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Council approves provision to help bar/restaurants

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

At Monday's virtual Zoom meeting, the Belleville City Council unanimously passed the Belleville Cares for Business Provision, beginning June 2 through the end of the day on Oct. 31.

"As a direct result of the city council's desire to assist local businesses recover from business losses suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic, restaurants, pubs, and cafes may utilize the space adjacent to their restaurant, pub, or café which is located at Fourth Street Square, public parking near Fourth Street Square, or public parking near Horizon Park for outdoor café seating," the provision said.

Other restaurants, pubs, and cafes that are not adjacent to Fourth Street Square or public parking near Horizon Park may also utilize the outdoor space adjacent to their restaurant that had been previously designated for other purposes.

The outdoor furnishings involved are also described in detail. A license provided by the City of Belleville shall permit the operation of an outdoor café. There is no fee to get this license under the Belleville Cares for Business Provision.

John Winter said Egan's Pub will open at 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 8.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said a group from the city and business community put this provision together to help facilitate the reopening of the businesses.

"This will help us get back running ... after the good news from the governor," she said about reopening announcements.

"It is a really great group, which includes the Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, and Chamber," she said. "A great group with a lot of focus on the restaurants."

She said the next focus will be on retail
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Independent photo by Robert Mytych

Belleville's Farmer's Market opened on Monday at 4 p.m. and is scheduled to continue from 4 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday on the Fourth Street Square through September. The market is put on by the Belleville Central Business Community with several other sponsors. This is its fourth year. On Monday, the vendors had lots of radishes, leafy green vegetables, honey, and syrup. As the season progresses, the offerings change. On Monday, sweet bread, one of the market's favorites, was not available.

VBT DDA considers repairs, replacement of Belleville Rd.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority wants to find out if the broken cement in Belleville Road between Burger King and the Belleville Bridge is worth repairing, or if it should just be replaced.

At its regular meeting on May 26, which was a virtual Zoom meeting, DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland presented a proposal to cut out sections of the cement roadway in that area for repair and to begin sidewalk repair along Belleville Road

between Tyler and the Belleville Bridge.

She also noted that Wayne County said the Huron River Bridge on East Huron River Drive would be replaced starting in November and Belleville Road would be a detour for that project.

She presented proposals of \$28,500 for engineering for the road work and \$22,000 for engineering for the sidewalk work from Wade-Trim.

It is estimated there will be \$1.4 million in capital and engineering costs and there could be one or two separate contracts for the road and sidewalks.

Ireland said the section of roadway was done in the early 1990s by Wayne County with the DDA paying for the installation of sidewalks. No repairs to this portion of the roadway have occurred other than filling potholes. This is a project in the DDA's

Capital Improvement Plan.

In conjunction with this, she recommended the existing Belleville Road sidewalk from Tyler Road to the Belleville bridge be checked for risk hazards and replaced as warranted, as also noted in the Capital Improvement Plan.

"This is a Wayne County Road and Ron Agacinski, who is the Wayne County Director of Engineering, informed that they would be supportive of these projects..." she said.

"It is unknown how many years it would be for Wayne County to properly repair this section of road," she said. "It is my understanding that the engineering work would not be unreasonably lengthy and it is believed if construction began in August it should be finished in the fall."

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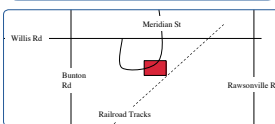
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Board makes cuts in staff, program as budget reductions loom

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, the Van Buren Public Schools made reductions in staff and programs, and discussed how state cutbacks because of COVID-19 may cut the district's budget.

The virtual meeting was held via Zoom and board members were advised Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has extended the authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings and temporary relief from monthly meeting requirements of school boards to June 30.

He said because of the coronavirus schools have taken a big hit.

"Big companies get bailout and schools get cuts," Supt. Kudlak said.

"This is our first round of cuts," Kudlak said, noting they have looked at staffing and student counts.

"Once you get to people, it really impacts people ... no easy thing," he said.

He said by law, you have to lay off first by evaluation and the only thing left is seniority.

He said ineffective teachers go first, but the majority of them are effective. Then, it's by seniority.

He said the layoffs are by K-6 groups, not by school, so teachers will be moved around to fill the holes.

Kudlak said said 23.5 teachers were recommended to be eliminated, but because of retirements and resignations, there are only 14 being laid off.

Human Resource Director Abdul Madyun said these numbers are based on spring count numbers, the last numbers they have, and there could be more.

"We don't know the numbers ... but we went by the law ... It's not an easy process," Madyun said.

Kudlak said these cuts will get the district close to where they'll be putting the budget together. The teachers are the first group and they will be looking at secretaries and other groups.

He said it will be August before they know the cuts per pupil in state aid. If they have to make more cuts, they will figure something else out. He said they are not filling retiree positions.

He said the situation is dynamic and they may have to call people back, as necessary.

Kudlak said the drama program is done at the high school, as is choir. Spanish is gone at the middle school.

"It's better to have 23 ½ more teachers," Kudlak said. "This is not a good position to be in for anyone."

When asked if the classrooms would be crowded, Kudlak said they wouldn't because the district has been able to keep class sizes low and it has been losing students in the last

10 years.

He said they could have 3-5 more in elementary classes and 3-4 more in high school classes. Maybe have 30 in math classes at the high school.

"We were having these discussions before COVID-19," he said.

Finance Director Sarah Cortese said it is possible they won't know the numbers from the state until September and it could be a \$700 cut per student. Kudlak interjected numbers have been estimated as high at \$2,000 per child.

Madyun said, "We could lose 500 kids, 1,000 kids come fall. We could lose a lot."

"Real learning comes when students are sitting in front of their teachers," Kudlak said.

After making a statement on how the 14 teachers are appreciated and programs are being cut and they hope to bring them back in the future, board president Amy Pearce made the motion to remove the 14 teachers as of June 30. It was seconded by Kelly Owen and passed unanimously by the board present. Board member Hawkins was absent.

Laid off were: Katelyn Tatom, Melissa Hiuser, Jaclynn Behrendt, Laura Fleming, Amanda Mitchell, Tania Owen, Tiffany Kelly, Larry Koch, Jawana Edwards, Dave Rowell, Michael Schwartz, Mark Scarbrough, Shanna Johnson, and Jennifer Bare.

In other business at the one-hour-and-39-minute meeting the board:

- Approved an amendment to the Sinking Fund Contract with Plante Moran Cresa;

- Accepted the retirements of non-instruction staff members Denise Adkins from Transportation after 11 years of service as of March 30; and Pamela Woodby of BHS after 23 years of service as of June 12;

- Agreed to hold the June 8 board meeting by Zoom, since the governor's Stay at Home order is through June 12. The June 22 board meeting could be in person and it would be at the high school cafeteria, so there would be a lot of space for social distancing. "I would like to stay virtual through June," Pearce said. Kudlak said the governor gave them the option for virtual meetings until the end of June;

- Heard presentations on educational programs at McBride Middle School and Edgemont Elementary School;

- Heard Cortese announce that food distribution at the high school continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 11. She said they have distributed 17,000 bags of food containing 79,000 meals;

- Heard Kudlak say that graduation has been rescheduled to Aug. 4 at Eastern Michigan University and it will be a regular

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Lucas Snook has been alerted he has passed all the requirements for his Eagle badge, but they have to wait until the COVID-19 passes to have the official court of honor. With Lucas are his parents Norman and Wendy Snook and their dog Diamoonday.

Lucas Snook earns Eagle Scout award with safety netting project

Lucas Snook, son of Wendy and Norman W. Snook, Jr., of Sumpter Township, has earned Eagle Scout status after completing his Eagle project for the Lincoln Little League field.

His court of honor by Boy Scout Troop 243 will be held after the coronavirus pandemic shutdowns are over.

Lucas, who is 18 and a senior at Lincoln Consolidated Schools, became a Cub Scout in 2008 and during his five years as a cub sold \$8,577 worth of popcorn. He began his Boy Scout career in 2013 and during his six years as a scout he sold \$27,639 in popcorn.

Popcorn sales were the major fundraisers for both Pack 295 and Troop 243. His most influential leaders in Cub Scouting were den leaders Yvonne Peterson and Arick Rushing and Cubmaster Frank Bruck.

During his Boy Scout years, his most influential leaders were Assistant Scoutmaster Jimmie Roseman, Brian Wagner, Jason Miller, and Rob Maier; Scoutmasters Ken Kollar and Andy Lane;

Advancement Chair/Committee Chair Megan Whitacre, and Eagle Scout co-mentors Jeff Kelly and Steve Zalek.

Lucas excelled at popcorn sales due to his outgoing personality and the desire to fund his own scouting activities. When he was working on his Eagle project, he was able to pull funds from his popcorn sales profits to be able to complete funding for the project.

His project was to put up 100 feet of safety netting on the first and third base side of the Juniors baseball field at the Lincoln Little League cloverleaf. He chose that project because he saw a safety need for the community at the field. A lot of foul balls would get hit out of the baseball diamond and the chance of people being injured was great, he said.

Lucas is the first Eagle Scout in either his mother's or his father's families.

Lucas already has been accepted to Saginaw Valley State University where he plans to major in Engineering and minor in Theatre Arts.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Community begins to open as governor lifts executive orders

The Belleville Farmer's Market opened Monday at the Fourth Street Square and will continue on Mondays throughout the summer. It was good to see people outside together – not too closely together – with fresh produce from local gardens.

Egan's Pub announced it will open at 12:01 a.m. Monday, the day the governor allows bars and restaurants to reopen with restrictions. They can only have 50% of customers inside their small pub, but lots of room outside on the Fourth Street Square for tables and dining.

The Belleville Area District Library will begin to phase in library services to make sure the public and staff are in a safe environment, said Director Mary Jo Suchy, who said she was happy to hear the governor include libraries and museums to reopen. Suchy said they plan to start with library curbside service beginning Wednesday, June 10.

The staff at Belleville City Hall will return June 8 to work at cleaning and sanitizing their work spaces and the building is scheduled to reopen June 15.

At Monday's city council meeting, one woman said she would be brunette until the salons are allowed to open, then she'd go back to being a blonde. Men are anxious to get their barber shops open. No word on that yet.

But, slowly, our life is reopening -- although we won't feel the same about hand shaking or hugging or getting closer than six feet. Just opening the doors is a start.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

A reader came into the office on Monday. He said his neighbor told him there had been a drug raid in their Woodbury Green community a few days earlier.

I emailed Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain and he checked with the Michigan State Police's Metro Narcotics Enforcement Team. Director Laurain said MSP MNET executed a search warrant in Woodbury Green Condos. This location was suspected of narcotics trafficking, prostitution, and weapons-dealing. This is currently under investigation, Laurain said.

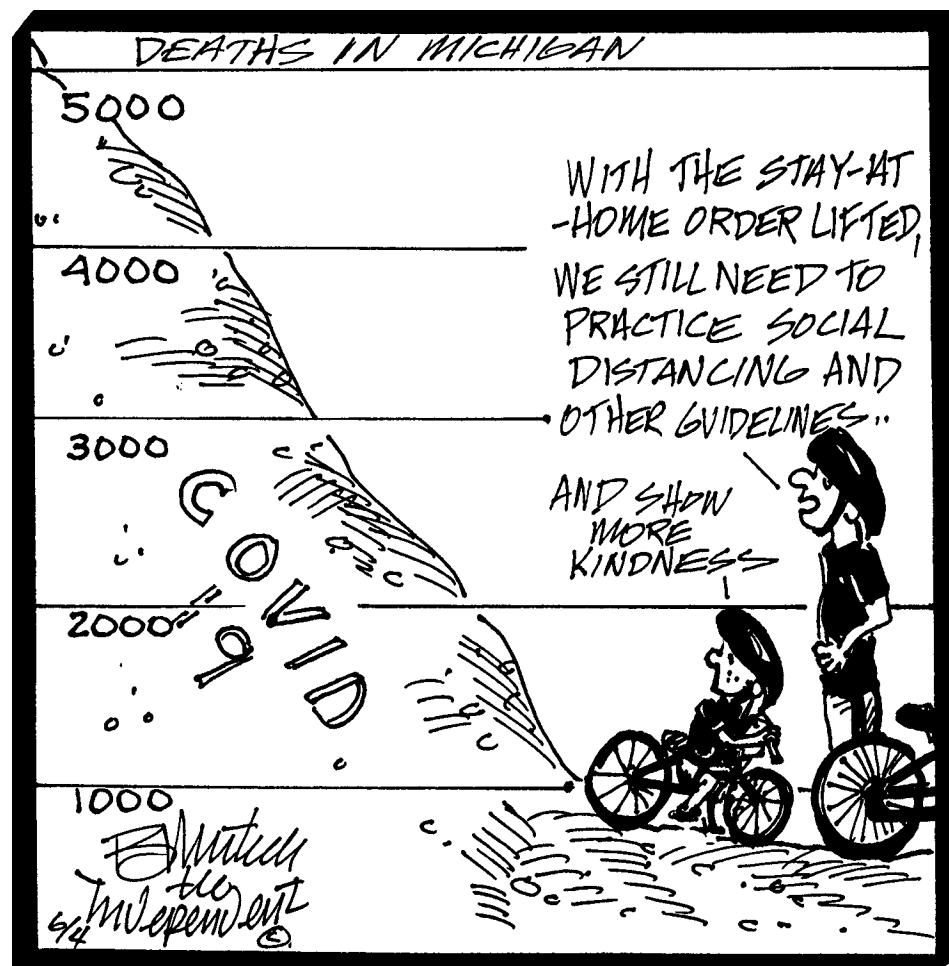
Director Laurain also said there had been no protests or disruptions in VBT. I had asked about it in light of the disruptions in other places throughout the state and nation as a response to the very public death of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis.

Belleville Police Chief David Robinson also reported no issues or demonstrations in Belleville, "but we are monitoring the situation and I am working with all of the Chiefs in the region on information sharing."

It was such a stark contrast to see on television all the happiness about the manned liftoff to the space station from Cape Canaveral on Saturday and the docking at the station on Sunday, compared to what we saw when we changed the channel.

It's great to see people demonstrating peacefully to show their frustrations and wishes for our country as the law and order steps inch slowly forward to find justice for George Floyd. But it is horrifying to

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



watch the looting and burning and hurting that has been happening. I don't recognize this country I'm seeing as the television cameras switch from state to state to state. God save us.

On Friday, the school office informed me that the last four virtual meetings of the Van Buren Public School Board of Education are now being shown on Channel 19 cable.

I've sent out dozens of candidate information forms for the Aug. 4 races in our community and one new candidate said he's going to rummage around to find an old photo because he doesn't want his picture taken with his hair the way it is. He said he hasn't had a haircut since the middle of March.

This is my regular project to give voters information on candidates. I'll try to get it done early because it looks like there are going to be a lot of absentee ballots cast this year.

In Belleville, city manager Tracey Kobylarz announced that the Board of Elections issued Absentee Voter applications to all registered voters. Clerk Sherri Sharf will be sending applications to those on the permanent list in the city during the first week in June.

In a memo from the city manager at Monday's virtual meeting, Kobylarz said she submitted a grant request to Community Development Block Grant on

May 29 for \$50,000 in repairs necessary for ADA, Seniors, and Veterans at Veterans' Memorial.

She said due to a reporting error from Wayne County, she didn't receive the request until late in the day on May 22 and it was due at 5 p.m. on May 29. Most communities take the full month to prepare their request and she had less than 3.5 business days.

"With that in mind, I am not overly hopeful we will be successful," she said.

Kobylarz also reported that the Nixel contract for emergency communications has been signed and the city completed training on its use on May 28. She said the city has more than 3,000 subscribers to the Belleville site from a previous trial period and she feels they are almost ready to flip the switch.

She said her goal is to be able to start communicating with constituents through this medium no later than July 1.

Have you ever seen a baby groundhog? I've seen one sunning in our front yard and it is the cutest little creature. I know adult groundhogs are terribly destructive, but this little guy is darling. I guess baby anythings are precious.



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Letters

Chris Donley: Your event perfectly timed

To the editor and neighbors:

First, I want to thank you, Rosemary, for the beautifully described story of "The Belleville Lake boaters present lighted boat parade" and the front-page picture of Belleville Lake -- all aglow.

Most importantly, I want to congratulate Chris Donley of Van Buren Township whose ambitious endeavor will be appreciated and remembered for many years, thanks to you. I'm sure our community is looking forward to seeing more of your ambitious leadership. Your vision for an event that would bring so much joy and happiness to others is very much appreciated.

This was an event that was perfectly timed amidst our shared weariness of the current coronavirus pandemic and the horrible daily news reporting of the devastating, riotous-wide destruction.

Mr. Donley's thoughtful and memorable "presentation" was to me reminiscent of many years ago when lighted boats, water skiers and skies lit up (Edison) Belleville Lake, with fireworks in celebration of the 4th of July, on High Street, in the area of our now present Belleville's Military Memorial.

Mr. Donley: Your organization of such a beautiful display of "giving" to the community will long be remembered and hopefully, will also set an example for today's youth. Yes, so true, as you noted: "If you build it, they will come." In our society today, there are "givers" and there are "takers." You are a "builder" and you are surely a "giver." How very important and timely that you would "give" of your energy and skills to bring into fruition a night of thankfulness in a tribute to all of our "First Responders."

I was sorry I could not attend the festivities, but I too say THANK YOU to all our loyal and hard-working First Responders -- you make us proud of our community. Mr. Donley -- you say you love our community -- you have proven that fact; it shows, over and over again! You and your generation are making a huge difference in the makeup and welfare of our Belleville-Tri-community area. Thank you for your ambition, courage, giving, and vision.

P.S. I'm quite certain many others will agree that there is a NEED for "home-grown" qualities such as those you possess. Then too, others, like myself, will ask you to please consider a seat on our City Council or perhaps the DDA.

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Flag Day is June 14, display your flag

To the editor, Belleville residents, and all my South Biggs neighbors:

A REMINDER! Flag Day is June 14.

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The first American flag was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. In 1818, after five more states joined the union, Congress passed legislation fixing the number of stripes at 13 and requiring that the number of stars equal the number of states.

June 14, 2020 is fast approaching and I will attempt to have a flag displayed at every home on South Biggs Street. Here's your chance to demonstrate pride in our country.

The Stars and Stripes, red/white/blue U.S. Flag is recognized by every country and a lot of people would love to live here.

Once again, I am encouraging all my South Biggs neighbors and the city, to have a flag at every home. If the results this year are anything like the last seven years, you will be impressed by the display my South Biggs street neighbors put on. This should be a city-wide effort to display our flag. Drive up South Biggs Street. I think you would be impressed with the sight of US Flags at every home.

FREE FLAGS: Thanks for very generous donations from John Vredevelde at Manns Lumber, and Tom Tinsley at Contract Welding, I have many free, refurbished flags (11"x16") available. All these flags are from Hillside Cemetery where they were flown over a veteran's grave. Let's remember these veterans once again by re-displaying the U.S. Flag at your home. Stop by and pick up one at 48 S. Biggs. Also, I can have your old flags properly disposed; drop them off when you pick up a new one.

Don't let Flag Day go by without acknowledging our Great Country.

Pete Pitzen, Belleville

Jr. Vice Commander, VFW Post #4434

P.S. Thanks to those who picked up FREE flags over Memorial Day and left a monetary donation. It's not necessary, but it is very much appreciated. These donations will be turned over to the Belleville VFW Post #4434. More than 150 flags were picked up during last year's event.

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More Letters

Belleville to hire 15 between ages 14-24

To the editor:

The City of Belleville has been awarded a grant from the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network to employ young people this summer. They must be between the ages of 14 and 24 to qualify.

This is an exciting opportunity to once again partner with the DWIHN and provide opportunities for the youth of our community to make positive impacts in the lives of our residents. Now that school is being completed on-line, we believe that our young people will need and want even more opportunities to contribute positively throughout the city. Their services will provide a benefit to them and to the city that would not otherwise be possible.

Even with limitations inflicted upon us as a result of the pandemic, the City of Belleville will have a significant increase in opportunities during the summer. As we adjust to the new and constantly changing regulations of the CDC, we know that all our programming will also need adjustments. We know that our youth will be instrumental in helping the city meet these changes in a way that provides safe spaces and in such ways that we are all proud of.

The City of Belleville is interested in employing youth for at least 20 hours per week throughout the program season. The total number of youths we employ will depend on our ability to attract candidates for the positions. Our desire is to employ 15 young people for 12 weeks at 20 hours per week for a total of 3,600 hours.

Young people employed in these positions will provide resources to residents and businesspeople that need assistance from local government. The assistance they will provide will include administrative duties, greeting and directing the people as they enter or call city hall, as well as filing and retrieving archived files. They will learn what it means to be a public servant and the true importance of customer service in municipal government.

Given the pandemic, the city will have to change the way we open, close and maintain our parks and recreation facilities. If selected to work in this program, young people will learn the importance of maintaining and improving public health by providing and demonstrating safe work practices including public service communication, hygiene, sanitation, and general maintenance. Our youth will be asked to provide input on how they believe we can generate safe and appropriate programming for our residents.

Individuals employed in this program area will assist with all activities that enrich and support the lives of our senior citizens. With two primary senior living complexes in our city, they will be busy! They will assist the senior citizens, veterans and the city by helping to restore the Veterans

Memorial Park through public awareness campaigns, documenting and cataloging "stories." They will also assist the city in improving its website, teaching seniors how to use the internet to communicate with family, friends, and local government.

In this year of a Presidential Election the city has two elections to run effectively and efficiently. The person or people employed in this area will work in an office setting answering the phone, assisting residents with voter registrations, filing and will get the chance to actually work on the primary election to be held in August. The person or people selected to work in this program must be independent thinkers who will not attempt to influence or direct voters.

Managing a city of 4,000 people takes excellent customer service, patience, perseverance, and organizational skills. The individual selected to work in this program area will learn the day-to-day tasks involved in making the city work well.

They will work as the right hand to the city manager and will be exposed to all facets of management, including record-keeping, budgeting, personnel, documentation control, and city government through its elected and appointed officials.

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Tracey Schultz Kobylarz
Interim City Manager, City of Belleville

Running with the Big Dogs

To the editor:

Subject: Running with the Big Dogs

Do I remember reading that Governor Gretchen Whitmer's husband graduated from Christine Beatty's School of Charm, *magna cum mouth*?

I suppose when you run with the big dogs it is expected that you have privilege. Or, was that -- run with the big dogs, share the same fleas? Terrible to get old and forgetful.

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Obituaries



Kenneth (Ken) Leroy Brazeau

KENNETH LEROY BRAZEAU

(July 16, 1943 – May 22, 2020)

Kenneth (Ken) Leroy Brazeau, age 76, of Belleville, Michigan went to sleep in death Friday, May 22, 2020 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was born July 16, 1943 in Mobile, Alabama, son of Robert Leroy and Lola Marie (Burchett) Brazeau.

Ken's mother instilled in him a love for Jehovah God. He made the choice to dedicate his life and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on January 4, 1958 in Toledo, Ohio.

Ken graduated from Maine West High School in Des Plaines, Illinois in 1961. He moved with his family to Jackson, Michigan in 1966, which is where he met and married the love of his life Cheryl Beebe. Ken enjoyed a loving marriage with Cheryl until she passed away in 1991. Ken had an extensive career in finance. He always worked hard to support his family and provide for their needs.

Ken enjoyed all things spicy and pickled and wasn't intimidated by new dishes as long as it wasn't bland. He especially enjoyed it when someone else did the cooking.

He was an avid reader, enjoying fiction and non-fiction. Always wanting to learn, he enjoyed being able to search different subjects to expand his knowledge and share a recent gem that he discovered. He especially loved collecting various translations of the Bible, comparing the differences in text while making extensive notes. Even though he was a self-declared introvert, he enjoyed lengthy conversations with friends and family and was always willing to listen and give advice. Sharing his faith in future promises from the Bible gave him great satisfaction. He was part of the Huron River Belleville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and recently the Lakeside Belleville Congregation.

Ken is survived by his four daughters: Renee (James) Jordan, Collette (Jason) Segur, Vanessa (Brian) Allen, of Belleville, Michigan, and Jael (Gregg) Maury of Kingston, Georgia. His seven grandchildren: Micah, Sam, Lauren, Aiden, Silas, Avery and Benjamin. His beloved siblings, Sharon "Sally" Arnold, David Brazeau, Michelle (Lonnie) Mayo and recently acquainted siblings Robin (Shane) Methena and Christopher Reinhart. He is also survived by his loving cousin Kathy Sue Brothers, numerous friends, cousins, nieces, nephews, and a large extended family by which he was fondly referred to as "Kenny".

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Cheryl (Beebe) Brazeau and his brother Leon Williams.

According to his wishes, dignified cremation has taken place. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, Michigan. In light of recent health advisories, if planned, a memorial celebration will be announced in the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to jw.org at <https://apps.jw.org/ui/E/donate-home.html#/donate> www.davidcbrownfh.com



Aron B. Presson

ARON B. PRESSON

August 10, 1924 - May 26, 2020

Aron B. Presson, age 95, of Westland, MI, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at Westland a Villa Center, Westland, MI. He was born August 10, 1924 in Mayfield, Kentucky, son of Arade & Nonie Mae (Bunn) Presson. Aron proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 36 years of loyal service. He enjoyed wood crafts, engine repair, fishing, musical instruments, and most of all, time spent with family.

Mr. Presson is survived by his wife Barbara (Franklin) Presson; seven children: Mary May of Monroe, MI, Karen Posey of Kentucky, Aron (Rhonda) Presson of Westland, MI, Patricia (Randy) Wylie of Westland, MI, Lou (Judy) Presson of Westland, MI, Robert (Sherry) Presson of Tennessee and Carol (Grady) Finley of Kentucky; 18 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren; brother Ezeteria Presson of Tennessee; brother-in-law Billy Winchester of Tennessee; also numerous extended family and friends.

Aron was preceded in death by his parents, his children's mother Mary (Davidson) Presson in 1981, son-in-law Jerry Posey, also sister-in-law Mary Presson.

Visitation was Friday, May 29, 3-7 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was a limit of ten people in the building at one time. Masks, scarves or bandannas were required inside the building. Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Paris, TN, arranged by McEvoy Funeral Home, Paris, TN.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association and would be appreciated.

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Chris Ward

CHRIS WARD

Chris Ward left us suddenly on May 20, 2020. Chris was a lover of animals, nature, music, and all things shiny. She had just taken up gardening and was looking forward to watching her garden grow. We will all be tending it in her absence. She was a gentle soul with a smile that lit up a room. Every life she touched is better because of it. We love her dearly and will forever miss her laugh. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; her sisters and brothers, Stephanie, Victoria, Paul, Travis, and Amy; her niece, Sarah; her three nephews, Trevor, Andrew, and Sean; and, of course, her puppies Ares and Atlas.

Obituaries



Daniel Townsend

DANIEL TOWNSEND

(July 17, 1973 – May 27, 2020)

Daniel "Big Dan" Townsend, born July 17, 1973, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2020. Beloved son, brother and friend.

Dan was known as the gentle giant. He was loved by everyone who met him. Dan loved the outdoors, he loved hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and camping. Dan had a love for his dogs like no one else. He will be greatly missed by all.

Service will be held at Authentic Church, 6250 Gilmore St., Belleville, MI 48111, June 9 at 1 p.m.

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The Belleville Farmer's Market had its opening day on Monday at the Fourth Street Square with a handful of vendors. More will be coming as the stay-at-home orders have been lifted and the economy re-opens. The market runs every Monday, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. and is looking to add more vendors each week. The market

will be open through September. State guidelines and self-distancing practices are in place. For vendor info, call Janet Millard at (734) 558-5386 after 3:30 p.m. or email jfayemillard@att.net. Visit the market on Facebook at [BellevilleFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/BellevilleFarmersMarket).

June is Rose Month at Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road where rose bushes will be on sale this weekend, June 5-7, for only \$20 each, regularly \$24.99. There's still time to plant flowers, hanging baskets, and much more. See their ad in today's paper for the details, hours, etc. Social distancing guidelines in place. Call (734) 697-1765.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Perez family of Dos Pesos Mexican Restaurant on Belleville Road. Owner Jessie Perez' wife Esperanza passed away on May 17. She was the longest-serving chef of the family owned business. The couple was married for 62 years.

Also announced this week is that bottle and cans will be welcomed back at the

stores across Michigan starting June 15, but if you can't wait that long and would like to donate them for a good cause, Van Buren Little League will take them at the Beck Ball Fields this Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. until noon. If you'd like to schedule a pick-up, VBALL will do that too. Simply, put a request into Sherilyn Johnson on Facebook. The limit return in stores per day will be \$25 per individual.

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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League of Women Voters seeks questions for Zoom candidate forums

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is holding candidate forums via teleconference (Zoom) for those running for the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees (June 30), the Sumpter Township Supervisor, and the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees (both on July 8).

The League is a non-partisan organization that never supports or opposes political parties or candidates, said Paula Bowman, League president.

All Democratic and Republican candidates have been invited to participate in the forums, which will be recorded and made available on the League's website (LWVnorthwestwayne.org) shortly after the forums are completed.

The candidates who win their primary election on Aug. 4 will advance to the November election ballot.

When in-person forums are held, the League depends on questions for the candidates to come from the audience. Since the live Zoom forums are closed

to the public, residents are encouraged to send questions to the League via their email at lwvmail@yahoo.com.

"This is an opportunity for Van Buren and Sumpter township voters to ask questions they want answers to," Bowman said. "We welcome their participation."

Birthdays

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June 5 – William Millard

June 6 – Lois Bachman, Debra Green, Andy Winnie

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Digital Court Watching**District Court judges meet with defendants, attorneys via Zoom**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The probable cause conference for the four felony charges against Norman Ladale Johnson, 31, of Willis was adjourned until June 3 by 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green during a Zoom court session on May 27.

Johnson is accused of attacking a 26-year-old Sumpter Township resident with a tire iron at the man's home in the 23000 block of

Elwell Road on May 16.

Johnson is charged with assault with intent to murder, home invasion first degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

He was jailed after cash bond was set at \$50,000. Police said Johnson forced entry into the home occupied by a person he knew and hit the victim around the head and torso with the tire iron. The victim tried to get away and Johnson continued to attack him, but eventually the victim was able to call 911.

Johnson was present before Judge Green from the Wayne County Jail via Zoom. His attorney Nancy Richards asked for an adjournment for a week so she could review the evidence and look into whether there are videos.

Richards asked Judge Green to reduce her client's bond to at least \$50,000/10% with a GPS tether because he has no prior felonies. He did have non-violent misdemeanors, she said.

She said Johnson has been working for Ford Motor Company for five years as a hi-low driver and graduated from Lincoln Consolidated School District. She said he is not receiving his medications in jail.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lori Mireles-Smith said these are very serious charges against him and the victim had to be medically treated for his injuries. Also, the defendant has four bench warrants from other counties for not showing up in court.

Judge Green said she would mark his file "medical" so he'll get his medications, but she would leave his bond as is for now and will ask pretrial services for a report.

Brittany Nicole Allen

The probable cause conference for Brittany Nicole Allen, 23, of Belleville was adjourned for one week, until June 3, by 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley because Allen's defense attorney Mike Carter said he forgot to email the evidence to his client so

she could review it.

Allen was before Judge Oakley by Zoom. Allen is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence in Van Buren Township on May 8. She is free on bond and ordered not to have contact with the victim or an address in the 48600 block of I-94 Service Drive.

Rebecca Nicole Rose

Rebecca Nicole Rose, 36, of Van Buren Township, was unable to be present by Zoom before Judge Oakley for a preliminary exam on charges of assault to do great physical harm less than murder, assault on a police officer, and domestic violence in VBT on April 25. Her presence was waived by her attorney Cait DeMott Grady from the Neighborhood Defenders Service.

Grady said she just got the discovery and needs time to review it.

Judge Oakley said they will go back to the probable cause conference, beginning the process over, and he set the PCC for 9:20 a.m., June 3. Personal recognizance bond of \$10,000 was continued.

Justin Cleeve Johnson

Justin Cleeve Johnson, 18, of Van Buren Township, failed to appear before Judge Green on May 27 for his Zoom probable cause conference on two charges of felonious assault on March 21 in VBT.

His case will be reviewed on June 29.

**Dejon Demarkusroland Johnson
Andrew Curtis Williams**

The probable cause conference on charges against co-defendants Dejon Demarkusroland Johnson, 23, of Detroit, and Andrew Curtis Williams, 23, of Ypsilanti were adjourned two weeks until June 10 by Judge Green.

The defense attorneys need time to go over the charges and the evidence and meet via Zoom with their clients.

Johnson's court-appointed attorney Danielle Cadoret and Williams' retained attorney Mohammed Azeem Nasser also asked that their clients' \$1 million cash bonds be reduced. Cadoret said Johnson was in a car accident at the end of March and died twice in the hospital. He had heart and lung surgery. When he was jailed, they asked him what prescriptions he was on and he didn't know the names of some and the jailer said, "If you don't know, we can't give them to you." She said he was coughing up blood and lying of the floor of the cell all night and should have been taken to the hospital. She asked for house arrest, a tether, and personal bond to make sure he doesn't die before his case is adjudicated.

Nasser said his client Williams has just four charges and one is a misdemeanor. He said his client is only 23 and could qualify for HYTA. He has family support and suffers from asthma which makes him vulnerable to coronavirus. He asked the judge to allow a

lower bond and house arrest where he could only leave for medical care or to visit his attorney. He said he is retained counsel at significant cost to the family.

Prosecutor Mireles-Smith said both of the defendants were involved in serious crimes and there are allegations of drug trafficking, which may be added to Williams' charges. She said one fired at an officer and it would be a public safety problem if they chose not to show up and had to be re-arrested. She said they do not have a long criminal history, but they should have a high surety bond maybe not \$1 million – but no personal bond or low percent bond.

Judge Green said she would not touch the bond until she could get a report from pretrial services.

Johnson is charged with 12 felonies and one misdemeanor violation of Gov. Whitmer's Stay at Home Order on May 16 in Romulus. The felony charges are assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, fleeing police in a vehicle, carrying a concealed weapon, two felonious assaults, and four felony firearm charges.

Williams is charged with armed robbery, carrying a concealed weapon, felony firearm, and violation of executive order.

Letters**Why isn't Van Buren Park open?**

To the editor:

It is appalling and criminal that as of today, May 30, Van Buren Park is not open. Yes, I know the standard response — an executive order from Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Second excuse, Van Buren employees are furloughed until June 12.

The front of the park is accessible and is littered with garbage bins overflowing with plastic water bottles and obviously picnics have occurred as there are fast-food bags strewn around.

I've been to the park most days and have found several other area residents enjoying the fresh air only in the front of the park. Why isn't our main park open? All Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor parks are open, busy and beautifully maintained. Ours looks terrible — trash, broken picnic tables, long grass. Very disappointed.

I'll keep checking.

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Belleville High School seniors Soraya Taylor, left, and Chloe Frye-Anthony, right, were presented with \$500 scholarships by Sandra Hightower, licensed agent for Clement Insurance on Main Street in Belleville. Hightower said she has wanted to give scholarships to BHS seniors for some time and in February she was able to proceed. She contacted the high school and got the word out to the students and then COVID-19 hit. She said she was worried she wouldn't get any submissions, but she did and recently presented the awards. Hightower said she was very impressed with both girls' academic records and achievements and goals for the future. She hopes to be able to present four Clement Insurance Scholarships next year.

VBT to have employees back June 8, open doors to the public on June 15

Van Buren Township will bring employees back to work at township hall on Monday, June 8, and reopen township hall to the public on June 15.

At Tuesday's virtual meeting of the township board via Zoom, the board discussed Governor Whitmer's most recent executive orders that rescinded the stay home order that had been through June 12. Township events are still cancelled through July 5, including the annual fireworks. The board approved a July 3 private fireworks display in front of the BYC.



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Whitmer appoints Michelle Mattison to Governor's Council

On May 29, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced her appointment of Michelle C. Mattison of Belleville to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

Mattison is a yoga enthusiast and experienced instructor. She is a student pursuing her Master of Business Administration degree after recently completing her Master of Social Work at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Mattison is appointed for a term commencing May 29, 2020 and expiring April 30, 2022. She succeeds Nick Payne whose term expired April 30, 2020.

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Model of senior citizen apartments in Sumpter ready for display

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Friday, acclaimed Sumpter Township artist Jamarrea Bishop delivered his model of a five-story, 400-unit apartment building for senior citizens that was commissioned by Sumpter resident Nelson Po.

Po, who is running for supervisor in the

August primary, said he felt sorry about Sumpter seniors who are living on fixed incomes and facing increased taxes every year.

He said his first project if he is elected will be to have the township build a 45,000-square-foot building on an acre foundation and fill it with one- and two-bedroom apartments for seniors.

He said there would be a 10,000-square-foot cafeteria on the ground floor where seniors could eat two meals a day -- breakfast and dinner.

Po said, in his plan, seniors could give their house to the township and live free in the apartment complex. That way when they get their social security checks, they no longer would have to pay taxes, insurance, and other expenses for home ownership and would have more money in their pockets.

Those without a house would pay nominal rent. If they wanted to eat there, they would pay, he said.

There would be a 6,000-square-foot gymnasium and a small swimming pool for exercising. There also would be a get-together room for bingo and other games.

Although the model doesn't have the condos that could be built on each side of the apartment structure, Po said two-bedroom condos on each side would be for wealthy seniors.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Nelson Po of Sumpter Township commissioned a model of the five-story apartment complex he wants to build for the senior citizens in the township. The model was created by acclaimed Sumpter artist Jamarrea Bishop.

With the condos, the site would need about ten acres, he said.

There would be a van for shopping and doctor's appointments, and elevators. Although it had been suggested a laundry room could be in the basement, Po said he didn't think seniors should have to carry their laundry to the basement and so he plans laundry equipment in each room.

"It would be paid for by the township, not me," Po said of the project's cost, which he said would be raised by cutting expenses and waste in the township.

He said he would have to have sewer and water lines at the site. He has talked with two construction companies and an estimate of \$10 million was given for construction and could be paid for in installments.

"This wasn't my idea," Po said, pointing his finger upward and saying it came from above and is consuming his thoughts.

"I can't believe that God brought me from the Philippines to help the seniors in Sumpter Township," Po said. "But He

has."

Po has lived in Sumpter Township since 2008. He said his family in the Philippines recalls when he was a spoiled brat growing up and now he has come to America and is planning to help senior citizens. They also are amazed he is running for office and plan to come to see him sworn in if he is successful.

When Po first asked Bishop to create the model, there were several options for public display, so he could explain his project to township residents. But, with the coronavirus, those places are closed.

So, Po is opening up his home office, behind his garage, to the public so they can come in and inspect the model.

Bishop has partitioned off 50 apartments on his model and those looking in the windows can see stairways and details. There are lights within and outside of the model.

Bishop is the son of Sumpter resident Sheena Barnes.

Po said he will welcome visitors to his home at 45025 Harris Rd. before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m. daily to inspect the model. For an appointment, call him at (734) 796-4977.

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VBT DDA

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“There will be a stipulation in the contract that by a date certain, all work would stop,” she said. “This would be good timing for Wayne County with the Huron River Bridge project that is expected to begin sometime in the fall for the bridge work and road construction in the spring.

“Doing this sooner rather than later will prevent the road from becoming worse by going through another winter season,” Ireland said. “If the DDA waits, it is expected this would be a 2022 project.”

She said she recommends Wade Trim engineers because it is very familiar with VBT and the DDA and it is also Wayne County engineer for the Huron River Bridge project.

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim said he has talked with some of the company’s people that are doing the Huron River Bridge work.

The work on Belleville Road would include flying a drone over the roadway and ADA ramps so they can be inspected closely. The proposal is to cut out panels or half panels for replacement.

He said after getting the details, the plan was to go out for bids in the third week of June with the bids due in mid-July, so there could be approval at the July DDA meeting with work beginning in August and running for 2-2½ months, ending in the second part of October or first of November.

Nummer’s associate said they won’t use the drone on the sidewalks, but have field engineers walk the sidewalks and look for trip hazards.

It was pointed out there is \$250,000 in the budget for sidewalk repair and if more than that needs to be done, it can be bookmarked for another year.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said this can’t be done if it affects the detour for the bridge.

“Should there be any chance it effects the detour, do it another year,” Supervisor McNamara said.

“No way can you block Belleville Road,” said DDA chairman Craig Atchinson. “There are only two ways into Belleville.”

McNamara said in the spring the county will be doing Huron Township roads.

Nummer said the DDA could terminate the contract at the end of fall and, “have it go away.”

DDA secretary Chris Brown said he was concerned with bidding that late, since all the big companies have bids for the year.

“We’re a smaller operation and we’re

tied up for 14 months,” Brown said of his company.

Nummer said some contractors are busy and some aren’t.

“It’s a good project, but maybe we can get it done quicker,” chairman Atchinson said.

Nummer said the detour will cause additional deterioration of the road.

He said they could get the design done and have a special DDA meeting to cut a few weeks off.

Nummer said they would need to get Wayne County permits for both of these projects and make sure the timing accommodates the VBT schedule.

“It’s a project that should happen, but there are time constraints,” Atchinson said.

DDA member Mark Laginess said that area of Belleville Road gets worse every year. It was put in during the early 1990s, he said, asking how long it is supposed to last.

“Should be 30 years, I’m told,” said McNamara.

Nummer said Wayne County does patch jobs like this and then adds two to three inches of overlay asphalt “for the ride.”

“Maybe we should bite the bullet and do a more wholesale replacement of the pavement,” Laginess said.

Nummer said the DDA could improve it now for the detour traffic or let the detour traffic do its damage and then fix it.

“It’s going to get worse,” Laginess said. “Is the patching really worthwhile?”

Brown asked how many square yards of concrete is to be replaced and Nummer’s associate said based on 2,200 square yards they assume 40% of the pavement will be repaired.

Brown said he’s with Laginess. If 40% is to be repaired you have to compare that to 100% cost for full repaving.

“I’d have a concern with 2,200 square yards,” Brown said. “That’s a big number.”

Laginess said then it would have to be replaced in a few years.

Laginess asked if the concrete is ASR and nobody knew.

McNamara said they had the same problem with ASR, mid-1990s concrete, at Metro Airport.

If it’s ASR, it will continue to deteriorate, Brown said.

Nummer said ASR stands for Alkali Silicone Reaction. He said in the 1990s flyash was used as filler in concrete and

that is high in alkaline and it reacted causing jello-soft edges that crumbled. It was a defect in the material itself, he said.

McNamara made a motion to have drone plane analysis of how much of the roadway needs to be done and to find out if ASR is in the concrete and the estimated cost to replace the road, probably in 2022. It was seconded by Brown and passed unanimously.

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and, “We’ll reach out on how we can help them... It’s nice to be a part of that.”

“As a business owner, this is very humbling,” Winter said. “I would like to keep it going until [Governor’s] Phase 6 ... We’re ahead of other communities.”

Interim city manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said this provision is not changing anything in the ordinance, “only loosening some of the steps.”

Councilman Tom Fielder said the Central Business Community has not been able to talk to downtown businesses as a group and, “We’d like feedback on our many

projects ... and get even more downtown businesses to comment on what they would like us to do.”

In other business at the one-hour-and-18-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the 2020-21 general fund budget of \$2,214,886 and 12 other funds;
- Approved millage of 16.3746 with the Headlee rollback;
- Approved levying two mills for the Public Safety Special Assessment;
- Approved a recommended fee schedule for 2020-21;
- Approved employee Blue Cross contracts effective July 1. There is a 4.8% increase, if all is the same. Mayor Kerreen Conley said the city is under the state’s

hard-cap provision and so it will cost the same no matter what employees choose. Kenneth Hurtt of Blue Cross said he will meet with employees in whatever way is comfortable for them for a question-and-answer session;

- Approved going out for proposals for legal services, including municipal, labor and employment, and downriver sewer system expertise with a deadline of June 18. This is part of a review of contracted services. “This review is long overdue,” said Mayor Conley, “and we may not necessarily change”;

- Approved Mayor Conley’s appointment of Jennifer Winter to a vacant seat on the Downtown Development Authority;

- Approved accounts payable of \$48,627.99 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Everbridge, \$2,808 out of the police budget for a Nixle subscription; to ElectionSource, \$2,245.50 from the clerk’s budget for testing for the March 10 election (a state reimbursable expense for the presidential primary); and to Superior Auto, \$707.04 from the Streets budget for dump truck repair;

- Learned staff members will be reporting back to work in city hall on June 8, but city hall will not be open to the public until June 15. Each of the work spaces must be cleaned and sanitized, said city manager Kobylarz. The hours city hall will be open is yet to be determined, but will coincide with what Van Buren and Sumpter township are implementing;

• Heard Councilman Ken Voigt complain about the condition of the cemetery and its gate, condition of Main Street and the Belleville Bridge, sidewalk sinking in at Third and Main, damaged streetscape fence in front of Sam’s, streetscape damage between Shannon’s and State Farm, and landscape block askew on South Street. “It’s embarrassing,” Councilman Voigt said, adding he would like to be able to hang a banner across Main Street, which was discontinued about ten years ago because of OSHA concerns;

• Heard Mayor-Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte say the city should take care of its property next to city hall and he had concerns about the condition of the former Chesley Odom building on East Huron River Drive and Frank’s Diner on Sumpter Road. He also wanted an update on Doane’s Landing;

• Heard DPW Director Rick Rutherford say the broken cemetery gate has been turned over to the city’s insurance company and the gate company has been unable to work because of the pandemic. He said they had workers at the cemetery earlier that day and he’s been out there himself with a weed whip. OSHA said it is not safe to hang the banner from a ladder and they have no other equipment for that. Rutherford said he is working with the owner of Chesley Odom’s property and he has applied for a permit. Frank’s Diner is technically in Van Buren Township. “Because of the crisis, we are trying to play catch-up,” Rutherford said, adding the seasonable worker will help with the cemetery. Bids on Doane’s Landing restoration are due June 5;

• Heard Councilwoman Kelly Bates complain about the weeds and overgrowth of trees and shrubs at the cemetery. Broken stones have been to the lake’s edge and a row of tombstones looked like they are misplaced, not straight, she said;

• Heard Rutherford report the city has a police report on damage at the cemetery and they are having to move headstones for a family so they can install a new vault. The bench that broke will be replaced and “We are addressing the issues of the cemetery daily,” he said; and

• Heard Police Chief Dave Robinson say he was contacted by Sumpter Public Safety Director Eric Luke and Luke said he has recognized two Belleville officers for their work on the Oct. 2, 2019 case on online threats to Sumpter Township, Belleville, and Van Buren Public Schools. Luke named Cpl. Todd Schrecengost and Officer Sarah Dzagulones. Chief Robinson said he is advertising for a full-time and a part-time police officer and will hire as soon as he can find the right fit for the next officer in the department.

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Applications are available online: www.belleville.mi.us and may be returned either via email (preferred): citymanager@belleville.mi.us or by mailing to Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Questions? Please contact Rick Rutherford via email: dps@belleville.mi.us.

The City of Belleville is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE Request for Proposals



**The City of Belleville
is accepting proposals for legal services –
municipal, labor and employment law until**

3:00 P.M. on June 18, 2020

For a complete copy of the proposal specifications, please visit:
www.belleville.mi.us

Any submittal received in the Clerk's Office after June 18 will not be considered. Facsimile and email submissions are not acceptable. Proposal must include all costs and contain a manual signature provided by an authorized company representative. All proposers must include the original and 7 copies addressed to:

Clerk's Office
6 Main Street
Belleville MI 48111

Opening shall be public in the clerk's office immediately following the advertised deadline and time for receipt of submittals.

Bid results will be posted on the City's website:
www.belleville.mi.us

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*To build a better world,
start in your own community!*

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **11:00 a.m. on June 11, 2020**, for the RTU Replacement Project at Edgemont Elementary School and Rawsonville Elementary School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud 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 Edgemont Elementary School Main Entrance, 125 S. Edgemont Street, Belleville, MI 48111, on **June 2, 2020 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 also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders will 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=7c9321a9840e49eca1695dc87397cb2e>

Documents will be available for viewing on **May 28, 2020**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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School Board

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ceremony. If they don't allow them to fill up the seats, the district may issue three tickets each to the seniors for their families. He said the senior prom and senior party have been rescheduled and the banners with senior pictures on them are going up in Belleville and the senior awards will be done by Zoom.

People on Facebook are sponsoring seniors and bringing baskets to their houses, he said; and

- Also heard Kudlak say he got an email from Ford which asked if the district needed face shields and he sent the email to the district's nurse. He said then the truck pulled up with 1,000 face shields. He said they would be handy for early elementary phonics.

Online Summer Reading Program to start at Belleville Library

The public is invited to join in on the online Summer Reading Program set up for non-readers, young independent readers and teenager.

The Read-to-Me children, ages 1-5, will have programs online at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays June 24-29.

Participants receive a prize once a week. Prizes will be awarded downstairs in the Kids' Section of the Belleville Area District Library.

Program url:
<https://wandooreader.com/belleville/summer-reading-program-read-to-me>

Summer Reading Programs for Independent Readers, ages 6-11, will be online at 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

Participants will receive a prize or free

book for every 10 books they read. Prizes will be awarded downstairs in the Kids' Section of the Belleville library, June 23-July 28.

Program url:
<https://wandooreader.com/belleville/summer-reading-program-readers>

The TEEN Summer Reading Programs for ages 12-18, will be at 7 p.m. Mondays.

Participants will receive a prize or free book for every book read. Prizes will be awarded upstairs in the Teen Loft section of the Belleville library, June 29-July 27.

Program Url:
<https://wandooreader.com/belleville/teen-srp> Or, register at: Belleville.evanced.info@admin

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **June 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** Pursuant to the State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order #2020-75, this meeting will take place electronically due to health concerns associated with COVID-19. The Planning Commission will consider the following request:

Case 19-038: A request by Derrick Matter / Camping World Inc. to demolish +/- 15,633-sq. ft. on the east wing of their existing building, retain +/- 28,139 sq. ft. of the existing building, and create new R.V. parking and storage area on site. The +/- 8.8-acre site is located at 43646 North Interstate Service Drive (tax parcel number 83 060 01 0001 001), on the north side I- 94 North Service Drive, between Dewitt and Morton Taylor Roads.

Outdoor Vehicle Sales and Vehicle Service (minor) is a special land use in the C-2 (Extensive Highway Business District) Zoning District. The proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance (Administrative Procedures - Special Land Use Review).

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **June 19, 2020**. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org by **Noon, Tuesday, June 23, 2020**, which is the day before the meeting. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by e-mail.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.



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Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Proposed amendments to add clarifications in order to distinguish commercial and residential / non-commercial land uses in the C, Local Business district with respect to maximum building size, and clarify restrictions on dwellings in non-residential zoning districts. The amendments will be to Section 3.105 – Footnotes to the Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses by District, Section 3.110(D) – Required Conditions Of The C, Local Business District and Section 5.117 - Dwellings in Non-Residential Districts.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

These are the 218 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week.

Sunday, May 24:

0040 – disorderly, Ayres Ave./Van Allen Ave.
0116 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
0122 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0312 – noise complaint, Van Allen Ave./Ayres
0320 – noise complaint, Juniper Dr./Quirk Rd.
0506 – harassment call, Willow Way
0715 – malicious destruction of property, Colony
0750 – intrusion alarm, Barnwell Dr.
0930 – traffic stop, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.

1142 – traffic stop, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1145 – mental subject, McKinley St.
1208 – disorderly, Rawsonville
1225 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1301 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1350 – assist fire dept., Alden Ave.
1407 – property check, Andover Farms
1418 – welfare check, Vernon St.
1451 – assist fire dept., Kirkridge Park Condos
1531 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rebecca Ct./Anna Dr.

1646 – property check, Sadie Ln.
1732 – traffic offense, Cross St./Western St.
1842 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1905 – disorderly, Gilmore St.
2006 – traffic offense, Jackson St./Hayes St.
2127 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
2148 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.

2156 – disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.
2224 – 911 welfare check, Beacon Trl.
2321 – disorderly, Vista Dr.
2340 – welfare check, Sadie Ln.

Monday, May 25:

0000 – noise complaint, Harbor Ln./Lilac Ln.
0021 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
0033 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
0107 – intrusion alarm, Chatsworth Dr.
0230 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
0353 – malicious destruction of property, Hamilton
0421 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0500 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
0547 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0720 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
0733 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1058 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1340 – larceny from auto, Water’s Edge Ln.
1403 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ladonna / Chandler
1430 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.

1504 – traffic stop, Tyler Rd./Charter Club Dr.
1525 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.

1622 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

1632 – assist fire dept., Revere
1757 – runaway, Elwell Rd./Bemis Rd.
1854 – civil matter, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1910 – assist fire dept., Lacy Dr.
2000 – overdose, Estate
2010 – private property/property damage accident, Edison Lake

2025 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood
2110 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
2118 – domestic, Water’s Edge Ln./S. I-94 Service
2128 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
2148 – fireworks, Riggs Rd.
2141 – fireworks, Richard Run Dr./Estate Dr.
2231 – welfare check, Rogers Ave.

Tuesday, May 26:

0029 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0038 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0050 – assist other dept., Peachcrest
0232 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0351 – traffic offense, Wildbrook Dr.
0503 – assault & battery, Wildbrook Dr.
0537 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
0722 – neighbor trouble, Chaney Ave.
0806 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0815 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0851 – disorderly, Oak Blvd.
1020 – domestic, S. I-94 Service/Belleville Rd.
1032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
1133 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.
1233 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service

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1243 – private property impound, Van Born
1248 – domestic, Denton Rd./Old Denton Rd.
1301 – private property impound, Rawsonville Rd.
1307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse
1432 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1434 – ordinance violation, E. Schooner Dr.
1436 – fraud, Ironwood Dr.
1545 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1653 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1655 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1741 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
1741 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1742 – traffic offense, Ventura Dr./Peninsular Dr.
1834 – noise complaint, Holly Ln./S. Ponderosa
1837 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
1858 – malicious destruction of property, Lighthouse Dr.

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1904 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1926 – disorderly, N. Sunset Ln.
1935 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2216 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2221 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
2231 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2237 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.

Wednesday, May 27:

0027 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Farm Rd.
0117 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury
0208 – suicidal person, Martz Rd.
0502 – assist other dept., S. Woodbury Dr.
0646 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0710 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

0731 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0730 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1018 – private property impound, Industrial
1148 – family trouble, Peachtree Ln.
1219 – private property impound, Woodbury Green
1239 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
1315 – civil matter, McKinley St.
1334 – property damage accident, Cobblestone
1357 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1437 – domestic, Van Buren Plaza
1612 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Blvd.
1630 – property check, Sheldon Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1637 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1730 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1734 – fraud, Bayshore Dr.

1742 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1804 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd.
1828 – 911 welfare check, Montague Ave.
2025 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.

2037 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville

2056 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2114 – PPO violation, Beacon Trl.
2224 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

Thursday, May 28:

0046 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0149 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0154 – welfare check, Coolidge St.
0752 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1047 – fraud, Morton Taylor Rd.
1107 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1129 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1149 – traffic stop, Rawsonville/S. I-94 Service
1220 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1232 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1354 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1549 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1650 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1657 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1710 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1826 – family trouble, Jackson St.
1830 – private property/property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.
1934 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1953 – found property/child, Rawsonville Rd.
2114 – traffic offense, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2203 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
2244 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2247 – disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.

Friday, May 29:

0544 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0551 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Martinsville Rd.
0637 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0711 – suspicious person/vehicle, Forestdale Dr.
0754 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

0823 – civil matter, Michigan Ave.
0856 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
0947 – ordinance violation, Bemis Rd.
1019 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
1214 – intrusion alarm, Patty Ln.
1225 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1230 – private property/property damage accident, Vernon St.
1241 – intrusion alarm, Briarcliff Dr.
1311 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1431 – lost property/child, Milton Dr.
1532 – intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr.
1534 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1553 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Edison Lake Rd.
1632 – larceny from auto, W. Huron River Dr.
1739 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1742 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1744 – animal complaint, Village Center Dr.
1747 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1959 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2031 – harassment call, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2136 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2307 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.
2315 – road hazard, N. I-275/Ecorse

Saturday, May 30:

0022 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service
0143 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0309 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0646 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0825 – traffic stop, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1010 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
1157 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ash Dr.
1237 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd.
1256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1302 – shooting, Rose Blvd.
1312 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
1338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1443 – threat, Bemis Rd./Renton Rd.
1450 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1528 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1535 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
1553 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1554 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1610 – misc. complaint, Winchester St.
1652 – welfare check, Rose Blvd.
1725 – harassment call, Hamilton St.
1757 – animal complaint, Rickman Dr.
1905 – civil matter, Chatsworth Dr.
1916 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.

1934 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1939 – unattended death, Buchanan St.
1951 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1954 – intrusion alarm, Monterey Dr. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

2025 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2039 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2159 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2207 – disorderly, Rose Blvd.
2319 – missing person, Tyler Rd.
2336 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.

On this week’s log there were eight traffic stops, none of which were on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 24:

0127 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Industrial Park
0323 – suspicious person/vehicle, Liberty/Fourth
1314 – trespassing, Loza Ln.
1837 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
1856 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.
2240 – property check, Belle villa Blvd./Carmell
2243 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
2324 – noise complaint, Potter Dr./Wexford Ave.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell

Monday, May 25:

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Liberty/Fourth
0056 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1533 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2142 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell
2237 – trespassing, Victoian Ln.

Tuesday, May 26:

0359 – domestic, N. Liberty St.
1238 – assist other dept., Main St./Denton Rd.
1321 – threat, Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, May 27:
0157 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.
1142 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1202 – fraud, Victorian Ct.
1246 – welfare check, Main St.
1831 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wexford Ave.

Thursday, May 28:

0218 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0838 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1924 – retail fraud, Sumpter Rd.
2005 – neighbor trouble, Capistrano Ct.
2136 – traffic stop, South St.

Friday, May 29:

0241 – disorderly, Estrada Dr.
1201 – private property impound, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.
1209 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1638 – retail fraud, South St.
2214 – welfare check, South St.
2324 – 911 welfare check, Wexford Ave.
Saturday, May 30:
1004 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
1154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
1155 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.
1448 – trespassing, Loza Ln.

On this week’s log were three traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 24:

0017 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1003 – suspicious circumstances, 27000 bl. Elwell
1048 – death investigation, Carriage Ln.
1256 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1403 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1648 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1658 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1713 – traffic complaint, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1733 – alarm, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1734 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
1809 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1844 – assault, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1846 – suspicious circumstances, 46000 bl. Reed
2331 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.

Monday, May 25:

0002 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0225 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
1045 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1205 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Arkona
1318 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear
1444 – threats complaint, Country Club Blvd.
1816 – assist other agency, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1825 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1831 – BOL – Be on the Lookout, Rawsonville Rd. / Willow Rd.

2021 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2056 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2155 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2158 – noise complaint, Knollwood St.
2202 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
2221 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
2234 – suspicious circumstances, Texas St.
2249 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

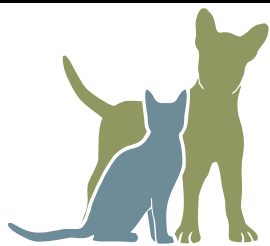
Tuesday, May 26:

0030 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0503 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
0940 – civil matter, Knollwood St.
1230 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1829 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.
1849 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
2115 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2126 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2256 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Wednesday, May 27:

0045 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
1013 – suspicious person, Arkona/Martinsville
1245 – mental health call, Brookview Dr.
1252 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.
1337 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1432 – traffic complaint, Oakville Walz/Clark
1438 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1522 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1532 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1855 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1857 – suspicious circumstances, Judd/Sumpter
1905 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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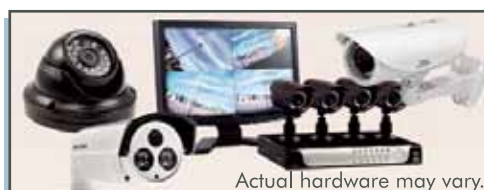
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2017 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

2028 – suspicious circumstances, 49000 bl. Wear

Thursday, May 28:

0340 – suspicious person, Redwood St.

0957 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1036 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1117 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1202 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1333 – mental health call, Redwood St.

1358 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.

1419 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear

1426 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.

1524 – welfare check, 9900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1852 – family trouble, 8000 bl Oakville Waltz

2008 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Executive

2014 – follow-up investigation, 8000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

2025 – suspicious person, Hampshire Dr.

2052 – alarm, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.

2144 – suspicious circumstances, Carriage Ln.

Friday, May 29:

1133 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1213 – suspicious circumstances, Country Club

1307 – alarm, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.

1340 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1504 – malicious destruction of property, Texas

1509 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1727 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.

1755 – traffic complaint, Martinsville/Judd

1815 – traffic complaint, Bemis/Rawsonville

1837 – family trouble, Delaware St.

2044 – traffic complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.

2149 – neighborhood complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos

Saturday, May 30:

0049 – suspicious circumstances, 29000 bl.

Martinsville Rd.

0300 – suspicious vehicle, Hampshire Dr.

0905 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1000 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.

1438 – reckless driver, Rawsonville Rd./Oakville

1709 – noise complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1719 – traffic complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

1732 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1807 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1846 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

2154 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2313 – missing person, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

Also on this week's log are 39 patrol checks, 10 traffic stops, and five misc. details.

COVID-19 numbers flatline in 48111 area

The number of positive tests for COVID-19 remained at 360 for May 28 and 29 and then went up to 362 on May 30 and 31. Deaths attributed to the novel coronavirus in 48111 have remained at 29 for May 29, 30, 31 and June 1.

On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 178 cases, 14 deaths; City of Belleville, 152 cases, 14 deaths, and Sumpter Township 32 cases 1 death.

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