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East side of the development holds a grocery store.

Drawings courtesy of Wayde Hoppe, R.A.

City Planners OK Scott Jones site plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The site plan presented by Scott Jones for his new project at 562, 524, 510 Main St. and 549 North Liberty St. was approved by the Belleville Planning Commission at its regular meeting June 13.

Jones said the official title for his project is Belleville Main LLC.

Architect Wayde Hoppe presented drawings showing the plans that would start with building a strip mall on the west side of the site, with a new restaurant space for the Lunch Box, which would have to move to an interim part of that mall while the new Lunch Box building is constructed.

Hoppe said at the north end of that part of the site would be a lakeside restaurant with a tower and a covered, outdoor dining areas with seated people looking out over Doane's Landing to the lake.

The parking lot would be in the middle with a grocery store on the east side of the



Restaurant on Liberty Street with outdoor, covered dining.

site. The area north of the grocery store may be needed for more space for the store or could house other businesses.

Hoppe said Belleville's ordinance requires 92 parking spaces and they've provided 92 spaces, including four barrier-free. There will be benches, a picnic table, trash receptacle, and bike rack.

The proposed design of the grocery store features a large glass tower over the front entrance. Store entries would be from Main Street and from the parking lot.

Hoppe said the buildings would include limestone with a special bullnose top.

He said he tried to give an attractive facade on Main Street and will have brick and limestone buildings and recessed windows.

Since the parking lot is not level and there is a grade change, there will be a retaining

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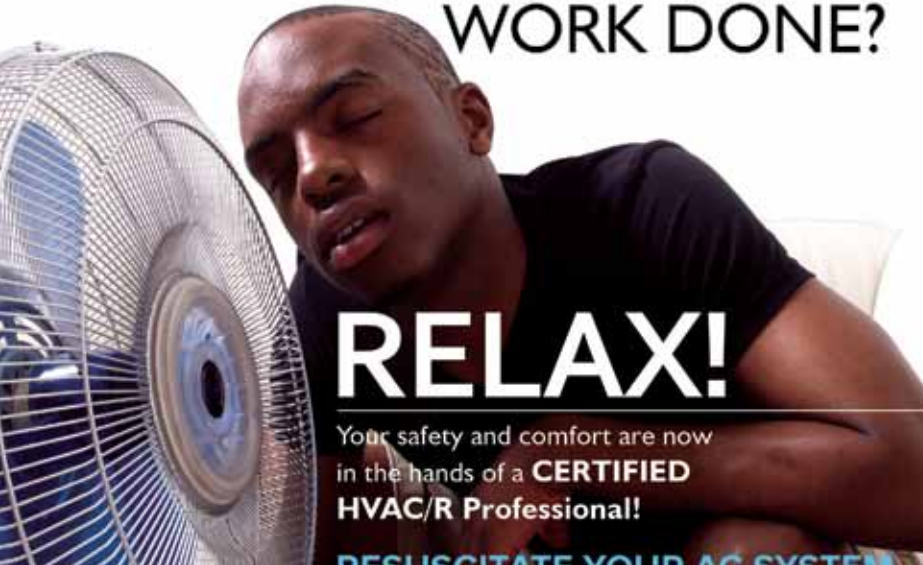
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Timeless Images by Susan Katherine Russell, 16, was named Strawberry Festival Queen at last Friday's pageant. For her talent performance, she sang. She is the daughter of Scott and Mendie Russell and a student at Belleville High School. At right, is first runner-up Gabrielle DeLibera, 16, the daughter of Victor and Margo DeLibera and a BHS student. For her talent she played a musical instrument. To her right, is second runner up Julia Marshall, 18, the daughter of Christopher Marshall and Heather Larson, and a recent BHS graduate. For her talent, she played the flute. At far left is court member Deborah Usenvbuwa, 16, the daughter of William Osaigbovo and Mercy Unsenvbuwa, and a BHS student. She sang for her talent presentation. The queen received a \$1,000 scholarship and the three members of the court received \$500 each.



Parade photos by Bob Mytych

OPINIONS

Editorial

Scott Jones is on a roll to sharpen up Belleville area

Not only is Scott Jones set on bringing back a grocery store to the “food starved” City of Belleville, he now announces he wants to build 75 condos or so next to Sandy’s Marina in Van Buren Township.

Scott Jones is a son of the founder of L&W Engineering and has liked to stay out of the public eye – until now. He seems perfectly comfortable to be up front at municipal meetings and he answers questions on his projects with candor.

The Belleville project answers the prayers of city residents who cringed at the dilapidated buildings that marked the city’s front door for so many years.

Jones’ project will clean that up and offer a front door of which to be proud.

His VBT condo project is an answer to the dreams of area residents who don’t want to have to move to Canton when they get tired of mowing their expansive laws on big parcels in the township and want to retire.

This project is with his sister Tammy and her husband Bill Osier.

This housing project is adjacent to Sandy’s Marina and a lot split approved for that property on Tuesday makes one wonder if Sandy’s will be part of the Jones’ project, as well.

Who knows what else Jones is considering for this area? Belleville has approved his plans for the 500 block of Main and VBT planning department is moving forward on his condo plans.

Keep an eye on the Jones boy.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Ron Akers, the Director of Planning and Economic Development for Van Buren Township, has been named Department of Public Services Director for the City of Ypsilanti. His last day with VBT will be July 10. I’m really going to miss him. He has been open, honest, and available which really helps me cover what’s going on in VBT.

At Monday’s work/study meeting of the township board, Supervisor Kevin McNamara announced that he had the resignation last Friday and gave Akers over the weekend to reconsider. He accepted it at 2 p.m. Monday, he said.

A reader passed along two lines that he thinks are very appropriate with the Fourth of July coming.

1. Those who disrespect our flag have never been handed a folded one.

2. A veteran is someone who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for any amount, up to and including their life.

“Don’t know who wrote these, but really thought it was worth sharing,” he concluded.

A reader came into my office to say he got a phone call that said his Social Security Number was suspended and it was a scam. The number he was supposed to call, which he said he’s sure would involve a demand for money, was (877) 363-1213. He said he got the call on June 6 at 7:41 p.m. He wanted to alert people in the community to this scam and to not fall for it.

Cheryl Vatcher Martin found a special LP album at a yard sale and her husband



brought it in to the *Independent* to put it where it should go. I took it to a school board meeting and sent it on to the teachers who put on the plays and musicals each year.

The album is a recording of the sound of the actual student performance of “The Unsinkable Molly Brown” at Belleville High School on May 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 1975.

A retired teacher told me BHS used to record all their musicals back in the day, which she really liked because she can listen to her son perform when he was a student.

Belleville City Councilman Tom Fielder, who is president of the Strawberry Festival, took over the responsibilities of executive director Joan Bodnar after she had a heart attack last week. Fielder was praised at Monday’s city council meeting for all the work he did on the festival.

Trinity Episcopal Church, one of the few places one could actually get strawberries at the Strawberry Festival, reportedly ran out of strawberries on Friday.

Fielder said Trinity bought all of Meijer’s strawberries for their Saturday business.

Rowe’s on Martz Road is the only strawberry farm around now and it has a pick-your-own format. On Friday people reported they picked at Rowe’s and the berries were plump and plentiful.

Belleville City Councilman Jesse Marcotte and his wife Melly are expecting their first child on Oct. 27. They have found out it’s a boy and they have already picked out a

name, but are not announcing it. It’s not Jesse, she said. Melly said they picked out names for a boy and a girl long before they decided to start their family.

She said the baby is due to arrive just after her Oct. 22 birthday and just before their one-year wedding anniversary. We’ll see how the timing works out.

At Monday’s Belleville City Council meeting, Councilman Tom Smith

reminded everyone that this season’s Music Lakeside starts Thursday, June 20, at Horizon Park with the Paul Keller Orchestra and Mr. B. He said this year there are nine concerts instead of the usual eight. He said next week on June 27, the very popular Thornetta Davis is due to perform.

Also at the meeting, Therese Antoinelli suggested the summer youth employees could be used to clean out the store the city bought next door to city hall and soap the windows to make it look better.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said it would be unsafe in there for the youth. It was pointed out there is alcohol in there now, but it will be gone soon.

“Nothing wrong with alcohol,” said Police Chief Hal Berriman.



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Letters

Citgo station in Sumpter will pump your gas

To the editor:

Are you aware that the Sumpter Citgo gas station at 19731 Sumpter Rd., on the corner of Willis and Sumpter roads, will pump gas for those who are elderly and/or disabled?

This service has always been provided, but I recently became aware that many in our community may not know and wanted to share this information with the community.

This service is a courtesy offered by the considerate owner Joe and his employees. The best time to visit is between 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. daily. Blow your horn, flash lights, or call (734) 325-6077 for assistance.

A. Allen, Sumpter Township

Stop-sign runners are future red-light runners

To the editor:

In regards to the subject of a new traffic light at the intersection of Hannan Road and the South I-94 Service Drive. A majority of crashes happen due to drivers running the STOP sign(s) on the east- and west-bound side(s) of the divided road as it approaches Hannan Road and hitting vehicles that have the clear right of way for north and south travel.

The same people that run the STOP sign will surely run the traffic light when it is displayed red. The only saving grace the new traffic light will improve (maybe) is the north- and south-bound traffic, mainly south-bound from under the I-94 overpass, will have to stop on red and lessen the chances of getting hit by STOP-sign and now in the future red-light runners.

The drivers that run the STOP sign are generally not even from the area and are just cutting through to get to I-94 as quickly as possible. These drivers could care less about their actions or the area they are driving in. I say put a camera there and fine them into compliance and if they were on their mobile device, double the fine.

Think about this. How many times have those STOP signs been run and there was no crash?

We are only forced to think about the STOP sign runners that have crashed, not the 100s of times these drivers didn't meet up with north or south Hannan Road traffic.

Jerry Frederick
 A Romulus Resident

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There's been a lot of talk about socialism

To the editor:

Can't believe another election season is on the way. There has been a lot of talk about socialism.

One candidate calls it Democratic Socialism – free college, free health care, free cars. Well, not free cars. That would be my favorite.

Someone said if you think health care is expensive now, wait until it's free.

P.J. O'Rourke

Remember, socialism is communism, with just a dab of religion.

Mickey Widener
 Van Buren Township

Dennis Watts, Holly Swinson win quilts

To the editor:

These are the winners of the 2019 Sumpter Fest quilt raffle.

The military-themed quilt, which was donated by the Sumpter Community Senior Quilters, was won by Dennis Watts, a Marine Corps veteran.

The patchwork quilt, which was designed, quilted, and donated by Ernie and Sis Butzin, was won by Holly Swinson.

We thank those who donated the quilts and all of you who participated in the raffle, proceeds of which are used by Sumpter Parks and Recreation for community events and projects.

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Birthdays

June 18 – Sandra Redlaczky
 June 21 – Deanna Schrecengost, Devin Fowler, Deb Juchartz
 June 23 – Karen Mickens, Karen Hylton
 June 25 – Barbra Fairman
 June 27 – Darlene Collins, Tim Craiger

Do you have a birthday in June? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Belleville Rotary Club to hold first golf outing on Aug. 23 in Canton

The Rotary Club of Belleville will hold its first-annual golf outing on Aug. 23 at the Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Cost is \$115 per golfer, which includes a light breakfast, hot dogs at the turn, and dinner following golf.

Sponsorships are also still available.

For more information on the outing, call Dennis Davison at (734) 325-6405 or email dennisd227@comcast.net.

Incident Friday night puts police into action at Strawberry Festival

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said an incident at around 8 p.m. Friday in the area of the carnival at Belleville High School was the only big disruption that brought police into action during Strawberry Festival weekend.

He said it was serious when it started, but then it was calmed down.

He said it only lasted an hour and it was mainly juveniles who were involved. He suggested they were venting after the last day of school. He said there were no arrests, but two tickets were issued, one for failure to comply and one for disorderly conduct.

He said no guns were seen by police. There were two reports of people seeing guns, but when police checked it out they found no guns.

Chief Berriman said besides Belleville officers and Belleville Reserves, they had Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies and Woodhaven Police on the scene. He said Woodhaven helps with Belleville's festival and then Belleville reciprocates with Woodhaven's festival.

Second and Main incident

At Monday's city council meeting, Chief Berriman told of another incident at the corner of Second and Main streets. He said he has received four emails and six phone calls regarding his actions, harshly criticizing him.

"We've had these preachers show up for a number of years," Chief Berriman told the council. "And, there has been no problem as long as they don't impede traffic."

He said Officer Trombley and he went out there and he explained the not impeding part to a girl who was holding a big sign.

Supervisor McNamara: Belleville Lake draw down is off for 2019

The plan to draw down Belleville Lake in the fall of 2019 has been cancelled.

At Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the state has a lot of questions they want answered and this could not be done in time to have the township mount the number of volunteers it needs for the effort.

"We lost every grant we went for for the project," Supervisor McNamara said. He said they most recently lost a \$50,000 grant and they could have a better shot at that one next year.

Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

Then a plastic bottle was thrown at one of them and hit the preacher.

He said when Officer Trombley started to go after the female who threw the bottle, he restrained him, telling him not to go after the girl, which would exacerbate the situation.

"In retrospect, it would have been better

to get her name," Chief Berriman said.

Although the preacher called it an assault, he said he wasn't injured and didn't want to make a report.

Later, there was another assault, but when police arrived the preacher had left the scene and did not file a report.

"I was harshly criticized for not filing

charges, but the victim wouldn't file charges," Chief Berriman said. "I didn't sleep well that night. I should have let Trombley get her name."

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said, "That why we love our police chief so much. He didn't have to explain all this."

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Obituaries



A. Joyce Gant

A. JOYCE GANT
 June 25, 1947 – June 12, 2019
 A. Joyce Gant (nee Farsakian). Beloved wife of Harold "Speed" Gant. Loving mother of Russell (Karen) Rinaldi of Springfield, MO, and stepmother of Dayna Gant of Boston, MA and Darren Gant of San Francisco, CA. Cherished grandmother of Corbin Rinaldi. Dear sister of Louise Pelto, Shirley Kunkel, and the late Harry Farsakian. A Memorial Service was done Saturday, June 15, 2019. In lieu of flower donations in Joyce's memory are to the Armenian Congregational Church, Southfield. To send a loving message, please visit Joyce's obituary at www.ekfh.net.



Jennifer Marie Fleming

JENNIFER MARIE FLEMING
 July 15, 1984 – June 14, 2019
 Jennifer Marie Fleming, age 34, born July 15, 1984 went to her heavenly home on June 14, 2019. Daughter of Larry (Judy) Fleming, and Sue Fleming. Mother of Kimberly, Alexis, Nevaeh, and Damian. Sister of Mike Fleming, Gabe Fleming, and Brandon Testorelli. She will also be missed by many friends and family that loved her. Viewing Thursday, June 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with a service to follow at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

REXAL LEE CARTER
 August 1, 1939 – June 15, 2019
 Age 79, of Willis. Survived by sons Thomas, Kenneth, Darryl; three grandchildren; sisters Beverly, Patricia. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Thursday. Service is 11 a.m. Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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Site plan

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wall along Liberty, a fence, and steps to the restaurant. There also is a entry/exit for vehicles onto Liberty, as well as Main.

He said there would be no mechanical equipment on the roof. It will be necessary for grocery delivery trucks to back into the dock area off Liberty Street.

Commissioner Kelly Bates pointed out there are no commercial vehicles allowed on North Liberty Street now, so that would have to be addressed.

Building Official Rick Rutherford said the house on Liberty was zoned RM and he suggests special land use approval for that as opposed to rezoning.

Hoppe said they have been working with the city's engineers on details, including the underground retention of rain water, a water quality unit, larger volume pipe.

"We're very close to having final engineering plans," Hoppe said.

It was suggested that the plans be shown to the fire and police departments for comments.

Jones said he is waiting for DTE to shut down the gas lines so he can begin demolition. Also, the electrical line will have to be rerouted underground.

The commission voted to grant special land use for the house, make the project part of B2 zoning, and to accept the project's site plan.

"I'll begin demolition as soon as I can get information from DTE," Jones said.

In other business at the June 13 meeting, the commission:

- After a public hearing, approved sending changes to the city council for a final vote on the Outdoor Cafe Ordinance. This ordinance allows rooftop dining, with certain stipulations;
- After a public hearing, approved sending zoning ordinance changes to the city council for a final decision. The proposed changes to the Central Business District takes out the stipulation of needing 50% retail for each block; and
- Deferred to the next meeting consideration of parking restrictions in the Central Business District.

Saginaw Valley State Univ. names Deans' List students for Winter 2019

UNIVERSITY CENTER, MI -- More than 1,900 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the Winter 2019 semester Deans' List.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Both Sheldon Wheeler and Tiffany Wheeler of Belleville are on the list.

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Scott Jones tells VBT Planning Commission about his condos' plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Scott Jones of Van Buren Township told the township planning commission about this plan to build more than 70 detached condominiums on 13.6 acres on the lake just west of Sandy's Marina.

Jones said this was a joint project with his sister and her husband, Tammy and William Osier.

The present medium-density RIC zoning allows up to five units per acre, which isn't right for Jones' plan to put six or more units per acre. RM multiple-family residential zoning is required.

Also, conditional zoning was recommended by the township so once the zoning is changed, nothing but condos can be put up. The applicant has to propose the conditions, under state law.

Planning Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson said there had been a couple of conditional plans in the past that didn't go through. With conditional rezoning the original zoning is restored if the plan doesn't materialize.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said the site has a future land use designation for Medium Density Single Family A (10,000 square feet). The township's future land use map would need to be amended to allow for the higher density housing he said.

He produced a projected timeline for the changing of the future land use map and rezoning with 15 steps that could result in a Jan. 21 rezoning.

Jones said that timing is fine with him since he wasn't planning to begin any sooner.

Akers said potential rationale for a future land use map change includes that it is not uncommon to see residential developments at the 6-8 dwelling unit per acre density on Belleville Lake, including Ormond Drive and The Cove condominiums.

Jones showed the planning commission proposals for five, ranch-style, open plans ranging in size from 1,488 to 2,010 square feet, with attached two-car garages and full basements.

He said exterior features such as brick facades and Hardie fiber cement siding would furnish lasting beauty and low maintenance. Interior features would include granite countertops and lavish master suites.

Residents would have exclusive access to a 2,900-square-foot clubhouse with exercise room, billiards room, game room, reading nook and a large multipurpose room with kitchenette.

When Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked if he needed to build more than 70 condos, Jones said 70 is their minimum and maximum is 74-75, with 6-8 units per acre.

He said they will be on a single floor with 75' frontage, with 4-5 units at 85' frontage and a couple on 100' lots. They will have easy access to Sandy's Marina, so the builders don't have to deal with docks.

"There is definitely a need for that," Jones said. "We have a lot of positive feedback."

Chairwoman Thompson told Jones if he had a layout concept to show at one of their meetings, it would help commissioners better visualize the project. Jones said that would be done.

Jones said the four to five units just built on North Liberty Street in the City of Belleville are what he had in mind, with 10' in between.

Therese Antoinelli of Moving the Mitten real estate said it would be like Cherry Hill Village in Canton. She said people who want to downsize and not have to mow their lawns any more are who would be interested. They could go to Sandy's Marina and get on their boat and become Snowbirds in the winter.

Antoinelli said there is a need for more lakeside housing.

"We have nowhere for our seniors to go," she said, adding this new project will have main floor master bedrooms.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said the Crystal Lake project on Denton Road north of Michigan Avenue is for ages 55 and up and it is very compact.

After the discussion, the commission unanimously passed a motion to direct staff to take steps to amend the future land use to construct detached condos.

Akers said he would send out a notice of intent to plan on June 17 and the project would be back before the commission on July 10 for a vote on sending the proposal to the township board.

In other business at the June 12 meeting, the commission:

- Approved the final site plan for Ashley Capital's Crossroads North Distribution Center, which will be made up of three buildings totaling 1,579,325 square feet

on 158 acres on the northwest corner of Ecorse and Haggerty roads. VBT consulting engineer Dave Potter voiced concerns on traffic patterns and suggested a two-part permit which would require another traffic study in the future, but he said the county refused that suggestion. The Ashley representative said they would be more than amenable to meet and talk about this because they want a healthy environment in front of their development, but, "The county thinks it's a non-issue." The representative added,

"We're not going anywhere and we're in it for the long haul. There's a lot of things we can do on our side to mitigate concerns";

- Tabled Infinity Homes request for an amendment to the Townsend Park site plan for revised single-family architectural elevations because the applicant was not present. He plans to come to the June 26 meeting; and

- Learned intern Grace Stamper has left VBT for a job in Hamtramck.



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On June 12, it looked like demolition was starting on the house at 549 North Liberty Street in the City of Belleville. The site is part of the several parcels purchased for the Belleville Main LLC project that will include a grocery store and two restaurants, among other potential retail and office uses. Scott Jones, who now owns the property, said while he has a demolition permit for the house, he hasn't started demolition yet. He had a tree crew there, but that's it. Someone took the aluminum siding off the house without permission. Those who took the siding told city officials who questioned them that they talked to the owner. They hadn't.

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Ordinance No. 02-19-19(2), Sec. 46-71 is Consumer fireworks:

No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in the township, except on the following days after 11 a.m. and in accordance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act 256 of 2011, as amended:

- (a) Dec. 31 until 1 a.m. on Jan. 1
- (b) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days
- (c) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days

(d) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.

(e) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

Any person who violates this section shall be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction and assessed a civil fine of \$1,000 for each violation. For each violation, \$500 of the fine collected under this section shall be remitted to the Van Buren Township Department of Public Safety as the agency responsible for enforcing this section.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 24 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, June 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 5:30 p.m.

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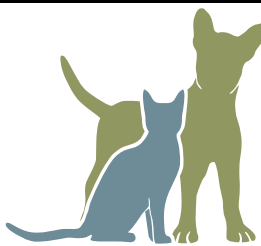
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The series begins July 10, featuring The Dan Rafferty Band (Top 40, Pop and R&B). On July 17, The Blue Water Kings Band (Jazz, Swing and Pop) will perform, with 50 Amp Fuse (popular songs from the '60s to current day and R&B) concluding the mini-series on July 24.

Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic dinners, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs and blankets to enjoy the performances.

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m., so arrive early to find a place with plenty of room to dance. In the event of inclement weather, the performances will be moved inside the building and notices will be posted.

To find out about other summer events and information on improvements at Quirk Park, including the opening of a new playground and Wayne County's largest Splash Pad, visit vanburen-mi.org.

Kathryn Henning earns Academic Award from Albion College

Kathryn Henning of Belleville received an Alumni Award for the Outstanding Sophomore Geology Major, presented by Albion's faculty for excellence in academic work. Henning was also named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester.

Henning is majoring in geological sciences with a minor in geographic information systems. Henning is the daughter of Nathan and Erin Henning of Belleville and is a graduate of Huron High School.

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Tywonda Fudge graduates from University of Findlay

FINDLAY, OH – Tywonda Fudge of Belleville has graduated from the University of Findlay. Fudge received a Master of Science in Environmental, Safety, and Health Management.

Fudge was invited to walk in the University's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 4. More than 800 graduates earned doctoral, master's, bachelor's or associate degrees for the academic year 2018-19.

University of Findlay names Farris, Klauza to spring dean's list

FINDLAY, OH – Mikayla Farris and Riley Klauza of Belleville have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2019 semester at the University of Findlay.

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Disbarred attorney Thomas White released from prison June 18

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas Andrew White, 51, was scheduled to be released from prison on Tuesday, June 18, after serving about four years and two months of an original 5-20-year sentence.

Registered victims of White received letters announcing White would be released and be on parole until June 18, 2020.

White was sentenced to 5-20 years in prison in 2015 for embezzling money from many of his clients in the Belleville area, many being senior citizens. His office had been on Main Street, across from city hall, for 20 years.

He pled *nolo contendere* to the 20 felony charges brought against him.

Defense attorney James Murray appealed White's case, saying his client had been mischarged. He said the racketeering conviction was defective, legally and practically, and he said the prosecutor agreed.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houten dismissed the racketeering activity, the most serious of the 20 charges. Murray said racketeering is impossible for a person working alone, which White was.

On March 21, Judge Van Houten resented White on his other charges to time served. That amounted to 3 years and 98 days (1,453 credit days). He pled *nolo contendere* to the charges as he did in 2015. His previous costs and fees assessed and owed remain in effect at \$1,234,329.

White originally was sentenced by retired Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Dalton A. Roberson, who was on temporary duty with the court and filled in for Judge Van Houten on April 19, 2015 when White was sentenced the first time.

Judge Roberson ordered White to pay restitution of more than \$1.1 million to 14 victims. It was noted at the time that there should be 25 names on the list since money White embezzled from several estates affected those who were due to inherit the money.

Since White was incarcerated, several other people have told their stories to the *Independent* about how they had been defrauded by White, but had not come forward. Later, a real estate agent said some of the property work done by White in the past had to be corrected through court action.

White is expected to return to the Belleville area upon his release from prison. He most recently was at the Central Michigan Correctional Facility in Gratiot County. His maximum discharge date was March 28, 2035, as listed on the Michigan Department of Corrections' Offender Tracking System website.

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VBT PD joins 'Neighbors' app by Ring to provide crime info

The Van Buren Police Department announced that it has joined the Neighbors app by Ring to provide the VBT community with real-time, local crime and safety information.

The Neighbors network already has millions of users and has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries, and keeping neighbors safe, said Public Safety

Director Greg Laurain in a news release.

Residents can now download the free Neighbors app, join their neighborhood, and use the app to monitor neighbor activity; share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team.

Neighbors is meant to facilitate real-time

communication between these groups, while maintaining neighbor privacy first and foremost, Director Laurain said. By bringing security to every neighbor with the free Neighbors app, the VBT community can stay on top of crime and safety alerts as they happen, he said.

Text vbtwp to 555888 or click on <https://download.ring.com/vanburentownship> from your smartphone to download the app for free on iOS/Android and see what's happening in your neighborhood.

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Informational meeting set June 20 to discuss new hotel at Dewitt

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

An informational meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 20, at Van Buren Township Hall to discuss plans for a proposed hotel on the South I-94 Service Drive at Dewitt.

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, said at the meeting the applicant will give an overview of the potential project and the township will be available to answer questions regarding the Zoning Ordinance and the review processes.

Akers said an individual is exploring the possibility of constructing a hotel at that location. The property is zoned C-1 & C-2 which does allow for hotels and motels as a permitted use.

Akers said they are using the township's Public Participation Plan to schedule an informational meeting before they submit a formal application to obtain some feedback from the homeowners who live adjacent to

where the hotel would develop.

Akers said there is currently a Facebook post on the Belleville Community page where people have discussed some of their concerns.

"We are conducting the informational meeting this early in the process for a few reasons," Akers said. "These are so there can be better communication between the potential developer and the community residents and, if the developer decides to move forward, they can incorporate some of the residents' preferences into the design process."

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On June 26th, 2019, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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2012	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZC5E05CF139619	19-8941

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2004	FORD	PU	1FTRX12W64NB99509	19-8302
2003	HONDA	4D	1HGCM66573A069002	19-8646

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following request.

- Case 19-013:** A request by River of Life Assembly of God to construct a sanctuary addition to the existing church building. The addition would add 8,163 square feet of space to the building that is located on the south side of Savage Road between Sheldon and Martinsville Roads at 870 Savage Road, Parcel ID# 83-105-99-0065-001.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Posted: June 3, 2019

Published: June 20, 2019

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation is putting on its annual Takin' it to the Streets summer fun event tomorrow afternoon, June 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Tyler School on Tyler Road. The free event will feature games, entertainment, inflatables, wax hand making, face painting, and much more. The Alexandria Nature Bus will be there from 2 to 4 p.m., featuring hands-on activities and live animals. A lunch will be served starting at 1 p.m. Call (734) 699-8921.

Yankee Air Museum has announced its participation in the Blue Star Museum Pro-

gram, which allows free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel and their families for the whole summer. YAM joins along with more than 2,000 museums around the country in its tenth year of honoring the military, now thru Labor Day. To learn more visit www.yankeearmuseum.org and call (734) 546-8003. The museum is also offering Unity in Learning Camp Programs this summer, where campers will learn about aviation history, physics, flight, and engineering. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum will provide activities such as rocket science, engineering, and natural disasters. The summer camp programming is supported in part by Menlo Innovations, Inc. Registration and other details can be found on the museum's website or call (734) 483-4030.

The Music Lakeside Concert Series kicks

off tonight with the Paul Keller Orchestra and special guest Mr. B, beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. Next week, Thornetta Davis will perform. Others lined up include Detroit Elvis on July 4, Jill Jack July 11, Bobby Murray Band July 18, The Stubbs Girls July 25, The Paxton Spangler Band featuring T Bone Paxton Aug. 1, Tequila Mockingbirds Aug. 8, and Toppermost on Aug. 15. It's the tenth season for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts sponsored series on the lake. The concerts will be held rain or shine as Belleville First United Methodist Church is the indoor location. Visit www.bacaart.org and www.musiclakeside.com. Be sure to grab the schedule inserted into today's newspaper.

Rowe's Produce Farm on Martz Road just west of Rawsonville is finally open for strawberry picking, and the cost is \$2.39 per pound and they'll furnish containers. There are no pre-picked strawberries for

sale. English Shelling and Sugar Snap peas are also ready for picking at \$30 per bushel, \$16 for a half bushel, \$9 a peck or \$2.39 per pound. Hours are weather permitting, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call (734) 482-8538 and visit www.rowesproducefarm.com. For up to the minute picking conditions, see their Facebook page at Rowe's produce farm.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:40 p.m. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Rush, Oddy and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszzyk, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 12 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

ADD Item F: Consider adding to the Agenda approval for a Budget Amendment not to exceed charges of \$46,855.00 for services rendered and projected future activities by POST, SMYTHE, LUTZ & ZIEL OF WAYNE, LLP in the Finance Director function and Treasurer's Office assessment and recommendations. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: no comment

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Bednark, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrant total of \$1,375,050.12. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Strawberry Festival
B. Sumpter Country Festival. Job well done by Parks & Recreation, Sumpter Seniors, Police Department, Fire Department and all the volunteers.

C. Thank you to all who attended and supported the Memorial Day services.

Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: no report

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. Our Senior Center received a 26-passenger SMART bus (grant) to replace the 19-passenger bus.

B. Beginning May 2nd Cardio drumming will start earlier on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and Evening Cardio drumming will begin at 6:00 pm. 20 Clients participate in the morning classes. There is plenty of room in the evening classes.

C. Volunteers deliver meals to 24 homebound clients Monday through Friday

Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the senior report. Motion carried.

10. Board Response:

A. Trustee LaPorte wanted to extend many thanks to the Parks & Recreation for a fine job with the Festival activities over the Memorial Day weekend.

B. Trustee LaPorte noted to residents that the DPW

crews are painting and trimming around fire hydrants throughout the township.

C. Trustee Rush advised of how effective the Board-approved Emergency Management Notification system is. He described the Sudden Event experienced at 3:41 p.m. on Saturday, May 25th during the Country Festival and the specific notice announcement of the alert.

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Resolution 2019-08 to designate a FOIA coordinator. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve of the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No: 2019_ regarding amendment and restate of blight ordinance. Motion carried.

Per conversation with Attorney Young on 6/6/2019, this item should be an Ordinance No., not a resolution. The Ordinance No. recommended is No. 41 13-3(a), under review.

C. Motion by Swinson, supported by Hurst to approve AFSCME Floating Holiday on Friday, July 5th, 2019 to close the Township Hall Offices. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the hiring of Jesiah Rodriguez as a full time police officer, contingent upon successful drug screening and required physical and psychological examinations. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the MTA Clerks Professional Development Retreat for training on 7/17/19-7/18/19 of the Deputy Clerk Burdick. Cost not to exceed: \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to approve a Budget Amendment for not to exceed charges of \$46,855.00 for services rendered and projected future activities by POST, SMYTHE, LUTZ & ZIEL OF WAYNE, LLP in the Finance Director function and Treasurer's Office assessment and recommendations. Motion carried.

12. Announcements:

A. Trustee Rush advised that the SKYWARN training will be repeated again. Date to be determined. Trustee Rush will be qualified in the near future to continue this training in-house for the Township.

B. Clerk Hurst informed of the extended hours for residents' use of Carleton Farms Landfill.

C. Chief Luke provided an update on the FEMA visitation to our Township. The originally scheduled visitation for Friday, 5/24/2019 did not occur. However, FEMA has advised of visitations for the week of 5/27/2019.

13. Open Floor:

Three (3) people spoke

14. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk

Sumpter Township Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Published: June 20, 2019

City of Belleville Public Notice

RESOLUTION NO. 19-036

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019-20 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2019-20 City Budget has been presented by the City Manager and reviewed by the City Council with the Administration, resulting in various modifications being made to the proposed budget, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 3, 2019 as required by City Charter for final determination.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby determines that the 2019 property tax levy for the City of Belleville shall be 16.506 Mills for general operating purposes payable to the General Fund; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the one percent (1%) collection fee be levied as provided by Statute; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the 2019-20 City Budget as follows:

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

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that pursuant to state law, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation within each Fund, but not from Contingency or Capital Reserve Accounts nor between Funds.

Adopted by City Council Resolution No. 19-036 on June 3, 2019.

Publish: 6/20/19

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 505 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 9:

0236 – suicidal person, N. Bellridge Dr.
0316 – noise complaint, Andover Dr.
0333 – assist other dept., Sumpter/Hull
0353 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0409 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0435 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.
0455 – road hazard, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0804 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1237 – operating while intoxicated, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1304 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1409 – road hazard, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1458 – noise complaint, Walden Ct.
1510 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1721 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
2026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center Dr.

Monday, June 10:

0025 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
0043 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0106 – noise complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
0638 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd. / Huron River Dr.
0824 – 911 welfare check, Rock Creek Dr.
1422 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, E. Schooner Dr.
1513 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hannan
1556 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1726 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2022 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2042 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2047 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2153 – animal complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
2208 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, June 11:

0035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
0126 – assault & battery, Locust Dr.
0224 – suspicious person/vehicle, DDA Belleville
0744 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
0901 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0955 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1208 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.
1212 – disorderly, Michigan Ave.
1304 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd.
1348 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1510 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1516 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Green
1536 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake Rd. / Huron River Dr.
1607 – malicious destruction of property, Birch Dr.
1616 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1636 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1646 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1653 – personal injury accident, Savage/Haggerty
1716 – domestic, Fret Rd.
1815 – traffic offense, Village Green Ln.
1821 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1914 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2023 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2144 – animal complaint, E. Archwood Dr. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2241 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2315 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Anna
2333 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2344 – civil matter, Parkside Dr.

Wednesday, June 12:

0159 – family trouble, Shelley Dr.
0359 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0421 – parking complaint, Nautica Dr.
0432 – parking complaint, Peninsular Dr.
1053 – follow up by officer, Quirk Rd.
1107 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1149 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1155 – fraud, Lake Point Blvd.
1213 – fraud, Madison Dr.
1219 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1230 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1305 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1325 – follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.

1350 – mental subject, Stonebridge Dr.
1433 – larceny from auto, Maple Dr.
1552 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1628 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1708 – larceny from auto, Maple Dr.
1733 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1936 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1938 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2002 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
2117 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Liberty Ln.

Thursday, June 13:

0139 – family trouble, Senate St.
0234 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0731 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1029 – ordinance violation, Lauren Ct.
1122 – fight, Spruce Ln.
1127 – ordinance violation, Timberland Dr.
1142 – ordinance violation, Timberland Dr.
1221 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1231 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1325 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1437 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1507 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1604 – follow up by officer, Estrada
1728 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1732 – larceny, Huron River Dr.
1827 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1911 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.
2250 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Friday, June 14:

0052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.
0309 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd.
0653 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1021 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1228 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1333 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1422 – threat, Sadie Ln.
1450 – fraud, Michigan Ave.
1539 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1733 – trespassing, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1821 – animal complaint, McBride
1915 – road hazard, Morton Taylor Rd./Van Born
1917 – fireworks, Alden Ave.
1956 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows
2003 – assist other dept., St. Anthony
2033 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
2239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Patty Ln.
2341 – disorderly, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
2346 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, June 15:

0007 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0019 – suicidal person, Sylvia Dr.
0047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.
0051 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
0845 – holdup alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
0950 – larceny, Robson Rd.
1356 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1428 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1543 – larceny, Ormond Dr.
1615 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1731 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Hannan
2106 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2108 – neighbor trouble, Jackson/Tyler
2134 – malicious destruction of property, Western
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cambridge Ct. / Colonial Rd.

2143 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2205 – noise complaint, Hannan/Huron River Dr.
2308 – noise complaint, Edison Lake Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 185 traffic stops, 29 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 9:

0334 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.
0830 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0917 – miscellaneous complaints, N. Liberty St.
1107 – property damage accident, Hull Rd.
1238 – operating while intoxicated, Savage Rd. / E. Columbia Ave.
1307 – domestic, N. Liberty St.

1652 – assist fire dept., Second St.
1727 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
Monday, June 10:
0050 – family trouble, Carmell St.
0421 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0840 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0841 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
1200 – disorderly, N. Liberty St.
2057 – assist fire dept., Camell St.
2204 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
2311 – disorderly, Henry St.

Tuesday, June 11:

0828 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0910 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1145 – assist fire dept., South St.
1155 – fraud, Main St.
1356 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St.
1457 – disorderly, N. Liberty St.
2306 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, June 12:

0158 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
0349 – parking complaint, Clarence St.
1116 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1735 – larceny, E. Columbia Ave.
2032 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
Thursday, June 13:
0144 – disorderly, Main St.
0926 – civil matter, Fifth St.
1325 – assault & battery, E. Waterbury Ct.
1424 – intrusion alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
1548 – missing person, Estrada Dr.
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
1838 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, June 14:

0156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
1049 – neighbor trouble, Loza Ln.
1613 – parking complaint, Barber Bob’s
1623 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1842 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St./Second
1949 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2112 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, June 15:

0322 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
0437 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
0637 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0854 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1305 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1309 – welfare check, Bedell St.
1320 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St. / Second St.
1433 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
1609 – parking complaint, Street Square
1614 – miscellaneous complaint, McBride Ave.
1638 – lost property/child, W. Columbia Ave.
1721 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
1755 – parking complaint, Third St./Church St.
1807 – parking complaint, Roys St./Charles St.
1851 – assist fire dept., Tuscon Manor
1855 – disorderly, Second St./Main St.
1923 – parking complaint, Main/High
2159 – miscellaneous complaint, S. Liberty St. / E. Columbia Ave.

2244 – fireworks, Madelon St./E. Huron River Dr.
2248 – disorderly, Main St.

Also on this week’s log are 31 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 9:

0130 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1410 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1449 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1527 – alarm, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1717 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1943 – well-being check, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Monday, June 10:

0957 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Haggerty
1117 – fraud complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1134 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1419 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1441 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1629 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville
1658 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Deborah Ct.
1750 – disorderly person, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1808 – reckless driver, Martinsville/Willow
1942 – citizen assist, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2156 – runaway juvenile, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Tuesday, June 11:

0051 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Bemis

0219 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0644 – civil dispute, Redwood Ct.
0817 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1327 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1428 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1513 – fire dept. assist, Willow/Karr
1525 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1850 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2208 – trespassing complaint, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

2304 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

Wednesday, June 12:

0639 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0724 – noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1148 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster
1228 – assault, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1636 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1956 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2226 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, June 13:

0347 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0443 – alarm, Redwood Ct.
0516 – shots fired, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0523 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.
0716 – suspicious incident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1326 – shots fired, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1400 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1402 – traffic hazard, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1506 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1519 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1723 – well-being check, Country Club Blvd.
1735 – assist other agency, out of township
1907 – down wires, Sumpter/Willis
2052 – fire dept. assist, Oregon
2314 – well-being check, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.

Friday, June 14:

0615 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
0846 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
0900 – dumping complaint, Arkona/Carleton West
1142 – well-being check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1304 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1541 – suspicious incident, Virginia
2034 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2037 – 911 hang up, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2212 – civil dispute, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2215 – noise complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Saturday, June 15:

0241 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
0726 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1100 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
1102 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1124 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1754 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
2324 – noise complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2343 – down wires, Rustic Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 11 follow-up investigations, 11 miscellaneous details, 40 patrol checks, and 47 traffic stops.

Flower box at Five Points damaged when Sumpter pursues vehicle

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The flower box at Five Points in Belleville was damaged the week end of June 8 when a vehicle being pursued by Sumpter Township Police crashed into it, crumbling the stones that are part of the city’s streetscape.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said a Belleville officer put out stop sticks in an attempt to stop the fleeing vehicle but the sticks only hit one tire, so the vehicle went out of control and hit the flower box.

Chief Berriman said the vehicle just missed the new outdoor sculpture that had been put in place the week before and missed a pole. The flowers around the sculpture had been planted the night before the crash.



Van Buren Public School District

Van Buren Public Schools is currently requesting proposals for a company to provide latchkey services for the following schools for the 2019-2020 school years:

Edgemont Elementary (K-4th grade)

Rawsonville Elementary (K-4th grade)

Savage Elementary (K-4th grade)

Tyler Elementary (K-4th grade)

Owen Intermediate (5th - 6th grade)

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **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.

• **Thursday, June 20** – Music Lakeside begins its 10th season at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. (It's the 30th season for the concerts that began at Victory Park and then moved to the lake.) The Paul Keller Orchestra with Mr. B.

• **Thursday, June 20** – Spaghetti dinner to raise funds for work projects at the church. At Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$8, children 10 and under, \$5. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread/butter, drink and dessert.

• **Friday, June 21** – Takin' It to the Streets, free family event from 1 to 4 p.m., with lunch from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Inflatables, craft station, music, face painting, games. VBT

Parks & Rec. Department, (734) 699-8921.

• **Friday, June 21** – Eagle Riders Steak Dinner at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. (734) 699-8836

• **Friday, June 21** – Charity Golf Outing to benefit Relay for Life of Romulus at Links at Gateway Golf Club, 33250 Gateway Dr., Romulus, 7:30 a.m. check in with light breakfast and Bloody Mary bar, 9 a.m. shotgun start, lunch on the turn, 3 p.m. gourmet dinner. \$100 per golfer. Dennis Davidson, (313) 590-9485.

• **Sunday, June 23** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's Jay & Sax. For information, call Jimmie Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, June 24** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will meet with constituents for a coffee hour at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., in Canton Township.

• **Wednesday, June 26** – VFW and PLAV are holding a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 to 7 p.m. at the post on Bemis Road in Van Buren Township.

• **Thursday, June 27** – Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. Thornetta Davis

• **Friday, June 28** – State Rep. Joe Bellino, who represents Sumpter Township in Lansing, invites constituents to his coffee hours to tell him their concerns. He will be at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe from 1 to 2 p.m. and at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd., in Sumpter Township.

New Library Cornerstone Laying Ceremony!

Saturday, June 29 at 1 pm

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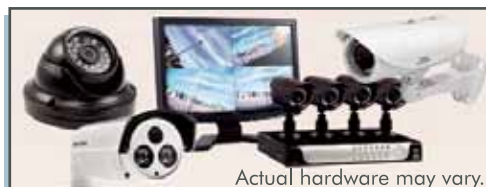
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