afternoon to say he read the statement by former Sumpter Police Officer Danielle Buccellato published in that day's *Independent*. He said he talked with some of his friends about it and they all agree.

"My opinion: She was done wrong. Just the principle of it." He said it was "a onesided adventure, to me." He said the former officer admitted what she had done, paid it back, and apologized, yet she was fired.

On the other hand, an officer is still on the force although he had been driving "Super Drunk" and had an accident.

"It's not a very good picture of our police chief," he said.



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Letters

Thank you for help with Sumpter Fest Auction

To the editor,

On behalf of Sumpter Parks and Recreation, I would like to thank the sponsors of the Sumpter Country Fest Silent Auction. Your generosity and support have helped to make this event a success. Thank you!

Cheryl Toms, Silent Auction Chairman

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Sincere thank you to community volunteers

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club extends a sincere thank you to all the community volunteers who assisted us in our Reality Check program for the 8th-grade students at McBride Middle School on June 5. This is a school-to-work experience for the area 8th-grade students. This program is an effort to give students a realistic look at the costs involved in achieving the lifestyle they would like to have in the future.

For the volunteers, it was a fun-loving exercise to see how the students reacted to some of the everyday life costs.

Again, thank you very much and hope you will plan to join us again next year the first week in June.

Sophia Zoller and Gloria Dougherty
 Belleville Area Women's Club

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Chief Luke will continue to have my support

To the editor:

For nearly four decades I have known Chief Luke, as well as his wonderful family. During this time I have never had or heard an experience that would lead me to believe he is anything other than honorable, kind, and fair. Chief Luke will continue to have my support.

Enrica and Sam Hensley
 Belleville

Look forward to all new stuff coming to Tri-Area

To the editor,

It's a wonderful time of the year. The weather is beautiful and there are many events taking place.

It is wonderful to see someone step up and revitalize Main Street as you come into town. It will be a welcoming sight to visitors and residents as well. Change is good.

The new library is a welcome addition/improvement to the area. It wasn't too many years ago where some people were not able to step in a library or able to borrow books from a library. Just a little history reminder from the 1800s!

I do appreciate the library because it presents many programs that the patrons can take advantage of. Giving an opportunity for new and seasoned writers the chance to introduce new books that might not be available from chosen book lists. For that I thank you for the opportunity to share with other authors the showing of our valued efforts to the literary world.

A big thank you to the library staff and people who took time out to attend the book signing. Hats off to Ms. Beverly Jenkins for the rousing talk about the interesting life of a writer.

As you know, bees are important to our lives. They pollinate the trees, our farmers' fields that help feed us, and so much more. However, many people are allergic to bees and could become ill if strung by one -- could even be fatal. So, my suggestion of presenting information about bees: why not engage artists and sculptors to draw, paint or design bees to be displayed in the new library? It could be life-saving to someone who might get stung. Or, showing a continuous or on-demand video would be an ideal solution and could save injury or worse.

Now go and have a great day and look forward to all the new stuff that is coming to the Tri-Area.

Marian Caldwell
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More Letters

Breaking the Silence in Sumpter Twp: Part II

To the editor,

The letter I wrote in last week's *Independent* is very clear why I am now breaking my silence about Sumpter Township PD. I think readers whether from Sumpter Township or around the area can understand what prompted me to speak out. Just to be clear though, the reason I knew I had to speak out is because I took the firing of my job very serious. I deserved a second change just as Ofc. Salajan got. I have done many, many good things as a police officer within the department and throughout the community was clearly nothing Chief Luke would even consider. But how can anyone (me) not speak up when you see how another officer not lose his job and was treated quite differently. For me, this was my final confirmation just how much Chief Luke despised me working as a police officer in Sumpter Township.

I mentioned in my last letter that there has been a long negative history between Chief Luke and I and everyone at the department knew this, too. The sad thing is that when you spend your career trying to be accepted by mainly one person and realizing no matter what you do or how well you did it, this wasn't going to happen.

The years of this treatment finally took its toll in October 2016 while our union was experiencing issues with a 5+ year expired contract and a change of the executive board members (me becoming union president). I believed I was experiencing workplace harassment and retaliation. I expressed this to Lt. Gannon through an email and was advised by him to complete a written statement of names, dates, times, as the department takes this seriously. I submitted a handwritten 10-13-page statement which included names, dates, times etc. **This came only months after Supervisor John Morgan mandated all township employees to attend a harassment seminar held by the township in May 2016.**

Chief Luke, Lt. Gannon and I met to discuss my statement/complaint. After Chief Luke went through my statement, I was told that these were all union issues and as Chief of Police, he could not get involved in union business. I stressed to Luke both verbally and in my written statement that not all the occurrences took place in union meetings and spilled into the workplace and even the courtroom.

Chief Luke disagreed, again stating that he, as Chief of Police cannot get involved in union business. He did not speak to any of the other officers that witnessed some of this happening and to my knowledge was not investigated. I cannot begin to explain how I felt or what I was going through mentally and emotionally by this time. What now?

It has been a known fact around the police department that we as officers

were looked upon very badly if anyone went "across the street" (township hall) for any help. At that point I had enough and exhausted any of hope of anything getting better so I spoke to Peggy Morgan briefly who referred me to Trustee Don Swinson. Peggy Morgan advised me that she did not want to get accused of being "friends" with me (even though we were never actually friends and hung out, more

of a professional working relationship) and it would be better if I spoke with Trustee Don Swinson. I contacted Don Swinson and had a phone conversation with him. We met outside the township where I spent approximately two hours explaining just about everything going on at the police department. After our meeting I ended up going to Trustee Don LaPorte who was/is the police department's police liaison.

Don LaPorte and I had many conversations in person and on the phone where I disclosed many of the improprieties within the department. Trustee Don LaPorte stated that Chief Luke questioned him if he had been "talking" to me. Don LaPorte assured me that he did not let Luke know about our conversations. LaPorte advised me that none of this type of behavior would

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Obituaries



Genevieve "Jenny" Varga

GENEVIEVE 'JENNY' VARGA

October 29, 1925 – June 8, 2019

Mrs. Genevieve "Jenny" Varga passed away on June 8, 2019. She was born on October 29, 1925 in Wyandotte, Michigan a daughter of Josef and Bernice (Nowicki) Napierkowski. She was married to Mr. Louis Varga. Jenny was very strong in her faith. She loved gardening, dancing and recounting cherished memories. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. Many wonderful memories were made at family get togethers where she enjoyed cooking for her family.

Mrs. Varga is survived by 4 children, 5 grandchildren, and 8 great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Louis of 58 years, and granddaughter Melissa.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 11, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with a 7:00 P.M. rosary. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, June 12, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville. Fr. John Kiselica officiated. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Varga's name are suggested to The Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8944.

Thank you for keeping the Varga family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.



Billy Ray "Bill" Branson

BILLY RAY 'BILL' BRANSON

December 14, 1979 – June 3, 2019

Bill passed away unexpectedly June, 3, 2019 at 39 years old. He was born December 14, 1979 in Ypsilanti, MI, the son of Bennett "Ray" and Belinda Dale (Shankle) Branson.

Bill had a love for cars that started at a young age. He also was a great drawer. His smile, sense of humor, laugh and presence will be missed by many.

Bill is survived by: three children, Kaylynn Dowell, age 14, Brandon Branson, age 8, and Bailey Branson, age 7; his mother, Belinda Dale (Shankle) Branson; paternal grandparents, Everette & Hazel Branson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends. Bill was preceded in death by his father and maternal grandparents. A viewing was held June 8, 2019 at Stark Funeral Service, Ypsilanti and a memorial luncheon was held June 9, 2019 in Belleville, MI. Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be buried in the Stallard Family Cemetery in Ermine, KY. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

RODNEY BRYCE BEVEL

October 5, 1970 – June 7, 2019

Age 48. Husband of Michelle, father of Stephanie and John, son of Dinah (Mike) Bevel, brother of Cynthia, grandfather of Layla and Delilah. Services were June 11. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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INEZ BONHAM

January 14, 1925 – June 2, 2019

Age 94, of Sumpter Township. Died peacefully at Henry Ford Hospital (Wyandotte campus). Funeral services were held June 10 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, June 13** – The Belleville Area District Library presents "Addiction 101: The Science of Addiction and Narcan Training" at 7 p.m. The program will train the public in the administration of Narcan, used to reverse an opioid overdose, and give away free Narcan kits from SOOAR in Belleville. No pre-registration is needed. Info: (734) 699-3291.

• **Thursday, June 13** – You can get in free to the June 18 September Days Health and Wellness Expo if you call and reserve a place today. Call (734) 699-8918. Walk-ins are \$3 at the door. The Expo features a turkey dinner, music, dancing, door prizes, and lots of information.

• **Saturday, June 15** – Strawberry Festival 5K run and fun run, with High Street closed from 5:30 to 9 a.m. Starting and ending at Horizon Park. Sponsored by Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

• **Saturday, June 15** – Van Buren Community Soccer tryouts at Quirk Park. 8-9:30 a.m. for Boys 07, 10 and Girls 06, 07 (no 05 or 06 Boys teams). From 10:30 a.m. to noon, Boys 08, 09, 11, 12 and Girls 08, 10. For more information see <http://vanburenpride.gotssport.com/clubsite/?p=15947>

• **Sunday, June 16** – Van Buren Community Soccer tryouts at Quirk Park. 8-9:30 a.m. for High School Girls – open – 05, Boys 07, 10 (no 05 or 06 Boys teams) and Girls 06, 07. From 10:30 a.m. to noon, Boys 08, 09, 11, 12 and Girls 08, 10.

• **Monday, June 17** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m. every Monday through September at the Fourth Street Square. Also, the Main Street Car Show runs every Monday through Sept. 30, with the exception of Labor Day, from 5 to 9 p.m.

• **Tuesday, June 18** – Health & Wellness Expo, 1-6 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Catered dinner, live music and dancing, door prizes. Register by June 13 and receive free admission. Walk-ins \$3 at the door. (734) 699-8918

• **Thursday, June 20** – Bunco at 6 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. (734) 699-8836

• **Thursday, June 20** – Suicide Prevention Workshop hosted by SOOAR from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Wayne County Community College District Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd. Sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Just like CPR, QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond) is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives.

Breaking silence II

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be tolerated or allowed from anyone who worked for the township.

LaPorte arranged a meeting with Supervisor John Morgan. This meeting took place in December 2016 in Supervisor John Morgan's office. I advised Supervisor Morgan of my harassment complaint at the PD and many other issues. I expressed my concerns and fear of retaliation to John Morgan and Don LaPorte numerous times throughout our meeting just by me coming to them. Supervisor Morgan advised me that he would have to do his due diligence and speak to all involved. He also advised me that he would have another meeting with all of us present to resolve any issues. I agreed but again expressed my concerns. I was reassured by both Trustee Don LaPorte and Supervisor Morgan that everything would be ok and Morgan stated he would be back in touch in a few days.

Days, weeks then more than a month went by and I did not hear back from either one. Another few weeks went by (now February 2017) when I ran into Don LaPorte in the parking lot at Willis Market. We discussed when the next union negotiation meeting may take place and then I asked Don LaPorte why he or Supervisor Morgan had not gotten back with me. I had been on pins and needles stressing out for over a month not knowing if Luke or anyone else had been contacted yet.

Don LaPorte apologized to me stating that he spoke to John Morgan twice saying that he felt they owed me at least a conversation. Don LaPorte stated that Supervisor Morgan told him that he was not going to address the issue with Luke or any of the others "out of fear" I "would have more hell to pay". I cannot begin to explain how I felt at this point. How would anyone feel? Did I actually believe anything would get resolved at this point? How do so many people knowingly ignore anyone in this type of situation? How could the very people both at the PD and township hall turn their cheek to anyone who is seeking help? Was the mandated harassment seminar just to make certain people look good? Did all this get swept under the rug to avoid the PD or Township Hall having

to get an "outside" agency to investigate? Isn't it the Township's responsibility to oversee the police department rather than the other way around?

If a citizen came into the police department with a harassment complaint with names, dates, times and witnesses I know it would have been investigated and some type of resolution would have been sought. For any newer officers and township employees who were not around for any of this I am sure it's hard to believe. It's true and I have my documents to support it. In order for anyone outside the police department to understand just how much and how long I have been experiencing this type of work environment, I will share and share until I have shared it all.

It took me doing something way out of my character and getting fired to remove myself from a toxic work environment that I had been experiencing for many years that no one deserves! These two letters to the *Independent* only scratch the surface of what has gone on.

Danielle Buccellato
Former Sumpter Township Police Officer

PFAS and Recreation on the Huron River

It is safe to swim and boat. As the emerging threat of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) has unfolded across Michigan and on the Huron River, it's raised concerns about recreation. The good news is that swimming and boating on the Huron River Water Trail are still okay. For those activities, we can continue to enjoy the water as we have. PFAS isn't a health risk when exposed to skin. It's a health risk when ingested over time, so accidental mouthfuls of river water are no cause for concern.

But, there are now two advisories regarding PFAS. State of Michigan has issued a Do Not Eat Fish Advisory for the entire river. Anglers should not eat any fish from the Huron River or the connected waterways for the foreseeable future. We expect that advisory will remain in place for several years.

The state also issued a second advisory telling people not to ingest river foam. Those of us with pets or small children should stay

away from river foam when possible and avoid lingering below dams or where foam tends to occur. PFAS concentrates in foam. That said, foam is naturally occurring on the river and not all foam is PFAS foam, but it's often impossible to know the difference by looking at it. Wash your hands and rinse off after making contact with foamy water. Rinsing with non-foamy river water is okay.

As we head into the 2019 paddling season, there are many encouraging signs. PFAS levels were much higher on the Huron River during the late summer of 2018. One of the major sources of PFAS to the river

took steps to reduce its discharge of PFAS chemicals, and contamination levels on the river have dropped significantly. There are likely several other lesser sources, and the Huron River Watershed Council is working with state and local partners to identify those sources, reduce contamination to the river, and inform paddlers on the Water Trail.

Additional PFAS information is at HRWC.ORG/PFAS and [MORE on PFAS and Recreation](http://MORE.onPFASandRecreation).

-Daniel A. Brown, Watershed Planner
Huron River Watershed Council

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VBT Board approves change of Iron Belle Trail on east end

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Iron Belle Trail route has been changed on the east end of Van Buren Township and it will now go straight down East Huron River Drive from the City of Belleville to the entrance of the Lower Huron Metropark at Haggerty Road.

At the regular meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees on June 4, the board unanimously passed a resolution approving the revised route. There is no additional cost to the township at this time, but the township board may have future finance decisions,

said Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

The resolution states the township has received information that Wayne County plans to perform work on the bridge on East Huron River Drive and the entrance to Lower Huron Metropark, including the addition of sidewalks on the south side of the bridge.

The previously approved route of the eastern half of the Iron Belle Trail in the township had planned to go east on East Huron River Drive from the City of Belleville to Edison Lake Road in front of Sandy's Marina, across the Huron River

on the old bridge, then north to French Landing Park to Haggerty Road then south on Haggerty to the Metropark entrance.

Engineering firm PEA, Inc., which is designing and doing preliminary engineering on the route, evaluated the new information and recommended the route be revised.

The board was advised that in the future as trail planning and design efforts continue it may be necessary to make modifications to the route. These changes will be brought back to the board.

Jeffrey Smith of PEA said the new route scores highest of any proposed for that area and it will offer the following benefits:

- It eliminates two road crossings, therefore making the route much safer.
- It also eliminates the engineering challenges by Sandy's Marina.
- It eliminates concerns about the deteriorating bridge.
- It eliminates the potential conflict with the land owner east of the river.
- The very outspoken residents along this route strongly prefer avoiding Edison Lake Road and the road crossings.
- Huron River Drive crosses the railroad tracks at 90 degrees which is safer than the angled crossing on Haggerty.

Supervisor McNamara said the head of bridge maintenance at Wayne County has confirmed the upcoming work on the bridge and has said 6' sidewalks would be on both sides of the bridge that is being repaired.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked if the township has written documentation that the bridge widening work will be done. She said the report she heard said, "if possible."

"Based on an official I talked to, Wayne County would not pay for the sidewalks," Trustee Miller said referring to her longtime contact Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous.

"The supervisor assures us he has it in writing," Miller said. She said the supervisor says the county will pay for it and, if not, the township may be able to use funding for the Iron Belle Trail.

She called the route change "a good alternative."

Supervisor McNamara said it would cost

from \$700,000 to \$1 million to repair the old bridge and a half million dollars per road crossing.

"I think this would work out nice," McNamara said.

Trustee Paul White read an email sent by Ali Aljawad, head bridge engineer at Wayne County, to VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Ron Akers, that Akers had read at the work/study session the day before. This was in reply to a question by Akers on bridge work at that site.

The email said the deck repair and rehabilitation of the bridge is scheduled for 2020 and there will be six-foot sidewalks on both sides, "if this is feasible."

During the work/study session, McNamara said he talked to Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and Director of Public Services Beverly Watts about it. He said they are Ali's bosses and Ali is in charge of bridge engineering.

Akers said he asked Ali if one side could be 10 feet wide for the Iron Belle Trail and he said they'd look at it.

McNamara said if the sidewalk isn't built, the board could change the route. But, he said, Iron Belle would pay to make it wider.

"You're going to get this -- maybe nicer," he said of the bridge. "I think we've got the opportunity."

In other business at the 47-minute June 4 meeting, the board:

- Approved paying \$202,574 with a 10% discretionary fund to Fonson Company, Inc., for the Briarwood Sanitary Repair with money coming from the Water and Sewer Fund. Water and Sewer Director Jim Taylor said regular camera testing found a 300-foot section of sanitary sewer had defects that could cause constriction of flow which could send sewage into basements in the 20-year-old subdivision on Van Born at Briarwood Drive. The work will impact three residential driveways and these residents at 6300, 6316 and 6334 Briarwood Dr. will be contacted so cars can be moved out ahead of the digging. Work will begin after the school bus routes

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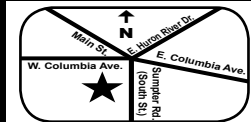
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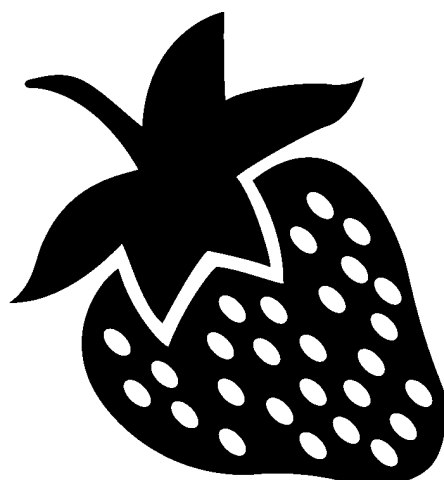
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- Music Award: Ariana Seward
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- Physical Education Award: Jalen Hunt
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- Senior Class President Award: Nia Smith
- Social Studies Award: Mikayla Oddy

- Student Activities Award: Natalie Pestano
- Valedictorian: Kylie Morton
- World Language – French Award: Ke-Era Jordan
- World Language – Spanish Award: Madyson Bennett
- Yearbook Award: Faith Spitznagel

Nia Washington named to Dean's List at Georgia State University

ATLANTA, GA -- Nia Washington of Belleville has been named to the Spring 2019 dean's list at Georgia State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for a minimum of nine semester hours of academic credit taken at Georgia State during the fall or spring term with no incompletes for the semester. Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all classes taken at Georgia State.





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EXPERT ALTERATION & TAILORING



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stop and be done after the Fourth of July -- about four weeks. There is to be no restriction of flow during the repair and all properties are to be restored;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to rezone 13414 Martinsville Rd. from M-1, Light Industrial, to R1-B, Single Family Residential. The second reading and approval will be at an upcoming meeting. This is the fourth rezoning on Martinsville from M-1 to R1-B and a rezoning request costs \$600 and takes 60 to 90 days. There was much

board discussion about how to solve this problem of houses on M-1 zoning, making them non-conforming uses, which has to be changed for home buyers to get bank loans. Letters will be sent to the other 15 residences on that stretch of Martinsville north of Savage that are zoned M-1 to offer them rezoning at reduced, or no, charge. Gentle Machine and Die and Great Lakes Repair are M-1 uses in the M-1 zoning, so the township can't just rezone the whole area;

- Heard Trustee Kevin Martin report the free tire recycling day brought about 2,000 tires, nearly filling up three bins;

- Heard Trustee Miller report that

fireworks are set for June 29, with a rain date of June 30, at Beck Ball Fields, and concerts will be held at 7 p.m. at Quirk Park July 10, 17, and 24;

- Heard Treasurer Sharry Budd report the Belleville Area Museum has an exhibit of wedding dresses and will hold a fashion show on Thursday, June 20; and

- Heard Trustee Paul White say he was disappointed that the Van Buren Township board missed participating in the Sumpter Fest Parade and he hopes next year there will be a group in the parade. He also said he attended the Memorial Day ceremony in the City of Belleville and was disappointed the supervisor wasn't there to help honor everyone who died and the 75,000 who are missing in action and didn't return. McNamara said he was busy and, "I almost never speak on Memorial Day because I am not worthy to speak," because he

is not a veteran. "I asked Clerk Wright and Trustee Martin. They served their country," McNamara said. Martin attended and Wright said he was not able to go and, "Everyone has his own way of marking Memorial Day." He said board members need to work on comments to each other. Treasurer Budd said somebody shouldn't point fingers and condemn somebody else. She said her family was coming over that day. Miller said, "Stop with the negative comments," but White continued to say McNamara should attend events in the tri-community. Board members were talking over each other and Budd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Miller and McNamara said, "I don't deserve to speak" and then amid the turmoil at the board table said, "I'm going to adjourn this meeting." And, did.

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VBT Board to get feasibility study quotes on recreation center

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees has been talking about building a recreation center for several months and at the June 3 work/study meeting it informally agreed to getting quotes on a feasibility study.

Matthew Best, Director of Public Services, said his department has prepared a request for quotations for a firm to provide a report on the feasibility of a recreation center.

The scope of work outlines the services requested to provide information needed whether it is feasible or not to build, operate, and maintain a recreation center as part of township services.

Best said he will widely advertise the request, as well as send the request for quotes out to appropriate contractors and firms. Once the responses are in, DPS staff will review them and bring a recommendation back to the board of

trustees.

Clerk Leon Wright and Trustees Reggie Miller and Kevin Martin have been working on a subcommittee on a recreation center.

Best said the study could determine whether such a facility should be added to the township hall building or be free-standing. It also will show how much it would cost to maintain, revenue opportunities to offset costs, and the best way to pay for it.

Best said he would put out the request for bids on June 5 and will bring a recommendation back to the board on the second week of July.

"We'll get a lot of information from this," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS will hold a public meeting on its proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111, in the Commons, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2019. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Administration Building, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI 48111, during regular business hours on or after 12:00 p.m. on June 24, 2019. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

Darlene Loyer Gerick, Secretary
Van Buren Public Schools

Publish: June 6, 2019; June 13, 2019



BHS Girls JV Soccer had fantastic season

To the editor,

Our Belleville High School Girls JV Soccer season was a fantastic season all the way through.

With this being my first go as head coach of a Girls JV High School team, I could not have asked for a better season! I have watched our team grow from the first day they stepped out on the field.

They have worked together, they learned from one another, they became teammates, and most importantly friends! Finishing 9-7 was no indication of the actual efforts and results of our team.

From our first scrimmage, not really having the full view of what we eventually

became, to our last game, watching them pass, execute, communicate, possess, all of what we learned each practice.

To watch it all come into play, is such a positive thing as a coach. These girls were always ready for the next level each and every day, each and every week and each and every game.

As a Coach, I love the game of soccer, I love watching them grow, I love the passion they had on that field, which made me love the game even more.

Thank you to my players for making my first journey as a Girls JV Head Coach one to remember. I will miss this team, they all made it fun and quite the adventure for me. I can only hope I did the same for them!

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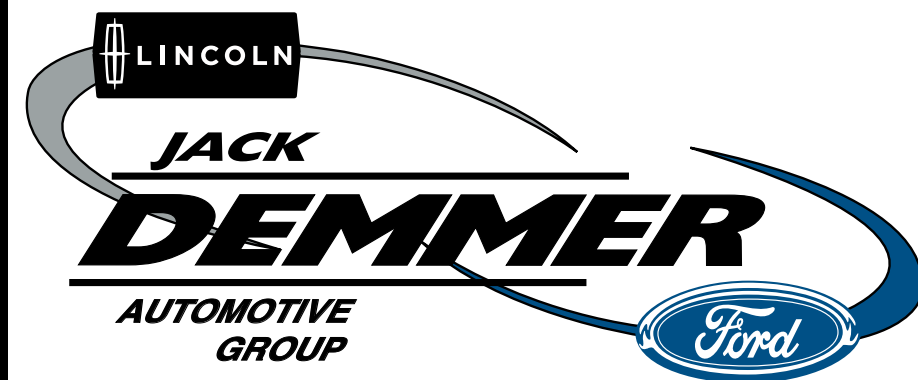
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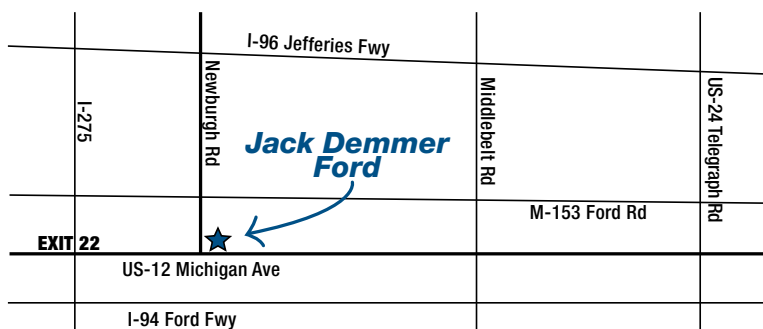
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VFW, PLAV served as Grand Marshals in Sumpter parade

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation proudly honored the VFW Post 4434 and the PLAV Post 167 as Grand Marshals for the 2019 Sumpter Country Festival Parade on May 25. VFW Commander Robert Krouse and PLAV Commander George Kennedy were present with fellow post members.

VFW Post 4434 was chartered officially on Oct. 7, 1945. This VFW post took life as the dream of WWI veteran Harold "Harry" Agge, who garnered membership of 228 veterans of WWI and WWII. Agge became

the first post commander.

Their meetings were held at the Van Buren Town Hall / Belleville Police Department as Agge was chief of police at the time. From there they met at the first facility located at 750 Huron River Dr. and eventually events necessitated a move to their present location at 44170 Bemis Rd. There they were enjoined with the PLAV Post 167 and the liaison has proven mutually beneficial.

The VFW Post 4434 will be celebrating its "75 Years of Service" on Sept. 21, 2019



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at which time they will be dedicating a 105mm Howitzer. It will remain on display at the post.

PLAV stands for Polish Legion of American Veterans. PLAV USA was founded in 1920. In the early 1900s there was a large influx of Polish people that migrated here to escape the unrest in Europe. Many members of these families joined the United States military.

In support of them, families and friends

of the local Polish families formed the PNA (Polish National Alliance). The members launched the local PLAV Post 167 and held their first meetings at the PNA Hall until enjoining with the Belleville VFW Post 4434. Together they now function as one group with the same beliefs and credo.

Both posts work together to provide services to our community. To name a few: they provide Honor Guard services, support school programs, visit VA hospitals, present Bugles Across America, were involved in implementing the community Veterans' Memorial and, of course, the Buddy Poppy sales, the proceeds of which go directly to support veterans of all branches of the service and their families.

The PLAV and VFW have been supplemental in supporting our honorable veterans. Sadly, many died, some were wounded in combat and others, thankfully, returned home to their families unharmed but forever mindful of their unforgettable experiences. We are grateful to all that served and to those that work to make sure they are never forgotten.

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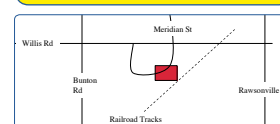
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Sumpter Boy Scout tells township board about his Eagle Project

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Lifelong Sumpter Township resident Lucas Snook is an Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scout Troop 243 in Ypsilanti and he needs help with his project that he wants to complete this year.

Lucas addressed the township board at its May 28 meeting. He said to achieve the highest rank in scouting he needs to execute a service project that will benefit the community.

He said his planned project is to put up two 16'x100' safety nets along the first and third baselines at the Cloverleaf baseball field 4 behind Lincoln High School. The beneficiary of his project is Lincoln Little League, a 501(c)3 organization.

"I have been involved in Little League baseball for the previous seven years," he said. "I have seen many injuries and potential injuries at the field that safety netting could have prevented."

He said the netting would protect many people from foul balls.

He said he obtained estimates on materials that total about \$7,000.

"I am seeking financial support to help purchase the materials needed for the

project, including galvanized steel poles, 1 3/4" batting cage netting, carabiners and other miscellaneous items. I will also have to rent some equipment to clip the net to the poles."

Lucas has set up an account at GOFUNDME.com; search for Lucas Snook. He can be reached at (734) 461-3308 for questions or donations. Checks can be made out to Lincoln Little League and sent to the president of Lincoln Little League, 7171 Deer Track Dr., Ypsilanti 48197; in the memo tag it for Lucas Snook Eagle Scout Project.

Lucas said he hopes to have all his funds raised by July 1 and to build the project this summer.

His original project was a pavilion, but that has been changed to the safety nets.

Northern Michigan Univ. names Damon, Martin to Dean's List

Northern Michigan University announces the Dean's List for the Winter 2019 semester.

Jonathan Damon of Belleville qualified with a grade point average of 4.00.

Megan Martin of Belleville qualified with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99.



Lucas Snook

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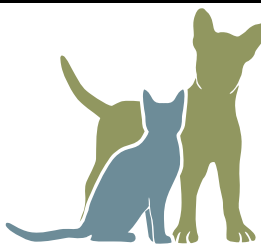
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Strawberry Fest

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participating. There will be no beer tent this year or other activities on the church grounds.

The Strawberry Queen Pageant is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 14, at BHS, and the winners are expected to ride in Saturday's parade.

Early on Saturday morning, registration for the Strawberry Run Lakeside starts at 6:45 a.m. at Horizon Park. The free 1K Fun Run for those 10 and under starts at 7:45 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m. Those 19 and older pay \$35 and those 18 and under pay \$30. This is a fundraiser for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and its presenting sponsor is Genisys Credit Union.

Cinnamons' 18th-annual Father's Day Car Show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 16, in Victory Park.

The Arnold Amusement carnival hours at their two midways -- Main Street and BHS -- are from noon until 10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. The carnival is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Juried crafters, commercial vendors, and non-profit organizations will line five blocks on Main Street in the city throughout the three days of the festival.

Trinity Episcopal Church at 11575 Belleville Rd., next door in Van Buren Township, is open from 4-9 p.m. on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Trinity offers juried crafters, strawberry pies, jam, smoothies, and gluten-free options. The food tent offers Trinity's popular sloppy joes. Free parking and wi-fi.

Belleville Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Rd., offers tours of its historic Martha-Mary Chapel. Entertainment and free parking.

A shuttle bus will carry festival-goers from both Trinity and the Presbyterian churches into the city. The churches invite people to park at their locations and ride the bus into the city where parking is more of a challenge.

Besides stopping at the two the churches, on all three days the shuttle will stop at High Street and BHS, with two stops on North Liberty Street.

Headquarters for the festival is at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce building at 248 Main St., where information will be available.

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Ashley and Donald Pranger

Ashley Hood and Donald Michael Pranger of Ypsilanti Township were married June 6 in Ypsilanti.

The bride, a 2014 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, is the daughter of Tonya and Ashley Fisher of Jackson and Jeremy and Michele Hood of Westland. The bridegroom, a 2010 graduate of Belleville High School, is the son of Tim and Barb Pranger of Belleville.

Taylor Chase served as best man and Stephanie Hood as maid of honor.

After the wedding they celebrated at Egan's Pub in Belleville where they met.

The bridegroom's father Tim Pranger wrote the following:

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• Thursday, June 13 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
• Monday, June 17 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, June 18 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
• Wednesday, June 19 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
• Monday, June 24 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons



Photo by Kathy Steigerwald

At the June 3 meeting of the Belleville Area Woman's Club, Janet Millard, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, introduced to club members the 2019 Belleville High School Scholarship recipients. Each scholarship was \$2,000. From left are scholarship winners Emma Rafferty, Natalie Hornyak, and Kylie Morton, and chairperson Janet Millard. Scholarship winner Trinity Campbell is not pictured.

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City of Belleville Water Department

Consumer Confidence Report

The Belleville Water Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.

Overview

The City of Belleville is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests and contains much important information about water and health. Belleville Water Department will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water-quality standards. You will receive reports like this each and every year by July 1 regarding your water.

Drinking water quality is important to our community and the region. The City of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great Lakes as our water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to our community. Belleville operates the system of water mains that carry this water to your home's service line. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and Belleville water professionals in delivering some of the nation's best drinking water. Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.

Water Source

The City of Belleville water is supplied by the Great Lakes Water Authority from its Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The Great Lakes Water Authority provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan Communities. The City of Belleville purchased over 104,000,000 gallons of water in 2018.

The system uses water drawn from the Detroit River through a 12-foot diameter intake that is approximately 120-feet deep. The line slopes to a depth of 132-feet in approximately one mile where it connects at a vertical shore shaft, which causes raw water to rise and enter a land tunnel. The 12-foot diameter shore or land tunnel travels another 3 miles to the Southwest plant's low lift pumps. The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected either by divers or with cameras for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and several other governmental agencies performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2015, GLWA received a grant from

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will be holding their monthly pet adoption clinic this Saturday, June 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store in Westland on Warren Avenue across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

Threads & Treasures Quilt Shop at 129 South St. near 5 Points is still having their 50%-off sale on everything in the store, such as quilts, fabrics, patterns, books, samples, even shelving units. Call Kay Atkins at (734) 697-9376.

Today's paper contains an insert from Tractor Supply Company with locations in Saline, Ann Arbor, Monroe, and coming soon on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Visit www.tractorsupply.com. To learn how you can have your flyer or advertisement inserted into this newspaper, Call me at (734) 699-9020.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Boston will be holding a Summer Blast /Car Show next Saturday, June 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will feature a bouncy house, water slide, bungee run, face painting, and outdoor games. Oh, and there's a cool car show too. All activities are free and open to the public.

I'll be at parade central on Saturday when the parade kicks off from the high school at 11 a.m. Parade Grand Marshal this year is Peggy Curtis. Stop by and say hi. Cinnamon's Annual Father's Day Car Show is Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Victory Park. The festival runs through Sunday.

Visit www.nationalstrawberryfest.com.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

School Board ratifies contracts with VBASA, Food Service workers

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education ratified two union contracts with employees at its regular meeting May 28.

Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun explained the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Association (VBASA) had a contract that expired in December and a tentative contract between the union and the school district was signed May 20. The new contract runs from July 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019.

The contract states, under BENEFITS: "The Health Care Insurance provided shall have coverage defined by the Priority HMO Plan \$10/\$40 co-pay prescription drug rider, with contraceptives and mail order prescription drug program, \$20 co-pay for office visits, and \$50 co-pay for emergency room visits."

He said if 10 members of VBASA sign up for the district's new self-insurance medical plan in the works it will save the district \$16,704 each and more than \$4,000 for each employee.

The contract agreement states as a change: "The Board of Education shall make available an accident and sickness benefit policy which will pay up to 70% of salary to a maximum of \$5,500 per month to each member of the bargaining unit. The insurance carrier is to be selected by the Board. Terms and conditions of the insurance policy shall govern as to all conditions of eligibility for benefits. During the period of this contract there shall be no alterations in terms and/or conditions of this policy which would reduce the level of benefits."

He also said they are working on a new salary scale for Owen Intermediate School. Director Madyun said the Owen employees have been in a gray area, not being in the elementary category nor the middle school category.

As to Food Service workers, Madyun said they have a healthy amount of fund balance in their budget and their contract expires June 30.

He said if seven members take the new insurance, it will save the district \$14,700 each and more than \$3,000 individually.

The contract includes the group agreeing to move to the self-insurance medical plan.

Madyun also said the new contract grants Food Service employees raises of \$1 an hour and also addresses their pay when school is cancelled.

With the new contract, "Now they can use sick days when there is a waiver," he said, up to the amount of days that the state forgives for the remaining days. He added the hourly workers were actually losing money on the days school was cancelled.

Employees who are categorized as working 30 hours a week shall be considered regular employees eligible for insurance. Those regularly scheduled to

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the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to develop a source water protection program for the Detroit River intakes. The programs include seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential of source water protection area, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources and public participation and education. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact the City of Belleville Water Department at 734-697-9323 or GLWA.

How Do We Know Our Water Is Safe?

We obtain water from the Great Lakes Water Authority whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the Great Lakes Water Authority. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July 2008 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected. The Great Lakes Water Authority provides the City of Belleville with water. Also, DWSD does not test the water for radon.

What Is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal wastes and sewage discharges.

GLWA voluntarily monitors for Cryptosporidium and Giardia in our untreated source water monthly. The untreated water samples collected from the Southwest Plant indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst in March. In addition, monitoring indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst and one Cryptosporidium oocyst in the untreated water from the Southwest Plant in July. Additional testing was performed on the treated water at the Southwest Plant and Cryptosporidium was absent. All other samples collected in the year 2018 were absent for the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia. Systems using surface water like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9 percent of Giardia lamblia is removed or inactivated.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at the Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children and the elderly are at the greater risk of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JUNE 4, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Director of Public Services Best, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland and Assistant DDA Director Lothringer, Director of Water and Sewer Taylor and an audience of seven (7). **PRESENTATION:** The Van Buren Township Civic Fund awarded the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority a check for

\$200,00 to aid in the construction of the Splash Pad at Quirk Park. The Civic Fund also donated \$2,511 to the Belleville Area Museum to repair their Ford Model T.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2019, Prepaid List of May 23, 2019, Prepaid List of May 30, 2019, Voucher List of June 4, 2019]. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Announcements included the following: Session 2 of the Van Buren Township Summer Camp is

now open for registration, the camp runs from July 15-August 9 and is \$475 for residents; the September Days Senior Center is hosting a Health and Wellness Expo on June 18th which is free as long as a reservation is made prior to June 7th; the Parks and Rec Department has organized a rock painting event on June 8th from 12-2 in the Senior Craft Room to paint kindness rocks that will be hidden around the township; there will be a fireworks display on Saturday, June 29th at the Beck Ball Fields at dusk; the Van Buren Township Mini Concert Series is taking place on July 10, 17, and 24 at Quirk Park at 7:00 p.m.; the Township asked that all residents with broken culverts to report them to the Supervisor's Office so attempts can be made to encourage Wayne County to repair them. Lastly, the Belleville High School Girls Varsity Softball Team became District Champions this past Monday. The Board would like to congratulate: Haley Rae Bellingham, Cassidy Brendtke, Rachele Frederick, Kailee Settles, Alyssa McClendon, Madison Mikulski,

Alexandrea Matheny, Ariel Anderson, Kayla Hamilton, Kayla Haffner, Mikayala Demyan, Head Coach and Van Buren Township Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham and Assistant Coach Dave Brendtke. The team moves on to Regionals against Canton Saturday, June 8th.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve of the selection of Fonson Company, Inc. for the Briarwood Sanitary Repair for the amount of \$202,574.00, with a 10% contingency among to be used at the discretion of the Water and Sewer Director to cover unforeseen conditions that may arise during construction. Motion Carried. Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance #06-04-19(1) to rezone parcel V125-83-105-99-0002-000; otherwise known as 13414 Martinsville Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential. Motion Carried. Martin moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2019-08, A Resolution of Support for the Revised Route of the Iron Belle Trail in the Charter Township of Van Buren. The revised route changes the eastern portion of the route to extend along East Huron River Drive to the east, until the trail enters Lower Huron Metropark. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A Trustee commented on Board attendance at the Belleville Memorial Day Ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Contaminants That May Be Found In Drinking Water

"Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Vulnerability Of Some Population To Contaminants

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).

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Gov. Whitmer appoints Doyle Goble to state board for builders

On June 7, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed William Doyle Goble of Belleville to the Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors' Board.

Goble is a business representative for Michigan Council of Carpenters and Millwrights and a former carpenter foreman. Goble is appointed to succeed Bradley Laackman whose term expired March 31, 2019, to represent the general public for a term expiring March 31, 2023.

The Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors' Board was created to license and regulate persons engaged in the construction of a residential structure or combination residential and commercial structure, or persons who undertake the repair, alteration, addition, subtraction or improvement of a residential structure or combination residential and commercial structure for compensation other than wages for personal labor.

This appointment is subject to the advise and consent of the Senate.

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Loria at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Absent

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

None

Council follow up list

Council Member Marcotte inquired about the status of banners being allowed at Music Lakeside this summer. City Manager Kollmeyer stated it was not a viable solution and that if we made an exception for one group, we would have to make exceptions for all.

Citizen Comments

A resident expressed concern that the City’s recyclables were not actually being recycled but going into a landfill. A citizen who lives on High Street stated that the small flags being placed by the Kiwanis at Horizon Park were going to interfere with the view of Belleville Lake.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve the agenda with one addition: Item D: City Manager’s Retirement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve the City Council meeting minutes from May 6, 2019 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Mayor’s Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 19-033 authorizing the reappointment of Michael Hawkins, Mike Renaud and Kelly Bates to the Planning Commission as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. FY 2019-20 Budget

Kelly Howey stated that the second draft of the budget was prepared using estimates and department head requests. The General Fund expenditures in excess of revenues of \$295,000, which is the estimated cost of the Doane’s Landing seawall repairs. The General Fund is supporting the Cemetery Fund in the amount of \$4,100 and the Capital Purchase Fund in the amount of \$33,000. Last year’s millage rates were used for property tax estimates as the City waits on notification of a Headlee rollback. The DDA’s adopted budget will be included in the City’s final balanced budget to be presented during the June 3rd meeting.

C. Public Hearing for FY 2019-20 Budget

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 19-034 calling for a public hearing on June 3rd at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. At that time public comments will be accepted on the final FY 2019-20 budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. City Manager’s Retirement

Council Member Fielder noted that the City has only six months until the City Manager retires. He feels there should be a discussion about the process for her replacement to include at least one month of training for the chosen candidate. This would necessitate paying an additional (short-term) salary until the City Manager retires. City Manager Kollmeyer stated that she understands the importance of a good fit and, thus, will stay on as long as needed until the right person is in place.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 19-035, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$129,317.40 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: June 3, 2019

Published: June 13, 2019

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work 30 hours or more who voluntarily elect not to participate in or discontinue employee-paid health insurance shall be paid \$2,000 cash in lieu.

Also, employees will be allowed to donate sick hours to other union members.

A change in wording makes Easter Break into Spring Break. In a year that Spring Break is five days long, members will receive Martin Luther King Day as a paid day off.

He said the new Food Service contract

is for two years: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

In other business at the May 28 meeting, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of LaToya Tingle as of June 14 to continue her education. She had served as a teacher in the Haggerty School ECDC for less than a year;

- Heard building presentations by principals and teachers from Savage and Tyler elementary schools. School Supt. Pete Kudlak had asked the principals to present to the school board a recap on how their

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Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, Dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
Level 2	Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG’s do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µohms	Microhms	Measure of electrical conductance of water

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Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2018 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
2018 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	6-12-2018	ppm	4	4	0.66	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	6-12-2018	ppm	10	10	0.41	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
2018 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	ppb	n/a	80	n/a	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	ppb	n/a	60	n/a	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
2018 Disinfection Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan.-Dec. 2018	ppm	4	4	0.58	0.48-0.61	no	Water additive used to control microbes.
2018 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU		Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)					Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.19 NTU		100%					no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								
2017 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers’ Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2017	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2017	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.2	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								
Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique 2018						Typical Source of Contaminant	
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.						Erosion of natural deposits	
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54		no	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminant		MCLG	MCL	Level Detected 2018				Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)		n/a	n/a	6.36				Erosion of natural deposits

Great Lakes Water Authority voluntarily monitors for Cryptosporidium and Giardia in our untreated source water monthly. The untreated water samples collected from the Southwest Plant indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst in March. In addition monitoring indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst and one Cryptosporidium oocyst in the untreated water from the Southwest Plant in July. Additional testing was performed on the treated water at the Southwest Plant and Cryptosporidium was absent. All other samples collected in the year 2018 were absent for the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap

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plans for school improvement worked out this school year, with a glimpse into next year's School Improvement Plan;

- Approved the property closing on the sale of the district's property at 2060 Mary Catherine St. in West Willow, Ypsilanti for \$48,000, as presented by Supt. Kudlak;
- Approved appointing board vice president Susan Featheringill as board designate to vote in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) board election on June 3, with Trustee Darlene Loyer Ricker as alternate. There are two candidates running for two positions;

- Heard the first reading of proposed updating of board policies presented by Trustee Calvin Hawkins. They included use of medications, anti-harassment, criminal conduct, sexual violations, cooperation with law enforcement, and calendar. These will be brought up at a future meeting for the second reading and approval;

- Approved the second reading and final approval of board policy updates that were presented at the May 13 meeting. This was presented by Trustee Amy Pearce;

- Approved a Thrun Law Firm Conflicts of Interests Waiver / Consent Recommendation. Supt. Kudlak explained that Van Buren is talking about joining the Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium (WEOC) group to take part in several programs for students, including the Early College Alliance. Thrun, the board's new law firm, represents all of the groups involved except Ann Arbor and so there is a conflict, "but not an issue," and all the other members of the group have signed the waiver;

- Heard Madyun say they are having open enrollment for the district's new insurance program by internet now; and

- Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore say 24 students from Rawsonville and Tyler elementaries will be taking part in two weeks of summer school in partnership with the University of Michigan. June 5 is the orientation night for the U of M program, which will help the students learn and help the training of new teachers.

Van Buren School Board gets details of union negotiations

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun gave a presentation on what is being offered to the VBEST and Secretaries unions in negotiations.

Director Madyun reportedly invited leaders of the unions to the board meeting to hear his presentation.

"The associations are concerned with what happened at the board meeting," said Dennis Kubas of the Michigan Education Association. He said after he reviews a tape of the meeting, he will have more comments.

At the meeting, Madyun spoke under what was called "Negotiation Presentation" on the agenda and supplied a nine-page document comparing the costs to the employees of the current insurance plan and a new plan being introduced by the district.

He said if the employees want to keep the same health insurance, they keep the same salary. If they sign up for the new insurance, their salary will go up.

He said they will continue to negotiate. Members of the school board said they couldn't comment on this agenda item since it was still in negotiations.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said that since the new insurance program is a cost savings for the district, the district will put it back into salaries.

At the last meeting, the board voted on the contract for the VBASA administrative union, which got members a one-time \$1,000 off-schedule bonus for joining the new health insurance group.

On Monday, the board voted unanimously to also give one-time \$1,000 off-schedule bonuses to the 28 employees that are not affiliated with a union, since this group did the same insurance move to the new plan.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill abstained from the vote since her daughter Sara Cortese is the district's finance director and is one of the 28 on the list.

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

- Honored seven employees who are retiring: George Buhro, Mary Lou Bell, Toby Fowler, Jeff Stillwagon, Kathi Patton, Shirley Scott, and Dave Bargardi;

- Honored teams and individuals for athletic accomplishment in spring sports, including the softball team which earned a district title and a state award for team academics, since the team has a 3.3 GPA. Also honored was Tatiana, who qualified for state shotput competition three years in a row, and the track team; and

- Approved a contract for next school year with the Michigan High School Athletic Association for athletic participation.



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water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

Lead And Copper Testing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Belleville Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures, and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of Belleville performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses, and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

Water Quality Data

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State Laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community. The community-specific information is presented in a separate table. The following table shows all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2018. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Compliance

This report was prepared by Mr. Mark Gaworecki, Water System Operator for the City of Belleville using data supplied by the water provider. The Great Lakes Water Authority and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Mr. Rick Rutherford at the City of Belleville at 734-697-9323.

This report has been prepared and provided to the residents of the City of Belleville in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) 1998 PA 56. This act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA dealing with this law. Most of the specific language within this report is required and as such cannot be altered.

Public Participation

Each and every month the Great Lakes Water Authority Board meet at the Water Board Building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. These meetings as well as public hearings are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the GLWA meetings residents are encouraged to visit the GLWA website at www.glwater.org.

City Comments

You can save hundreds even thousands of gallons of water each day by making adjustments to your daily routines. Simply install a low flow faucet aerator to save 1 to 3 gallons of water per minute of use. A low flow shower head can save you 10 gallons of water per minute which is an average of about 20,000 gallons a year. Watch for any drips in faucets. A running toilet can waste up to 74,000 gallons of water in just 3 months.

When using a sprinkler system, **Do Not Over Water!** Make sure your sprinkler heads are only watering your lawn and not your driveway or sidewalk. Sweep sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down to save about 50 gallons of water every 5 minutes. Lawns only need about an inch of water per week.

If you see any suspicious activity around the water system or fire hydrants, contact the City of Belleville Department of Public Works during regular business hours or the Belleville Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Sumpter OKs \$46,855 of CPA aid in treasurer, finance director offices

At its workshop session, before its regular meeting May 28, the Sumpter Township

Board of Trustees heard a presentation by Ron Traskos, C.P.A., on the cost of filling the vacant finance director's position.

He also gave an analysis of corrective actions needed within the Treasurer's office and the cost of a project over a five-week period to proceed with a course of action.

Traskos gave a recap of hours his firm has put in from April 29 through May 24 and a projection for five weeks ending June 28.

He indicated his firm has put in 52.5 hours in the Treasurer's office at a cost of \$8,269 and 45 hours in the Finance Director's office, at a cost of \$7,086, for a total of

97.5 hours at \$157.50 an hour for a total of \$15,355.

Traskos estimated the five weeks as costing \$31,500, for a grand total cost of \$46,855.

The board added that item to the agenda for the regular meeting and voted unanimously to pay a sum not to exceed \$46,855 to Traskos' firm, Post Smythe Lutz & Ziel of Wayne.

Traskos said his firm will submit a progress report at the June 25 board meeting, or at the earlier June 11 meeting if something not on their list comes up.

Supervisor John Morgan asked if the problems in the treasurer's department would have an impact on the township's bond rating.

Traskos said, "The last thing you need is a 'qualified audit.' We think we will be able to stay away from that."

Township attorney Rob Young asked, since it is doing so much work in the treasurer's and financial director's office, will Traskos' firm be able to do the audit, as it has for many years.

Traskos said they are on the edge of deciding that right now and Young said he hopes they can do it.

Treasurer Ken Bednark said Deputy Treasurer Wendy Snook and Water Billing Clerk Anna Winter went to Tax 1 training and Snook also went to boot camp.

"We are making progress," he said. "As I said before it's like trying to unravel a fur ball ... Costs are not as exorbitant as expected."

He said there has been five deputies and three treasurers over the last year and "It's time to do the reckoning."

In other business at its May 28 meeting, the board:

- Approved a resolution designating Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick as the township's Freedom of Information Act coordinator;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance to amend and restate the blight ordinance;

- Approved the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union floating holiday for Friday, July 5, and to close the township hall offices on that date;

- Approved hiring Jesiah Rodriguez as a full-time police officer, contingent upon successful drug screening and required physical and psychological examinations. Rodriguez, 31, resides in Ann Arbor and graduated from the Washtenaw Police Academy in September. He is also a 2012 graduate of Siena Heights University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He currently is a Medical Medicine Security Officer with University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security, a position he has held for four and a half years. He will replace Sgt. Chris McGlynn who was due to retire May 31; and

- Approved sending new Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick to the Michigan Township Association Clerks' Professional Development Retreat for training July 17-18 at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.



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The City of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. We hope you find this report useful. Copies of this report are available at the Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Look for future reports prior to July 1 of each year. Water quality data for community systems throughout the United States is available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov>.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate if for you, or speak with someone who understands it.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019

THE TOWNSHIPS OF SUMPTER AND VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIPS MENTIONED ABOVE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the Townships of Sumpter and Van Buren in the state of Michigan who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, July 22, 2019**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at their township of residency at the following places, days and times:

Sumpter Township (23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, telephone: 734-461-6201):

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday August 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Van Buren Township (46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111, Telephone: 734-699-8909):

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday August 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Washtenaw County Intermediate School District will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$53,295,000

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 South Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, telephone: (734) 994-8100, or the Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, Michigan 48111, telephone: (734) 461-6201, website www.sumptertwp.com, select "Departments", select "Clerks Office", or at the Township of Van Buren, 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, telephone: (734) 699-8909, or at www.washtenaw.org/elections. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk's office.

Washtenaw County Clerk/Register
200 N. Main Street, Ste. 120
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 489 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 2:

0009 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
0059 – family trouble, Haggerty
0224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stratford Dr. / Lancaster Dr.
0436 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0821 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0850 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1133 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1400 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1524 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1636 – assist other dept., Timberview Ct.
1705 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1809 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1810 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1853 – road hazard, S. I-275/Tyler Rd.
1907 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1907 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2026 – suicidal person, Lancaster Dr.
2111 – follow up by officer, Rose Blvd.
2244 – domestic, Dover Ct.

Monday, June 3:

0335 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0629 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
0654 – property damage accident, Hannan/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1054 – larceny, Van Born Rd.
1230 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1434 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
1745 – mental subject, Tyler Rd.
2017 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2145 – suicidal person, Stanley Rd.
2148 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.
2206 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / McBride Ave.
2219 – shooting, Denton Rd.
2319 – fireworks, Renton Rd.

Tuesday, June 4:

0010 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0651 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ironwood Dr.
0906 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Old Denton Rd.
0926 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
0929 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1157 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1300 – ordinance violation, Martinsville Rd.
1338 – domestic, Revere Dr.
1448 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
1530 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arcadia Ct.
1704 – traffic offense, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River
1816 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1852 – animal complaint, Briarwood Ct.
1924 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2024 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd.
2135 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.
2244 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.
2317 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, June 5:

0031 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0028 – fight, Quirk Rd.
0146 – assist other dept., Grove/Rawsonville
0255 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0323 – assist other dept., Lakeshore
0740 – malicious destruction of property, Michigan
0851 – suicidal person, Van Buren St.
0851 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Green Ln.
1045 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake
1255 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Bemis
1301 – fraud, Hamilton St.
1348 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1351 – hospice death, Freedom Way
1352 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1415 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Quirk
1414 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.

1420 – robbery, Belleville Rd.
1521 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1541 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1542 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1559 – suspicious person/vehicle, Red Oak Dr.
1646 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1730 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1854 – larceny, Beckley Rd.
2021 – suspicious person/vehicle, Red Oak Dr.
2052 – private property impound, Meadows of Van Buren

2216 – domestic, Stonebridge Ct.

2357 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Thursday, June 6:

0129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0249 – malicious destruction of property, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0358 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0501 – suspicious person/vehicle, McKinley St.
0618 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
0717 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
0812 – traffic offense, Jeremy Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0834 – suspicious person/vehicle, SB I-275/Tyler
0851 – suicidal person, Arthur St.
0914 – animal complaint, Dewitt Rd.
0956 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1108 – disorderly, Holly Ln.
1112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fairbanks St. / Coolidge St.

1128 – noise complaint, Renton Rd.

1201 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service

1303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Martz Rd.

1305 – threat, McBride
1350 – road hazard, Belleville/I-94
1530 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1531 – suicidal person, Solitude Ln.
1923 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2002 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
2040 – follow up by officer, Quirk Rd.
2058 – shooting, Ecorse
2111 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.
2239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2259 – suicidal person, Robson Rd.
2300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
2336 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Friday, June 7:

0049 – 911 welfare check, N. Cumberland Dr.
0219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0936 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
1055 – animal complaint, Timberview Ct.
1058 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1240 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1249 – traffic offense, Spencer St./Sumpter Rd.
1307 – disorderly, W. Huron River Dr.
1446 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service

Dr.
1451 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1504 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Quirk
1607 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1654 – neighbor trouble, Arthur St.
1701 – assist other dept., Rawsonville
1759 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.

1819 – 911 welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
1955 – domestic, Stonebridge Ct.
2001 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2007 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sadie Ln.
2308 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
2312 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2327 – suicidal person, Jeannette Ave.
2356 – assist other dept., Justine St.

Saturday, June 8:

0012 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
0102 – fight, Belleville Rd.
0126 – assist other dept., Outer Dr.
0204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0701 – traffic offense, Rawsonville/Bemis
0749 – property damage accident, WB Michigan Ave. / bypass
1127 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1205 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Cir.
1313 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1408 – assault & battery, Robson Rd.

1452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Yost/Belleville
1526 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1539 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1605 – neighbor trouble, Filmore St.
1619 – property damage accident, Buchanan St. / Jackson St.
1629 – traffic offense, Milton Dr./Country Walk Blvd.
1700 – lake complaint, Lakeview Ct.
1705 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.

1721 – traffic offense, Rock Creek/Pebble Brook
1721 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1750 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter Rd.
1807 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Dr. / Savage Rd.

1838 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1851 – indecent exposure, Renton Rd.

1939 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

2007 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2030 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
2107 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards Rd.
2119 – animal complaint, Ironwood Dr.
2149 – noise complaint, Bog Rd.
2307 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 158 traffic stops, 65 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 2:

0117 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1444 – traffic offense, West Columbia/Edison
1559 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd.
1619 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2104 – suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.
2115 – disorderly, N. Liberty St.

Monday, June 3:

0442 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Davis St.
1326 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1546 – property damage accident, High St./Main
1736 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, June 4:

0806 – civil matter, Robbe St.
1926 – domestic, Anaheim

Wednesday, June 5:

0136 – family trouble, Carmell
0929 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1407 – personal injury accident, Main St.
1543 – welfare check, Church St.

Thursday, June 6:

0310 – 911 welfare check, Clarence St.
1135 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1634 – malicious destruction of property, Main
1803 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1808 – suspicious person/vehicle, Charles/Third
2037 – suspicious person/vehicle, South/Henry

Friday, June 7:

0937 – assist fire dept., Brain St.
1256 – assist other dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.
1425 – fraud, E. Columbia Ave.
1514 – malicious destruction of property, Loza Ln.
1540 – malicious destruction of property, Loza Ln.
1750 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1906 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.
1907 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
2220 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
2235 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
2319 – noise complaint, Clarence St./Greylock St.

Saturday, June 8:

0008 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
1132 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1810 – missing person, Carmell St.
1850 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1959 – fraud, Sumpter Rd.
2103 – follow up by officer, Rose
2215 – noise complaint, Estrada Dr.
2244 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.

Also on this week's log are 32 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 2:

0300 – traffic hazard, Judd/Haggerty
0902 – alarm, 8600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1155 – traffic hazard, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1438 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1557 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1738 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1922 – traffic hazard, Elwell/Judd
1950 – disorderly person, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2242 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2253 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willis
2348 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

Monday, June 3:

0853 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0913 – fight, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1104 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willis
1453 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1518 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1717 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1758 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1809 – reckless driver, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1900 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2159 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2246 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Tuesday, June 4:

0120 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0938 – juvenile complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1031 – identity theft, Brookview Dr.
1056 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1313 – larceny, 8000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1342 – larceny, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1445 – malicious destruction of property, Carriage Ln.

1502 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1629 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1653 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1738 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1744 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
2116 – well-being check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2128 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, June 5:

0003 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
0026 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
0727 – noise complaint, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1310 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Bemis
1326 – civil dispute, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1339 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1603 – fraud complaint, Rustic Ln.
1756 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1908 – suspicious person, Willow/Sumpter
2210 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2233 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

Thursday, June 6:

0157 – traffic hazard, Sumpter/Wear
0645 – juvenile complaint, Hampshire Dr.
0835 – civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.
0912 – well-being check, Greenmeadow Dr.
1216 – malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

1433 – reckless driver, Judd/Fenster
1529 – fire dept. assist, Ohio
1538 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1603 – suspicious person, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1627 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1943 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2034 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2058 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2304 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2322 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.

Friday, June 7:

0047 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0735 – suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz/Carleton West
0834 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1312 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1336 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1430 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

1542 – personal injury accident, Willow / Rawsonville
1706 – ORV complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1730 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1816 – subpoena service, Knollwood Dr.
1841 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1850 – citizen assist, Bemis/Rawsonville
1853 – subpoena service, out of township
1903 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis / Martinsville

1929 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2133 – 911 hang up, New Mexico
2138 – fireworks complaint, Harris/Savage
2213 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, June 8:

0139 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.
0754 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.

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1141 – juvenile complaint, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1435 – dumping complaint, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1645 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1811 – ORV complaint, Karr/Willis
2128 – fireworks complaint, Harris/Savage
Also on this week's log are eight follow-up investigations, 23 miscellaneous details, 35 patrol checks, and 64 traffic stops.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark. Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, Rush and LaPorte. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 31 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the following amendment:
ADD I: Consider approval to hire Dawn Hadyniak to the position of Clerk's Office Assistant, effective May 15, 2019. To keep her seniority with respect to vacation/PTO/sick time from the date of 8/17/17. Will be able to continue MAMC certification and wages will reflect those of the AFSCME contract. Longevity will be calculated on the date of hire into the union of 05/15/2019. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the warrants totaling \$ 282,124.46. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Rush, Oddy, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer Report-Morgan: Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Water & Sewer report. Motion carried.

8 Police Report-Luke: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Police Report. Motion carried.

9. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

10. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Bednark to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

12. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan: Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Supervisor's report. Motion carried

13. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 18%, Insurance matters 6%, Township Board meetings 8%, Meeting with Twp Officials, 6%, Water & Sewer 5%, Police, Fire & Prosecutions 26%, Ordinance & Blight 9%, Labor Contract/LOU 10%, Republic 2%, Planning 2%, Library 5%, Parks & Recreation 3%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1%, and Misc. 4%.

B. Library

C. Nationwide

D. Blight issue at 34th district court
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve the Attorney's report with a detailed invoice from 34th district court listing the blight issues at 47750 Wear Rd, bid awarded to VanAssche. Motion carried.

14. Board Response:

Birthdays

June 9 – Perry Carnahan

June 14 – Michael Hinton

June 17 – Kyle Ackron, LaCrystal Bostic,
Elliana Oygarden

June 18 – Patricia Douglas

June 19 – Bob Mytych, Marian Caldwell,
Tiffany Fleeson

June 20 – Charlie Crispell

A. Treasurer Bednark thanked Jaime Goode for the NIMS training.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve Hennessey Engineers, Inc., to begin advertising the invitation to bid for the first station (20550 Sumpter Rd.) drain repair project. Motion carried.

C. Kim Toms of Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation talked about the Country Festival starting in two weeks.

D. Trustee Oddy stated the Parks & Recreation is still looking for volunteers.

E. Trustee Rush thanked all who attended the Storm Ready program.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the closure of Sumpter Road from Judd Road to Dunn Road on May 25, 2019 from 11:30 am until the parade ends for the Sumpter Country Festival. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-__ regarding amending and restate of blight ordinance. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the addendum to Sumpter Township Emergency Management plan to include the Storm Ready and SKYWARN spotter programs. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve Sumpter Township application to the National Weather Service for the Storm Ready Community program. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the agreement with Oakland County's Court & Law Enforcement Management Information System(CLEMIS) for police department consortium services. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to amend the fee schedule to include USB drives for FOIA requests regarding a copy of the Board Meeting off the AV system, at a cost of \$5.00. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the resignation of Dawn Hadyniak from the Deputy Clerk, effective May 15, 2019. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the appointment of Anthony Burdick to Deputy Clerk position to be paid \$25.08 per hour, effective May 15, 2019 pending background check. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve Dawn Hadyniak to the position of Clerk's Office Assistant, effective May 15, 2019. To keep her seniority with respect to vacation/PTO/sick time from the date of 8/17/17. Will be able to continue MAMC certification and wages will reflect those of the AFSCME contract. Longevity will be calculated on the date of hire into the union of 05/15/2019. Motion carried.

16. Announcements:

A. Trustee Rush thanked former Deputy Clerk Hadyniak for her service.

B. Missoula Children's Theatre

17. Open Floor: Eight (8) people spoke.

18. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,

Dawn Hadyniak

Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

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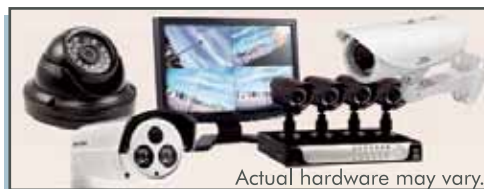
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