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Belleville High School had four graduation ceremonies that ran all day on Saturday, with graduates coming for the brief ceremonies based on alphabetical groups. The school board and other school officials sat together at safe distances and the graduates were social distanced on chairs on the football field and everybody wore masks. Each student was allowed four tickets for family members who sat in the bleachers.

Five file for 34th District Court Judge seat in Aug. 4 primary election

Five attorneys filed for 34th District Court Judge in the Aug. 4 election. The top two will proceed to the Nov. 6 ballot.

David M. Parrott, incumbent

David M. Parrott, 60, of 42156 N. Cumberland Dr., Van Buren Township, has filed for reelection to the six-year term on the 34th District Court. He is completing his 18th year of service to the court.



Parrott

He has lived in the district court district for 34 years and was elected judge in 2002, 2008, and 2014.

He attained his Juris Doctor degree in 1985 from Wayne State University Law School after earning a bachelor's degree in general studies degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1982.

He served on the Van Buren Township Water and Sewer Commission, 1992-2002.

His hobbies are boating and water sports, cycling, golfing, hunting and fishing, and

skiing.

He is a longtime member and past president of the Belleville Rotary Club, vice president of the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation, and president of the Belleville-Donahey Boys and Girls Club Advisory Council. He is a DNR-certified Hunter Safety Instructor and is the Hunter Safety Education chairman for the Huron Valley Conservation Association. He also is a member of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, a life member of both the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Area Historical Society and an avid supporter of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. He was named Member of the Year by the Huron Valley Conservation Association and selected as a Belleville Boys and Girls Outstanding Volunteer Leader.

He belongs to 26 clubs and organizations and ten professional organizations.

"After living in our community for 34 years and with 18 years of judicial experience, I want to continue serving the residents of the 34th District Court in

the best way I can – as part of our team of dedicated judges," Parrott said. "Together we have developed problem-solving dockets to address specific needs in our community.

"My professional activities locally and nationally as a member of the Michigan Court Forms Committee and officer in the Wayne District Judges Association and American Judges Association demonstrate my devotion to the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice.

"Likewise, my civic and charitable activities such as Rotary show that I am active in and committed to the well-being of our community. My last evaluation by the Detroit Bar Association was 'Outstanding.' I look forward to continuing to serve our residents as one of their trusted 34th District Court judges," Parrott said.

As to his goals, once reelected: "My goal is to dispense justice fairly and firmly, but with compassion and understanding by providing guidance to help people get back on track. I believe each defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty, but if proven guilty is entitled to an individualized sentence based upon his or her particular circumstances, such as prior criminal history and substance abuse or mental health issues.

"Most important to me is to determine

whether a defendant has deliberately and consciously broken the law, or rather has made a poor choice or mistake not likely to be repeated. My most rewarding and enjoyable moments on the bench are when I can be a part of someone's solution. Accountability is important to me and I am a no-nonsense judge who follows the law. I continue to rely upon my 18 years of experience, constant training, and commitment to continuing judicial education to meet these goals," Parrott said.

Robert P. Coutts

Robert P. Coutts, 58, of 13200 Lenmoore, Van Buren Township, has lived in the 34th District Court jurisdiction for 21 years. His fiancé is Kimberley Brown.

He said he has been a trial lawyer for 30 years, with an untarnished record. He said he has a 5-Star rating on avvo.com.

Coutts has experience with trials in defending and prosecuting criminal cases, state and federal civil cases, bankruptcy adversary cases, divorce, custody, workers' compensation, and



Coutts

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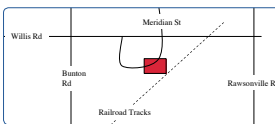
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Judge candidates

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personal injury.

He earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Toledo College of Law and his bachelor of science degree at Eastern Michigan University.

He was elected to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. A bid for 34th District Court Judge in 2004 was unsuccessful.

Coutts has been legal counsel to the Belleville Area Strawberry Festival for the last 15 years. He has been a member of the Belleville Rotary Club for 19 years and served two terms as president and is on the board of the Charles Cozadd Foundation and is chairman of the scholarship committee.

He has been administrator of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934 for ten years. Moose is a non-profit organization that assists children, senior citizens, and vets. He also spearheaded the reorganization of the Moose over the last ten years by downsizing and retiring the Moose outstanding debt.

In the past he belonged to the Huron Valley Conservation Association and the St. Anthony's Men's Club.

Coutt's hobbies are cooking, carpentry, and gardening.

He said he is running for office because, "My record will show that I have a strong sense of service to the community where I reside, together with my high level of experience and integrity. The office of judge at the 34th District Court will further my service to the community."

As far as his goals, "A new judge is needed to restore the integrity to the 34th District Court.

"1. A judge must act appropriately in and out of the courthouse.

"2. A judge must maintain the public trust. A judge should not, allegedly, violate the law nor act as if they are above the law.

"3. A judge should be on time. A judge should be prepared and on the bench at or near the time of the court notices. People do not need to wait an additional 45 minutes or more to have their case heard.

"4. A judge should treat everyone with respect. Most people who appear before the court are good people who may have made a bad decision. Lawyers, parties, police officers, witnesses, jurors should not be subjected to personal tirades due to being unprepared or inconvenience."

Coutts concludes: "I am the person with the experience to help restore the integrity to that courtroom and regain the public trust."

John R. Day

John R. Day, 65, of 19185 Hannan Rd., New Boston, is running for 34th District Court Judge. He has lived in the 34th District Court jurisdiction for 45 years.

He is the father of Jaclyn Day and Scott Day.

Day is an attorney with offices in Belleville. He earned his Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, at the University of Detroit School of Law. He earned his bachelor of arts degree, with high honors, from Michigan State University.

He has served as Belleville City Attorney, Belleville Prosecutor, Woodhaven Prosecutor, and Belleville Area District Library attorney.

Day currently is a member of the Yankee Air Museum and in the past belonged to the Ann Arbor Flyers, Boy Scouts, and Novi Band Boosters.

In answer to the question: Why are you running for office? Day replied:

"In February of this year, I became aware of serious charges against the judge now running for reelection in our 34th District Court. This alleged conduct is deeply concerning to me. Some of these matters remain unresolved after 18 months. A few days prior to the news reports the judge sentenced a client of mine on similar charges. This client called me and wanted me to explain what appeared to her to be a two-tiered justice system. I could not give her a satisfactory answer. I cannot tolerate unequal justice," Day said.

"Growing up in this judicial district, my neighbor was the Honorable James B. Stone. Judge Stone explained to me what it was like to be both a lawyer and a judge in the 34th District and how one should conduct themselves. As a young prosecutor in the 34th District, I also learned from the honorable Henry Zaborowski. I learned from both jurists' integrity, listening with patience and fairness to all parties before the court were necessary qualities to be good judge. That each party before the court should be permitted to voice their opinions and without bias a judge should reach decision only after all parties have been heard. I am very fortunate to have been mentored by such distinguished judges.

"I have devoted 40 years to serving the law, these communities and the 34th District Court. I have enjoyed a career which has had me successfully argue at every level of the Michigan court system. I deeply respect this system to which I have dedicated my career. I have the experience in the law and knowledge of the communities. I have lived in the communities for 45 years and worked here my entire life. I would like to apply my skills to serve my community and my home court."

As to goals, once elected, Day said: "It seems the world we are living in has turned upside down. Issues created by COVID-19



Day

and the terrible effect of unequal justice dominate the news and effect our lives. While a judge in the 34th District Court cannot solve all these problems, if elected, I will work to regain respect for our legal system.

"The 34th District Court is often the only contact many of our citizens have with the legal system. Anyone can get a traffic ticket or have a minor dispute with a local business. Contact with a court doesn't make you a criminal and you shouldn't be treated as one. The court is here to serve the parties before it. So, what can I do to regain respect for the court?

"Here is what I propose:

- Often, we are introduced to the court via the phone system. It should be fast, easy and friendly. It should get you directly to the person and information you need. You are a citizen and a customer of the court. Respect starts with how you are treated by the court staff.

- Get a ticket. Get a hearing. Justice should be swift and economical. It should not take three hearings and three days of lost work to resolve a traffic ticket. With computers, cell phones and Zoom, we can make it better. We are here to serve and respecting your time should be a priority.

- Time waiting in court. During my career I have spent far too much time sitting around waiting for a judge. There are ways to make the wait shorter. The judge should take the bench on time and keep the breaks short. Scheduling hearings for time blocks beginning at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. should drastically reduce the wait time for both citizens and their attorneys.

- In court, respect should be a two-way street. If a judge demands that you respect the court, the court should respect you by listening to what you have to say. The judge should fairly consider your points and not rush you out the door. A judge should remember it's your day in court.

- Sentencing is not a one size fits all. Every case and defendant that comes before the court is different. When a court makes a ruling or imposes a sentence, if there is a question about the sentence, the response from the judge should not be, "because that is the way we do it."

"I will work to improve the court system and improve respect for the court system," Day concluded.

Lisa Martin

Lisa Martin, 48, of 9405 Madison Dr., Van Buren Township, married Kevin Martin 13 years ago and has lived in the township for 13 years.

She earned her bachelor's degree at Harvard University and her Juris Doctor at the University of Michigan Law School. She ran



Martin

unsuccessfully for 34th District Court Judge in 2014. She was appointed as Attorney Magistrate of the 34th District Court in May 2018 and served in that position until February 2020.

She currently is involved with the following clubs and organizations: Healthy Kidz, Inc., Michigan Area Loan Fund, Operation Refuge, State Bar of Michigan Character & Fitness Committee, State Bar of Michigan Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and United Methodist Union of Greater Detroit – trustee. Her hobbies include reading and crochet.

When asked why she is running for office, Martin replied: "I am running for office because the people who appear in the 34th District Court are entitled to have their case heard by a judge who starts promptly and has the patience and temperament to treat everyone fairly and with respect.

"Once elected, my immediate goal would be to meet with Chief Judge Brian Oakley and Judge Tina Green to determine their views on how best to re-integrate into the 34th District Court family in a new role. My other goal would be to work with the staff to make sure that the court embraces the sentiment of Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack in making sure that 'our courthouse doors must be open wide to help all residents get the information and assistance they need when they need it.'"

Alexandria J. Taylor

Alexandria J. Taylor, 39, of 11210 Gabriel St., Romulus, is running for 34th District Court Judge. She has lived her entire life in the district court jurisdiction. She has three children: Jackson, 13; Jillian, 11, and Juliana, 2.



Taylor

She is an attorney and manager of Taylor Law Firm and adjunct professor at University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Michigan State University, and a master of business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Taylor unsuccessfully ran for State Representative in District 12 in 2018. In 2010 she was appointed to the Romulus Charter Commission and currently serves as the chair.

She is very passionate about running and is in a running club. She started in 2004 after graduating from MSU.

She is running for office because, "I have wanted to be a judge my entire life. I view judges, particularly district court judges, as the checks and balances on the judicial system; however, too often we see our judicial officers pulled by political strings.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Election season, COVID-19, protests mark summer 2020

We'll never forget the summer of 2020. The world's gone mad. Someone wants to take down our statue of LaSalle at Victory Park because of something she deems racist so many years ago.

We remember the late local historian Park Gregory and his wife sinking their own money into the erection of this statue because they felt the community needed a reminder of its history.

We've had a protest on police brutality, which doesn't seem to be needed here, and a family and friends protest against the time it's taking to prosecute the killer of locally beloved Egypt Covington. Everyone is anxious for the killer to be taken off the streets.

And, the election. The letters in this week's paper talk about the upcoming primary election. Most voters, who have asked for absentee ballots, already have their ballots in hand. It's time to start marking the names. We gave the backgrounds presented by Van Buren and Sumpter township candidates last week and this week we've printed the responses we've received from candidates for 34th District Court Judge and State Representatives in the three districts that cover this area. Our space is limited, so this is as far as we are going with candidates.

This is a summer to remember with just the COVID-19 alone. So many things going on at once can be stressful. Or, invigorating. It's a time for action.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Thursday we were alerted by Supervisor Kevin McNamara that Van Buren Township Hall, which just opened that week, was closing until further notice because of a non-confirmed COVID-19 exposure.

"Once we receive the results, further information will be announced," McNamara said, noting township staff is working remotely and can be summoned with a call for services. He said testing would require the rest of Thursday and Friday, at minimum.

"This is being done pursuant to our reentry plan," McNamara said. "It is a precautionary closing to protect the safety of our colleagues and the general public."

On Friday afternoon, Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter sent out another memo, "Per Supervisor McNamara I am sending this email out to inform you that I have received word that the results are negative for our suspected COVID case. All employees should report back to work Monday morning."

We've been informed that some new rocks have been added to the earthen part of the French Landing dam. This was the "rip-rap" that the VBT Environmental Commission was told was needed to be put in place this year to keep erosion from occurring there for dam safety. They were told this needs to be done every five years or so because of the waves caused by boats on the lake that lap away at the shoreline there.

On Friday afternoon around 2:29 we heard on the fire department radio that a transformer had exploded in front of the VBT fire department on Hull Road. The



fire was put out immediately, as you might guess.

I got the following email on Monday: "I received at my home a Michigan absent voter ballot application from the Michigan Secretary of State. The only trouble is, it was addressed to a woman who apparently lived at this address before I bought the house. That is over 30 years ago. Nice job, Secretary of State, keeping voter data current. What could possibly go wrong with regards to election integrity?"

We've been without an "Orphan of the Week" from Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue and now we're slated to get one for publication. This is another way our world is opening up from the COVID-19 shutdown.

We've been alerted a couple of times about a woman with a sign standing in front of the statue of LaSalle in Victory Park in Belleville. Her signs says the statue is "racist" and we guess she wants it removed. I remember a while back a woman came to a city council meeting to complain about the "racist" statue and asking for its removal.

Each time I get alerted, I go to Victory Park to see if she's there and I keep missing her. Eventually I'll be able to talk to her about it.

I mentioned this to our new Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson and he said he has seen her out there a couple of times.

He can just look out his office window and see the statue across Five Points. Chief Robinson said he did his homework and looked up LaSalle. He told me LaSalle helped make an agreement between the French and Indians. Would that make him racist?

The world's gone mad.

We recently heard a run on our fire radio by the VBT Fire Department to Visteon (now called Grace Lake) for a man who had been mowing and was under his mower in the lake and couldn't get free. His head was above water. As soon as emergency crews arrived he was freed.

Those deep ditches along the rural roadways are pretty treacherous, too. When I see someone on a mower along a deep ditch, I hold my breath.

We received a question on our website about where was a good place to watch the July 3 fireworks in the lake in front of the Belleville Yacht Club if you couldn't be on the lake. Last year, VBT Trustee Sherry Frazier said a good spot was at French Landing Park, but it probably is closed at sundown. Any place along the lake would probably work.



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Let's continue the practice of flying our flag, declaring to the rest of the world we will not be ruled by any other country and that we stand behind our independence.

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Pete Pitzen
Belleville

Endorsement of Lisa Martin for judge

To the editor:

This is a letter written to state my whole-hearted, personal endorsement of attorney Lisa Martin as a judicial candidate for our local 34th District Court. Lisa Martin has outstanding educational credentials (Harvard undergraduate and University of Michigan Law School), in-depth professional experience (nearly 20 years of practice) and evidence of commitment to her community through her many extra-professional activities. Further, Ms. Martin would start with a thorough knowledge of our court, having been selected to serve these past two years as Magistrate in the 34th District Court. I know Ms. Martin. I endorse Ms. Martin and I will vote for Ms. Martin. I ask the voters of our community to do the same.

Barbara Rogalle Miller
Retired Attorney
Van Buren Township Resident

Glad to read of VBT PD's transparency

To the editor:

With regard to the "Editorial: VBT police give detailed reports," I write to commend your honest reporting on the nature of the protest held on Friday, June 12, 2020 in Van Buren Township as well as communicating the Van Buren Police Department's transparency with respect to current events of police brutality.

Across the nation, there is widespread distortion of the civil character and purpose of protests on police cruelty, falsely conflating courteous assemblies with nonexistent anarchist riots that have ulterior motives. These gross mischaracterizations have not only been foisted upon demonstrations occurring in metropolises, but local municipalities too. It is relieving to see objective accounts on your publication and editorial, providing readers in Van Buren, Belleville, and elsewhere accurate depictions of the recent demonstrations.

Moreover, delineating local law enforcement's reaction, and therefore transparency, to these rallies is highly respectable. With today's attitudes towards constabulary, it is crucial to acknowledge that not all police departments are heinous. However, even a principled department must have transparency and discourse with its constituents.

Only through open communication can we fend off possible corruption in the future, building a trustworthy relationship between the department and community in the present.

Beyond publications, promoting officials who advocate peaceful protests and transparency in law enforcement is the best method to highlight change and civility. Such advocates at local standing are candidate Ranjeev Puri running for MI HD-21 and representative Matt Koleszar of MI HD-20, both of whom I'm encouraging my neighbors to support and vote for. If we desire progress, we must look towards not only our press, but also our local leaders.

Again, thank you for your objective reporting. I hope to read more of your publications.

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More Letters

Signs of Character: Respect local laws

To the editor:

RE: Signs of Character

On Aug. 4 we are required to select a candidate to run for judge of the 34th District Court. How do you know who will be a good judge? We must look for signs. What are the signs of a good judge? A judge should both know the law and respect it. They should be fair and have good character. Justice should be applied equally to all, no matter their station in life. As the election gets closer, signs start to appear.

Three candidates have begun the election tradition of placing signs. How they do this speaks to their character. We have five communities in the district. Each community may and does regulate temporary signs. However, many of the signs these three candidates are placing violate local ordinances. The same local laws they are asking you to be elected to enforce.

Belleville clearly prohibits the placement of signs more than 30 days prior to the election. Simple math tells us the election was 37 days away when these signs started appearing this weekend. Many of these three candidate's signs are either **too big**, **too many on one lot**, or **placed in public easements**. Why? Do they not know the law? Do they not care about the law? Do they think because they have friends in high places or want to be a judge so bad the law does not apply to them? All these questions speak that to the character of the candidate.

Two of the candidates have not jumped the gun. Maybe because they know local laws and respect them. However, the incumbent is currently sitting at home, not the bench, and collecting his pay. He is suspended by the Michigan Supreme Court! This also speaks to character.

Think if one of these candidates gets elected judge and you are before them on a speeding ticket. Will they let you off because you were in a hurry to get to where you wanted to be? One is the incumbent the other until being let go was the Magistrate. When you stood before them did they say the local laws were not important?

Justice should be equal and no one should be above the law. The signs now being placed speak to character of the candidate. A good judge should know, respect, and obey local laws. The signs are there to see!

Richard S. Smith
Belleville

Birthdays

June 17 – Elliana Oygarden
July 9 – Sophia Zoller, Jaxon Long

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Kitchen fire causes \$100,000 in damage at Harbour Club Apts.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A kitchen fire at Harbour Club Apartments in Van Buren Township at about 6 p.m. June 24 caused an estimated \$100,000 damage.

VBT Fire Marshal Dave McNally said a 19-year-old male had moved into a third-floor apartment just three days earlier and he was cooking with grease. He said he turned down the heat and ran down to let his girlfriend in, McNally said.

When he got back to the apartment the kitchen was on fire and full of smoke. He opened the doorwall to get rid of the smoke, which fed the fire, McNally said.

The apartment's bedroom door was closed and he shut his apartment door when he left, so the fire was contained and went up the wall to the roof.

The apartments next to him were vacant

and he got the other neighbors out. Nobody was displaced and nobody was injured, McNally said.

Ypsilanti Township was present for mutual aid. VBT used its ladder truck to get water to the roof, he said.

Belfor Property Restoration has a contract with Harbour Club and estimated the damage at \$100,000. Insurance investigators will confirm the cause of the fire, McNally said.

McNally said this is the second fire in three weeks at Harbour Club and both were kitchen fires. He said there have been a number of other kitchen fires throughout the township lately.

McNally said this latest fire is a good example of the importance of keeping doors closed when you sleep. He said the fire department will be using pictures of the fire to emphasize the importance of

keeping doors closed during a fire.

In this fire, because the bedroom door was closed, the tenant's television did not melt, McNally said.

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Obituaries



Laura K. McGuire

LAURA K. MCGUIRE

(October 22, 1964 – June 25, 2020)

Mrs. Laura K. McGuire of Van Buren Twp., passed away peacefully on June 25, 2020 at her home following a long and brave battle with lung cancer. She was born on October 22, 1964 in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of Skip and Gayle Meilstrup. In December of 1987 she married the love of her life, James McGuire, and he survives. The McGuires moved to Van Buren Twp. from Eastlake, Ohio in 2007.

Laura was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles where she held office and participated in many events. She was a Navy veteran who proudly served her country for 8 years. Prior to her retirement in 2019, she had been employed by Van Buren Township.

Mrs. McGuire is survived by her loving husband James, sons Jamie (life partner Erica) and Andrew (significant other Cassie), daughters Jennifer (Nick) and Elizabeth McGuire. Also survived by her mother Gayle Meilstrup, sister Dana (Ken) Armstrong, 8 grandchildren, 1 niece and 1 nephew, brother-in-law Patrick (Sharon) and sister-in-law Samantha (Rick).

Laura was preceded in death by her father Bernard Meilstrup, brothers-in-law Larry, Johnny and Michael McGuire, mother-in-law Betty McGuire and father-in-law Samuel McGuire.

In keeping with Mrs. McGuire's wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service in her honor will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The date of which has yet to be determined.

Memorial Contributions in Laura's name may be made to Van Buren FOE 3996, Building Fund, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 734-697-9400. Please keep the McGuire family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.



Ivenia O'Neal

IVENIA O'NEAL

(January 3, 1929 – June 26, 2020)

Age 91 of Belleville. Survived by daughter Patricia Rawls and son William Utley, both of Belleville. Wake 4-7 p.m. July 1 at C&H Funeral Home, Ypsilanti. Service on July 2 at Saving Faith Christian Fellowship, 1450 Midway St., Ypsilanti.

PATRICIA ANNETTE WRIGHT

(September 7, 1941 – June 17, 2020)

Age 78, of Sebring, FL, passed away at Tampa General Hospital. Daughter of Monroe and Lissie Sturgill. Graveside service held at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, on June 29, 2020. www.davidcbrownfh.com

More Letters

What has happened to Sumpter Township?

To the editor:

What has happened to Sumpter Township?

I grew up on Oakville Waltz Road, straddling the line of Sumpter and Exeter townships. I loved growing up here and have very fond memories. While it's never been a bustling place, there were thriving elements before I left for college in 2001. My mom still resides in the township. So I come back 3-4 times a year. Each time I come back, I ask my mom if anything has changed, if there's been any new development. Every year I get the same response, "You know that they haven't done anything out here."

I remember getting my first dental sealants on Sumpter Road and even going to the hair salon and beauty supply store. My family regularly went to the health clinic on Sumpter. Now when you drive up Sumpter Road it looks like someone has gone down the street with a vacuum sucking the life out of any business that remains. It is disheartening to see that this township has had just minor advancements but overall hasn't seen much business growth. A population that once reached nearly 12,000 residents over 20 years ago has dropped to less than 10,000. I know many of the people I grew up with have moved on to communities not far from the area but with more options for their residents.

This week I read the *Belleville Independent* and recognized some of the same faces and names up for reelection. My question to the residents of Sumpter Township is, "Why have elected officials been allowed to remain employed by the residents for 30-plus years without contributing to sustainable growth of this area?" "Where are the opportunities for young people to have something productive to do in Sumpter?" Residents shouldn't have to drive to Belleville, Carleton or Monroe. "What have the elected officials in Sumpter been spending the financial resources on?" Your tax dollars should be used for building this community into one that is thriving and beneficial to everyone that lives here. The residents of Sumpter Township deserve better.

Tanisha V. Hanible

Currently living in Washington, D.C.

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Letters

Absentee vote? Be sure to record ballot number

To the editor and the people of Sumpter Township:

Election time in Sumpter is inching closer each day. I know I've said it before, but if you want a positive change, vote for me Aug. 4. Thirty-five years is too long for a political career. The current township administration has run roots so deep, it has become too complicated to tell if there is anyone left who truly cares for the community. A vote for either one of the other candidates, is a vote for Rob Young and Karen Armatis to remain in power.

I was recently able to review the drafted list of upcoming election officials for the August primary. The names apparent on the list gave me a chill down my spine. Most of the names are part of the Karen Armatis squad, with her own name included. Many people remember one of the most recent board meetings the public was able to attend; there was an intense controversy over the dysfunctions of past elections. Over the past months, I have heard numerous allegations of illegal mishandling of absentee ballots. It really struck me to see the presented names of people who have a beneficial interest with the Karen Armatis and Rob Young dynasty.

With so much attention on this coming local election, most of us will be very interested to see how things are handled in the clerk's office and by who. It's common sense that some of these people should not be approved to handle our election. People like Sharon Pokerwinski, who has a history of stealing thousands of tax dollars from seniors. Helen Teall, who was removed from the Sumpter board by a community petition, along with Karen Armatis, only to be reshuffled back into the township deck by John Morgan. The Beaudries, who have been a part of the ongoing discussion as to whether or not mishandlings have been happening. There are too many names listed to even mention.

Nobody could have predicted the way events have recently unfolded. There will be more absentee ballots issued than ever

before. Absentee votes are proven to be the most vulnerable to corruption and election fraud. Perhaps the silver lining is in the added convenience for voters. Many more people will be able vote this election.

I still encourage voting in person. If that is not feasible by voting time, make sure to record your ballot numbers. Take a photo of your ballot after filling it out for reference. Do everything you can to ensure your vote is counted this year.

Thank you,
Nelson S. Po
Sumpter Township

Any comments are appreciated and you can send me a note here: P.O. Box 2293, Belleville, MI 48112, or NelsonPo8822@gmail.com

Defunding Public Safety in City of Belleville?

Letter to the Editor and the City of Belleville Tax Payers:

It appears that the age of political correctness and being "woke" has arrived in Belleville. First, a little history. Our Mayor, not too long ago, secretly negotiated to disband our fire department. She justified this by claiming that there was a budget "shortfall." The community (Belleville residents) strenuously objected to her little ploy. Last November, the citizens, by vote, recommended a 2 mill tax assessment to save Public Safety.

Mere days after the public vote, the Mayor and two members of the City Council voted to quickly impose the new Public Safety tax. The money raised was to accumulate to allow the city to purchase a new and much-needed fire truck. The money for the truck was to be kept in a separate fund.

Now forward about eight months ... our "woke" Mayor and the Interim City Manager have decided to "DEFUND" Public Safety in our community. Want that new fire truck? Forget it! Want new and necessary police and fire equipment? Forget that, too! The \$180,000 that we all paid through our taxes will NOT be used for equipment to make us safe. Instead, the Mayor, Interim City Manager and Council members have decided to use it to BAIL

OUT the DDA for the seawall debacle to the tune of \$20,000. Want Public Safety equipment? Nope, not going to happen, because City retirees get nearly \$30,000 of that 2 mills that was earmarked for Public Safety funding. The Mayor wants another \$70,000 to be used to "off-set" shortfalls in the General Fund. So much for Public Safety. In a few months, with the badly needed money spent, our Mayor may resume secret negotiations to disband both Police and Fire Departments.

We voted to use the 2 mills for Public Safety funding. However, if what the Mayor really wanted was a slush fund for "short falls" in the City's budget, all she had to do was say so. If she needed more money due to Covid-19, she could say that, too. However, at this point in time it only appears that she wants to completely get rid of the Fire Department. The Police Department would be next.

Let's hear it for DEFUND OUR PUBLIC SAFETY.... NOT!

If you disagree with what the Mayor, City Manager, and City Council have in mind then you need to SPEAK UP and let them

know. They will be voting on how these funds are used on Monday evening, July 6. It will be the FIRST thing on the agenda. All meetings are open to the public. Whether the meeting will be at City Hall or online as a ZOOM meeting is unclear. Please contact City Hall to find out how to participate. If you cannot participate in person, WRITE a letter to the City Council so they know you do not approve of the way they plan to spend YOUR money!

Mary Jane Dawson
Belleville

Tyrell Wheeler earns spot on Saginaw Valley State University Deans' List

Tyrell Wheeler of Belleville was among the 1,800 students at Saginaw Valley State University to earn a spot on the winter 2020 semester Deans' List for academic excellence. To be eligible for the Deans' list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester grade point average of 3.4 or better.



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So, attorney Rob Young puts in motion a plan to have the residents believe that Ken was not doing his job. Therefore, taking action against Treasurer Bednark by way of court. Attorney Young put on a big show

Peggy Morgan
Sumpter Township

COVID-19 death count in 48111 zip code remains the same at 30

On Monday, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 195 positive cases, 15 deaths; City of Belleville, 155 positive cases, 14 deaths, and Sumpter Township 36 positive cases, 1 death.

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Letters

My duty to tell you the truth about Sumpter

To the editor:

As your elected precinct delegate, it's my duty and responsibility to bring Sumpter Township's present leadership, its tax payers, and residents the truth. I will never waver in that trust given to me by the voters and friends of this township. We must choose our leadership wisely and forthright. To be led by fools is to be led by opportunists who control the fools. To be led by liars is to be asked to tell lies.

We must all work together to choose our next board of trustees wisely in our August primary and November general elections. We must be assured that those elections are free of fraud -- especially our absentee ballots. Our absentee ballots will be monitored by the Wayne County Clerk's office and the Secretary of State for Michigan. "Crime alert, if you see something, say something".

The upcoming primary and general elections are critical. The health and welfare of Sumpter Township is vital to its growth and retention of all that reside here. The current incumbents on our board of trustees must all be removed and replaced by members of our community that have this beautiful community as their first and only priority. We don't need an administration packed with friends, relatives, political appointees, or nepotism which currently exists (and has for years). We the people are tired of all the lies, intimidation, non transparency, infighting, and the lack of real leadership, morals and integrity. We have people that are non-elected running this township at the cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. To make things even worse these people don't even live in Sumpter Township and its unlikely they even spend any of our hard-earned tax dollars in this community.

We seriously must ask ourselves that live and pay taxes in this community, "Do we want to continue with a disfunctional board that is derelict in its sworn fiduciary duties and responsibility?" The simple answer is no.

Collectively, the present and past board members have had over 92 years service to our community. With exception of Sheena Barnes with 2 years on the board

defeated in 2018, Peggy Morgan, who was defeated in 2018 but had 14 years on the board. Again we must ask ourselves, what did they do? Supervisor John Morgan with 44 years, Clerk Esther Hurst with 3 years plus 35 years employment with Sumpter Township, Trustees Don LaPorte has 5 years, Mathew Oddy has 6 years, Don Swinson with 12 years, and Tim Rush with 6 years.

We the tax payers have spent millions of our hard earned dollars on taxes and benefits. What have we benefited? Nothing. No jobs, no new businesses, very little help for our seniors, and absolutely nothing for our youth. The roads are terrible. Our fire hydrants are over-run by weeds. Untold thousands of dollars are spent on auto and truck repairs yearly. The blight is horrendous in many areas, and we are spending over \$70,000 tax dollars yearly for an ordinance officer?

The township's water dept. is delinquent by over \$400,000 dollars. Why? Supervisor John Morgan is liason to the water department; is it incompetence? We taxpayers will be seeing this mismanagement costs on our future tax bills.

Ronald Barrington Robinson
Precinct Delegate, Sumpter Township

Anisha Sharma, Shane Tinsley lead Top Ten Belleville HS graduates

Anisha Sharma is valedictorian and Shane Tinsley salutatorian of the Belleville High School Class of 2020. The 392 members of the class graduated Saturday in four separate ceremonies on the BHS football field which included safe distancing and masks.

The Top Ten graduates are:

1. Anisha Sharma, valedictorian
2. Shane Tinsley, salutatorian
3. Connor Majewski
4. Chelsea Mihaly
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6. Benjamin Jeng (tie)
6. Chloe Frye-Anthony (tie)
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It is with sadness that our last day of serving Lunch Box favorites to you will be August 1 when our doors close as the building gets prepped for demolition to make way for even greater things for this side of town. There's new and exciting opportunities coming your way in our beautiful city. We've been blessed.

The past ten years have put me in a place in life I've never dreamed of, with all the friends I've made at these former businesses, the customers that followed me when I was 18 while working as a chef at Paula's Home Cookin', working my first family business when I was 20 at Tornado's Pizza, Up n' Smoke in two locations, Hen House, and the former owner of Miami Tan. I owe my success to this city and its people as you shadowed me everywhere I went. So, from the top of my lungs and all the love inside, I will miss you.

Thank you people of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren Townships, and everyone in between, from the passer-by that stumbled upon us while turning around in our parking lot, to public safety for keeping our communities safe. If you simply walked through my doors at any of my businesses, you became family. Thank you for believing in me and please continue to support other small businesses like mine.

As we move forward, I can't wait to share with you what's next. Stay tuned. In the meantime, I'm planning to be at Lunch Box as much as I can during these final days so please stop in and visit before we close. Don't forget to wear a mask as we continue to practice self-distancing. We'll share a laugh, perhaps an elbow bump, and you'll get a personal thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God Bless you and keep you safe!

-Rodney



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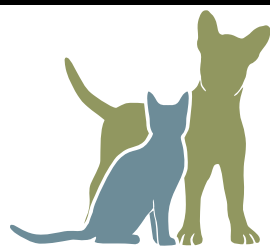
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As to her goals once elected, "My goals are to develop a Veteran's Court. I would also like to develop a program with our schools. When I attended Romulus High School, we came over to the court as part of our Government class. It is important for the youth in our community to not fear judges, lawyers, police officers, but to have a healthy relationship and understanding of their roles," she concluded.

Mikayla Farris named to dean's list at U. of Findlay

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State Rep. candidates run in Districts 12, 17 and 21 for this area

This tri-community area is covered by three districts for State Representatives. These are the ones on the Aug. 4 primary ballot for this area.

Joe Bellino for state rep. 17th District – R

Joe Bellino, Jr., 62, of 1285 Hollywood, Monroe, is running for reelection in the 17th



District, which covers Sumpter Township.

He is married to Peggy and they have three children, Mary, Anne, and Meg. He has lived in this district for 60 years.

Bellino has been the owner of Broadway Market since 1997. He was appointed to the Monroe County Community College Board in 2001 and ran three more times for reelection and won.

His hobbies are golf, church choir, and staying sober.

Bellino said he is running for office because “serving my people has been a pleasure the last four years.”

Goals, once reelected, are to see car insurance reforms through, make changes in mandatory minimum sentencing, and reform on seniors paying property tax.

Christopher Slat for state rep. 17th district – D

Christopher Slat, 31, of 33 E. Front St., Monroe, is seeking election as state representative in the 17th district. He has



lived in that district all his life and this is his first run for public office.

Slat is an Instructional Technology Specialist at the Monroe County Intermediate School District.

In 2011 he earned a B.A.A. in Broadcast and Cinematic Arts at Central Michigan University. He also earned an associate’s degree at Monroe County Community

College.

He is a member of Monroe County Action Network, Monroe Public Access Cable Television (president of the board of directors), Monroe County Democratic Party, Monroe Jiu Jitsu, and enjoys scuba diving, filmmaking, and is a horror movie enthusiast.

“Working in education, I’ve seen how working families are struggling and depending more and more on schools and other public services to meet basic needs,” Slat said. “But also how those public services are being stressed by government policies written by corporate-funded politicians to benefit corporate profits at the expense of ordinary people. I’m running to push back on the corporate control of our state government and fight for workers’ rights, stronger wages and healthcare, and strong public services we can rely on.”

As to goals, once elected: “The next legislature will inherit huge budget problems due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” Slat said. “My goal is to keep cuts away from our schools and our most vulnerable working-class households. Additionally, I want to increase transparency in government and in campaign finance and introduce bold legislation to bring Michigan policy in line with the scientific timeline on fighting climate change.”

Scott Cramton for state rep. 17th district – D

Scott Cramton, 20130 Metzger St., Rockwood, did not return his candidate questionnaire.

Ethan Petzold for state rep. 21st district – D

Ethan Petzold, 22, of 45415 Brunswick Dr., Canton, is running for state representative in the 21st district to fill the vacancy left by term-limited Kristy Pagan.



He has lived in the district for 10 years.

He is a nonprofit professional and community organizer. He graduated from Salem High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in public and nonprofit administration and political science, with a minor in leadership. He belongs to the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance and has a Certified Nonprofit Professional credential. He

served as an elected precinct delegate for Canton Precinct 11.

“As a two-time recipient of the President’s Volunteer Service Award under President Obama, I’m passionate about spending my time volunteering and giving back to our local community,” Petzold said. “Furthermore, the community organizations that I am involved in and/or have held leadership roles in include the Canton Kiwanis Club, Friendship Church, Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, Canton Democratic Club, Michigan Democratic Club, Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Sexual Education Advisory Committee, and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Blue Ribbon Panel.

“I’m running for State Representative to
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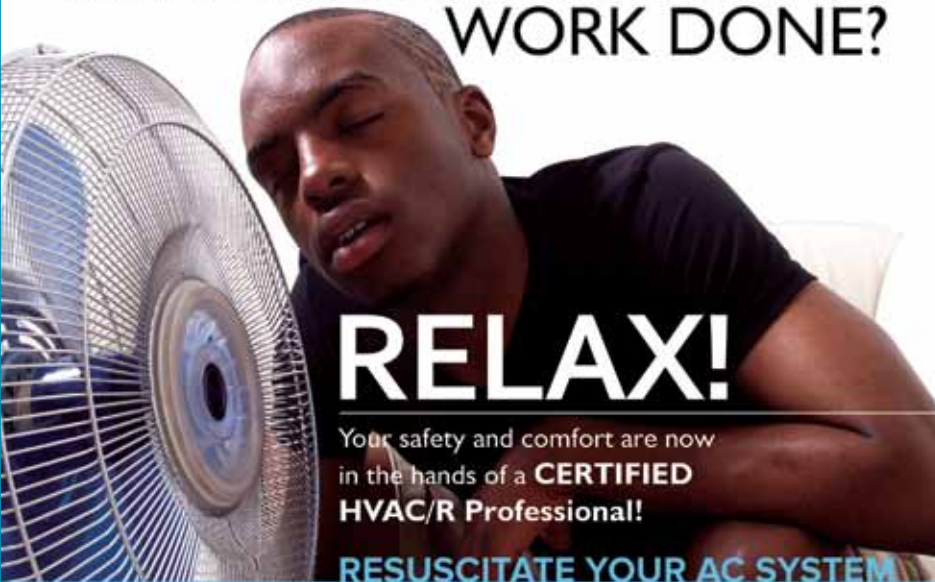
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fight for the underdog: the people who are knocked down, counted out, and too often, are left behind in Lansing by those with more money and power. My family story is one of underdogs: refugees coming to America to escape the Armenian Genocide on my dad's side and immigrants who found economic opportunity in Michigan's booming auto plants. Unlike so many people that run for office, I come from a family of working people – autoworkers, teachers, nurses, service workers, and a UPS driver – people that get up and work every day to provide for their families but face tough odds," he said.

"My family didn't pass down a lot of money, powerful connections, or political influence but they taught me what hard work looked like," Petzold said. "My parents both worked full-time, went to school at night, and raised my brothers and me in a small, 900-square-foot house – living paycheck to paycheck, but determined to give us a chance to be successful.

"As a child, I struggled in school and it was unlikely that I would even graduate high school, let alone go to college. I was fortunate to have attended strong public schools with dedicated school staff that helped me beat the odds, achieve academically, and make the improbable possible in my life. The way those teachers and school staff members changed the course of my life inspired me to want to live a life that champions the cause of anyone who has been knocked down, just like they championed my cause when I was the underdog.

"This led me to become a certified nonprofit professional and community organizer where I have worked to: feed the hungry, raise financial support to help low-income students afford college, run a summer service camp for middle and high school students, elect Democratic leaders to public office, and lead a statewide organization dedicated to getting young

people involved in the political process.

"The coronavirus has changed a lot about our lives but the priorities that I talked with many voters about at their doorstep this winter remain the same: fully funding our public schools, lowering the cost of prescription drugs, protecting our drinking water, fixing our roads, and building an economy that respects working people and gives every Michigander a path to a high-wage job. However, the next State Representative is going to be taking office with a weak economy, a larger budget deficit than we even experienced during the Great Recession, and divided government. My experience as a certified nonprofit professional taught me how to work with people of different backgrounds and opinions under tight budgets while still getting things done for people and meeting the mission of an organization.

"This makes me uniquely qualified to lead on day one to ensure that we rebuild from this pandemic while prioritizing healthcare, education, roads and infrastructure, and job training. We need to rebuild but we need to make sure that it's a rebuild that works for people like us," Petzold concluded.

Ranjeev Puri for state rep.

21st district – D

Ranjeev Puri, 35, 761 Roosevelt, Canton, is running for state representative in the 21st district. He and his wife Nidhi are the parents of two sons, Rohin and Shaan. They have lived in the district for four years.



Puri is business manager at Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles. He earned a master's in business administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He was elected as a precinct delegate in Canton in 2018.

Puri said he enjoys woodworking, teaching his kids sports, cooking and traveling. He is a part of Moms Demand Action, non-profit board member of Arts and Humanities Partnership of Canton, Sikh Gurdwara of Canton, Canton Democratic Club, South Asians of Michigan Organizing for Serious Action, Southwestern Wayne County Democrats, and New American Leaders in Michigan 11th Congressional District.

"As a father to two small boys, the husband of a small business owner, and the son of immigrants, I want to ensure families like mine, and all families, are afforded all the opportunities Michigan has to provide that we are all doing whatever we can to enable our future generations to succeed.

"That future does not exist today. I am fighting for Michigan's working families, because so much that used to work in Michigan is no longer a legislative priority. I want to make Michigan a place where we can raise a family again. Too many of Michigan's working families are left behind," he said.

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"My parents came to this country nearly 50 years ago, with hopes of more opportunities. Like many immigrant stories, they came here to work hard and provide opportunities for their future children. My dad was a machinist turned engineer. My mom was a nurse. I watched as she worked tirelessly to provide for others, and that's where my values of public service were instilled. I carried that forward to 2008 when I got my start working for President Obama; being in Chicago during the Obama years was a transcendent experience. I loved it so much that I did everything I could to land a staff position in 2012. It was the day after the election in which the President surprised us at campaign headquarters. It was a conversation that changed my life – he looked me in the eye and told me it was my turn. He challenged me to go out into my own community and be that change. I went home that night and told my wife I was going to fight for change. I wrapped up my MBA while I was in Chicago and moved back to Michigan. I got started in the automotive industry, where I work on solutions for future technologies like electric cars. As I started to see many of the needs of my own community not being addressed, and witnessed the many inequalities throughout our state, I started to understand that too many of Michigan's families are a step behind. Things which made Michigan such a wonderful place to raise a family no longer exist. Now, as I look into the eyes of my own boys, I need to know I did everything in my power to fight for Michigan's future."

Puri's goals, once elected, include ensuring an optimal response to the COVID outbreak crisis, education (endorsed by the Michigan Education Association), environment (endorsed by the Sierra Club), healthcare, economy (endorsed by the Small Business Administration of Michigan) and automotive (endorsed by the United Auto Workers).

Laurel Hess for state rep.

21st district – R

Laurel Hess, 52, of 1201 Liberty Ct., Canton, is running for state representative on the Republic ticket. She is married to

Eric and they have two sons, David and Steven. She is a small business owner and has lived in the district for 20 years.



Hess

Hess said she is running for office because of her frustration with government's lack of knowledge of small business post-COVID and her frustration with the government bureaucracy.

"We need to open up our state, get people back to work, and help our economy recover," she said.

Her goals, once elected, are to support small business and their employees, make Lansing more transparent and accountable, and quickly open to 100% and fund efforts to safely do so.

James Chapman for state rep.

21st district – R

James Chapman, 60, of 45122 Hull Rd., Van Buren Township, is a candidate for state representative in the 21st district on the Republican ticket.



Chapman

He said he has lived in the district for 53 years and his occupation is "Sawyer/Tree Service/Saw Mill." His education was at Eastern Michigan University and Jackson Community College.

He ran unsuccessfully for state representative in the 23rd district in 2006 and 2008 and unsuccessfully for Van Buren Township trustee in 2016.

His hobbies are historical research and engine building.

Chapman said he is running for office

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“to provide leadership for return to U.S. Constitutional government; to modify or remove socialist programs from law; to clean out Plan Democrats and RINOS; and establish respect for Michigan and U.S. history.”

As to goals once he is elected: “Restrict the Emergency Powers Act; judicial reform; election law reform; criminal justice reform; update and revise state dam and hydroelectric laws; and to provide law for Constitutional State Militia.”

James Nangle for state rep.

21st district – R

James Nangle of 44047 Southampton Dr., Canton, did not return his candidate questionnaire.

Jessica Sohoza for state rep.

21st district – R

Jessica Sohoza, 13722 Milton Dr., Van Buren Township, did not return her candidate questionnaire.

Harold Bullock for state rep.

21st district – R

Harold Bullock of 7716 Marlowe, Van Buren Township, did not return his candidate questionnaire.

Alex Garza for state rep.

12th district – D

Alex Garza, 26, of 25055 Crowley St., Taylor, is running for reelection as state representative in the 12th district. He is married to Amira and has lived in the district for 13 years.



Garza

He successfully ran for Taylor City Council in 2013 and 2017 and then successfully for state representative in 2018.

He is a member of the Taylor Rotary Club, Taylor Goodfellows, and Taylor Kiwanis Club.

Garza said he is running for reelection because he wants to continue the work he has started as state representative for the people of the 12th House District.

“My work, surrounding lowering prescription drug costs, getting more Michiganders access to affordable health care, repealing the senior pension tax, and many other issues need to continue to be advocated for I am the person to continue the advocacy to see this through,” he said.

As to his goals, once elected, “I have many goals for District 12 if I am reelected to serve the people of Taylor, Romulus, and Van Buren Township,” Garza said. “As I look toward a second term, prioritizing education funding, infrastructure funding,

and health care funding are top priorities. We must continue to invest in our citizens as they have invested in our state for many years.

“Aside from legislative goals, I will continue to remain accessible to my constituents. That is a promise. My office will always remain a resource for all that live in my district. My goal is to directly



Martell

serve those that I serve, and I will always remember that.”

Ed Martell for state rep.

12th district – D

Ed Martell, 15689 Isabelle, Romulus, is running for state representative in the 12th district. He is a District 12 native, born and raised in Van Buren Township and now living with his family in Romulus.

He attended Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne County Community College District, and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He holds an associate of arts, bachelor of arts degree with a major in political science, pre-law, and Spanish Language certificates and a Juris Doctor of Law.

Martell is a former legislative director at the Michigan House of Representatives, former judicial clerk at the Oakland County Circuit Court, and a current paralegal at the Perkins Law Group of Detroit, MI.

He is the current president of the Romulus Board of Education and was elected to the board in 2018.

Martell has affiliations to the Democratic Clubs of Taylor, Southwestern Wayne County and Romulus, where he was the former secretary. He also sits on the executive board of his Congressional District and is the vice-chair of the Michigan Democratic HL Caucus.

His goals, once elected, are to increase educational funding, reform police

training, restore revenue sharing, provide access to affordable healthcare, and rebuild local manufacturing.

Derrick Gyorkos for state rep.

12th district – D

Derrick A. Gyorkos, 6019 John Daley, Taylor, did not return his candidate questionnaire.

Michelle Bailey for state rep.

12th district – R

Michelle Bailey, 16031 Beech Daly Rd., Lot 121, Taylor, did not return her candidate questionnaire.

Olivia JoAnn McRitchie graduates from Spring Arbor with BS Nursing

Olivia JoAnn McRitchie graduated from Spring Arbor University in the first graduating class of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Spring Arbor.

She achieved academic honors in her college career.

McRitchie also passed her nursing boards to become a Registered Nurse. She has accepted a position at StoneCrest Behavioral Health Hospital in Detroit.

She is the daughter of Rod and Cindy McRitchie and Linda Nugent.



Olivia JoAnn McRitchie

Belleville DDA asked to relocate tree in Fourth Street Square

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Steve Jones, president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Belleville Planning Commission, asked the Belleville DDA to relocate a tree on Fourth Street Square to make way for a stage.

At the June 17 regular meeting of the DDA, virtually via Zoom, Jones said this is an old request and he brought up several years ago.

He said there is “a pesky tree” that blocks the use of staging on the square and, otherwise, the staging could be pulled into

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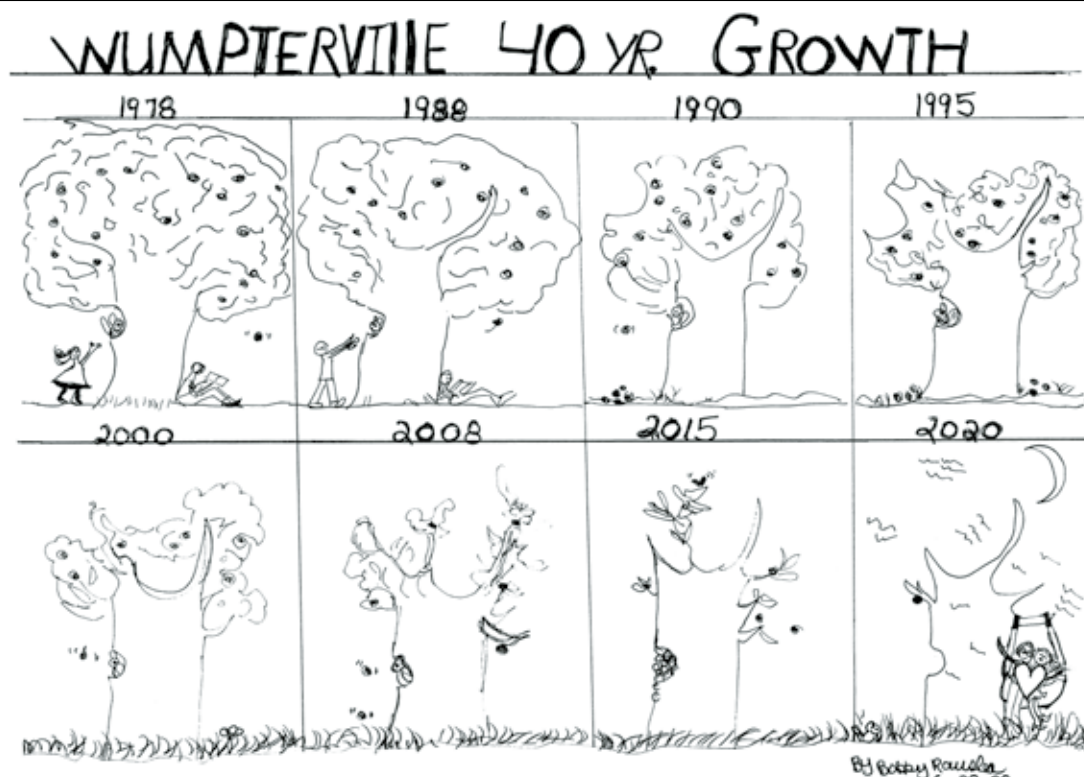
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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville, State of Michigan, who is not already registered may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State Agency. Registration forms can be obtained at belleville.mi.us/elections or at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, July 20, 2020**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (per MCL 168.492) at the City Clerk's office, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 as follows:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1st from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, August 4th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for registration are:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- City of Belleville resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election
- United States citizen

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

UNITED STATES SENATOR; REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12TH DISTRICT; REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 12TH OR 21ST DISTRICT; WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY; WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF; WAYNE COUNTY CLERK; JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION; JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION; WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER; WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS; WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11TH DISTRICT, AND DELEGATE TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL O: TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2009, SHALL WAYNE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE TO LEVY THIS MILLAGE AT THE ESTIMATED 2019 ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.9529 (ABOUT 95 CENTS PER \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR 10 MORE YEARS (2020-2029) AND PROCEEDS USED TO CONTINUE EXISTING COUNTY SERVICES INCLUDING PROGRAMS FOR ARREST, DETENTION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS, JUVENILE COURT AND RELATED SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, RECREATION, COUNTY PARKS, JOB TRAINING, SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS FOR MEETING MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE POOR, THE DISABLED AND THE AGED?

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Sample ballots are available at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville and on the City's website: www.belleville.mi.us.

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Sherri Scharf,
City Clerk

Publish: July 2, 2020

More Letters

Comments on DNA, political signs

To the editor:

As many of you will remember from 2016, I was the first refusal in the State of Michigan to refuse to give DNA without a court warrant under the statute the recently passed by the MI Legislature requiring those ACCUSED of a felony to provide a DNA sample, called by the Colonials a "Blanket Warrant." I refused based on the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Van Buren Police Officer Charles Bazzzy originated several reasons why I was not Constitutional, but had something to hide, to wit: 1. That I had raped a young woman in Washtenaw County years ago, and 2. That I was in fact the murderer of Egypt Covington, and that my DNA would resolve both of these cases. He then brought several felony charges against me, and after one case was thrown out of court twice, they charged a third time and played a recorded phone call to my attorney before the jury, The Swimming Away from a Cop case. Interesting that this case was published continuously in this paper, including front page. Done in 2016, this was a play to keep me from getting votes because of my opposition to tearing down the Riggs Heritage House on EHRD and Martinsville, And 2,714 voted for me anyway.

So now they have had my DNA for over two years, and I haven't been charged with any new crimes. Maybe I knew I was clean and truly stand on the Constitution. Count on it. Even if they put me in jail. Especially.

I want to bring up another issue. Belleville has a political sign ordinance that states it is a crime to put out election signs more than 30 days before an election. In the case of the upcoming Aug. 4 primary election, that date is July 5. Why, then, are there signs up already that are not being taken down by the city? Three of these are candidates for 34th District Judge: 1. Robert Coutts, 2. Alexandria Taylor, and 3. Lisa Martin. If they cannot obey the election laws, would they then be the best candidates for JUDGE? I think NOT.

Then there's the candidates for 21st State Rep: 1. Ranjeev Puri and 2. Ethan Petzold. Should those be the best candidates?

None of the above candidates have EVER spoken on upholding and defending the U.S. Constitution; should we trust them to swear an oath?

James Forrest Chapman
Van Buren Township

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."

– Albert Einstein

More Letters

I ask for the opportunity to serve you in VBT

To the editor:

I have decided to offer my name as a candidate for election to the Van Buren Charter Township Trustee Board and believe I am very qualified for the unique demands of this position. I'm very community oriented, taking a proactive interest in the needs and wants of our local families, children, and seniors. I listen, welcoming the ideas of others, and seek to encourage others as we work together as a community. I have a strong connection and drive to make sure that our township continues to provide the services and financial responsibilities that the residents should expect and deserve.

I have lived in Van Buren Township for 15 years. This is my first run for public office; however, I am not new to public service. I am currently serving my fourth term representing our community as a member of the planning commission for 13 of those 15 years, having been reappointed by three separate administrations. I am the first-ever Master Citizen Planner and currently in training to achieve certification for township governance. In my professional career I have administered/managed several faith-based non-profit and for-profit entities with budgets greater than some local-level governments.

Van Buren Township is at a critical juncture right now. We have seen a lot of change in the past few years and more change is on the way. I believe that we must not lose sight of the many positive advantages enjoyed by our township. We cannot go in the direction of indiscriminately slashing budgets, discouraging (denying) sound economic development, or erode programs that define and identify our township as a desired place to live, raise our children, work, and play. In order to manage this change effectively, I believe that we will need a balance of new ideas, experience, and insight to think through crucial complex issues on the township board. I humbly ask you, as a resident of Van Buren Township, for the opportunity to serve you with bold leadership and a comprehensive strategy of working together to advance the interests of all township residents.

I would love to meet you at your doorstep, however, due to COVID-19, I am respecting public health guidelines.

Donald Boynton, Jr.
Van Buren Township

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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL
46425 TYLER ROAD
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #25. THE DESCRIBED PARCELS THAT WOULD DESIGNATE THE PROPOSED DISTRICT ARE AS FOLLOWS AND TOTAL 293.81 ACRES.

TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PROVIDE ESSENTIAL PROTECTIONS TO VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS; THIS PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS REGARDING REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN GUIDELINES.)

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING, THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING DATE (POSTED 3 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO JULY 7, 2020) WHICH WILL BE LOCATED AT <https://vanburen-mi.org/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/board-of-trustees/>

#1: 83-008-99-0002-703

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0002 702; COMMENCING AT THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E; TH S90D 00M 00S E 350.00 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2 AND CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N00D 24M 19S W 1614.16FT; TH N18D 42S 09M W 1114.86FT TO THE CENTER POST OF SAID SECTION; TH S 89D 59M 43S E 2156.75FT ALONG THE E-W 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 1670.03 FT; TH N90D 00S 00M E 180.74 FT; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 480.00 FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 180.74 FT; TH S00D 14M 07S E 459.99FT; TH N90D 00S 00M W 743.35FT ALONG A LINE 60 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH N 00D 14M 07S W 15.00FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 935.80 FT ALONG A LINE 75 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2; TH S 00D 33M 03S E 75FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 120.09 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND SAID CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD TO THE PLACE OF BEG. BEING A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SEC 2 AND CONTAINING 114.10 AC OF LAND

#2: 83-008-99-0037-701

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0037 000; COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN; TH DUE N 60 FT ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; TH N89D 37M 00S W 483.07 FT ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N89D 37M 00S W 60 FT ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; TH N00D 09M 30S E 459.99 FT; TH S89D 37M 00S E 60.00 FT; TH S00D 09M 30S W 459.99 FT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2 AND CONTAINING 0.63 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

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#3: 83-008-99-0014-701

02S 10 TO 13 PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N 89D 37M 00S W 60.00 FT AND DUE N 1726.00 FT FROM SE COR SEC 2 - TH N 89D 59M 56S W 599.08 FT - TH N 00D 14M 07S W 264.01 FT - TH S 89D 59M 56S E 598.36 FT - TH S 00D 23M 30S E 264.01 FT - POB. 3.63 AC

#4: 83-005-01-0034-301

02A34,T2 LOT 34 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC BEVERLY ST 86FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-6.02 - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N8 DEG 33M 32S W 60.04 FT FROM E 1/4 SEC 2 -- TH S00DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT - TH N87DEG 59M 49S W596.58 FT - TH N00DEG 12M 11S E 19.52 FT - TH S 89DEG 33MIN 32S E 596.13FT TO POB 0.38AC

#5: 83-005-01-0033-300

02A33 LOT 33 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#6: 83-005-01-0032-300

02A32 LOT 32 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#7: 83-005-01-0031-300

02A31 LOT 31 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#8: 83-005-01-0030-300

02A30 LOT 30 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#9: 83-005-01-0029-300

02A29 LOT 29 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#10: 83-005-01-0028-300

02A28 LOT 28 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#11: 83-005-01-0027-300

02A27 LOT 27 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#12: 83-005-01-0026-300

02A26 LOT 26 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#13: 83-005-01-0025-300

02A25 LOT 25 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC GERBSTADT ST 60FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR

#14: 83-005-01-0024-300

02A24 LOT 24 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#15: 83-005-01-0023-300

02A23 LOT 23 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#16: 83-005-01-0021-300

02A21 LOT 21 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#17: 83-005-99-0004-000

02CD1 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1238.38FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.41FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2906.08FT TH WLY 146.57FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2900.27FT POB 9.75 AC

#18: 83-005-99-0005-000

02CD2 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1091.98FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.40FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2900.27FT TH WLY 146.95FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2888.72FT POB 9.73 AC

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More Letters

Here are some questions for Tri-community

To the editor:

Please publish this letter I sent to the League of Women Voters via lwvmail@yahoo.com for its virtual candidates' forum.

Although I am a registered voter in the City of Belleville, I feel strongly that all citizens and voters should be afforded the opportunity to ask questions we want answers to. We are now and have been for many year known as a Tri-community, "tightly knit," and closely related in many way. Oftentimes, an event or occurrence happening in one locality, directly affects the health and/or well-being of our surrounding communities. I am speaking not only of current or existing "happenings" but also trending or possible happenings. Thus, on behalf of our Tri-community residents and voters, I am pleading that you consider and include the following questions to be directed to the candidates seeking positions as Sumpter township Supervisor and trustees for both Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township.

1. The French Landing Dam in, and owned by, Van Buren Township. Please read thoroughly and most importantly the very first paragraph, the report entitled "Engineers: Local dam has high hazard potential," as printed in the May 28 issue of the *Belleville-Area Independent*. The Army Corps of Engineers claims the subject dam poses a "High hazard potential classification, the top danger criteria, means loss of human life is likely if the dam fails" – spelling DANGER! Why is Supt. McNamara "taking the 5th" thus avoiding transparency – complete honesty? We citizens, voters, and taxpayers deserve and respectfully demand an honest and timely reply.

Q. Are you, as a candidate, aware of the facts (please define) and what is your opinion?

2. The Wayne Disposal "dump" in Van Buren Township has been declared by authorities as "toxic"* and poisonous. The "dump" is expanding daily and is a dangerous and deadly threat to the health and well-being of all our present residents, as well as future generations. For many years, the VBT budget has benefited from the dump's "contributions" to the township. (In my opinion, a form of blackmail!) Bottom line is and the fact remains: the "DUMP" is toxic, poisonous!

Q. Are you, as a candidate, aware of the facts (please define) and what is your opinion?

Final questions: Why are you seeking this position? What, in your opinion, is the most urgent need in our community? What remedy would you instill if elected?

*Toxic: "Of, relating to, or caused by a toxin or other poison; capable of causing injury or death, especially by chemical means, poisonous."

Source: *The American Heritage Dictionary*, Fifth Edition

God Bless America.
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

Belleville DDA

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the motorcycle parking area there.

Jones said he is asking the DDA to remove that center tree and they could start having shows there, maybe even the blues festival slated for July 25. This would allow the city to fully use the square.

He suggested there could be Saturday evening shows at the Fourth Street Square to help the downtown be walkable. He said this could be just to keep the people downtown.

“I’m asking the DDA and the city to remove the tree,” Jones said.

DDA chairwoman Alicia McGovern said it would be added to the next agenda and information would be gathered. The next regular meeting is July 15.

McGovern asked where he planned to put the tree if it was removed and Jones said a number of trees could be used in the city’s parks.

“It’s not cost-prohibitive,” Jones said. “We could drum up some funding.”

Councilman Ken Voigt said he supports relocating that tree if they could roll the stage in there.

In other business at the virtual, 38-minute meeting:

- Heard DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson say most businesses are in some stage of reopening and there is a lot more activity on the street and people are celebrating that local businesses are surviving. She said the barricades ordered are on their way and the bench-tables are still a work in progress. The hand sanitizing stations ordered can’t be done and they are looking at rental options. She said the DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) passed the Senate and has gone over to the House;

- Took no action on changing the \$50 fee for a DDA brick, so it remains at \$50. The city has raised the price for bricks at the Veterans Memorial and Angel of Hope to \$100 each. The museum bricks remain at \$50;

- Heard Thompson report she has walked Village Park, Horizon Park and Victory Park several times and Gonczy is doing a fine job and is cleaning the sidewalks. She said all aerators are working at Village Park. She said once the high school graduate banners are done on Main Street the new DDA banners will be hung. The daily watering has begun since the hanging baskets were able to go up a little early this year. She said once the library does its parking lot concrete the DDA will get an estimate from Spicer on the work the DDA will do on Fourth Street; and

- Heard Councilman Voigt say the governor is due to come out with worst-case scenarios and the July 25 blues festival may be done as a drive-in at the high school. “Michigan and New York are the only states really doing well and there is a smaller chance to spread,” Voigt said. “We haven’t given up”.

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#19: 83-005-99-0006-000

02CD3 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 865.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 226.20FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2888.72FT TH SWLY 228.34FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2859.43FT POB 14.93 AC

#20: 83-005-99-0007-000

02CD4 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 733.96FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 131.82FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2859.43FT TH SWLY 133.44FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2835.85FT POB 8.62 AC

#21: 83-005-99-0010-000

02D5B PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 148.18FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2246.62FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 7.64 AC

#22: 83-005-99-0008-000

02C5 D5A PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT AND N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 557FT TH NELY 151.88FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 589.23FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 1.95 AC

#23: 83-005-99-0009-701

02CD6A,F2,G1,H2,N1B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC AND NW 1/4 SEC 02 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG AT THE CENTER OF SEC 02 - - TH S89 59 43E 585.78 FT- TH N00 09 17W 2810.89 FT- TH S76 27 50W 343.74 FT- TH S00 44 50E 239.30 FT- TH S76 27 50W 287.49 FT- TH S00 45 56E 938.11 FT- TH S89 38 26W 482.12 FT- TH S18 42 08E 1565.47 FT TO POB - 44.41 AC

#24: 83-005-99-0009-002

02CD6B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 2 T3SR8E BEG N0DEG 18M W 2424.26FT FROM THE CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 18M W 239.30FT TH N76DEG 54M 40S E 286.70FT TH S0DEG 18M E 239.30FT TH S76DEG 54M 40S W 286.70FT POB 1.58 AC

#25: 83-008-99-0006-701

02S1,T1 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 2518FT FROM SE 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 111.29FT - TH N88DEG 02M 30S W 596.58FT - TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 127.68FT - TH S89DEG 37M E 596.55FT POB 1.64 AC - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N89 DEG 33S W 60.04 FT AND S00 DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT FROM E 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH S00 DEG 12M 11S W 7.21 FT - TH N89 DEC 33M 32 S W 596.13 FT - TH N 00 DEC 12M 11S E 23.48 FT - S 87 DEG 59M 49S E 596.58 FT TO POB 0.21AC - K - 1.85

#26: 83-008-99-0021-701

*02S 17-23 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 T3S, R8E,DESC AS BEG N87DEG 36M 47S W 60FT AND DUE N 1066FT FROM SE COR OF SEC2- TH N89DEG 37M 00S W 600.57FT- TH N00DEG 09M 30S E 462FT- TH S89DEG 37M 00S E 599.28FT -TH DUE S 462FT TO POB 6.36 AC

#27: 83-008-99-0008-000

02S9 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 1990FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N89DEG 37M W 597.82FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 65.99FT TH S89DEG 37M E

#28: 83-008-99-0007-000

02S2 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 2452FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N89DEG 37M W 596.55FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 66FT TH S89DEG 37M E 596.73FT POB 0.90 AC

#29: 83-008-99-0011-000

02S7 PT OF SSE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE NORTH 2122FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N 89DEG 37M W 597.46FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 66FT TH S89DEG 37M E 597.64FT POB 0.91 AC

#30: 83-008-99-0012-700

PT OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 02 BEG N 89D 37M W 60 FT AND DUE N 2056 FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 02 TH DUE NORTH 66 FT TH N 89D 37M W 597.64 FT TH S 00D 09M 30S W 66 FT TH S 89D 37M E 597.82 FT TO POB 0.91AC

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#31: 83-008-99-0013-000

02S9 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 1990FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N89DEG 37M W 597.82FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 65.99FT TH S89DEG 37M E 598.01FT POB 0.91 AC

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Clerk Leon Wright at 734-699-8909.

Published: June 18, 2020
June 25, 2020
July 2, 2020

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 **July 22, 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 20-005: A request by NC Designers on behalf of owner IS Real Estate LLC / Belleville Oil Company, Inc. to demolish buildings on an existing gasoline station site including an existing +/- 924-sq. ft. convenience store, +/- 4,600-sq. ft. canopy, twelve (12) gasoline pumps, shed and vinyl fencing and to construct a new +/- 3,395-sq. ft. convenience store with retail and food service, including a drive-thru lane and one (1) drive-thru window, a 3,213-sq. ft. canopy with ten (10) gasoline pumps, and related site improvements. The +/- 1.06-acre site, zoned C-1 – General Business District, is located at 11250 Haggerty Road (tax parcel number 83 051 99 0003 002), at the northwest corner of the intersection of the I- 94 North Service Drive and Haggerty Road.

Drive-thru facilities as accessory to a permitted principal use require a special land use permit in the C-1 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 **July 17, 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, July 21, 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.

Posted: June 26, 2020
Published: July 2, 2020



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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter have resumed dog and cat adoptions by appointment only at their no-kill shelter on Arkona Road. Appointments can be made Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (734) 461-9458. Be sure to check out their featured pet orphan of the week returning to this weekly newspaper. Pet adoption events around the tri-community have not been scheduled at this time. Visit www.fmar1.org to view available pets and for a list of items needed for donations, such as pet food, kitty litter, cleaning supplies, etc.

The Lunch Box's days are numbered next to the former Lakeview Tavern along the first block of Main coming in over the bridge. Aug. 1 is their closing date and you have the rest of July to get your favorite Lunch Box sandwich, via pick-up or delivery. No dine-in. A letter from LB's owner Rodney Herald is printed in today's paper, thanking the community for 10 years of support and creating friendships. The building will be leveled along with the bar next door, all at the same time, by developer Scott Jones and contractors Davenport Brothers Construction. Herald says he's part of the new project when it gets completed. Details will come. Going to miss you, Lunch Box.

The Willis Feed Mill in the village of Willis has expanded its weekend hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays and you can have your order ready for curbside pick-up or walk in and shop yourself. Masks are required and social distancing is followed. Willis Feed Mill is one of the largest stores around to get Michigan-made dog and cat food, horse and livestock feed, poultry feed, hay, straw, and much more. Check out its organic products, too. Call (734) 461-1111.

Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport has reopened following a three-month closure due to COVID-19 and will be holding a late night at the museum on Wednesday, July 8, when it will stay open until 8 p.m. Other late dates include Aug. 12, Sept. 16, and Oct. 14. Visit its website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org for museum details, hours, programs and events, etc. Call (734) 483-4030.

Beltone Hearing Center in the plaza at 889 Sumpter Road is offering free hearing screening and a no-cost offer for qualified customers, a CaptionCall phone system with a display where your phone conversation is scrolled in real-time text to let you read your conversation as you talk. See its ad in today's paper for the details and call (734) 256-4113 to make an appointment. Masks are required and

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 428 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, June 21:

0007 – domestic, Harmony Ln.
0148 – domestic, Hawthorne Ct.
0530 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0639 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0738 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
0825 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0838 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0924 – intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.
0950 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1118 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1235 – civil matter, Edison Lake
1259 – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr./Farm
1411 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1440 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1449 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1458 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1529 – civil matter, Richard Run Dr.
1716 – threat, Edgedale Dr.
2028 – juvenile complaint, Bayshore Dr.
2042 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd./Renton Rd.
2135 – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft
2147 – fireworks, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.
2203 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.

Monday, June 22:

0114 – suicidal person, Landmark
0114 – suicidal person, Rawsonville Rd.
0241 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0310 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Canton Center Rd.
0421 – threat, Hamlin St.
0608 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0722 – larceny, Van Born
0738 – larceny, Van Born
0753 – unattended death, Stamford Rd.
0936 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Linda Vista Ct.
1158 – fraud, Martz Rd.
1237 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1259 – ordinance violation, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft Rd.
1528 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.

1540 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1919 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2004 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
2029 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

2102 – lake complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2135 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
2150 – fireworks, Parkwood Dr.
2211 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenwood Dr.
2243 – fireworks, Rogers Ave.
2317 – fireworks, Winchester St.
2319 – civil matter, Sheldon Rd.
2343 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2348 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, June 23:

0159 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0211 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.
0302 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0331 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
0537 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd./I-94
0830 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
1051 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.
1118 – parking complaint, Vista Dr./Penninsular
1221 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1311 – lake emergency, Belleville Lake
1343 – warrant arrest, S. I-94 Service/Rawsonville
1518 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

1527 -- road hazard, W. I-94 Haggerty ramp / S. Haggerty

1534 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Pond Estates
1653 – assist other dept., America
2115 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
2148 – larceny, Wildbrook Dr.
2212 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Woodbury Dr.
2318 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, June 24:

0056 – civil matter, Pebblebrook Dr.
0125 – 911 welfare check, Walden Blvd.
0241 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.

0642 – misc. complaint, Michigan Ave.
0727 -- malicious destruction of property, Assembly St.
1006 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1035 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1124 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Dr.
1154 – missing person, Jackson St.
1233 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
1301 – 911 welfare check, Hull Rd.
1302 – ordinance violation, Martz Rd.
1318 – assist fire dept., Village Center Dr.
1435 – civil matter, Chaney Ave.
1559 – neighbor trouble, Buchanan St.
1559 – neighbor trouble, Buchanan St.
1708 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2139 – fireworks, Maple Dr.
2328 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
2353 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.

Thursday, June 25:

0302 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0304 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0423 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0542 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0546 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0827 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
0901 – larceny, Amanda Dr.
1030 – ordinance violation, Coolidge/Barkley
1033 – assist other dept., Parkwood
1036 – fraud, Anna Dr.
1125 – malicious destruction of property, Sadie
1131 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Exchange
1140 – private property impound, Hull Rd.
1150 – 911 welfare check, Togowtee Pass
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ellen Ave.
1236 – lost property/child, Holly Ln.
1321 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1346 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1605 – missing person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1610 – suspicious person/vehicle, Marlowe Ave.
1624 – traffic offense, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1629 – hospice death, E. Adams
1626 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Van Born
1822 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
1856 – assist fire dept., Lake Point Blvd.
2013 – malicious destruction of property, Tompkins St.

2244 – fireworks, Locust Dr.
2252 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
2332 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.

Friday, June 26:

0011 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0121 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
0212 – assist other dept., Lancaster/Fairfield
0332 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
0401 – assist other dept., Beck Rd.
0512 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0609 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

0751 – follow up by officer, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0759 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sadie Ln.
0905 – property damage accident, Locust Dr.
0915 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
0911 – disorderly, Holly Ln.
0950 – misc. complaint, Edison Lake Rd.
0951 – parking complaint, Edgedale Dr.
1005 – intrusion alarm, Basswood Cir.
1042 – animal complaint, Stonebridge Dr.
1043 – ordinance violation, Colonial Rd.
1112 – civil matter, Michigan Ave.
1135 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1149 – threat, Sylvia Dr.
1226 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1232 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1243 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1247 – threat, Holly Ln.
1443 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd./Ecorse
1556 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1657 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service
1920 – misc. complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1934 – traffic offense, Bog Rd.
1955 – harassment call, Dewitt Rd.
2014 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2019 – larceny, Wildbrook Dr.
2037 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2049 – fireworks, Hoeft Rd./Togowtee Pass
2123 – fireworks, Jackson St./Hamilton St.
2144 – family trouble, Revere Dr.
2247 – malicious destruction of property, S. Woodbury Dr.

2258 – intrusion alarm, Ruthan Dr.
2355 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
2359 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

Saturday, June 27:

0011 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0013 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.
0103 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft
1027 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1038 – assist citizen, Belleville Lake/High St.
1225 – threat, Greenbriar Ct.
1259 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd./Hoeft
1307 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1330 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1514 – personal injury accident, s. I-94 Service Dr.
1617 – unattended death, E. Adams
1712 – civil matter, E. Archwood Dr.
1716 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1754 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1800 – trespassing, Denton Rd.
1822 – lake complaint, Harmony Ln.
1824 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr. / Ironwood Dr.
1845 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
1929 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse
1935 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2001 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
2028 – civil matter, Belleville/Quirk
2048 – neighbor trouble, Peachtree Ln.
2048 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
2159 – fireworks, Michigan Ave.
2223 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2225 – parking complaint, Van Buren/Arthur
2228 – fireworks, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2339 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
2351 – noise complaint, S. Belleridge Dr.

Also on this week's log are 183 traffic stops, 79 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 21:

0243 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria Commons
1119 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1425 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Thornhill Ct.
1913 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty

Monday, June 22:

0051 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0212 – suicidal person, Carmell St.
1014 – ordinance violation, N. Liberty St.
1113 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1607 – assist fire dept., Estrada Dr.
1708 – 911 welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
2320 – noise complaint, Carmell St.

Tuesday, June 23:

1411 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.
1446 – missing person, Estrada Dr.
1612 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, June 24:

1406 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1419 – property damage accident, Second/Main
1626 – domestic, Estrada
2222 – noise complaint, Oxford Ct.

Thursday, June 25:

1047 – civil matter, Sec. of State
1216 – private property impound, Hull Rd.
1220 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1622 – disorderly, Main St.
1759 – trespassing, Potter Dr.
2054 – traffic stop, W. Wabash Ave./South St.

Friday, June 26:

0132 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
0612 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0945 – property damage accident, Main St./First
1112 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1547 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty/Third

Saturday, June 27:

0044 – threat, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0637 – assist citizen, Estrada
1035 – lake complaint, High St. kayak launch
1046 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.
1251 – suspicious person/vehicle, Santa Clara St.
1819 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
1936 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2227 – welfare check, E. Thornhill Ct.

There was one traffic stop this week.

“You have to be odd to be number one.”
— Dr. Seuss

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 21:

0428 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0940 – follow up investigation, Carriage Ln.
1052 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Wear
1057 – assist other agency, 9600 bl. Rawsonville
1425 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1430 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1732 – shots fired, Karr Rd./Judd Rd.
1849 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
1957 – suspicious circumstances, 46000 bl. Kozminski
2246 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.

Monday, June 22:

0845 – parking complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0953 – traffic complaint, Timberlane Dr.
1111 – 911 hang up, New Mexico St.
1145 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1212 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
1457 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1637 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1707 – traffic complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1917 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1953 – neighborhood trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2124 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

2136 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2213 – malicious destruction of property, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2323 – reckless driver, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Tuesday, June 23:

0137 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
0744 – traffic complaint, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0758 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0759 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0839 – alarm, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
0849 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0910 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0946 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1021 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1029 – malicious destruction of property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

1037 – suspicious circumstances, 51000 bl. Willis
1142 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1209 – suspicious person, Hampshire Dr.
1231 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1947 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Boyd Dr.
1957 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2046 – breaking & entering, Walnut St.
2334 – noise complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Wednesday, June 24:

0003 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0036 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
0042 – traffic complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0855 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0938 – malicious destruction of property, E. Arizona St.

1001 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
1223 – animal complaint, Willow Rd. / Sumpter
1434 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Savage
1449 – follow-up investigation, Hampshire Dr.
1523 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1748 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1828 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1936 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1953 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2254 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Thursday, June 25:

0008 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0423 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sherwood Rd./Willis Rd.
0520 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1250 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1354 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
1508 – traffic complaint, Clark Rd./Savage Rd.
1510 – reckless driver, Bemis Rd./Sully Dr.
1559 – follow-up investigation, Hampshire Dr.
1740 – ORV complaint, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.
1838 – neighborhood trouble, Country Club Blvd.
1939 – welfare check, Carriage Ln.
2004 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2144 – family trouble, California
2354 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd./Martinsville

Friday, June 26:

0026 – noise complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0200 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0847 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
1148 – suspicious circumstances, Sumpter/Willow

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1303 – alarm, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1343 – follow-up investigation, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1437 – traffic complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1531 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1609 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1816 – breaking & entering, Carriage Ln.
1859 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1938 – neighborhood trouble, Rustic Ln.
2000 – ORV complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2020 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2138 – noise complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2305 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, June 27:

0015 – alarm, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
0056 – down wires, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
0100 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0204 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
0230 – suspicious circumstances, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0312 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0641 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
0950 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1200 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1218 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1414 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1748 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1822 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
2024 – noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2118 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

Also on this week's log are 80 patrol checks, five miscellaneous details and five traffic stops.

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social guidelines are in place. Visit www.beltonhearingaid.com.

I see more and more outdoor dining in the area and I love it. Last Friday evening, I was enjoying my Friday Fish with my family at Tony's Coney Island and Grill in New Boston and stayed for the 6 p.m. parade of the graduating class of 2020 from New Boston Huron High School. The happy seniors rode in decorated vehicles, convertibles, opened jeeps, trunks of cars, and safely, I'll add. It was cool to see and of course, they were escorted by Huron Township Public Safety in front and in the back. I can still hear ringing from all the sirens. It appeared that the walkers trying to keep up were parents and siblings taking pictures and video. It was my first, and probably only parade this year. Congrats to the grads!

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

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO BE HELD

3:30 P.M., MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

**IN THE DENTON ROOM
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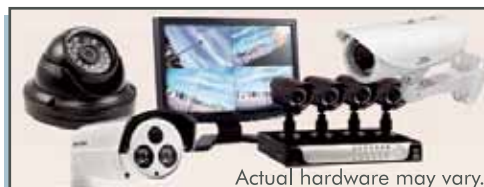
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