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Library board considers millage renewal

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Members of the Belleville Area District Library Board discussed the best way to go about renewing the 0.7 mill that was approved by voters in 2010 and is expiring with the Winter 2021 tax bill.

The discussion was held during the board's regular meeting on May 11 via zoom.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said that she and board chairperson Sharon Peters had a phone consultation with the library's bond/millage attorney, Christopher Iamarino from Thrun Law Firm, to discuss options.

Director Suchy said Option #1 would be a run a special election in November to renew the millage. The library would have to pay all or a portion of the fees that would be incurred to hold this election, since 2021 is not a general election year.

She said Option #2 would be to place the question on the August Primary or November General Election in 2022. This could no longer be called a renewal on the ballot language, but an increase. However, a statement can be included in the ballot language that "this renews a millage that expired in 2021."

Suchy also said there are other considerations: This millage has been rolled back by the Headlee Amendment and will be 0.6864 on this year's tax levy. The renewal could potentially reset this millage back to 0.7. This would involve additional ballot language. In order to keep ballot language to a minimum, the library could opt to continue to accept the rollback.

Suchy said a portion of the current millage is captured by the city of Belleville's DDA and Van Buren Township's DDA and LDFA, but the Michigan law regarding

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Photo courtesy of Cheryl Martin

A 21-gun salute was part of the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial in Belleville on Monday. The ceremony was presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167. From left are John Blackstone, Bob Stevenson, Russ Canell, Matt Barr, Dave Dybicki, Bob Krouse, and George Kennedy.

City manager: Public education to solve blight

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the May 17 regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte said there were two scrap cars at what had been called the "green monster," that now is tan, on East Huron River Drive.

He also said on Liberty Street two or three couches have been out on the street for months. He said Republic Services just drives by if the trash is too big.

He said the residents need to call somebody at Republic instead of calling city hall.

Marcotte asked that the budgeted ordinance office be added to the council's Follow-Up List.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said police officers and DPW staff probably drive down every street in the city each day and they could alert the city of needed pickups.

"There's a long laundry list of things that need addressing," Mayor Conley said, referring to an ordinance officer.

Marcotte said a couple of houses are for sale on the street where the couches are located.

"A lot don't know they have to call and let them know," Councilman Ken Voigt said referring to Republic, which will send out a truck for heavy items.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he had to call Republic for an item and another time DPS Director Rick Rutherford took care of it.

Rutherford said rental properties think it's the city's responsibility. He said the property owner should tell the renters to call Republic instead of Rutherford having to call. "The fault is on both sides," he said.

Marcotte suggested the trash truck driver could call it in.

Fielder said they could be told they are violating the blight ordinance, which he thinks they are.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates said she believes it is the responsibility of residents to make the calls. Mayor Conley said the drivers could tag the item with the number to call on the tag.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said when they hire the ordinance officer, there's going to be a lot of education to the public.

"Tomorrow, I'll call Republic myself,"

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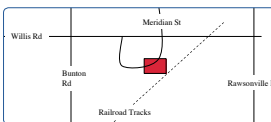
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Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist swamped out in VBT fire

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Among those whose apartments were destroyed by the May 24 fire at The Waverly on the Lake apartments in Van Buren Township was Pulitzer Prize winning journalist J. Ross Baughman.

Baughman, 68, lived in apartment 102 in Building 34 and the water to fight the fire in apartment 302 cascaded down carrying ash and ruining many of his rare, signed, first-edition book collection, his collection of uniforms from the Revolutionary War until the present, his life's archives of negatives and prize-winning photographs, and a collection of Leica cameras in leather cases on the floor.

There was eight inches of water in his apartment when the fire fighting ended.

Baughman won his Pulitzer Prize for his feature portfolio showing the brutal treatment of prisoners by Rhodesian Security Forces in the fall of 1977.

He said he had embedded himself as a journalist in 11 different conflicts throughout the world in his career. He explained that meant dressing in the military uniforms for the battle and accompanying soldiers with his camera and notebook.

Baughman said he went with 10 Palestinian commandos behind Israeli lines in March 1978 in South Lebanon, the first reporter allowed to be embedded with the PLO. There were no lights so he had to take time photos with his camera supported by a rock.

He has a scar on his leg, the result of surgery after stepping on a land mine in El Salvador. Doctors wanted to amputate, but decided to rebuild it using a new technique, which is now in a textbook. He said he was wounded many times during his career.

He saved the hats from each uniform and on Friday was wearing one he fished out of his apartment and washed. It was a Russian hat worn in a battle in Afghanistan.

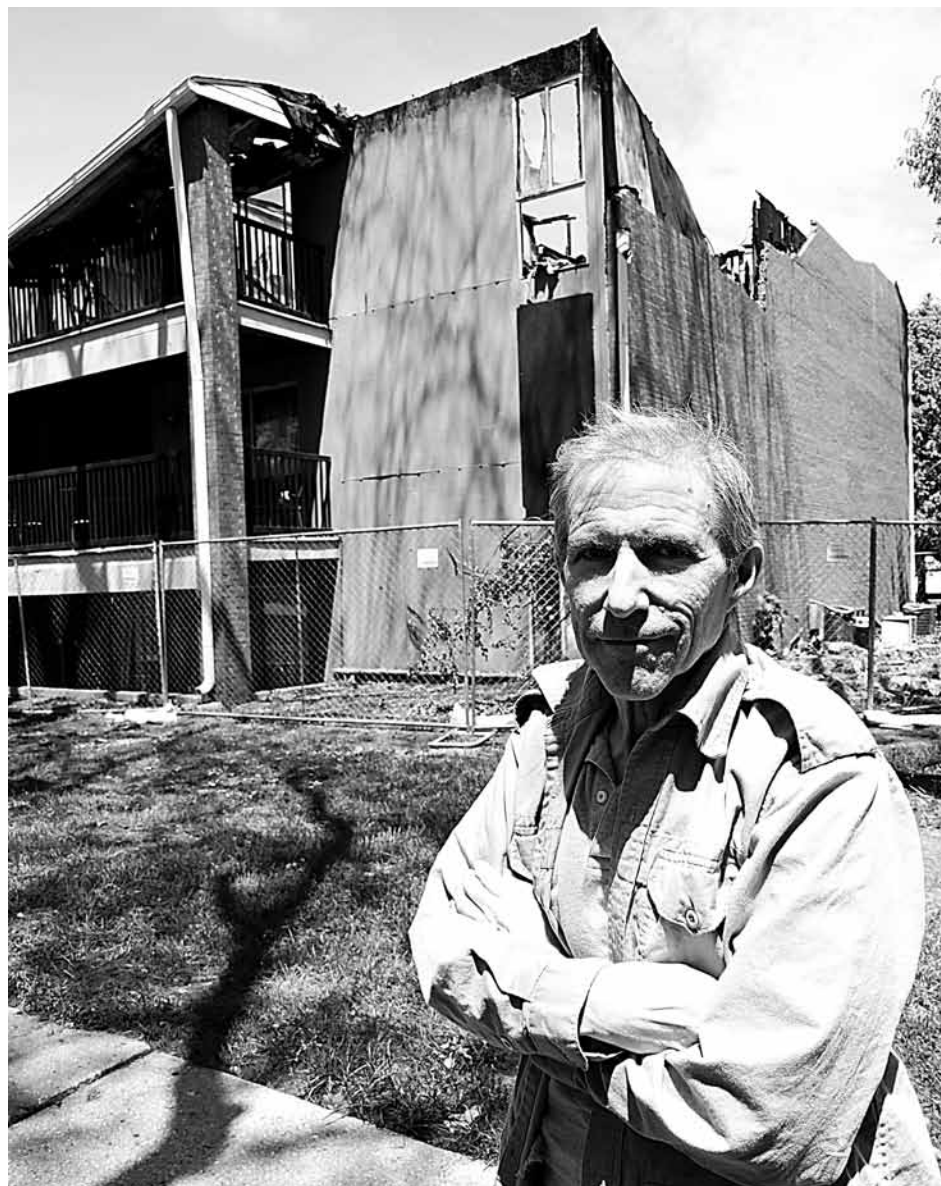
Using observation skills honed over 50 years of reporting, Baughman described in detail what happened on May 24.

He said at about 6 p.m., there was a fire-chirping alarm in the hallway and the fire department went upstairs and later left.

Baughman said he was working at his computer at about 9 p.m. when the chirpy alarm in the hallway went off again. He said it was a pleasant melody and he went out into the hallway and checked the heat in the door across the hall, but it wasn't hot. Then he smelled smoke and saw smoke coming down the stairwell.

Then residents were running, knocking on doors and calling, "Fire, fire. You got to get out."

He said he grabbed his leather case



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

J. Ross Baughman, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, said he had been embedded with troops in 11 different conflicts around the world during his career and had to come to the quiet Belleville area to lose most of his prized possessions. Baughman was one of the residents of Building 34 at The Waverly, formerly Harbour Club apartments, that burned on May 24.

containing key documents, including his passport and COVID immunization card from Meijer. He tried to call 911. He said he picked up the phone, but the line was out. He noted the electricity was still on.

There were no fire engines yet and he went out the door. He said it took about two minutes for him to go outside and he looked up. He said there was glow from the master bedroom two floors up in apartment 302.

He said across from his apartment in the building were apartments 101, 201, and 301. He said there were 11 apartments in Building 34 and at the end of the day they were all uninhabitable.

Baughman said he has no cellphone and he and others who had evacuated stood on the grass in front of the building and stopped cars driving by to ask them to call 911.

rooftop was gone.

He said he asked a police sergeant on the scene when they would be able to get inside again to get medicines and other necessities and one said 48 hours and another said four weeks.

"You've all got a sunroof now," the fire marshal joked, Baughman said.

Baughman said the third floor was completely intact, but there was a lot of water damage and soon the place was being boarded up. He said he was dismayed the eight inches of water wasn't pumped out before the boards went up. Since his was the lower apartment, five steps down, just opening the sliding door would have allowed the water to escape to the drain on his porch.

He said when he vacated his apartment he left his apartment door ajar for the smoke to escape and somebody closed his ajar door.

Since Baughman had no cell phone, a manager from the Waverly called Baughman's sister, Mary Ann Bittner on North Liberty Street, to alert her that her brother was all right and would be coming to stay with her.

First thing in the morning, he visited his Progressive insurance agent at Clement Insurance on Main Street in Belleville. Then he took a nap. Since then he has dealt with his adjuster, the apartment ownership, and others to try to get his life back on track.

Baughman said his file cabinet was full of diaries that he had written since 1976 with comments in excruciating detail. He said his apartment also held a million negatives from his career from 1973 to 2021.

He said he remembered going to hear Doug Brown speak at the library before it moved to the new building last year. Brown was photographer for President Harry Truman and he and Baughman had a good conversation. He said those at the library heard them talking and the one in charge of programs invited Baughman to speak at the library.

"I am the guest speaker who never was," Baughman said, noting as soon as the new library opened, COVID closed it down.

He said he is a teacher on ethics and has been on the staffs or visiting professor at University of Missouri Journalism School, New School for Social Research, New York University, Dartmouth, Rutgers, Yale, and others.

Baughman also is a fine artist and does drawings, paintings, and sculpture. He has his journalistic work in the Smithsonian and is the author of several books. He is working on a book having to do with paganism and Christianity.

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He said they had been outside 20 minutes before two fire fighters arrived in a small fire truck, he believes from the city of Belleville, but they were unable to access water at first. He said their hose was short and once it had water it couldn't reach the blaze on the third floor.

At 9:40 p.m., one more truck arrived and then within the next 10 minutes, 15 fire vehicles were on the scene. He said once the ladder trucks with floodlights arrived, fire fighters were able to hose water down from above and at about 9:55 p.m., the stream "blows the roof off the place." He said the building was well-dampened but the fire was not out.

He said he saw major beams and shingles falling down. Baughman said there were from 35 to 50 fire fighters at the scene, with some going inside and coming out and kneeling on the ground. He said the

OPINIONS

Editorial

Ceremony in Belleville honors our military heroes

On Monday, a crowd gathered at the Veterans' Memorial in Belleville on the shore of Belleville Lake to honor those who gave their lives for our country.

Until COVID came along, each year there was a huge ceremony, with guest speakers, music, food, and many wreaths laid. For several years there was a long line of motorcyclists who traveled the area before heading to the ceremony.

This year's event was to be low-key because it was planned when COVID restrictions were tight in this state. There was no need to close High Street since they expected a small turnout because of COVID. It turned out to be very well attended with people standing and sitting on both sides of the street with traffic going down the middle of it all.

The event was led by VFW Commander John Blackstone. There was a prayer by Pastor White, a message by Cornell Anton, the "National Anthem" by Geof Bush and Lori Day, a 21-gun salute, and three wreaths placed. "Taps" was played by Rick Dawson and it was over.

We thank the VFW and PLAV who stepped up, again, to put on this event to honor the memories of our country's fallen and especially those from this area listed on the monument. That monument is slowly crumbling into the lake and, hopefully, the city will find a way to repair this memorial to the brave young men of this area who died serving our country.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I was talking with Edward Burger, who has spent 60 years in industrial and commercial real estate, and he shared that when he was born in Van Buren Township, he was delivered by the personal physician to Henry Ford.

We received an unsigned email last Thursday concerning the cartoon on the editorial page of the May 27 edition: "I think this week's cartoon is way wrong. Memorial Day is ONLY for our military. The other people in the cartoon are thanked and we are glad they are there, BUT -- this is not their day!"

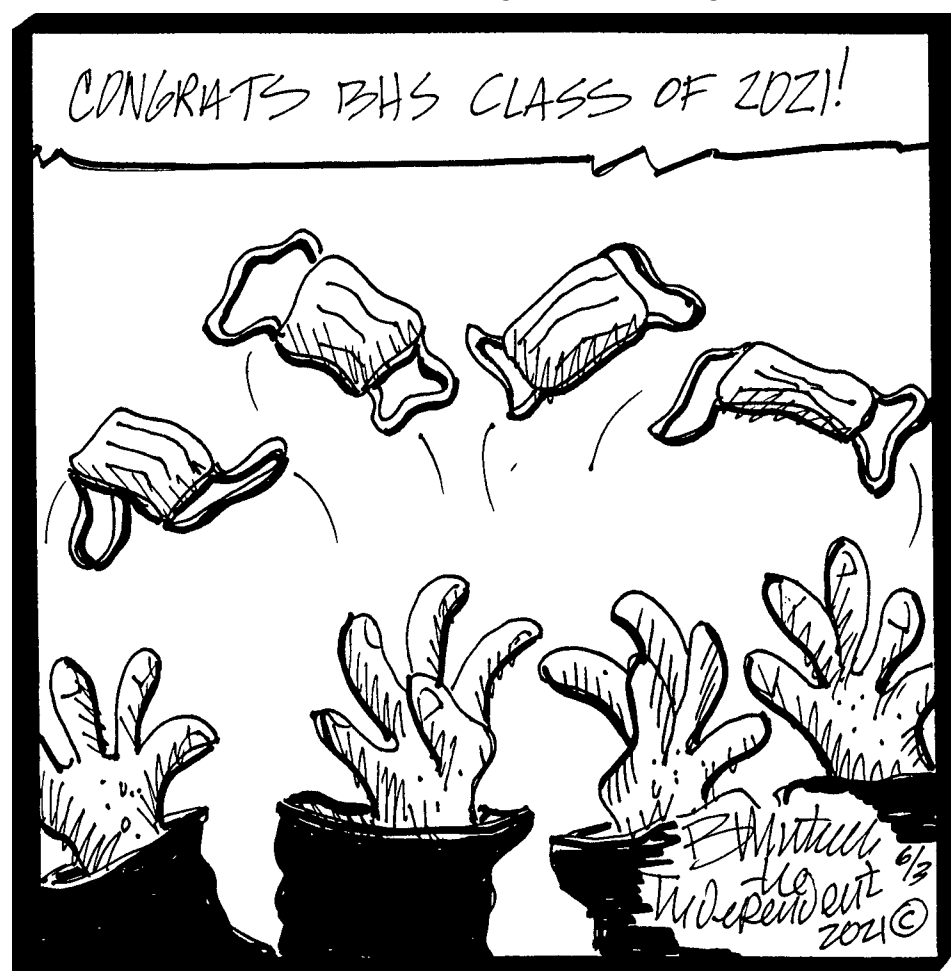
The writer is correct. Memorial Day is for those who fought and died in the military. It's their day.

We received a question on when the next school board election would be. Debbie McWilliams, Supt. Kudlak's assistant, checked it out and also put the terms on the school district website. The next election is in November 2022. The seats expiring at that time will be for Darlene Loyer Gerick, Calvin Hawkins, and Amy Pearce, who are all serving their first terms.

I called Ken Voigt from our business phone to get information on the bands for the First Wednesday event in Belleville and he said my caller ID said I was Dairy Mart. He took a screen shot and sent it to me: "Ind Dairy Mart."

Who knows what that was all about?

With all the talk about UFO information, I remember my brother, Steve Kuchta, telling us about seeing a UFO when he



was on duty for the Michigan Air National Guard in Arizona. He said he and others were out in the desert doing something and they saw a UFO. They reported it and had their leaves cancelled and were told by officials that they didn't see it. Next time they saw a UFO, nobody said a word.

We'll see if the promised report on UFOs is honest. Our government hasn't been forthright about the subject, ever.

An author in Great Britain contacted me with an offer to send me a signed copy of his novel so I could do a book review. I told him we are tight on space and need to keep our reports as local-local as we can be, since our readers cannot get their local news, especially what their governments are doing, anywhere else.

He replied that he would be glad to send me five signed books free without any need for a review -- and he did. He said I could share them with my friends. He said his book is being compared to a Tom Clancy novel. He said he hopes to become famous and wanted to share his work with me.

As soon as I started reading the thriller, it grabbed my interest and I spent a recent week end reading it. I really enjoyed it. It's set all around the world and the author goes to those places and describes them detail. The book is about the Nazi gold hidden at the end of WWII, grand conspiracies, an ongoing chase, and more. Hope it's fiction. Maybe it isn't.

I've got four more signed copies of "See Glass" by Ido Graf. Be glad to share them with you. Or, you could get one on Amazon. It could end up being a movie.

We got a report that a Mexican man and his two young children were in the Walmart parking lot, near Applebee's, on Monday begging for food.

People have been looking for the cow and the bull that recently escaped from a farm on Karr Road in Sumpter Township. On Monday it was reported the bull was located and caught, but the cow was still on the loose.

This reminds me of the cow that escaped from a farm at Sumpter and Kozma roads in Sumpter in the early days of our paper. The cow was pregnant and soon we received daily reports on sightings of the brown cow and spotted calf throughout the area -- even to the shores of Belleville Lake.

At one point there was a plan for Sumpter police to go on horseback to shoot the two since they were trampling fields. That didn't happen, and the cow and calf finally were lured into a barn on Bemis Road, just west of Sumpter Road.



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Small group meetings at First United Methodist

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Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. (in person at the Belleville First United Methodist Church lakeside entrance) led by Pastor Mary. Questions? We all have them! Gather to ask all the questions. Why does God allow evil in the world? Are there unforgivable sins? How have you coped with your divorce? What called you to ministry? No question is off limits! No course materials. Just show up with your inquiries.

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Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (gathering in person or virtually) based on "When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. at church in the lounge based on "All Creation Sings: The Voice of God in Nature" by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Would love to meet you and get to know one another better.

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Come out to support soccer team today

To the editor:

Please join me in congratulating our very own BHS Lady Tigers soccer team on their first district game win last Friday against Bedford. They are scheduled to play Game Two this Thursday against Wyandotte at Belleville High School at 5:30 p.m. Please come and support them! Wear your orange and bring your energy. If they win this game, they will move on to the final district game on Saturday at Woodhaven High School.

Keep working, ladies. Keep your heads up and bring us home that trophy!

Angie McCluskey

Five-Star Review to J&T/Crova for free tow

To the editor:

On Thursday, May 20, I got stuck on the Belleville Bridge with a broken tie-rod on my car as I made my way to the expressway. I called AAA but no tow truck came.

A J&T/Crova tow truck passed me a couple of times as I waited and finally stopped and asked if I needed help.

As it turned out, the driver Adam got permission to tow my car to Harris Road at no cost. I give J&T/Crova a 5-Star review for their much-needed help and free tow.

Louise Fincher
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June 4 – Mark Rosenthal, John Juriga
June 5 -- William Millard
June 6 – Rob Bovitz, Andy Winnie, Lois Bachman, Debra Green
June 7 – Janice Wright, David Papin
June 8 – Danica Broome
June 9 – Jeff Atwood
June 11 – Tony Smith
June 27 – Henry Hernandez

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• Thursday, June 3 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, June 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, June 8 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 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, June 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, June 10 – Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, June 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, June 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, special 6 p.m. Zoom meeting of Sumpter Township Board Trustees for a public hearing on proposed Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for \$1.25 million in water line upgrades.

• Wednesday, June 16 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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Van Buren Twp. Police seek person who threw fireworks at vehicles

Van Buren Township police are seeking information on a person accused of throwing fireworks at passing vehicles at Trilogy Apartments at about 3:30 p.m., May 12.

According to Channel 2 News on Tuesday, police said a maintenance worker asked the person to stop and the person became verbally abusive and keyed the worker's personal vehicle. Anyone with information is asked to call Van Buren Township police at (734) 699-8938.

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Obituaries



Joy Lynn Bickham

JOY LYNN BICKHAM

(April 27, 1941 - May 25, 2021)

Joy Lynn Bickham, age 80, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Cedar Woods Assisted Living, Belleville, after a long, hard battle with Parkinson's Disease. She was born April 27, 1941 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Fred John & Evelyn June (Wunderli) Roth. Joy graduated from Bentley High School, class of 1959, and went on to beauty school. She began working for Montgomery Ward in 1969 and retired in 2001 after more than 30 years of loyal service. She then moved to Hobe Sound, Florida, for several years, before returning to Belleville. Joy was a member of Van Buren Senior Center where she loved attending exercise classes and going on trips with friends. She was an avid walker who also enjoyed painting, going out to eat, and shopping.

Joy married her first husband Tom Fought and together they had four children, daughter LeeAnn and sons Dean, Fred, and Chris. Joy went on to marry Patrick Bickham, whom she was with for almost 40 years and together they had a daughter Jamie.

Joy is survived by: two sons Fred (Susie) Fought of New Boston, MI and Chris Fought of North Carolina; a daughter Jamie (Paul) Cichowski of Romulus, MI; two granddaughters Ava & Abby Cichowski; one sister Gayle (Dan) Buchan of Livonia; her loving companion David Gonzales of Westland, MI; also several nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and her beloved cocker spaniel Holly. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Patrick Bickham in 2015, daughter LeeAnn Fought in infancy, son Dean Fought in 2009, also a sister Lee Miller.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Van Buren Senior Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 would be greatly appreciated.

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Leisa Marie Dierdorf-Lessard

LEISA MARIE DIERDORF-LESSARD

(September 3, 1960 - May 25, 2021)

Reverend Leisa Marie Dierdorf-Lessard, age 60, Belleville area resident, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in her home, surrounded by loved ones, after long health struggles. She was born September 3, 1960, in Weirton, West Virginia, daughter of Russell Wayne & Margaret Verna (Hall) Johnson. She graduated from Perry Heights High School in Ohio and went on to college. She became a Realtor and that led to Property Management. Most of all Leisa loved people. She was a builder of communities, starting with the people, then their lives and neighborhoods, etc. got better too! She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

She was fun and spontaneous. She ran out in the rain one morning to have the roof pour water on her head. She walked out in the water not knowing how to swim except for the doggy paddle. She would joke with her friends putting water bottles in shoes to make it look like "running water". She played games with no mercy, except with her grandchildren. You could always come and sit on her lap for a hug and council no matter how old her kids were. She was always the listener and made you feel hope, no matter why you came to talk to her. She constantly gave away her coats and gloves every Winter. You left with smiles and a big hug. She loved Michigan and its Lakes. Water calmed and cleansed her. She never held a grudge she forgave and loved you for who you were, didn't matter if you were blood or not. Nature was a medicine for her soul. She had tremendous faith in God and dreamed of being a minister since she was a child. However, life happened and she married and had a family. She was blessed to have recently achieved that long-time goal and was ordained just last Fall. She had to re-learn to read and write during that time to achieve this goal due to complications of surgeries. She did not let that stop her. She had broken thoughts, lost memory, and a stutter. She did not give in or up. She was a fighter to her last breath.

Leisa is survived by her wife Elizabeth Shepard-Lessard of Belleville, MI; two daughters Rhonda (Adam) H. and Krystal M.; three cherished granddaughters and two beloved grandsons; brothers Michael and Frank

Johnson; also numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her mom and dad, brothers Michael and Rodger Johnson, and a grandson James M..

To honor her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to D.A.V., St. Jude's, or the Humane Society in her name. It would be greatly appreciated.

The family would like to invite friends, family, current or past residents to her Celebration of Life potluck picnic on June 26 2021 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. She loved hot pink, so everyone wears a color of their choice. Potluck lunch, bring a dish, chips, or dessert. Grilled hot dogs/hamburgers and water will be provided. Pavilion's address is 23501 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111. Northside turns in driveway and go down to the Pavilion.

District Library

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tax captures has changed. As a default, the millage renewal will not be captured.

She said with COVID and the partial openings, there are sure to be more voters in 2022.

Chairperson Peters said the question could go on the primary ballot and if not successful they could turn around and do it in the general election.

Joy Cichewicz questioned whether they could do it twice like that and Peters said the lawyer told them they could do it twice.

"We have to think about our operating millage," said Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire. "It makes more sense to wait until 2022." She suggested the finance committee study this and the board look at the issue again at its June 15 meeting.

"We do have to make a decision on this to stay in the game," Peters said.

Director Suchy said the June meeting will also be the time of the budget hearing.

"I think we are seeing the beginning of the end of COVID," Suchy said. She said she was hopeful the board could meet in person in June.

Suchy said about 80% of the staff have received at least one dose of the vaccine. The staff has a choice on this, she said. Peters pointed out, "You've reached herd immunity."

Air quality project

In a building committee report, Suchy said they reviewed the amount of money left in the capital fund and found they are still in a pretty-good stead. She said there are four different projects going forward to improve air quality.

She said there is humidification, bipolar ionization, and improvements to the HVAC systems.

"It's open-heart surgery," she said, noting they have to open the ceiling and the roof and roofing. Cost is \$326,416.

"It's a large amount of money to spend in updating a brand-new building," said chairperson Peters. "A lot of the technology didn't exit or wasn't understood when we were planning the building."

She said they are in a good position for putting up a state-of-art building with improved air quality.

Peters said it is good to be working on air quality while the library is still on a slow-down. Treasurer Stoudemire said this will make the community feel safer when they come to the library.

Suchy said small projects are very much on the building committee's radar, including hanging the loaned oil painting, and installing the bench in Sumpter Township. She said a lot of things are being held up by the supply chain.

John Juriga said he called Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office earlier that day and told them he'd like to get help for putting five electrical chargers in the far end of the library parking lot.

"She loves the library and she'll see what she can do," Juriga reported.

In other business at the one-hour-and-12-minute May 11 meeting, the board:

- Heard Peter report on the marketing committee meeting and said new blood has brought new ideas. She said they have been focusing on the grand opening and they will wait for the good weather months next year for the grand opening and the donor reception before the grand opening "after COVID is behind us"; and

- Heard Suchy report the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is happy that the library will be displaying winners of last year's art contest. It will be the library's first rotating display.

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Gale, Chris Folks to celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 5

Gale and Chris Folks, who have lived on Robbe Avenue in Belleville since 1975, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5 with extended family and friends. Gale Folks and Chris Harris were married June 5, 1971 at Prayer Baptist Church in Westland.



Gale and Chris Folks in 1971



Gale and Chris Folks

Gale graduated from Belleville High School in 1969 and Chris in 1971.

They have four sons: Gary, Ron (wife Trish), Daniel (wife Becky), and David (wife Joelle) and nine grandchildren: Alexander, Bradley, Tyler, Andy, Austin, Nathan, Faith, Kaitlyn, and Liam

Gale retired from General Motors Romulus manufacturing plant March 1, 2016 after 46 years of service. He continues to be a loyal husband, father, and grandfather. He is studying to be a professional Railfan (train chaser). Chris is a professional housewife, mother, and grandmother. No retirement plans are in her future.

"Thank you, mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, for all your love and care throughout the past 50 years," say the "Young Folks Family."

Rare airplanes to share space with classic cars at Yankee Air Museum

Yankee Air Museum is filling the ramp in front of its Hangar 1 base, at the west side of Willow Run Airport, with a huge display of rare cars and aircraft beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 13.

Detroit's Invitational Wings and Wheels at Historic Willow Run will feature more than 100 cars and light trucks, built between 1930 and 1969 that will be grouped with aircraft representative of their era.

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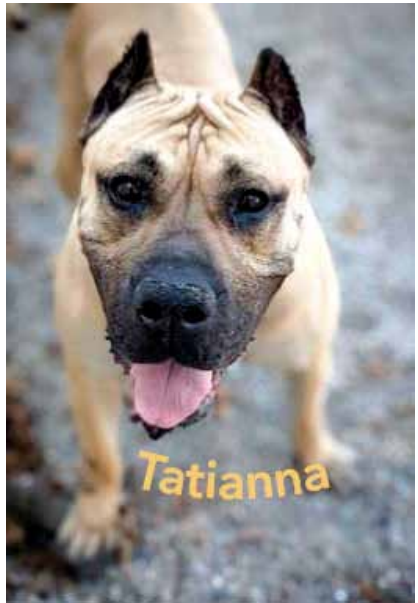
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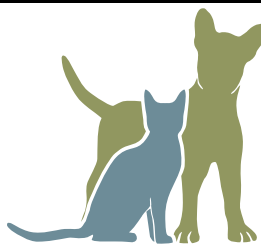
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EGLE grant funding puts recycling bins in all 13 Metroparks

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks announce the expansion of their recycling program to all Metroparks. As grant recipients of the Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), the Metroparks will now have recycling bins and necessary signage to encourage park patrons to recycle plastic bottles while at the parks.

\$48,816 in grant funding will allow the Metroparks to purchase 540 recycle bins to be placed in all 13 Metroparks. This will result in 32,400 gallons of additional capacity for recycling of plastic bottles. Recycling bins were put in the parks just in time for the Memorial Day weekend.

"It is projects like this one that make a difference in our environment, not just from the perspective of recycling, but also education," said Amy McMillan, Huron-Clinton Metroparks Director.

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Winners of this year's Belleville Rotary Scholarships are (from left) Kyler Warren, Nicholas Rafferty, Jessica Ley, and Joshua Jeng.

Belleville Rotary Club scholarship awards presented at BHS

On May 25, the Rotary Club of Belleville held its 76th-Annual Scholarship Program in a gathering at Belleville High School which included school administrators, parents, family and Rotarians.

Four \$5,000 scholarships were awarded to Belleville High School graduates.

The three Academic Scholarships went to Joshua Jeng, Nicholas Rafferty, and Kyler Warren. The Charles B. Cozaad Community Service Award was presented to Jessica Ley.

In the brief meeting, Belleville Rotary Club President Debra Green offered a welcome including an explanation of what Rotary is, her history with the Belleville club, and a summary of club activities helping individual citizens, communities, and charities in carrying on their work.

Each of the awardees thanked Rotary and spoke about their plans for the educations

and how the scholarships will assist them in reaching academic goals.

"The Rotary is happy to celebrate these amazing young individuals, who have all contributed so well to their communities, their school, and their families," said President Green.

After the presentations, Scholarship Committee Chairperson Mary Jo Suchy thanked all the attendees, the scholarship committee, and others whose work made the evening possible.

Since its inception, Rotary Club of Belleville has awarded \$587,500 to Belleville High School students in the club's scholarship program. This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding or partial funding of many of its projects.

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Baughman

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Baughman said he also had a collection of sets of the 50 Life magazine covers holding his pictures, the layouts, and negatives. He liked to write deep-cover stories on controversial subjects and copies of his stories on the KKK, Hispanic gangs, gay rights, three strikes sentencing, and AIDs were in his apartment. He said his was the

first story on AIDs in 1982.

According to the VBT Fire Department report on the fire at 48500 Denton Rd., there was \$1 million property loss, \$200,000 contents loss, and no casualties. Two Van Buren and two Belleville fire fighters suffered heat exhaustion and needed extended rehab.

Ignition was accidental and was in the bathroom off the master bedroom in apartment 301. The only heat source in

this area is an electrical conductor. Pictures taken pre-fire show the conductor running to the bathroom fan.

Baughman said The Waverly is providing a new apartment for him. He has assembled a file containing detailed notes on the incident, a Freedom of Information Act response from the VBT Fire Department, insurance papers, businesses cards from everyone contacted during the event, and a copy of the *Independent's* story on the fire.

a fund-raiser for its ongoing conservation projects. Flowers to enjoy and flowers and vegetables to plant.

• **Tuesday, June 8** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away runs from 2 to 4 p.m., or while supplies last, every Tuesday at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Volunteers will load fresh groceries into the vehicle of anyone in need. You can also get food for neighbors and friends/relatives.

• **Tuesday, June 8** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away at noon every Tuesday until further notice at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Rd. Information: Virginia Williams, (734) 673-8396

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

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

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

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

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

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

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City Manager

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Chief Robinson said. He said he will ask the driver to jot down the address and the city can reach out to the residents.

Chief Robinson said he wants to put together an all-encompassing city folder with everything needed for a new resident, including trash days, when water bills are due, and other information.

He said a police officer could knock on the door of a new resident, introduce themselves, and give them the packet of information.

Robinson said he has selected two of his officers who will take the ordinance officer training from Rutherford, along with the new ordinance officer. He said it is important for police to understand the ordinance officer's work.

"I want to make this something special," he said.

In other business at Monday's 39-minute regular meeting, the council:

- Approved a resolution to be sent to the state's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, which was approved by voters in the November 2020 election. Robinson said he talked to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara and agreed the city should join with VBT and Sumpter Township to ask the commission to put the tri-community into one House district because they share services. He said VBT and Sumpter will be approving resolutions

to send to the commission, as well;

- Approved the annual, no-cost, permit package from Wayne County, which covers the county roads within the city of Belleville;

- Set the public hearing for the 2021-22 city budget for 7:30 p.m., June 7, via zoom;

- Approved accounts payable of \$159,226.57 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Michigan CAT for back hoe service for the DPS, \$714.81; to CDW Government for printers for the police department, \$1,209.16; to Axon Enterprises for body cameras for the police department, \$29,932.48; and to PFM Financial, annual disclosure report for the treasurer's department, \$1,000;

- Heard Mayor Conley say Carol Thompson will leave her position with the Downtown Development Authority at the end of the month. She said Thompson has served many years, since the beginning of the streetscape, and they wish her well in her endeavors. She said the city will have a presentation to honor Thompson;

- Heard Robinson report that things are going well in his dual position and he is adjusting to the learning curve. He said he has five interviews scheduled for May 18 and 19 for applicants for the deputy administrator position and the budget is pretty close to completion; and

- Heard Marcotte say now that the weather is warmer, people will be able to start enjoying the lake and boat safely and responsibly.



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Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library

Notice of Public Hearing

The Belleville Area District Library (167 4th Street, Belleville, MI 48111) will hold a public hearing at the Library Board meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 7:30 pm, to consider the proposed 2021-2022 Library Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The debt service millage rate proposed to be levied for the repayment of the bonds for the new library will also be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available on the library's website (www.belleville.lib.mi.us) and at the Library during open hours (Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm, and Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm).

Publish: June 3, 2021

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

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

Sunday, May 23:
0003 – noise complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
0002 – 911 welfare check, Revere Dr.
0037 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0317 – threat, Brandi Dr.
1015 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1054 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1111 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
1115 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1218 – larceny from auto, Water’s Edge Ln.
1330 – personal injury accident, Savage/Wildbrook
1332 – family trouble, Bemis Rd.
1418 – domestic, Anna Dr.
1543 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1644 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1648 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1700 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1730 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1802 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1826 – trespassing, Salem Ct.
2034 – animal complaint, Wildrye Ct.
2105 – traffic offense, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2117 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2330 – disorderly, Arthur St.
2348 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.

Monday, May 24:
0255 – 911 welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.
0431 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.
0546 – found property/child, Beckley Rd.
0647 – animal complaint, Mission Pointe
0731 – traffic offense, Wildbrook
0741 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0846 – traffic offense, W. Huron River/Ormond
0854 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1044 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1056 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1203 – animal complaint, Beck/Ecorse
1208 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1310 – road hazard, W. I-94/Haggerty
1322 – animal complaint, Arthur St.
1405 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1529 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1742 – parking complaint, Colony Ln.
1745 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
1847 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1939 – harassment call, Willow Way
1949 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2037 – misc. complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2115 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2129 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2249 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2321 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
2333 – malicious destruction of property, Meadows Cir.
2342 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
2359 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
Tuesday, May 25:
0034 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0215 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
0410 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0700 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service/Quirk
0735 – traffic offense, Wildbrook
0739 – animal complaint, Savage/Martinsville
0804 – suicidal person, Wildbrook Dr.
0857 – larceny, Vine St.
1017 – unattended death, Arthur St.
1307 – traffic offense, Chaney Ave.
1321 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1339 – sexual assault, Ecorse Rd.
1425 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1519 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1708 – neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1710 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1801 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle, Walden Woods
2021 – larceny from auto, Morton Taylor Rd.
2046 – neighbor trouble, Rose Blvd.
2229 – road hazard, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
2242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sunrise Ln.

Wednesday, May 26:
0037 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0043 – suspicious person/vehicle, Burlwood
0056 – disorderly, Rose Blvd.
0554 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
0612 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Sadie Ln.
0731 – parking complaint, Wildbrook
0824 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0833 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / I-94 N. Service Dr.
0935 – personal injury accident, E. Schooner Dr.
0946 – road hazard, Martz Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
0949 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0956 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1015 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1026 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1038 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1052 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1106 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1114 – assist other dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
1120 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1150 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1156 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1258 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1423 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1504 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1505 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service/Belleville Rd.
1529 – sexual assault, Hardwood Dr.
1706 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1736 – retail fraud, Ecorse
1759 – property damage accident, Chandler Dr.
1823 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1850 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
2136 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
2225 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
2243 – noise complaint, Chatsworth/Quirk
Thursday, May 27:
0051 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0123 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood
0138 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Dr.
0222 – abandoned auto, Rawsonville Rd.
0821 – domestic, Brookview Dr.
0911 – animal complaint, Burlwood Ln.
0950 – misc. complaint, Holly Ln.
1050 – follow up by officer, Mott Children’s Hosp.
1248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1354 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1645 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Quirk
1820 – larceny from auto, N. Woodbury Dr.
1929 – juvenile complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1939 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2018 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.
2047 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2114 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2333 – domestic, Meadows Cir.
Friday, May 28:
0042 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0244 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0254 – 911 welfare check, Sonrisa St.
0530 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0551 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0733 – parking complaint, Wildbrook/Savage
0943 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Belleville
0947 – road hazard, Savage/Martinsville
0948 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
0957 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1217 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1413 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1522 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1535 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service/Jeanette
1542 – property damage accident, W. I-94 Haggerty ramp/Haggerty Rd.
1547 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1717 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
1717 – 911 welfare check, Coca-Cola Dr.
1806 – larceny from auto, Sylvia Dr.
1928 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2018 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
2033 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
Saturday, May 29:
0025 – hold-up alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0320 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0931 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1045 – felony assault, Tyler Rd.
1138 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.

1408 – private property impound, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville Rd.
1502 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1532 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1707 – missing person, Hull Rd.
1843 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1914 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2015 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2053 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr.
2054 – shooting, Lighthouse Dr.
2128 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
2143 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 12 traffic stops, none of which were on the freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 23:
0107 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0126 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0147 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Belleville Rd.
1222 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1338 – assist other dept., Savage/Wildbrook
1340 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.
1420 – assist other dept., Anna
1432 – mental subject, Belle Villa Blvd.
1811 – traffic stop, South St./W. Columbia Ave.
2018 – fight, Main St.
2056 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
Monday, May 24:
0012 – welfare check, Bedell St.
0225 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0551 – traffic stop, E. Davis St./South St.
1243 – motorist assist, Main St.
1300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1438 – repossession, E. Huron River Dr.
1622 – traffic stop, Church St./Roys St.
1826 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1839 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1931 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
2047 – personal injury accident, Victorian Ln.
2344 – missing person, Carmell St.
Tuesday, May 25:
1538 – welfare check, Bedell St.
1747 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1812 – motorist assist, Church St./Roys St.
1834 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
1903 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
1952 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
2251 – assist other dept., Santa Clara St.
Wednesday, May 26:
0106 – assist other dept., Rose
0944 – welfare check, Bedell St.
1342 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1356 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Edison
1801 – domestic, Victorian Ln.
Thursday, May 27:
0519 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/N. Liberty
0601 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Loza Ln.
1024 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main
1042 – traffic stop, South St.
1114 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1121 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1223 – traffic stop, E. Liberty/E. Columbia
1248 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
1254 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Columbia
1301 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1412 – animal complaint, Third St./Charles St.
1703 – lost property/child, High St.
1830 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.
1853 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
2110 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2149 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
Friday, May 28:
0107 – assist other dept., Belleville/Harmony Ln.
0152 – traffic stop, Church St./Second St.
0204 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0221 – traffic stop, South St.
0448 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Potter Dr.
0657 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0846 – vehicle lockout, Light Tower Dr.
1724 – welfare check, Bedell St.
2006 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./South St.
2357 – noise complaint, N. Biggs Ave.
Saturday, May 29:
0014 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
0036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Plaza
0118 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.
0558 – traffic stop, South St.

0824 – animal complaint, Edison Ave.
0912 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
1343 – hospice death, Menlo Park Dr.
1405 – welfare check, Third St.
1631 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2025 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2105 – traffic stop, First St./Main St.
2119 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.
2129 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
2202 – traffic stop, South St./Industrial Park Dr.
On this week’s log there were 40 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 23:
0107 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
0125 – noise complaint, Washington St.
0747 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0819 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
0819 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
0823 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
0852 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1338 – larceny, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1646 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1751 – flee and elude, Rustic Ln./Timberlane Dr.
2025 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2117 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2359 – noise complaint, Knollwood Dr.
Monday, May 24:
0821 – juvenile complaint, Sherwood/Willow
1142 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1410 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1820 – hazard, Rawsonville Rd./Rustic Ln.
2047 – welfare check, Utah St.
2105 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2110 – civil matter, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2334 – civil matter, Pecan St.
Tuesday, May 25:
0509 – missing person, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0633 – death investigation, Rustic Ln.
0637 – 911 hang up, Karr Rd./Judd Rd.
0944 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clark
1211 – welfare check, Utah St.
1306 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1435 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Judd
1715 – larceny, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1914 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
Wednesday, May 26:
0030 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln. / Creekside Dr.
0318 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
0543 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0819 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0950 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1119 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1241 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1249 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1320 – complaint, Willow Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1344 – suspicious vehicle, Sully Dr./Bemis Rd.
1430 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville
1450 – neighbor trouble, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1615 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1639 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1716 – hazard, Clark Rd./Judd Rd.
Thursday, May 27:
0000 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
0406 – lost/missing juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0810 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Lohr
0852 – welfare check, Bemis Rd./Savage Rd.
0921 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Clark
1125 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.
1300 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Bemis
2033 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2039 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Friday, May 28:
0156 – family trouble, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
1032 – hazard, Willow Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1512 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
1658 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Arkona
1935 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willow
2038 – 911 hang up, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2101 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis
2257 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Willis
Saturday, May 29:
0748 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1216 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1546 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

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1708 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Arkona
1729 – reckless driver, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1739 – suspicious circumstance, Country Club Blvd.
1932 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1944 – animal complaint, Wyoming St.
2142 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log are 47 patrol checks, 44 traffic stops, and six misc. details.

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Belleville Farmers' Market starts next Monday, June 7, across the street from last year's location in front of the Belleville library and next to the museum. Vendors are signing up fast as more and more restrictions are being lifted here in Michigan. The market will run from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. through September, adjacent to the Main Street car show from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For vendor info, call Janet Millard at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

The Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township has a few spots still available in their 12th-Annual Golf Outing set for Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m. at Green Oaks Golf Course in Ypsilanti. The cost is \$75 per golfer and \$300 per team with the proceeds going towards the upkeep of the no-kill shelter. The best-ball scramble format will feature a shotgun start based on 25 teams. Lunch and dinner are included with your ticket. For info call Heather at (734) 444-8445 or Dawn at (734) 904-9060. Sponsorships are also available.

June is Rose Month across the country and the folks at Garden Fantasy Greenhouse are celebrating with 20%-off rose bushes this weekend, June 4-6, at their greenhouse on Tyler Road just east of Morton Taylor. See their ad in today's paper for hours and call (734) 697-1765. There's still time to plant for this growing season and the business has a great selection of annuals, flats, hanging baskets, pots, and perennials.

An Adult Summer Reading challenge is

under way at the Belleville Area District Library with many programs and events scheduled. Start with a chance to win some prizes by earning badges for reading. Simply go to the Belleville library's website and create a reading account and start reading. When you're finished, leave a book review, as prizes will be awarded after 10, 20 and 30 books read. Want to learn about backyard birds in Southeast Michigan? The program "Birdwatching and Birding" is coming to the library via Zoom on Wednesday, June 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. The photography of Greg Bodker will be featured, along with discussions with topics including birdwatching, attracting birds, types of bird seed, stories from out in the field, and much more. The program is geared for adults but anyone can take part virtually. A Zoom link will be emailed to you on the day of the event. Visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us. There are also a bunch more programs and events being scheduled for the summer. Check out the library's calendar on its web site.

Wayne County Fairgrounds is holding a Summer Kick Off carnival event this weekend, June 4-6, at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road. Wrist bands for carnival rides all weekend are \$8 each. Hours are Friday, 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free, along with free parking. There will also be food trucks featuring traditional carnival eats and treats. The event is weather-permitting and CDC guidelines will be in place. Visit www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net.

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.

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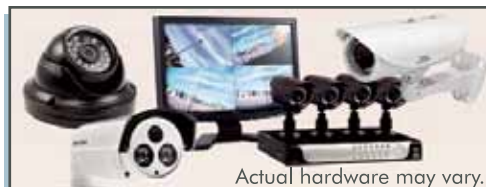
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VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **11:00 a.m. on June 15, 2021**, for the HVAC Replacement Project at McBride Middle School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at McBride Middle School Main Entrance, 47097 McBride Ave., Belleville, MI 48111, on **June 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

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

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=16edb14fe22e487283df981d6f8c9553>

Documents will be available for viewing on **May 27, 2021**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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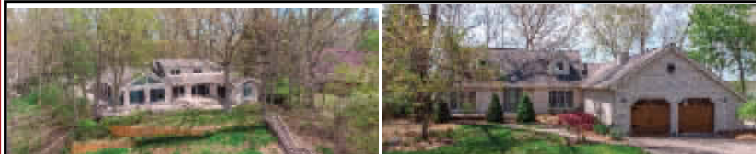
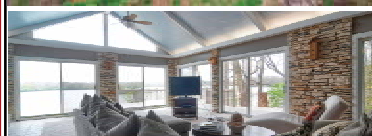
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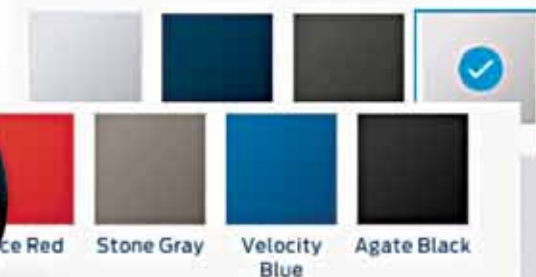
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