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Council: McLean is new deputy administrator

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council unanimously approved the employment agreement for Timothy McLean, who was hired as the city's first deputy administrator during Monday's regular zoom meeting of the city council.



McLean will start his new at-will position on July 6 at an annual salary of \$73,000. He will receive health care benefits, but no retiree health care.

McLean currently holds the position of city administrator, DDA director, zoning administrator, and HR manager for the City of Gibraltar. His background includes a bachelor of science degree in political science from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in public administration from Bowling Green State University.

McLean has 11 years of experience in municipal government. After beginning his career as an intern for the City of Troy, he has served as assistant to the city manager, city manager, and community development director for various communities.

After he was introduced to the council via zoom, Mayor Kerreen Conley told McLean the city still had places in its 20-seat dragon boat for the weekend festival competition and he agreed to join in.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-35-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the mayor's appointment of Mike Renaud as an alternate member of the Board of Review with a term that expires in June 2024;

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Steve Cinnamon and his family celebrated their 20th Father's Day Car Show at Victory Park in Belleville on Sunday. Cinnamon said they had 123 cars this year. The largest car show over the years had 170 cars. That was five years ago when his daughter got married at the show and all the relatives came, he said. During the COVID pandemic last Father's Day, there were 60 cars. From left at the gazebo decorated for the 20th year are Kevin Robertson, Allison Cinnamon Robertson, Steven Cinnamon, Steve Cinnamon, and Addison Cinnamon.

Sumpter board approves Vincent Warren as treasurer

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

During a 14-minute special meeting by zoom on June 16 the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted 5-1 to appoint Vincent Warren as the new township treasurer.

He replaces Treasurer James Clark who died June 7 from complications from COVID-19. Under state law the board had 45 days to replace the elected official and the issue was on the agenda of the June 22 meeting.

Instead, a special meeting was called.

Trustee Peggy Morgan was the only board member voting against the appointment. She asked why the appointment was taking place this way instead of the way it had been planned for the June 22 meeting.

Supervisor Tim Bowman said the plan was changed and that, "It's been going on for a long time." He claimed Clark had been in the hospital since "30 days ago."

"Toni is still alive and the office is running," Trustee Morgan said, referring to Clark's widow who was the deputy



Warren

treasurer. She said Deputy Toni Clark had continued to come in to work after her husband's death and worked Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the week of the Wednesday special meeting. She chastised the board for not being willing to wait six more days until the next regular meeting.

Morgan said Clark dedicated his time to the township, serving as the first ordinance officer and wrote the first ordinance.

Supervisor Bowman said, "We paid our respects to Jim. We took time out and offered condolences."

"Shame on this board," Morgan said, pointing out Clark served on the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals and Toni Clark had been township supervisor.

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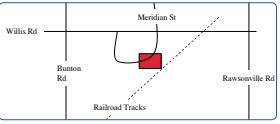
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT votes 6-1 for all employees to have COVID vaccinations

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

All employees and elected officials are required to have vaccinations for COVID-19 following a 6-1 vote at the June 15 regular zoom meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.

Trustee Kevin Martin was the only no vote. He said he felt that action was a violation of the employees' constitutional rights.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said starting July 12 and going through Aug. 8, employees would be at work four days a week, alternating Wednesday and Friday off, with the building open its regular hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"On Aug. 9: All hands on board," Supervisor McNamara said.

In describing the proposed reopening plan for the township, Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said the plan calls for all vaccinated employees to provide a copy of their vaccination card or Schedule K.

Clerk Leon Wright explained his thoughts on mandated vaccinations, which he said was a touchy subject. He said since the township employees provide public service directly to the public, with police and fire going directly into homes, "We have to have vaccinations to get where we have to be."

Clerk Wright said the number of people being vaccinated now has slowed to a crawl.

"Anyone with a doctor's excuse, I'm OK with that," he said. "Or, any religious status. Can't be involved with that. We should be leaning on employees being mandated..."

Director Sumpter said for citizens there are two sets of rules. MIOSHA said on May 24, those vaccinated are not required to wear masks, but unvaccinated need to wear masks. She said screeners at the township hall door will ask if you are vaccinated.

She said MIOSHA wants to have a plan in case it happens again so screening would continue. She said it could be a totally new set of rules on July 1.

Supervisor McNamara said the subject can be broken into the following issues: Clerk Wright wants mandatory vaccinations, the reopening plans, and when do the board meetings open? He said he has notified the unions about this and not many are interested.

Sumpter said 97% of the employees are vaccinated.

Trustee Martin asked if the township got a legal opinion on this and Sumpter said it had. She said because of the decision of a Texas federal court this is not a violation of any EEOC or HIPPA rules.

Trustee Martin asked if it was a violation of a person's civil rights.

Supervisor McNamara said no court would mandate you to change your rules for employees.

Sumpter said you can't go around doctor's or religious beliefs. She said it would apply to board members and employees, but not commissions.

"I have no control over boards and commissions," Sumpter said. "I'm only over employees."

Trustee Miller asked if employees and board members have to follow the mandate, but boards and commissions don't, how can COVID cases be traced back? Sumpter said she would get an answer from the attorney on that the next day.

Trustee Don Boynton asked if the public was mandated and Sumpter said it wasn't.

"You, as a board, have to vote on a mandate," Sumpter said.

Clerk Wright made the motion for mandatory vaccinations for township employees who are full time and part time, including township board members. This was seconded by Trustee Sharry Budd.

"I'm going to vote no," said Trustee Martin, adding if for whatever reason they don't get vaccinations, it's an imposition on their civil rights. "I have to vote no."

Trustee Sherry Frazier said the schools require students to have vaccinations and this board makes the rules that are best for township residents.

Supervisor McNamara said he was on the fence, and he agreed with what Trustee Martin said, but he agrees with Trustee Frazier.

"I'm going to vote yes," Supervisor McNamara said.

Trustee Miller asked if any other township has mandated shots and have there been any challenges and Sumpter replied others haven't mandated it.

Supervisor McNamara said it became legal two days ago in the State of Texas with an appellate court judge's ruling.

Trustee Martin said once the federal government mandates the shots, he'll change his mind.

The vote was 6-1 and the mandate passed.

"If 97% are vaccinated and the 3% have excuses, we would not force someone out if that's provided for," Clark Wright said. "This is the best thing for us to do since we serve people every day."

"What's the time limit and if they don't get shots are they terminated?" asked Trustee Martin.

Supervisor McNamara replied, "Let's say no."

"Then, why do this?" Trustee Martin asked of the vote.

Supervisor McNamara said if the

employee doesn't do it, he will sit down with the employee and help wait it out until he finds a doctor or religion.

He said there is only one person in the administration building that has an issue with this, plus three police officers and three fire fighters.

Supervisor McNamara ask if they are going to go back to pre-pandemic hours on July 12, with four days in the building and one at home until Aug. 9, when there will be first full week of pre-pandemic schedule.

That motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor McNamara asked when are they going to open up the board meetings? He said he would like to do it in July, but some preferred August or September, or even December. He said they really don't need a vote.

Trustee Miller said she would like to vote on it.

Trustee Boynton asked if this was for boards and commissions, too, and Supervisor McNamara said this decision was exclusively for the board. He said all the board members were vaccinated.

After discussion, Supervisor McNamara said, "My attitude is it's time to open now."

Trustee Miller made the motion, supported by Trustees Frazier and Martin, to reevaluate open meetings at the end of September and to continue with virtual meetings until then.

Supervisor McNamara cast the only no voted, but added, "I'll do what I'm told." He said there was no need to vote on boards and commissions now.

"We do need an exact plan," said Clerk Wright. "An item on the agenda could trigger a crowd. We need to plan on how to approach it when people show up."

In other business at the one-hour-and-34-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Callie Barr to an unexpired term on the planning commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2022. She replaces Jane Franzoi, who resigned. Barr is associate attorney at Jones Day law firm, specializing in business and tort litigation, complex litigation, and investigations;

- Adopted the Downtown Development Authority's Appendix to Resolution 2021-12: Township Employee Restructuring. This approved the salary increases of the DDA director and assistant to become a part of the township restructuring salary scale, in accordance with all township salaried employees;

- Approved the transfer of \$19,689 from the General Fund fund balance for the purchase of a new mailroom copier with service contract. The current copier will be moved to the supervisor's office;

- Approved purchase of a 2021 Ford Escape from Atchinson Ford in the amount of \$21,555 to be used as a fleet vehicle assigned to Community Services. It is being paid for with proceeds from the ten old vehicles recently auctioned off. Public Services Director Matthew Best said it will be ordered and built by the end of the year and is part of the plan to modernize the fleet and reduce maintenance costs;

- Approved purchase from Deere and Company of a John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor with a 2020 Diamond mower for the Building and Grounds Department for \$85,177.35. Best said it will be used to mow areas not under mowing contract, such as around the water tower and sewer areas and in the future could do roadside mowing in the township and easements. "We need a tractor," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "Wayne County has us by the scruffy neck. We can't do line-of-sight mowing and Wayne County isn't able to do it." Wayne County doesn't have the manpower, he said. Best said the mower will be built and delivered in 2-6 months. The previous smaller tractor will transition to Parks and Recreation for use at Van Buren Park, Best said;

- Heard Best answer Steven Drake's question via zoom about when the gateway signs are going up and where they are going to be. Best said they currently are putting together a request for proposals for bids to get costs. The board will decide whether to move forward, Best said, adding COVID pushed the project back and they are slowly moving forward; and

- Watched a brief video put together by Ryan Nichols of the communications department showing a rodeo held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds the previous Saturday, featuring Wayne County Executive Warren Evans as master of ceremonies. Trustee Martin said he and his wife went to the event and he had never been to a rodeo before. "It was a blast," he said.

Josh Nichols honored with two Big Ten all-conference awards

Josh Nichols of Belleville, a student at the University of Michigan, has been honored as part of the Big Ten's first All-Conference Cheer and Dance Teams awards. Nichols made the All-Big Ten First Team at the U of M and the All-Big Ten Community Service Team – Coed Cheer. The winners were chosen from nearly 900 student athletes.

OPINIONS

Editorial

There's lots to do this week end at Belleville Lake Fest

It's like the community has been freed from the bounds that tied us up for what seems like forever. Over the past 16 months or so, COVID killed some of us, maimed others, and scared the sox off the rest of us.

Now, with the vaccinations widespread and the infections at a low point, it looks like the worst is over and we can take off our masks and go out in the sunshine and play. Some are still nervous about the freedom, but at last it's here.

Those planning the Belleville Lake Fest for this weekend did not back off their plans for this week end which began last fall. While other events were canceled, including Strawberry Festival, Mike Kole at the Chamber of Commerce and his enthusiastic team pushed forward with gusto and didn't give up.

Now, what we have is a weekend of activities based around Belleville Lake with lots of music, food, contests, art, cars, and more. It was put together to help local groups raise funds for their non profits.

Actually, the summer-long Music Lakeside concerts start at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Horizon Park opening the door to Friday's Lake Fest activities.

Lake Fest will begin with a ribbon-cutting at 5 p.m. Friday by the new Chamber Welcome Center on Third Street. See schedule on page 21.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

There was a huge crowd at Victory Park on Sunday for the Cinnamon Father's Day Car Show and parking for visitors was at a premium. I parked behind city hall and walked over to check out the event. People were enjoying the hot weather sitting on their chairs in the shade of the trees and chatting together near their cars. There was country music playing and tickets being sold for the 50-50 drawings. People laughed and enjoyed themselves without a mask in sight. It was the Cinnamon family's 20th annual car show and it was great.

I got an email and screen shot of my name and my old telephone number that was on a scam call. The person who sent it to me said: "I received a call from your number! I answered it, and it was a robocall. I don't remember what they were selling, it was a credit card or warranty or something; nothing too terrible. I thought it was ironic that you report on these every week and it looks like someone's been caller ID phishing with your name!"

I get calls with friends' names on them, too, and it's not from friends. Strange world we live in these days.

At Monday's city council meeting by zoom, someone said that he saw them putting up the FISH display at Horizon Park earlier that day. That's the display of many same-size, wooden fish that are painted by different artists and turned over to the Council for the Arts, which erects them in the park for the summer. It's a community art display that is sure to get a lot of attention again this year.



We remember when Sabrina Richardson-Williams asked about allowing golf carts on the Belleville city streets. Sabrina is treasurer of the Belleville DDA and at a meeting a few months ago she said some of her neighbors in Victoria Commons would really like to take their golf carts downtown to visit merchants. She was told that couldn't happen because state law didn't allow it. She was disappointed and dropped the subject.

Now, the subject has come up again. At Monday's zoom meeting of the Belleville City Council, Jeremiah Beebe, who lives on Church Street had a place on the agenda to push for golf carts on the streets of Belleville. He had prepared a detailed packet that he presented to the council in advance for their study that contained the state law that allows it in communities less than 30,000 in population. It also showed local ordinances in the City of Richmond and Gibraltar that deal with their golf carts. There was a list of 26 towns in Michigan that allow golf carts.

State law allows them on roads with speed limits of 30 mph and below and they can't be driven at more than 15 mph. Drivers have to be at least 16 years of age and have a driver's license. No auto insurance is required to operate one.

The issue was turned over to the city manager/police chief to review and come back with a recommendation. He said Main Street is really busy and these golf carts go

on the streets not the sidewalks. And they can't go down Sumpter Road or Huron River Drive because they are county roads, but they can cross them.

Also, he was curious about the city's liability if someone got hurt on a golf cart so he will check with the city attorney.

It will be discussed at an upcoming meeting after the city manager/police chief is done with his study.

The Keystone Academy school board has been meeting in person right along during the pandemic, mostly with masks, while other groups had been meeting virtually. Sumpter Township Board of Trustees met in person until December when it learned how to go virtual and it's been virtual since then.

The last several meetings of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education have been in person at the high school cafeteria. The District Library Board was virtual until its last meeting when it met live in the Rotary meeting room at the library. The Belleville DDA voted to meet in person at its next meeting and everyone was happy to hear that. The VBT Board of Trustees plans to meet virtually until September and the Belleville City Council will discuss its plans at the next meeting. The public meetings are coming back to us, bit by bit.



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Letters

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To the editor:

Re: Quality newspaper

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We compare it to the *Ann Arbor News*, which is full of *Washington Post* drivel, and local "reporters" telling us how we should think and behave. The *Independent* is a far better paper. You report the news. You don't try to make us feel guilty or preach to us how to conduct our lives. Thanks for the great job you do.

Donald J. Lauter

Special books donated to library no longer there

To the editor:

A few years ago, I moved out of state and, unfortunately, could not take everything I wanted with me. I donated many, many carloads worth of stuff to Purple Heart (who helps veterans) and my church (who helps families in need). I donated many books to the Belleville Library, but debated about donating a special collection of classic literature books from the 1940s that were my mom's, and possibly were passed down from her mom. It was an extremely hard decision to make and I didn't make it until the day I was leaving Michigan, but I donated them to the library. I based my decision that many people would find enjoyment out of such books and that they would be in a safe place.

Recently, I had been thinking about the books and, of course, had regrets about donating them. I called the library and explained about the books and asked if they were available. I was told before the move to the new library, books that were donated were sold or thrown away. I felt like the wind was knocked out of me, thinking my mom's books were destroyed. I asked if they could be on the shelf for circulation and was told they probably were sold. They did not even check. I said had I have known they were in jeopardy of ever being sold or destroyed, I would not have donated them. My heart broke. Here I thought the books were safe, but they were gone. As I spoke over the phone to one of the ladies at the library (I spoke to three altogether) I mentioned they were my mom's and she used to be the city clerk of Belleville. She said had they have known that, they probably would have kept the collection as a historical piece. But does it matter who owned them? They should have been kept.

The definition of a library is a place to read, research and check out books --nothing about being a bookstore. Isn't a library to take care of books? Have we not seen enough destruction and the banning of classic books for books that have no historical value? My first thought was, well, with a new library, they would rather have nice new books on their shelves. And then I thought of the book "Fahrenheit 451" and realized we are living that book today.

I wrote this so others will be aware of this process at the library if they had hopes of finding a safe place for their classics. I try to take solace in the hope that they were purchased by someone who will cherish them.

Charlene Eller

Editor's Note: Charlene Eller is the daughter of Agnes Frisch, who was Belleville City Clerk for 20 years.

Superior Auto closing after 40 yrs in business

To the editor:

After 40 years of business, Superior Auto & Truck Inc. on Davis Street in Belleville is closing permanently. We would like to thank all the loyal customers and friends we have made over the years who made it hard to make this difficult decision. Hope to see all of you in the future!

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More Letters

Be considerate when using your fireworks

To the editor:

With the Fourth of July nearing, Phantom Fireworks encourages its friends and customers to be considerate of your neighbors when using fireworks. We often get too caught up in the excitement and entertainment of fireworks lighting up the sky that we forget the noise and lights may have an adverse effect on some people and animals.

Phantom Fireworks asks you to be courteous to your neighbors. Communicate with them. Notify your neighbors before shooting your fireworks to allow them to prepare themselves and to enjoy your show.

Phantom also asks that you respect your neighbor's property. Keep your launch site open and away from your neighbor's property to prevent accumulation of fireworks' remains in their area. When the show is over clean up your fireworks debris, particularly what ends up on your neighbor's property or in the street.

Firework safety is crucial. Always have a ready source of water close by in case of emergencies. Maintain plenty of distance between the launch site and spectators and inhabited buildings. It is very important to honor a curfew. Generally professional fireworks end by 11 p.m. Please respect your neighbors by ending at a reasonable time.

Phantom reminds you to follow the law and apply common sense. Read the firework safety tips provided by Phantom to understand the performance and hazards associated with the item. Phantom wants you to be safe, have fun, and enjoy your Fourth of July!

Bill Weimer, vice president
Phantom Fireworks Companies

FMAR thanks golfers, sponsors for golf outing

To the editor:

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue would like to thank all the golfers and sponsors who are involved in the golf outing fundraiser on Saturday at Green Oaks. Reminder to sponsors to send their checks in. The Cat Haven needs a new furnace. Repairs are needed for other maintenance.

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Obituaries



Jean Sipracki

JEAN SIPRACKI

(October 1, 1926 - June 11, 2021)

Jean Sipracki, age 94, of Sears, MI, died Friday, June 11, 2021, at Pleasant Ridge Manor in Marion, MI under the loving care of staff and hospice. The family is extremely grateful for the excellent care.

She was born in Madison County, North Carolina, on October 1, 1926, the daughter of Wade Kent and Zora (Payne) Kent. Jean was an original Rosie the Riveter at Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, MI during World War II, where she proudly served her country. She loved traveling and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her two daughters: Wanda L. (Donald) Akans of Sears, MI and Carolyn J. (Larry) Nieman of Clemmons, North Carolina; a son Curtis R. Webster of Monroe, MI; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, two sisters: Louise Brigman and Waydean Lisenbee of Marshall, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Henry of 42 years, a brother Ralph, and sisters Merle, Gladys, Mary Lee, Evelyn and Faye.

Visitation was Sunday, June 13, 2021. Services were held June 14, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500.

Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and would be appreciated by the family.

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MICHAEL KEVIN TERRY

(March 23, 1954 - June 18, 2021)

Age 67. Talented carpenter by trade. Survived by children Teresa, Lisa, Kaila, Nicole; and siblings Mark, Karen, Martin, Kimberly, Matthew.

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Michael Eugene Armstrong

MICHAEL EUGENE ARMSTRONG

(October 1, 1926 - June 11, 2021)

Michael Eugene Armstrong, of Belleville, MI, age 71, passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born August 5, 1949, in Detroit, MI, son of Marion Eugene and Vera Jane (McGhee) Armstrong. Michael moved to Mesick, MI, for years and returned to Belleville in 2016. He enjoyed motorcycles in his younger years. Michael was a gun enthusiast and was a lifetime member of the NRA. He had a passion for fishing and computer gaming. Most of all, Michael loved his family, friends, and his cat "Nosey Rosey."

Michael is survived by his parents: Louis and Jane Boscacci; 6 children: Michael Eugene Armstrong of Belleville, MI, Allen Dean Armstrong of Ionia, MI, Deborah Kay (James) Carey, Christine May Porterfield, Jackline Fay (Jerry Jenkins) Updyke, all of Belleville, MI, and Denise May (Larry) Sturza of Whitmore Lake, MI; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 10 siblings: Kathleen (Thomas) Mayer, Jim Mitulski, Michelle (Louis), Patrick (Julia) Armstrong, Jack Armstrong, Diana (Robert) Alessi, Lynn Conway, Debbie (Greg) Foley, Jerry (Jana) Haverty and Katie (Joseph) Cocking; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marion and Dolores Armstrong and his son-in-law Steven Porterfield.

Visitation was June 19, 2021, from Noon until 6 p.m., with a 6 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Bishop Wesley Starr officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Hospice of Ann Arbor and would be appreciated.

MICHELLE LYNN SIKES

(August 13, 1975 - June 20, 2021)

Age 45. Survived by husband David Sikes, Jr.; daughter Chelsea, granddaughter Aliea Christine Frazier; like-a-daughter Kahadejah Moore; brother Chris Kapek. BHS 1993. Services Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Elaine Tackett

ELAINE TACKETT

(December 18, 1938 - June 20, 2021)

Elaine Tackett was born in Virgie, KY on December 18, 1938, to the late Challie and Vadnie Caudill. Loving wife of 12 years to Edward Quarrels. Elaine had a passion for ceramics, and her artistic side would show in her love for cake decorating and candy making. Elaine worked as a chef for many years and she loved catering for her friends and family. She is survived by her loving family, children Thurman (Teri) Tackett of Jonesville, MI, Dennis (Sue) Tackett of Ypsilanti, MI. Brother Lowell (Lois) Caudill of KY. Sisters Vadis White of Dearborn Heights and Flo Mullins of KY, Grandchildren Rebecca (Tony) Bartley, Christopher (Laura) Tackett, Linda Tackett, Crystal Tackett, Joseph (Emily) Tackett, Chevelle (Tim) Bedra. Cherished Great-Grandma of 14 and Great-Great-Grandma of 2. Elaine was preceded in death by her children's father, the late Dennis Leo Tackett, in 2000 and her brother Hobart Caudill.

The family will receive friends Friday, June 25, 2021, 10-1 PM with a 1 PM funeral service, Pastor Gordon Moore officiating, at David C. Brown Funeral Home Chapel, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-4500. www.davidcbrownfh.com

WILLIAM CLARK

(August 3, 1958 - June 16, 2021)

With great sadness we announce the passing of William Clark of Belleville, MI. He passed away suddenly on June 16 at the age of 62.

He is survived by his wife Gloria Clark, his sons Michael Clark (Michelle), Arron Clark, Corey Clark; his stepson Steve Pace; seven grandchildren and his sister Stacy Pantanella (Jim), as well as his work family and friends at Dellamar manufacturing in Belleville.

Preceded in death by his mother Myra Eilers, stepfather Dave Eilers, father Chris Clark, and brother Chris "Kit" Clark.

At this time there will be no service held.

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McKinley Glenn Date

McKINLEY GLENN DATE

(July 1, 2005 - June 14, 2021)

McKinley Glenn Date, age 15, lifetime Belleville Resident, passed away suddenly at his home in Van Buren Township, MI, on Monday, June 14, 2021. He was born July 1, 2005, in Ann Arbor, MI, son of David Robert Date, Jr. and Glenda Sue Greer.

McKinley attended Van Buren Public Schools and was currently enrolled in the BOS program at Belleville High School. He enjoyed most sports: bowling, basketball, golf, playing pool, and baseball, to name a few. Like most teenagers, he loved video games. He also loved his pets! Dixie, Mama, Trouble, Feet, Brinnie, Peep, and Bunnie will miss him so much. McKinley was a youth bowler at Lodge Lanes since he was 4. He spent many years in Van Buren Little League.

McKinley is survived by his parents David & Glenda, brother David Date III of Lexington, KY, cousin - but like a brother Tyler Greer of Belleville MI, grandparents Glenn and Billie Sue Greer of Belleville, MI, and David R. Date, Sr. of Sumpter, MI. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and classmates. Especially Jeremy Osborne and Connor Beach. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Marion Alice Kraatz and grandfather Russell Ross.

McKinley will be missed beyond measure! Visitation was June 17 and 18, followed by a funeral at 11 a.m. June 18 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Pastor Doug Valentine officiated. Interment was in Tyler Street Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help defray expenses and would be appreciated.

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Betty (Cawthon) Tontalo

BETTY (CAWTHON) TONTALO

(February 22, 1930 – June 18, 2021)

Betty (Cawthon) Tontalo was born February 22, 1930 in Cairo, Illinois, daughter of Robert & Virdia (White) Cawthon.

Betty's mother and six children lived in Detroit during the Great Depression and came to Belleville when Betty was eight when her family was finally able to buy a small home on Tyler Road. Betty was smart, popular and beautiful, chosen as Belleville High School Senior Class President, Homecoming Queen, and starred in the high school and Chamber of Commerce plays. Betty graduated from BHS in 1948, married Bob Tontalo in 1950, and after Bob returned from Korea in 1953 they started their family with daughter Patti, followed 18 months later with twins Sandy and Sherry, then Beckie 8 years later. Betty was a traditional stay-at-home mother, active in Girl Scouts with her girls. Betty was a devoted member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, working on committees, events and teaching catechism. In 1976 Betty became the first Para-Professional Teacher Aide and worked in four kindergarten classrooms at Haggerty, Elwell, Rawsonville, and Edgemont Elementary schools until she and Bob retired in 1992. Betty was a beloved kindergarten teacher, kind, gentle and loving, making a difference in the lives of many children including special needs children with Autism.

Betty was an unrelenting, untiring "Belleville Booster" and served in many ways to better her community, cleaning the lake, working at elections, selling poppies for the VFW, volunteering at Nursing Homes, and establishing special local holiday events. She and Bob set up the Christmas Santa Village and the Easter celebration in Victory Park where Betty became the vivacious "Betty Bunny" greeting children and handing out Easter baskets while her family took photos and painted faces. Maybe most of all, Betty will be remembered by people who bought the beautiful bird houses she and her husband Bob created, each one a hand-painted original, sold at local festivals and art shows.

Betty is survived by four daughters: Patricia Anne (Dennis) Graham of Commerce Township, MI, Sandra Lynn Vye of Belleville, MI, Sharon Lee Tontalo of Farmington Hills, MI, and Rebecca Jane Tontalo of Sherman Oaks, California; one grandson Trevor (Ruba) Vye of Belleville, MI, three great-grandchildren Ashley Nicole Vye of Tucson, Arizona, Yusuf and Safiyah Vye of Belleville. Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Robert D. Tontalo on October 11, 2014, her parents, parents-in-law, John and Katherine Tontalo, son-in-law Anthony Sevakis, and five siblings: Robert Cawthon, Mary Brown, Gwen Henderson, William Cawthon and Zelpha Cawthon.

Betty passed away peacefully on Monday, June 21, 2021, in her sleep, at the age of 91. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, Michigan. The family is

planning a Memorial Mass. Interment will be with her beloved Bob at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #4434 or PLAV #167 and would be greatly appreciated.

Sumpter Twp.

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She said nobody, except her, from the board was at the memorial service for Clark at the church the previous Saturday. She said there was no police officer standing next to his remains at the church, as had been done in the past. She said the chaplain from the fire department did attend.

At past funerals for elected officials who had died in office, the supervisor had gotten up to say a few words and present a plaque.

"This is a slap in the face to Jim and Clarence Hoffman," Morgan said, referring to Clark's late cousin who served the township in every elective officer including supervisor.

Trustee Tim Rush interrupted Morgan's remarks, calling out, "Point of order! Point of order! You need to let Matt or me speak."

Trustee Matthew Oddy said it was unfortunate that Trustee Morgan used the board meeting to badmouth the board again. He said he took offense at her telling him how to offer condolences.

"I paid my respects, gave my condolences," Trustee Oddy said.

Trustee Rush said the treasurer's office has been a turn-style for the past four years. He said the township is paying \$160 to Kari Ford to audit the funds and they cannot wait until next week. He said they mean no disrespect to the Clark family or Jim Clark, but, "We're here and the clock's ticking."

Morgan said she had one more statement and then she would be quiet, but Bowman refused to give her the floor again.

Trustee Oddy made the motion to appoint Vincent Warren and Trustee Rush seconded and the motion carried 5-1.

"Condolences to the Clark family," said Oddy at the end of the meeting. "We need to take care of the township. God bless her family."

After the brief meeting adjourned, Morgan said, "Shame on you all."

Deputy Treasurer Toni Clark wrote a letter to the board members after her husband's death saying she hoped she still had a job with the township. She said she would like the board to appoint her as treasurer by June 14. She was not considered for the post.

Vincent Warren

Treasurer Vincent Warren is a Democrat who lives at 45465 Dunn Rd., where he has lived for about a dozen years. He ran for treasurer in the Aug. 4, 2020 election and lost to James Clark, 695-547. Clark was unchallenged in the November election.

Warren and his wife of more than 30 years have eight children and five grandchildren.

He has a master's degree in marriage and family counseling with a baccalaureate

in Liberal Arts. During last summer's campaign, he said his wife Cindy was completing her Doctoral program to join him in advocating for families and youth.

He said he serves as a peer advocate for the nation's veterans at the Department of Veteran Affairs in Ann Arbor. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1988-1994.

Warren said he was voted a trustee of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434, was an officer in the Sumpter Township Progressive League, was resident facilitator for the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development and is a state-certified hospice chaplain.

When he was running for township treasurer he said, "If elected Sumpter Township treasurer I will continue to advocate for the residents, build on current system processes, perform my legal statutory duties to lead the office with a team spirit, transparency, and commitment to the office."

After he failed at his election bid last August, Supervisor John Morgan appointed him in September to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals, that expired March 31.

Warren also was one of nine applicants who applied to fill a vacant seat for two months on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in October 2016. He was not chosen. In August 2012, he failed to unseat Supervisor Johnny Vawters, who won the primary in a landslide. Warren launched a write-in candidacy for the November election, but was unsuccessful.

Carl Zahn makes Lewis University Dean's List for Spring 2021

ROMEONVILLE, IL -- Carl Zahn of Belleville was named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2021 Spring Semester.

Zahn is studying Radio-TV Broadcasting in the College of Humanities Fine Arts Comm at Lewis University.

Just over 1,500 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2021 Spring Semester. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

Matyson Vlademar named to spring Deans' List at Nebraska Univ.

Matyson Claire Vlademar of Belleville has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year.

Vlademar, a junior majoring in nutrition and health sciences, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. The College of Education and Human Sciences requires a 3.75 grade point average on a four-point scale.

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City Council

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• Learned of the service recognition plaque prepared for Carol Thompson, who served as Downtown Development Authority Administrator from 2005 to 2021. It will be presented to her in the future when she can be present;

• Announced a council-signed Proclamation of Gratitude to the Belleville Yacht Club for sponsoring three spring clean-ups of the Belleville Lake/Huron River Waterway this year;

• Reviewed a formal request by Jeremiah Beebe of Church Street to create a Golf-

Cart-Friendly Community in the city of Belleville by allowing the use of certified golf carts. He prepared a detailed report on the state law on golf carts and the use of golf carts in other communities in the state. The mayor turned the information over to City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson for review and a future report. Councilman Tom Fielder voiced concerns that this might interfere with the Iron Belle Trail scheduled to go through Belleville. Chief Robinson also said he would check on legal liability for the city and safety matters;

• Approved budget amendments for the 2020-21 budget as recommended by Kelly Howey, CPA, contracted finance director from Plante Moran. There are no changes to fund balances as originally budgeted, but there are reclassifications between revenue and expenditure accounts within various funds;

• Approved the MERS (Municipal Employees' Retirement System) 457(b) Deferred Compensation Program for use by employees, if desired, which is at no cost to the city, with administration only. The city manager/chief of police is the only employee eligible for employer contribution through his employment agreement and he gets \$5,000 annually;

• Approved the Retiree Health Funding Vehicle for employees. Chief Robinson said both city bargaining units, the BPOA for police and GELC for general staff are up for renegotiation as the contracts expire at the end of this year. He said it is his intention to discontinue offering new employees, hired after July 1, 2021, the traditional employee retiree health care to address the ever-increasing OPEB liability to the city. He said his intention is to replace the traditional employee retiree health care

with requiring new hires to be enrolled in a MERS Health Care Savings Plan;

• Approved the MERS Health Care Savings program. Mayor Conley said Canton Township has it and it's the only way the city can continue to provide coverage and reduce future OPEB liability;

• Extended for a year, at the same cost of \$2,052, the contract with Town Web Design, the company that hosts and maintains all the city's web-based services, including the city's website, email addresses and webmail. The three-year contract expires on June 30. Over the next year the administration will examine the needs of the city in terms of web-based services;

• Heard Clerk Verna Chapman explain the information sent by the Wayne County Commission, which is urging all municipalities, the State of Michigan, and Congress to take more progressive measures to end the tampon tax to alleviate the toll it takes on women every day. After discussion Councilman Ken Voigt said apparently what council members can do is to contact elected representatives on the issue;

• Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$84,342.15 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Hennessey Engineers, \$12,499.50 from escrow, for Department of Public Services review of construction of the Van Buren Public Schools Early Childhood Development Center; and to Williams Emergency, \$2,280 for bumper equipment for the police department;

• Heard Chief Robinson say the city has been working to showcase Belleville during the upcoming festival and to present the city in "our Sunday's best";

• Heard Councilman Voigt say he is looking forward to Lake Fest and, "I think it's going to be a hoot." He said Music Lakeside starts its season on June 24 and around 7:50 p.m.-ish, it will dedicate the Belleville Lake Bass outdoor sculptures. He said Jim Chudzinski clear-coated the bass earlier that day to protect the artists' work and Davenport Brothers helped with the bases. He said there has been financial help from the BYC and Belleville Area Council for the Arts;

• Heard Fielder ask when the city council will be able to meet in person and Mayor Conley said they will add that to their next agenda after the new MIOSHA regulations are announced;

• Heard Mayor Conley say the new festival started with Councilwoman Kelly Bates who wanted a fresh start to the festival and,

"It catapulted from there." Now there are a lot of people involved, she said; and

• Heard Renaud say at the last meeting the water rates were raised as of July 1 and it was not on the agenda. If it were on the agenda there might have been comments from the public, but there were none. He asked the council to rescind its motion to raise the rates until after the rates are increased to the city in August. "You didn't give the public a chance," he said, adding he wasn't faulting anybody, but, "We should be a little clearer when putting the agenda together." Mayor Conley said she wouldn't disagree with Renaud, but she doesn't know if the increases are already in the computer. She said they will bring this back as an action item at the next meeting to reconfirm the action. She said the city hasn't had a rate hike in five or eight years. "We got my two cents in," Renaud said and Mayor Conley added, "and we heard you."

Music Lakeside begins summer concert series with music and art

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts Music Lakeside free concert series begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 24, with the Bugs Beddow Band at Horizon Park in Belleville.

This first concert of the season also will feature the Belleville Bass outdoor sculptures, the FISH public art display which will stay up for the season, and a display of art by Jean Morris.

The Music Lakeside schedule for the summer includes:

• July 1 -- Downriver Dan is in concert and Tim Marsh with his art display;

• July 8 -- The Bobby Murray Band with Tosha Owens and Lenny Watkins is in concert and Diane Eissinger displays her art;

• July 15 -- Motor City Soul is in concert and Rhonda Dutton presents her art;

• July 22 -- Magic Bus is in concert and Ed Wood will display his art;

• July 29 -- Twistin' Tarantulas is in concert and Reg Ion will display his art;

• Aug. 5 -- Alan Turner & The Steel Horse Band is in concert and Sheena Barnes will display her art;

• Aug. 12 -- Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations is in concert and the art display is yet to be determined; and

• Aug. 19 -- Holly and the Johnnies is featured in concert and the art display is yet to be determined.

Mikayla Farris named to spring 2021 dean's list at University of Findlay

Mikayla Farris, of Belleville, was named to the spring 2021 dean's list at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

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More Letters

Trinity's strawberry pies sold at Lake Fest

To the editor:

This weekend a beloved summer tradition returns to Belleville -- the famous strawberry pies from Trinity Episcopal Church! Tickets for these sumptuous treats are available at Trinity's downtown booth during the Lake Fest celebration.

Trinity will be in full participation for this wonderful community event this Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

So many folks will be enjoying the summer weather and boat races -- who wants to cart around a pie during the fun festivities? Therefore, the delectable pies are assembled at Trinity and can be picked up with your ticket at the church at your convenience between 1-7 p.m. on Saturday and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Trinity will also be offering a Community Prayer Request box which will be honored at our Sunday Service on July 4, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to our services.

We are planning on preparing 200 pies and they tend to sell out quick! The pies are 4 lbs. and cost \$15. We hope to see you this weekend!

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Emmy Keene



Virg Stoltz

Correction: VBT rates of pay incorrect

A story on page 10 in the June 17 issue of the *Independent* stated beginning pay of the jobs open at Van Buren Township was \$1. That was a typographical error. The pay of the jobs offered at the job fair ran from \$15 to \$27 per hour. We regret the glitch. Rosemary Oztzman, editor

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Photo courtesy of Chris Donley
 Members of the Belleville Yacht Club spent a recent Saturday morning cleaning trash, weed whipping, blowing, pulling weeds, and planting flowers downtown, working on the bridges and in the parks. They even rented a street sweeper for the day. "Belleville is looking great for the upcoming Lake Fest," said BYC member Chris Donley.

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The First Wednesday event in Belleville was held on the second Wednesday because it rained on June 2. The Airy B band performed at the Fourth Street Square on June 9. The First Wednesday event is scheduled throughout the summer, with live music at the Fourth Street Square and food trucks parked across Main Street in the Fourth Street Place in front of the library.



People crossed Main Street during heavy traffic with the help of a Belleville Police Reserve Officer on June 9 to get from the band playing at the Fourth Street Square to the food trucks parked on the Fourth Street Place, in front of the library.

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The fourth-grade class of Teri Turner at Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township decorated wooden fish for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts 2021 FISH exhibit, which will open at the Music Lakeside concert at 7 p.m., June 24 in Horizon Park in Belleville. The individual fish will be mounted and displayed in a school of many other fish in the park and stay there all summer for the public to admire. In the front row, from left, are Jacob Ringwelski, Gracie Wilson, Sa'Maiya Washington, Sarah Szasz, Maks Trapp, and Ellie Wolff. In back, from left, are Dusty Johnston, Cade Horner, Jalelia Whitfield, Hope Hudson, Brooke Hill, Ana Brown, Olivia Klinck, Courtney Chapman, Bryce Turner, and Chloe Spencer.

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VBT planners hear about Kalitta Air's project at Willow Run

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the 21-minute, Zoom meeting on June 9, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission heard of the plans Kalitta Air has for constructing a 25,430-square-foot office and training building containing flight simulators at Willow Run Airport.

Dan Power, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, said the project also includes replacement of existing parking areas and the addition of 71 parking spaces and related site and stormwater improvements.

These improvements are in addition to an existing site which contains about 146,830 square feet of combined office, warehouse, simulator, and hangar spaces currently used by Kalitta Air, a private charter flight company.

The proposed site includes two proposed lease parcels with a combined acreage of 17.57 acres.

Director Power said the site is under the jurisdiction of the Wayne County Airport Authority, but VBT can review setbacks, parking, parking lot landscaping, and screening of waste containers.

He said the new building will connect with Kalitta's existing facility. He said half of the new building will house flight simulators and half will be office space.

Power said a regional stormwater system is being done at the airport and this ties in, with some going to Ypsilanti and some to VBT.

Steven Dart, who was attending by Zoom, said there is a Ypsilanti address on the site plan. He asked if there was any way for VBT to get credit for this.

Peter Betters, representing Kalitta Air, said the Kalitta mailing address is Ypsilanti and has been that way for a long time. The parcel identification number is in VBT and the address is within VBT.

Betters said it is property leased from the airport and not owned by Kalitta. When Kalitta leaves, the property goes back to the airport, like Delta did at Wayne County Airport, Betters said.

In other business at the June 9 meeting, Power explained that the Camping World item originally on the agenda has been delayed at the applicant's request and is scheduled for the June 23 meeting or the first meeting in July.

Camping World is now seeking an amended preliminary and final site plan because it has decided to keep the whole body shop instead of tearing part down and wants to add a paint booth and new LED lighting.

The changes brought some comments from the fire department and they hope to work that out before asking for the changes.

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**Timothy Eugene Moore
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Shane Lamar Evans**

The final conference for three defendants in the Jacqueline Elizabeth "Egypt" Covington murder case has been set for Sept. 14 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda Evans at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Defendants Timothy Eugene Moore, Shandon R Groom, and Shane Lamar Evans have been held in the Wayne County Jail since they were arrested by the Michigan State Police last November and December. Egypt Covington was shot and killed June 22, 2017 in her home on Hull Road in Van Buren Township.



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This Thursday, June 24, is the first concert on High Street of the summer as Music Lakeside returns for weekly free concerts, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park. The Bugs Bedow Band kicks off the summer schedule. There will be food trucks available, too. Be sure to check out the painted fish, a community art project where participants painted wooden fish as a fundraiser for the Belleville Area Council

for the Arts and got to have them placed on display. Visit www.musiclakeside.com.

Belleville girl's golf coach David Martin is looking for additional players for the upcoming fall golf season. For info, email him at djm_fish@yahoo.com. Congratulations are in order to the Belleville Varsity Softball Team for earning the Academic All-State honors as well as the Team Sportsmanship Award for the 2021 season by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.

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

VBT Township Hall offices resume normal business hours

News release

All Van Buren Township administrative offices will resume normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, July 12. Daily screening questionnaires for anyone entering township hall will continue until further notice.

"We're really excited to be returning to somewhat normal," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "At this time, we still have COVID safety procedures in place, but this is a monumental time to remember as we shift to post-pandemic."

If you are fully vaccinated, you will not have to wear a mask or social distance when in the township hall. Anyone not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask and social distance, until further notice. To find a vaccination site visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/How-Do-I-Get-a-COVID-19-Vaccine.html>

"I'm looking forward to seeing everyone coming back into township hall," said Treasurer Sharry Budd. "This past year has shaken us all up and we're looking forward to getting back to business as normal."

View the township's full COVID-19 preparedness and response plan at https://vanburen-mi.org/alert_detail.php.

"I want to thank the community for being patient with us as we navigated this pandemic," said Clerk Leon Wright. "We hope all of this is behind us for good!"

All public meetings will continue to be virtual, until further notice.

Court Watching:

Kevin Laverne Rowley

Kevin Laverne Rowley, Jr., 24, of Wayne was before Judge Green on June 16 by zoom from the Wayne County Jail. A live exam was set for June 23.

Rowley is charged with driving off in a Belleville Police car on June 1. Besides unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle, he is also charged with receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle.

Judge Green reduced his \$5,000/10% bond to personal bond. She warned Rowley that he has to take his prescribed medication and nothing else and stay with his father, Kevin Laverne Rowley, Sr., who was present by zoom.

Nacole Lynn Booth

Nacole Lynn Booth, 46, of Sumpter Township, is charged with assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on June 4 in Sumpter Township. She was before Judge Green on June 16 and her probable cause conference was adjourned until June 30. Her personal bond is \$10,000.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
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NOTICE OF A MEETING
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
**HOME OWNERS
ASSOCIATION (HOA)
COALITION COMMITTEE**
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021 @ 6PM

VIA ZOOM MEETING ID: 951 9133 0236

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For details on how to joining and/or participate in the meeting please see the agenda at vanburen-mi.org/meetings

The Coalition of Home Owners Associations (HOA) Committee is made up of single Representatives from VBT HOAs discussing important matters applicable to our many HOA communities.

If you're in an HOA and have not yet designated a Representative there is still time to be part of this collaborative committee. Please contact Confidential Administrative Assistant Hannah Rodriguez at hrodriguez@vanburen-mi.org or 734-699-8910.

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Sumpter board grants special land use for slaughterhouse parcels

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Three Farmers Custom Processing slaughterhouse property at 50425 Bemis Rd. was granted amendment of its special land use permit by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its June 8 Zoom meeting.

They are dividing the 9.50 acres of land into two separate parcels of 5.037 acres and 4.463 acres.

The amended land use permit was recommended by the township planning commission at its May 13 meeting.

Trustee Matthew Oddy, who sits on the planning commission, said the owner is interested in doing other things auto-related, such as repair shops and towing.

Trustee Oddy said the owner grew hemp on the property last year through a State of

Michigan pilot program. He said the owner would like two separate entities.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said she hasn't heard any complaints about that location and it's very nice.

In other business at the 28-minute workshop/regular meeting, the board:

- Held a moment of silence for township treasurer Jim Clark who died June 7. At the end of the meeting board members praised Clark;

- Welcomed visitor Kevin McNamara, supervisor of Van Buren Township, who said his township will write a letter of condolences to Treasurer Clark's family. He said his township is trying to team up with its friends and the tri-community is all together. "Belleville is our downtown and I'm stuck with that," Supervisor McNamara said. He said he thought they

were going to have a tri-community Lake Fest, but it's turning into a Belleville event. McNamara suggested Sumpter should do a lake fest at Sherwood Pond;

- Heard Sumpter Supervisor Tim Bowman report that boxed lunches were prepared for fire fighters the previous Saturday by BooyaQ BBQ, with sponsorship from Hogz Backyard BBQ, Shiggin' Aint Easy BBQ, and Sumpter Ace Hardware and he thanked them. He also said he appreciated the letter from McNamara and VBT Fire Chief Dave McNally thanking their fire fighters for helping with the recent VBT apartment building fire;

- Heard Deputy Supervisor/Finance Director Michelle Cole ask for a motion to temporarily use the S-2 license of union member Michael Petrowski in the water department for state requirements, since

DPW Director Ken Kunka has resigned. Petrowski will directly report to the township supervisor on water operations and utility billing. The board passed the motion unanimously;

- Heard Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke state the Rawsonville / Willis Road crossing is the top intersection for crashes in the township and to be careful there;

- Heard Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick thank Zywicki greenhouse which has donated potted plants for the front entryway to township hall, and this is the second year; and

- Heard Trustee Morgan ask about Forgotten Harvest. Cole said she doesn't know the start date but it will be on Mondays from 2 to 5 p.m. They are still working at getting volunteers, she said.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, June 24** – Pandemica Driveway Band, 6 p.m., at Van Buren Township's Harris Park, just south of Aldi's on Belleville Road. Free kids' concert.
- **Thursday, June 24** – The Bugs Beddow Band is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Friday, June 25** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
- **Friday, June 25** – First day of the many weekend activities for Belleville Lake Fest. From Friday through Sunday there are music, art, food, lake activities, free movie in Van Buren Park, food.
- **Monday, June 28** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 1** – Downriver Dan is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Friday, July 2** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
- **Saturday, July 3** – Belleville Yacht Club is holding its annual fireworks at dusk over Belleville Lake in front of the clubhouse. The BYC is a private club, but the fireworks can be enjoyed from a great

distance. Rain date is July 4.

- **Sunday, July 4** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial on High Street in Belleville. The brief ceremony honors those who have served in the military and features "Taps" played and the National Anthem.

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

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

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

- **Friday, July 9** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

- **Monday, July 12** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

- **Thursday, July 15** – Motor City Soul is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Friday, July 16** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

- **Monday, July 19** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street,

6-9 p.m.

- **Thursday, July 22** – Magic Bus is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Friday, July 23** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

- **Monday, July 26** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

- **Thursday, July 29** – Twistin' Tarantulas is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Friday, July 30** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

- **Monday, Aug. 2** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

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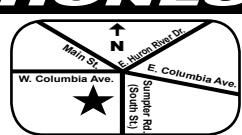
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VBT DDA agrees to go along with township's salary scale, steps

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Although the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority is a separate entity from the township, DDA members approved setting the salary scale for its two employees on the township's new salary scale.

At its May 25 meeting, the DDA approved an Appendix to VBT Resolution 2021-12, DDA Salary Scale, to become effective with the pay period ending May 21, in line with the township. The approval had a \$5,370 budget implication and that money was taken from the DDA fund balance.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked that this action be moved up to the beginning of the meeting agenda because he had a meeting to attend and he would be leaving early.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland said township Human Resource Director Nicole Sumpter "conducted a thorough

review of salaried positions in an effort to safeguard employees with equitable pay by resolving disparities in compensation."

Supervisor McNamara explained that the township had seven or so key people leaving, including the head of water and sewer and the supervisor of the water department. They discovered these salaries were not in line with other communities.

McNamara said he found his home's late pickups by Waste Management were because they couldn't hire workers at \$25 an hour. Culver's is offering \$1,000 bonuses to sign up at a wage of \$15 an hour.

He said someone who the township was paying \$85,000, can get \$105,000 elsewhere. He said salary surveys weren't giving accurate information. He said there aren't many DDAs in the state and they are run in different ways and it's hard to compare DDA salaries.

McNamara said they looked at Step

Increases, which are used by Canton, Westland, Detroit, and the military. He said they decided to give a 5% average raise and move everyone to a Step System. They won't get the 2% in January 2022 and on Jan. 1, 2023 they will get on at Step One.

"These two ladies deserve what the rest of the township gets," said DDA member Joe Baskin.

McNamara said they will get 5% now and after December 2023 they will be on Step One.

DDA member Vic Laginess asked the DDA employees – Executive Director Ireland and Assistant Executive Director Lisa Lothinger – if they want what the township is getting.

Ireland said, "Yes... I'm fine with it."

"Everyone's being treated equally," Baskin said.

After the action was unanimously approved, McNamara said, "We just gave them 5% raises, locked in for 18 months.

We no longer negotiate new salaries. We're out of that game. We're in the Step System."

In other business at the 33-minute meeting on May 25, the DDA:

- Heard Ireland announce that someone put up a poster at Belleville Road and Harmony Lane thanking the DDA for fixing the sidewalks for bikes and walkers. The sidewalk project is now in the restoration stage; and

- Heard Ireland report that a very large tree branch had fallen onto the Belleville Road sidewalk along the Harmony Lane subdivision. TNT safely removed the branch after an emergency call. The branch was within the Wayne County right of way, but the DDA has the responsibility to maintain the fence, she said. There are other trees on the verge of falling on the fence, as well as a dead tree at Harris Park and Ireland is having TNT provide costs to have them all removed.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 7, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

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

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations
B. Council Follow Up List
C. Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items
• Citizen Renaud asked about the full re-opening of City Hall. City Manager Robinson confirmed that City Hall is fully open to the public for business.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Voigt to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of Item E: Lake Fest and Bora Dora Hours.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 17, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2021, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING 2021-22 FY BUDGET

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to open the public hearing for the 2021-22 FY Budget at 7:40 p.m. No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Council Member Bates led a discussion about the amount proposed in the capital budget for public restrooms within the city parks, noting that the allocation was not enough.

Kelly Howey, Plante Moran, expressed that the public restrooms could be included in future capital projects. Council Member Fielder asked what was included in the clerical line item in the DDA budget. City Manager Robinson clarified that the line item represented the DDA Administrator's salary. There was no public comment.

Public hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

A. 2021-22 FY Property Tax Levy

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Marcotte to approve **Resolution 21-051** establishing the 2021 tax rate of 16.20 which incorporates the Headlee rollback as provided by Wayne County.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

A. 2021-22 FY Budget

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-052** adopting the 2021-22 FY Budget, pursuant to Chapter X, Section 10.9 of the City Charter, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Electric Power for Music Lakeside

Steve Jones, Planning Commission presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Marcotte to approve **Resolution 21-054** for Belleville's Arts Council to pursue additional power at Horizon Park in support of Music Lakeside.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

B. Taste of Belleville

Council Member Fielder presented this item. Council Member Bates expressed concern over the proper display of signage and rubbish collection.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to approve **Resolution 21-053** authorizing the CBC to hold the annual Taste of Belleville and the Belleville Bridge Walk on Thursday, August 1, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

C. GLWA FY2022 Wholesale Water Schedule of Charges

Director Rutherford presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-055** authorizing a water commodity charge increase of 2.09% to support the same by GLWA, effective July 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

D. City of Belleville 75th Anniversary Commemoration

Council Member Voigt led this discussion.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to approve **Resolution 21-056** authorizing a committee to be formed led by Council Member Bates with Council Member Fielder consulting, to plan an event commemorating the City's 75th anniversary held in conjunction with Bridge Walk 2021.¹

VOTE: ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

E. Extended Bora Dora Hours during Lake Fest

City Manager Robinson presented this item proposing the following extended Bora Dora hours during Lake Fest:

Friday	3:00 p.m. until Midnight
Saturday	11:00 a.m. until Midnight
Sunday	Noon until 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-057** authorizing extended Bora Dora hours during Lake Fest.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-058** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Advised Council that everything is going well with lawn maintenance of the parks.

- He expressed that a conditional offer has been extended to the Deputy Administrator candidate contingent on the terms of the contract, with a start date of July 5, 2021.

- He announced that the Police Department will begin 12-hour shifts beginning July 1.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte expressed that Doane's Park look great from the water and is a real cornerstone of the community. He also commented on the activity returning to downtown and the excitement that surrounds the events.

- Council Member Fielder thanked the DDA for their commitment to the improvements on 4th Street.

- Council Member Voigt commented that he appreciates Mr. Renaud's presence and input. He also appreciates the way that Director Rutherford was able to break-down the Water & Sewer charges as assessed by GLWA. Council Member Voigt is still pleased with the completion of the Bridge and is looking forward to Lake Fest at the end of June.

11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley commended the administration and staff for a seamless budget process.

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, seconded by Marcotte to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
Approved w/ corrections: June 21, 2021
Posted: June 22, 2021

Published: June 24, 2021

¹ As corrected on June 21, 2021

The R.E.A.L. Summer Youth Program seeks homesites for clean ups

Van Buren Township's The R.E.A.L. (Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders) Summer Youth Program is seeking homesites for neighborhood clean-up.

All sites must be within Van Buren Township boundaries and be occupied by someone who is at least 55 years of age and has no viable means of completing yard work.

"The R.E.A.L. Summer Youth program offers a great service to our residents in need," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "Each year our students really enjoy helping our senior population and the seniors are so appreciative of their services."

All home sites will be reviewed upon notification for a thorough assessment prior to scheduling an appointment. Please call (734) 699-8900 ext. 9293 by July 5, to schedule an assessment of your property. Service appointments are limited and will include mowing, edging, pruning, weeding planted areas, leaf clean up, hedge trimming, and mulching (provided by the homeowner).

"If you're 55 or older and need yard work, please contact us," said Nicole Sumpter,

Human Resource Director & R.E.A.L. Youth Coordinator. "Last year the students help numerous homeowners and we would like to help more this year."

This program is a one-time community service and not a professional landscaping company. The program reserves the right to turn down any citizen for lawn care services. Yard work is scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Upon assessments, citizens will be given a date of service starting July 7, 2021.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 15, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 927 8603 0136 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Late Arrival: Trustee Frazier (arriving at 6:12 p.m.) Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Department Director Best, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Communication Specialist Albrecht and a maximum audience of twenty-four (24). Observed a moment of silence acknowledging the passing of Sumpter Township Treasurer James Clark, Jr. on Monday June 7th, 2021

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda and add new business item #3 Discussion and to consider approval of a Township Reopening Plan. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Martin, and Miller. Absent: Frazier. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2021, Prepaid List of June 3, 2021, Prepaid List of June 10, 2021, Voucher List of June 15, 2021, Adoption of DDA Appendix to Resolution 2021-12: Township Employee Restructuring, Appointment of Callie Barr to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2022 and approval of the transfer of \$19,689 from the General fund, fund balance to General Office Capital Outlay for the purchase of a new mailroom copier with service contract. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Boynton, Martin, and Miller. Absent: Frazier. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Trustee Frazier joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Announced the Township Administrative Offices will be closed July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day; the R.E.A.L. Summer youth Program is seeking homesites for community outreach. Sites must be within Van Buren Township, occupied by someone who is at least 55 years of age and has no viable means of completing yard work, call 734-699-8900 ext. 9293 by July 5, 2021 to schedule and assessment of your property; movie in the Park - "Finding Nemo" is Friday June 25th at 8:00 p.m. (movie starts at 9:45p.m.) in partnership with the Belleville Lake Fest and the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department at Van Buren Park, event includes activities and crafts for the kids. Registration required at www.vanburen-mi.org/movie ; Van Buren Township will host a pop-up job fair from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday June 23, 2021 in front of Township Hall for open Township positions. Bring your resume and dress for success! On site interviews for firefighters, fire inspectors, water workers, public services Superintendent, public services

account clerk, park maintenance and gate house staff, dispatchers and more; homeowner association representatives are encouraged to join a virtual HOA coalition on June 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom id 95191330236); and shared a video of the Midwest Invitational Rodeo recently held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford Escape from Atchinson Ford in the amount of \$21,555 and the movement of funds from the General fund, fund balance to Fleet Maintenance (101-265-860-000) to fund the purchase. Vehicle to be assigned to Community services. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of Deere and Company to provide a John Deere 6105E Cab Tractor with a 2020 Diamond mower RSF075-C for the Building and Grounds Department for the State bid pricing amount of \$85,177.35 to be charged to Capital Outlay (101-265-970-000). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve mandatory vaccination of all Van Buren Township Department Directors, Full time, and part time employees and Elected Officials to be vaccinated for Covid-19. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Boynton, Miller, Frazier and McNamara. Nays: Martin. Motion Carried.

McNamara moved, Frazier seconded to reopen the Township from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. effective July 12, 2021 with employees rotating four days in office and one day work from home and employees returning to full-time in office work on August 9, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Frazier, Boynton, Miller, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Martin seconded to continue Board of Trustees meetings and all Committee and Commission meetings virtually through the end of September at which time the Board will re-evaluate. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Nays: McNamara. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Resident questioned when the gateway signs would be placed and if a list of where they would be placed had been developed.

Director Best indicated the Township is moving forward with the request for proposal process to determine costs and will finalize locations based on the final cost and appointee to the Planning Commission, Callie Barr, thanked the board for the appointment.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Board members comments on how fun the Rodeo was and expressed a desire to lead the community in making decisions that protect and serve all employees and citizens.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: June 24, 2021

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On June 30th, 2021, 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.

2006	FORD	2D	1ZVFT84N565185015	21-4066
1976	SAFTMATE	BT	STM11476M76J	21-453
2001	ISUZU	SW	4S2DM58W514314818	21-5514

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2009	DODGE	SW	3D4GH67V69T549104	20-13120
2002	HONDA	4D	1HGCG567X2A089617	21-3941
2002	FORD	SW	1FMYU04142KB23538	21-4176
2009	BUICK	4D	1G4HD57M69U117550	21-4224
2005	PONTIAC	SW	5Y2SL63835Z400674	21-4670
2007	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZH58N174100015	21-4921
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58K369266981	21-5098
2005	FORD	SW	1FAFP58215A198703	21-5348
2018	FORD	4D	3FADP4BJ4JM130104	21-5349
2004	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCDS146148150898	21-5513
2013	FORD	4D	3FA6P0K94DR124222	21-5458

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,
Published: June 24th, 2021

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FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
4-9pm	Food Trucks at 4th St Square	8am	5K Run Fishing Tournament	8-5pm	Dragon Boat Races
		9am	Dragon Boat Practice	10-4pm	Artisan Market on Main St. Food Trucks on 4th St, High & Main St. Car Show with DJ on Main St. Kid Zone Activities
5pm	BACC .1K Run, Walk, Pub Crawl	10-9pm	Artisan Market Main St. Food Trucks on 4th St, High & Main St. Car Show with DJ on Main St. Kid Zone Activities		
7pm	Music by the Dan Rafferty Band at 4th St Square	10am	Music by Tyrone Hamilton at 4th St Square	12pm	Music by Tequila Mockingbirds at 4th St Square DJ on High Street
		12pm	Music by Water Walk on High Street		
		1pm	Music by Bernadette Catherine & the Lonely Days Band on High Street		
	Family Activities & Movie at Van Buren Park	3pm	Music by Dave Hamilton Band at 4th St Square	3pm	Music by 50 AMP Fuse at 4th St Square Live DJ on High Street
8pm		4pm	Music by Smoke Jones on High Street		
		6pm	Live Music by Belleville Gong Show at 4th St Square		
		7pm	Live Music by Raye Williams on High Street Live Music by Jill Jack at 4th St Square Boat Parade- view from Horizon Park or on a boat!		

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 232 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, June 13:
0019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rock Creek Dr.
0038 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
0044 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0105 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Bellridge Dr.
0135 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0139 – malicious destruction, Quirk Rd.
0411 – property damage accident, Winding Pond
0431 – personal injury accident, Tyler Rd./Quirk
0506 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0610 – sexual assault, Tyler Rd.
0806 – 911 welfare check, N. Sadie Ln.
0817 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1159 – harassment call, Arthur St.
1346 – PPO violation, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1353 – ordinance violation, Hoeft Rd./Hull Rd.
1647 – 911 welfare check, E. Walden Dr.
1656 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1709 – traffic offense, Denton
1737 – found property/child, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1841 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
2305 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Monday, June 14:
0018 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
0047 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0810 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0917 – assault & battery, Elwell Rd.
1105 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1606 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

1724 – threat, Birch Dr.
1830 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2000 – threat, Tyler Rd.
2014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
2047 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
2109 – mental subject, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
2111 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2117 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2158 – fireworks, Holly Ln.
2313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cherry Ln.

Tuesday, June 15:
0351 – domestic, Marina Cv.
0916 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Cobblestone Creek
1257 – animal complaint, Heatherfield Blvd.
1311 – family trouble, Fret Rd.
1429 – animal complaint, Oak Ln.
1522 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
1956 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2258 – threat, Brandi Dr.
2325 – 911 welfare check, Westlake Cir.

Wednesday, June 16:
0017 – shooting, Savage Rd.
0201 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
0701 – suspicious person/vehicle, Burlwood Ln.
0852 – lost property/child, Meadows Ln.
1123 – animal complaint, Preswick Ct.
1314 – indecent exposure, Rawsonville Rd.
1336 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor/Ecorse
1639 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1642 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1744 – mental subject, Stonebridge Dr.
1747 – domestic, Birch Dr.
1950 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2150 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2224 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

2315 – 911 welfare check, Pond Ridge Dr.
2356 – noise complaint, Daisy Blvd.
Thursday, June 17:
0030 – assist other dept., Ecorse/Belleville Rd.
0409 – family trouble, W. Archwood Dr.
0534 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1051 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Lake Rd.
1134 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1320 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
1341 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1411 – shooting, Westlake Cir.
1613 – assist other dept., E. Main St.
1724 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1928 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
1958 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2108 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2122 – traffic offense, Deanna Dr.
2221 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2307 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
Friday, June 18:
0032 – suicidal person, Haggerty Rd.
0104 – shooting, Victoria St.
0901 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1055 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
1118 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1121 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.

1255 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1413 – family trouble, Park Estates Dr.
1439 – neighbor trouble, Sylvia Dr.
1537 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1647 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse
1658 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Jeremy Rd.
1749 – threat, Buchanan St.
1905 – disorderly, Brandi Dr.
1921 – neighbor trouble, Edwards Rd.
1925 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1939 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2106 – breaking & entering, Ventura Dr.
2125 – juvenile complaint, Arthur St.
2201 – traffic offense, Quirk Rd.
2202 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2331 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, June 19:
0051 – malicious destruction of property, Greenbriar Dr.
0124 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0245 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
0504 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1208 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1331 – suspicious person/vehicle, Timberland Dr. / Elwell Rd.
1529 – harassment call, Elwell Rd.
1555 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1619 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.

1814 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
2033 – fireworks, Springwood Blvd.
2105 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2120 – disorderly, S. Prairiegrass Ct.
2210 – fireworks, Lake Villa Dr.
2309 – shooting, Denton Rd.
2358 – assist other dept., Anna Dr.

Also on this week's log are 43 traffic stops, eight of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 13:
0310 – 911 welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.
0558 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/Madelon St.
1426 – family trouble, W. Wabash Ave.
1532 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1753 – civil matter, Henry St.
2124 – suicidal person, N. Liberty St.
2337 – missing person, Victorian Ln.
2355 – welfare check, S. Liberty St.

Monday, June 14:
0550 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./High St.
0610 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1328 – abandoned auto, W. Thornhill Ct.
2147 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2209 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2225 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, June 15:
1118 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
2120 – welfare check, Bedell St.
2129 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Wednesday, June 16:
0006 – shooting, S. Edgemont St.
0437 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1301 – fraud, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1302 – sexual assault, Main St.
1641 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria Commons
1749 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1909 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
2021 – domestic, Church St.
2228 – disorderly, Carmell St.
2241 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Liberty

Thursday, June 17:
0121 – suicidal person, Belle Villa Blvd.
0222 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
0420 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
0558 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour

Pointe Dr.
1051 – harassment call, E. Huron River Dr.
1135 – misc. complaint, High St./W. Columbia
1238 – civil matter, E. Waterbury Ct.
1518 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1523 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1609 – disorderly, Main St.
1625 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1826 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1842 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle, First St.
2113 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Menlo Park Dr.
2157 – traffic stop, First St./Main St.

Friday, June 18:
0007 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr./W. Columbia
0215 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Sumpter
0217 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
0437 – suspicious person/vehicle, South/Henry
1001 – assist other dept., Church St.
1002 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1243 – vehicle lock out, Santa Clara St.
1325 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
1905 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1928 – traffic offense, W. Thornhill Ct.
2004 – intrusion alarm, Fourth St.
2220 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, June 19:
0012 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0140 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1100 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr. / Bedell Dr.
1338 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1415 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
1616 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River
2007 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
2354 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

There were 22 traffic stops listed this week.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 13:
0134 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0233 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1533 – lost/missing juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1911 – suspicious circumstances, 50000 bl. Judd
1928 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2111 – suspicious circumstances, Hampshire Dr.
2221 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Davenport Dr.
2339 – fire dept. assist, California St.

Monday, June 14:
1056 – ordinance violation, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1141 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1146 – assault, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1224 – civil matter, Creekside Dr.
1227 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1325 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1342 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1404 – malicious destruction of property, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1531 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1622 – found property, Willow Rd./Martinsville
1729 – suspicious circumstances, 25000 bl. Clark
1824 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1844 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2059 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2103 – disorderly person, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2131 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, June 15:
0223 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0448 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0524 – traffic complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0851 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0950 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Harris
1035 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1104 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1114 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
1148 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.
1207 – suspicious circumstances, 19000 bl. Clark
1300 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
1520 – malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1523 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1523 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1527 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1532 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1737 – follow-up investigation, Sully Dr./Bemis
2048 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.

Wednesday, June 16:
0206 – mental health call, Greenmeadow Dr.
0623 – shots fired, Rustic Ln.
0930 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
0941 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1025 – traffic complaint, Wear Rd./Sherwood
1326 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1520 – 911 hang up, Traskos Ave./Bohn Rd.
1919 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2146 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2251 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.

Thursday, June 17:
0106 – traffic complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0245 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.
0902 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1012 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1125 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
1228 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1303 – traffic complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1324 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Dale Dr.
1512 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1517 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1529 – mental health call, Greenmeadow Dr.
2038 – personal injury accident, Harris/Haggerty
2158 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2212 – follow-up investigation, Harris/Haggerty
2329 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
2337 – 911 hang up, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Friday, June 18:
1210 – malicious destruction of property, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1355 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1427 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1444 – citizen assist, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2007 – suspicious circumstances, 26000 bl. Elwell
2307 – suspicious circumstances, Timberlane Dr.
2330 – suspicious circumstances, California St.

Saturday, June 19:
0133 – reckless driver, Greenmeadow Dr. / Carriage Ln.
1045 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Clay Rd.
1353 – follow-up investigation, Hampshire Dr.
1652 – alarm, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1805 – harassment complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter
1859 – larceny, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1913 – neighbor dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2041 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Sumpter
2123 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2140 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2152 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2346 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Also on this week's log are 50 traffic stops, 47 patrol checks, and six misc. details.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 inches up to 74, positive tests at 3,459

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code climbed by one to 74 as of Monday, June 21, according to the Wayne County Health Department. It has been at 73 since May 26.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,459 on Monday, June 21, up from 3,452 the previous Monday, June 14.

On Monday, June 21, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,313 positive cases, 42 deaths; city of Belleville, 490 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 656 positive cases, 11 deaths.

“There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that ‘my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.’”

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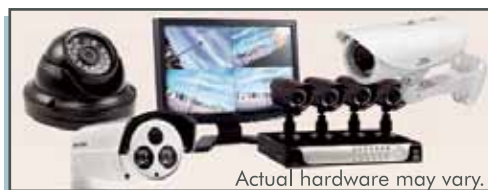
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June 27 – Jenny Hall, Tim Craiger, Jeff Schonscheck
June 29 – Eric Partridge
July 1 – Helen Wylie

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS
- Wednesday, June 30 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority will hold a special Zoom webinar from 1-2 p.m. as its annual informational meeting, required by law. Register in advance to join webinar.

• Tuesday, July 6 -- Van Buren Township workshop at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, July 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, July 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 13 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, July 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, July 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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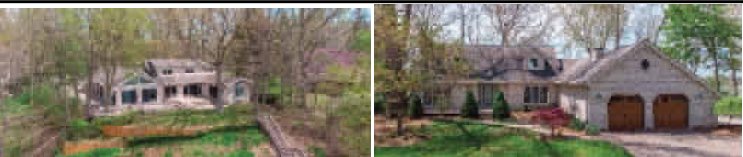
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PENDING

40425 HARRIS, SUMPTER TWP
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PENDING

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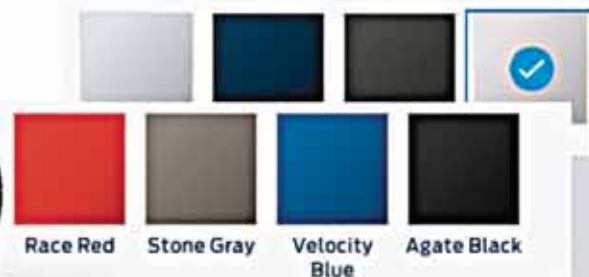
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