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A bench provided by the Belleville Rotary Club and the Charles Cozadd Foundation was dedicated in memory of Peter William Quenet on July 13 front of the Sumpter Township Media Center. Quenet, who was born in England, died Oct. 19, 2017 at the age of 86. He was a very active member of the Rotary Club and had lived in Sumpter Township for many years, serving on the planning commission. Present in the rain for the dedication were those representing Rotary, the Belleville Area District Library, Sumpter Township, and the family of Mr. Quenet's widow. From left are David Juchartz, Kathie Juchartz, Ray Eissinger, unknown, Trustee Peggy Morgan, unknown, Dorrie Juchartz, unknown, Carol Dolph, widow Debbie Juchartz and Library Director/Rotarian Mary Jo Suchy sitting on the bench, Trustees Matt Oddy and Tim Rush, Treasurer Vincent Warren, and library board members Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Mary Jane Dawson.

Belleville Area District Library now fully open, back in full service

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library is now fully open and back in full service. The chairs have been returned to their places around the library and people are invited to sit and stay and read and browse at will.

This is what library director Mary Jo

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Inside the Sumpter Media Center, and out of the rain, the family of the late Peter Quenet gathered for a picture. From left are Kathie Juchartz, Dorrie Juchartz, David Juchartz, and Mr. Quenet's widow Debbie Juchartz.

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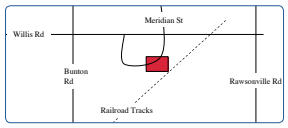

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This picture taken on Sunday morning shows that the intersection of Hannan Road with the I-94 S. Service Drive in Van Buren Township and Northline Road in Romulus is pretty much complete. The intersection has been closed since mid April for construction to redo the crossing by putting in a traffic light and extra lanes to make it safer.

Belleville DDA considers changing grass mowing contractors

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Because the grass was growing in the parks and the mowing contractors weren't mowing, members of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority discussed changing contractors this year at their June 16 zoom meeting.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson suggested the DDA rebid the mowing contract. He said he had called them and they said every single Wednesday they would be cutting, but they weren't.

"Our parks need to be pristine," Chief Robinson said. He said every day he is getting calls complaining about the grass.

"We can't get people to come out and give a bid on the city hall roof," Robinson said, referring to employee issues everywhere.

City Councilwoman Kelly Bates said at the September DDA meeting she spoke up about the grass cutting, since she lives in Victoria Commons next to the city park.

"It's been a battle for seven years," Councilwoman Bates said, noting she's been trying to get the parks cut properly, with edging and blowing added. She said she went out with city staff and walked the park, "putting eyes on it."

She said the DDA agreed to a one-year contract to see if they were going to do it.

DDA vice chairman Jason Mida said, "First we have to get the contract … Edging was not in the contract."

DDA secretary Denise Baker said the DDA asked them to add it to the contract. She said at the May 20, 2020 meeting they talked about the grass cutting and then at the next meeting they approved the one-year contract. That contract has expired.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern said she searched records and could not find the contract at all. She asked Mida to look into that.

The DDA is reorganizing after the recent resignation of longtime DDA coordinator Carol Thompson.

Mida said the DDA had three bidders and it chose Gonczy because it was low-bidder and Gonczy had worked for the DDA before.

In other business at the almost two-hour meeting, the DDA:

• Voted unanimously to hold its July meeting face-to-face instead of by zoom;

• Voted unanimously to buy two banners for the First Wednesday Food Truck and Entertainment event, staying within the $250 budget. One would be put on the Belleville Bridge and one along the bottom of the stage where the band is playing on the Fourth Street Square. That would announce that the entertainment is presented by the DDA, since treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said at the first event, people thought the band was from Egan's Pub. At the end of the meeting, DDA member Jennifer Winter from Egan's said Egan's has never had anything but Irish bands;

• Agreed to pay $2,000 for the rest of the bands for the season, paying each per performance. This is in addition to the $1,000 approved at the last meeting;

• Voted to buy three, quarter-page ads in the *Independent* for $432 and get a fourth one free to advertise the First Wednesday event. The ad would announce the name of the band and what food trucks are scheduled;

• Agreed to keep on the agenda the possibility of using the new deputy administrator, who starts with the city on July 6, to manage the DDA as part of his job and being paid by the DDA to do this. Robinson said he had a long discussion with the deputy who is current city manager and director of the DDA in another city. He said he would like the new deputy to be part of the DDA's next meeting to ask him hard questions and to dive into his experiences. "I'll support whatever you decide," Robinson said; and

• Learned from Councilman Ken Voigt the the banners planned for the lightpoles downtown are: BHS senior banners are now up and a new batch will go up in July and stay until the end of July; then Aug. 1 through the middle of October are public art banners; and from then through the end of January would be the veterans' banners. From February through April they would need the seasonal banners. They are 8-10 years old and may need replacement. Mayor Kerreen Conley said the more personalized banners have been well-received.

Belleville City Manager recommends Hootman for clerk-treasurer job

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's virtual meeting of the Belleville City Council City Manager/ Police Chief Dave Robinson proposed his police records clerk to fill the vacant position of city clerk-treasurer.

Chief Robinson had spoken highly of Briana Hootman's skills in the past when he offered her to help temporarily with the Downtown Development Authority work after coordinator Carol Thompson resigned.

Then, when Clerk/Treasurer Verna Chapman resigned, Hootman was again in place to help with those pressing needs in addition to her records clerk duties.

Chief Robinson said when Hootman did the minutes for the July 6 city council meeting and no councilmembers made any corrections, he felt like a proud papa. He said he has posted Hootman's records clerk position internally to begin with and will post it in the *Independent* and statewide.

He said he now is working through the Civil Service Commission on how they want to handle it and whether they want to interview. He said, on her own, Hootman has gone through state certification to be an elections official. He said that is a long process and he doesn't know how far along she is.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

City Council sticks to quorum rule

On Monday, while discussing the pros and cons of resuming in-person or holding hybrid meetings of the Belleville City Council, there was some back and forth about whether it mattered if they had a quorum. If some of the council members were at the meeting in person and some were present online, did they have to have a quorum in person?

Mayor Kerreen Conley said hybrid is when some are in person and some are on line. How many need to be in person?

"Does anybody care?" she asked. "What if one council member shows up? None show up?"

Councilman Tom Fielder, a retired high school civics teacher, said, "I have strong feelings on this. The council meeting in person should have a quorum… The elected officials need to be present in a quorum…"

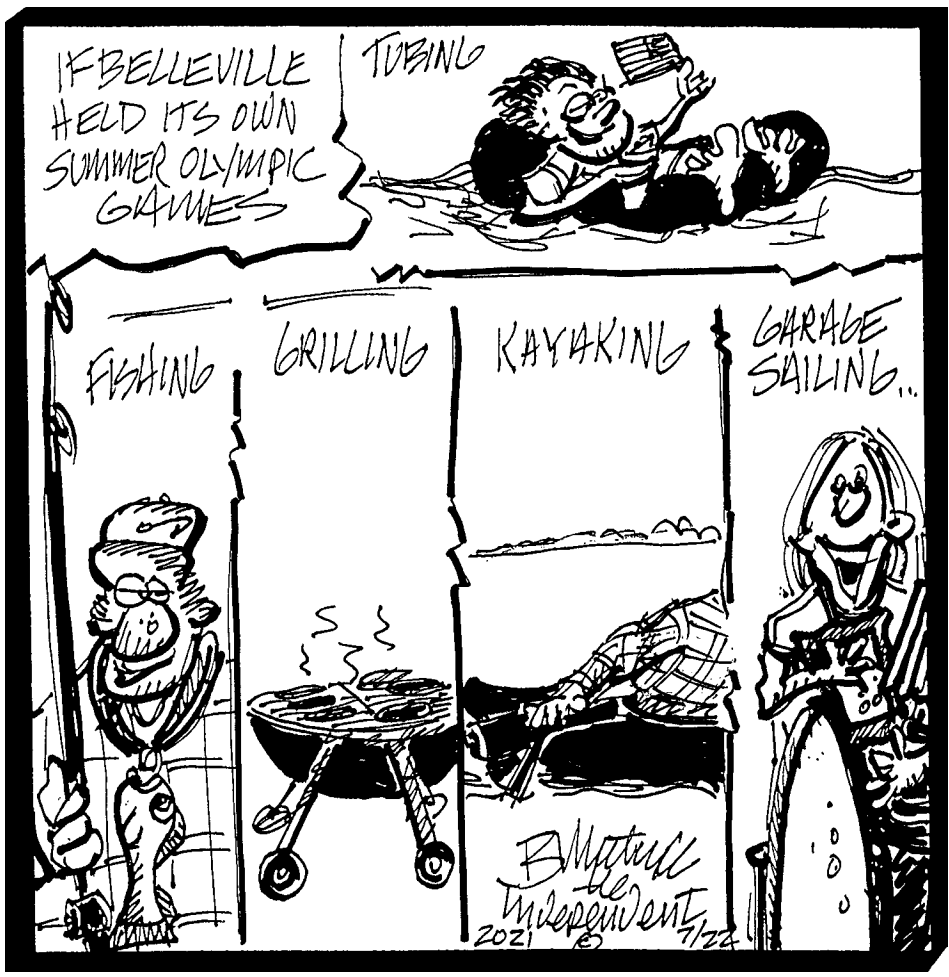
He noted the State of Michigan will tell them when they have to go back to in-person meetings. Currently, municipalities can remain in virtual meetings until the end of the year.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates disagreed and she wanted it to be an option to be in person or not. Resident Mike Renaud who attends meetings regularly said he is immune-compromised and if the council isn't ready to meet in person, it shouldn't be considered at all.

They decided to meet in person with a hybrid option of being on line at the second meeting in August. But, there has to be a quorum in person. Good decision!

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



On July 14, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives put out an alert that a Federal firearms licensee in Wayne County experienced a burglary that resulted in the theft of firearms.

ATF wrote: "Please ensure your safety and the security of both your inventory and property. Report all suspicious persons or activity to your local police department. Additionally, notify ATF at 888-367-5762 if you find any of your firearms missing, lost or stolen."

We don't know where the burglary occurred.

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The *Independents* that were mailed to Belleville subscribers on July 8 were sent out of town – to wherever -- for sorting by the post office and finally came back to town and started being delivered to local readers on July 14.

The way it's always been is that we take the new *Independents* to the Belleville Post Office before noon on Thursday and they are given to the Belleville postal delivery people and they deliver them on Friday. Not this time.

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Belleville artist Jean Morris received more than 90 birthday cards celebrating her 90th birthday on July 12. She even got taken out to lunch two days later to keep the celebration going.

Jean used to run the Coy Kendall greenhouse at Bemis and Martinsville roads when I first knew her. Her husband Homer was a classmate at BHS with my oldest brother, Steve. Jean was sent to Chicago to train in horticulture. Later, she became an artist, who is much-beloved in our community. She lives in Belleville now.

I remember when my mother was bound to her bed during her final years, Jean brought my mother one of her paintings as a gift. My mother was so pleased. I treasure it still.

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Belleville groups are beginning plans for Harvest Fest, probably on Oct. 9. Romulus officials announced they are working to make Pumpkin Fest in their city the best ever. But, Huron Township has announced that Apple Fest is canceled, due to all the construction on I-275 and construction in New Boston.

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On Monday morning we were alerted that Chase bank had been robbed again and employees were being ushered out of the building. We contacted Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson and he reported that they just had an individual with mental health problems. The person was conveyed to the hospital by his father for evaluation. No bank robbery.

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Mayor LeRoy Burcroff announced at the July 6 meeting of the Romulus City Council that the old 34th District Court courthouse expects to be used by a "stand-alone operation that will generate revenue." He gave no details.

Many had thought since the Romulus Police Department needs more space that building might be good for them to use. But the council approved new carpeting for some of the police department and a rental of a building from Metro Airport for storage to be shared by the clerk's office and the police department.

It will be interesting to see what comes to the former court building.

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Before the discussion on whether to go back to public meetings for the Belleville City Council, council members received a page of information listing local municipalities and whether their meetings are virtual or in person, as well as other communities throughout the state that have populations similar to Belleville

Council members said they really liked having all that information to review to see what others had done. The 10 listed with populations under 5,000 were 50% in person, 30% virtual, and 20% hybrid.

Of the 25 communities reviewed, 56% had resumed in-person meetings, 36% were still meeting virtually, and 8% were using a hybrid approach.

Sumpter Township with population of 9,479 is in-person and Van Buren Township with population of 28,821 is virtual. Belleville currently is virtual but plans to go hybrid in mid August.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said the city's new deputy administrator Tim McLean put the list together for them in half an hour.

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Letters

Working 'in the weeds' in Sumpter Township

To the editor:

Over the past several years I have been working "in the weeds" clearing obstructions from around signs, fire hydrants, etc. in Sumpter Township. I've been doing this because Wayne County does an inadequate job and Sumpter Township has not been of much help, either.

Wayne County has a system in place called "ROAD CREW" in which residents can call in with specific complaints about the roads, etc. and the county would then (sometimes) send someone out to address the problem, though seldom in a timely manner. For every complaint called into "ROAD CREW" there are, I'm sure, over a hundred that are not reported. ROAD CREW, by its design, guarantees that issues are not addressed until they have reached a critical point, often as a threat to public safety. "ROAD CREW" is a failed system.

There is a better way to do things. It's this new concept called "regular maintenance." Instead of waiting until the situation is out of hand, adopt a scheduled maintenance program, once in the spring, once in the summer, and once in the fall. Based on experience and observations, I know that two employees could clear every street sign, fire hydrant and guard rail on the east side of the township in less than six hours. Done three times a year, the area would be a much-safer place than it's been in 30 years, or more. It would look a lot better, too.

A final point: For various reasons, the decades old problem regarding obstructions has finally, I hope, been recognized by the township. I submitted a four-page plan of my maintenance program to the board, part of which is outlined here. After a lot of jaw flapping and a few cases of amnesia, the township has finally come up with a plan. You can see it on their web site. Their plan is for citizens to report incidents where "weeds that are blocking intersections, fire hydrants, and signs." There is something very familiar about that plan. This is Sumpter Township's version of "ROAD CREW."

Sometimes I think it would be easier to train a monkey.

R.M., Sumpter Resident

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I heard a sermon that put my mind at rest

Dear Tri-Community Neighbors:

Almost daily, we are being bombarded with political news and opinions -- unsettling, threatening, hateful and angry; oftentimes proven to be outright lies for what appears to be a battle of the networks.

WHO and WHAT can we believe? Admittedly, I have been "caught-up" while attempting to "keep-up." One bad habit I know I'll not repeat is to watch any TV news broadcast before bedtime, sadly resulting in a toss-and-turn sleepless night!

Fortunately, and very timely for me, I heard a sermon this morning from the Book of Isaiah, spoken by Bryan Murawski, pastor of Bethany Bible Church. Most importantly, and because we all need to be reminded to put our total trust and belief in God's Word -- Immanuel: HE IS ALWAYS WITH US. NOT the media! I feel quite certain there are many among us who are experiencing the same anxieties and discouragement while listening to the TV news.

I'm so thankful to once again be reassured that our Dear Lord truly does answer our prayers. We can be certain, yes -- with blessed assurance. Prayer IS the answer to our need for calmness and Peace.
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In His Name, (Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

We had great experience with Clog-Busters

To the editor:

I was wondering if you would be able to run an ad about Clog-Busters of Belleville. We had such a great experience with them and feel everyone should know how great of a company they are. Thank you.

While visiting my grandpa Thomas Clayton in Belleville we experienced a sewer back up. I called several complies prior to reaching Clog-Busters, all who were rather rude and wouldn't be able to make it that day.

From the moment the phone was answered at Clog-Busters to when Jeremy left, we experienced nothing but extreme politeness and you could tell they wanted to help. We had to wait until the following day, was told between 8-12 p.m. Jeremy arrived around 9 a.m., he was friendly and answered all the questions I asked.

He explained what he saw, what needed to be done and took excellent care of the line to help my grandpa's sewer. In the past others tried to take advantage of my grandpa and quoted he needed new pipes. Jeremy showed us his lines and explained they did not need to be replaced. He was honest, friendly, and knowledgeable. We highly recommend them!

Mandie Benegasi

"You can observe a lot just by watching."
– Yogi Berra

District Library

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Suchy reported to the library board at its regular, in-person meeting on July 13.

She said with parents working with children on the child computers, "It feeds my soul seeing our building being used this way."

Suchy said masks are no longer required for the public, but the patrons are invited to wear masks if they wish. She said all chairs, tables, computers, and study rooms have been opened and booking of the larger rooms by organizations will begin no later than Aug. 1.

She said patrons have discovered the second-floor terrace and seem pleased.

The board unanimously suspended the COVID Plan and the Reopening Policy, as requested by Suchy and required by the state.

"One year ago we were required to have a response plan … and it's time to let these documents go … to suspend them, as required by law," she said. "If we had to go back we can enact them or come up with a new plan."

Suchy also said as part of the Summer Reading Program they are collecting items for Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue, the no-kill animal shelter in Sumpter Township.

In other business at the almost one-hour meeting, the board:

• Heard building committee chairperson Joy Cichewicz announce that all the HVAC changes are still pending, they are fixing panels on the arc by reattaching them, there is a punch list for the landscaper, and Sumpter Township now has Wifi for the media center as well as a people counter inside. The main library also has a inside people counter. She said the inside donor signs should be installed by fall and the mailboxes Brown Dog did are done. Chairperson Sharon Peters said 30-50 inside donor signs and tree signs have been delayed for over a year. Suchy said mockups are being done first and Cichewicz said they are expected to be installed by fall. Peters said the building had a small leak during a recent storm and that has been repaired;

• Heard John Juriga report that he has talked to the city manager and the assistant city manager and they called in DPW director Rick Rutherford concerning the city escrow account that once contained $52,000 of library funds for Hennessey Engineering work on the site. "There should be money left," Cichewicz said;

• Heard Juriga also report that Congresswoman Debbie Dingell gave him the number of the CEO of the American Mobility Center at Willow Run to talk to about his goal of having recharging stations put into the far end of the new parking lot. Juriga said the CEO said he is in the process of getting grants to install recharging stations. Juriga also reported that besides being on the library board, he

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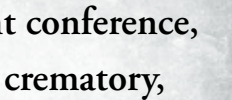
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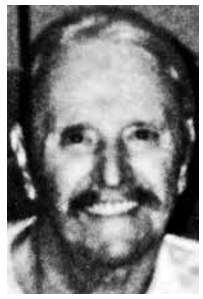

Larry Dean Smith

LARRY DEAN SMITH
(January 24, 1944 - July 13, 2021)
Larry Dean Smith of Van Buren Township passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. He was born to Joseph Haze and Bulah Smith in Wheelwright, Kentucky, January 24, 1944. He was father of two loving children, Deanna Smith Griffith and Randy Dean Smith. He was preceded in death by his sister Patsy Smith. Larry worked at G.M. Livonia until he retired.

Jessica Lynn Kauffman

JESSICA LYNN KAUFFMAN
(October 29, 1977 - July 11, 2021)
Jessica Lynn Kauffman, age 43, lifelong resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021 at Ascension Hospital in Macomb, MI. She was born on October 29, 1977, in Petosky, MI to Gloria Jean Kauffman. Jessica enjoyed gardening, fishing and loved being in social groups and was a true "people" person. She adored and cherished her cats "Rocket" and "Pepper."
Jessica is survived by her mother, Gloria Jean, and companion Ray O'Hearn of Warren, MI, uncle Louis (Lucille) Kauffman of Schwartz Creek, MI, also numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Joseph and Margaret Kauffman; three uncles: Harry Kauffman of Grayling, Harvey Kauffman of Uma, AZ, and Charles Kaufman of Flint, MI, also three aunts: Beatrice Day of Rapid City, MI, Rose Kauffman of Richmond, MI, and Rachel Hubbard of Richmond, MI.
Cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A private Celebration of Life is to be held at a later date in Grayling, MI. Interment will be in Otsego Twp. Cemetery.
Memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals or the Spinal Bifida Association of Michigan and would be appreciated.
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MARILYN JENKINS
(December 24, 1952 - July 16, 2021)
Age 68. Survived by children Melissa Engstrom and Jeffrey Jenkins, brothers Kevin and Michael Pratt, grandson Isaac Engstrom. Visitation at David C. Brown Funeral Home is July 22, 4-6 p.m., with service at 6 p.m.
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MAUREEN E. BRADLEY
(June 6, 1928 - July 15, 2021)
Maureen E. Bradley, age 93, longtime resident of Van Buren Township for 76 years, passed away Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Angela Hospice Evangelical Center in Saline. She was born June 6, 1928, in London, England, daughter of Stanley Herbert and Alice Rhoda (Hicks) Quinn. Maureen was a manager in foodservice and retail. She was known to be the "best babysitter in the whole wide world." Maureen adored the grandkids and her passion showed in her care and supervision of them. Her hobbies included knitting, and she was a basket maker by trade. Maureen continued to babysit years into her retirement. Most of all, she loved time with her family, especially her grandkids.
Maureen is survived by three children, Kathy (Gary) Billings of Willis, Terry (Tammy) Bradley of Clinton Township, Tim "TJ" (Diann) Bradley of New Boston, and her beloved grandchildren. Maureen was preceded in death by her husband Bertram Bradley, her children Patricia Bradley in 1984 and Mike Bradley in 2009, also her parents.
Visitation was Sunday, July 18, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.
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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 climb to 75, positive tests at 3,517

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code rose by one to 75 as of Monday, July 19, according to the Wayne County Health Department. It has been at 74 since June 20.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,517 on Monday, July 19, up from 3,508 the previous Monday, July 12.

On Monday, July 19, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,356 positive cases, 42 deaths; city of Belleville, 493 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 668 positive cases, 12 deaths.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, July 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meeting canceled.

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

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

• Monday, Aug. 2 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 3 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych

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Flowers in the Mitten, the florist at 36726 Goddard in downtown Romulus, is gearing up for a beach-themed Craft & Vendor Show on Saturday, July 31, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Owner Rachel Botu will feature over 30 vendors along with food offerings, a raffle, music, and a kid's tent with games and prizes. Call (734) 992-8334.

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Faith Assembly Church and Pastor Doug Valentine is holding outdoor church services every Sunday at 11 a.m. under their new tent, located in front of the church itself in the parking lot. On Aug. 15, the church will have Sticks & Stones Pizza Oven food truck on hand to go with a free Back-to-School Supplies giveaway with free ice cream. Lawn chairs are available, however, you may bring your own. Pastor Valentine said the 60x60 foot tent is available for other community functions too, such as weddings, showers, baby showers, reunions, concerts, etc. The $26,000 tent was ordered in March and was finally delivered, following manufacturing and shipping delays out of New York due to Covid. To learn more about church services or to inquire about tent availability, call (734) 697-6704.

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Music Lakeside returns tonight at Horizon Park, from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring Magic Bus. Visit www.musiclakeside.com. In case of rain, the concert will move indoors into the Belleville First United Methodist Church across the street. The concert is free.

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The village of New Boston and the Applefest Committee has decided to cancel this year's Applefest and it wasn't

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Minding Biz

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because of Covid or bridge construction. The reason: road construction that will be underway along parts of Huron River Drive in the downtown area at the time of the festival in October. They hope to return the festival in 2022. Meanwhile, be sure to check out the Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside & Out program with famous reproductions of art on display and placed throughout the village, through November. Seven pieces of art were chosen for the project sponsored by the Huron Parks & Recreation Commission.

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The Thunder Over Michigan Air Show is coming up quick with two shows each day over the weekend of Aug. 7-8 at Willow Run Airport. Highlighted by the largest gathering of B-25 Mitchell Bombers, organizers have announced that the Blue Angels have been added and will perform at both morning shows that weekend. The afternoon shows will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds. Incredible. Other acts include the F-35 Demo Team for the mornings and an announcement is still to come for an addition to both afternoon shows that the community will enjoy, I was told by Ashley Meyers, Communications and Media Specialist at Thunder Over Michigan. Stay tuned. Both shows each day will also feature the EA-18G Growler Demo Team (F-18). The drive-in only event will also feature static display, food vendors and a kids' hands-on event. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org for tickets, restrictions, schedules, etc.

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Jenna Wisner of VBT graduates from U.S. Air Force Academy

Jenna Wisner, daughter of Dale and Karen Wisner, graduated from the United States Air Force Academy on May 26. Jenna has been a resident of Van Buren Township since 2001. She graduated from Lutheran Westland High School in 2016.

Upon high school graduation, Jenna was honored to receive a letter of recommendation and nomination from both Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Senator Debbie Stabenow.

Wisner was a part of the Academy Cadet Squadron 20, "The Tough Twenty Trolls," where she earned a bachelor of science degree in Geospacial Science. She commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and will be based in Colorado Springs.

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts congratulates Emily McInally, 2021 Senior Scholarship recipient for Artistic Achievement. Emily was presented the certificate and $1,000 toward college tuition at Eastern Michigan University for her excellence in the Visual Arts. The award was presented by Ken Voigt, BACA president, and Steve Jones, BACA vice-president, at last week's Music Lakeside concert in Horizon Park. Pictured from left are stepmom Susan McInally, sister Emily McInally, sister Ashley McInally and father David McInally.

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City Council

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"She's been great," Chief Robinson said. He said the records clerk position is quite complex, but whoever they select for police records will be just 60 steps away from the clerk's office for Hootman's help.

He said he is thankful the city has a strong team that is getting stronger every day.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said it's always great to see people grow within the organization.

Hootman, who was acting as clerk at the meeting, thanked everyone for their kind words. She said she looks forward to the opportunity to work with everyone and learn new things.

In other business at the one-hour-and-16-minute meeting, the council:

• Approved the request of Melissa Daroci to use the rose arbor and/or pavilion at Horizon Park for her wedding ceremony and pictures between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, which includes set up and tear down of any wedding decorations. Parking will be at First United Methodist Church. The wedding party will travel by horse and carriage from the church to the park and then after the ceremony to the reception by traveling down High Street to W. Huron River Drive and then west to Elwell. The police chief has arranged a reserve detail to follow the horse and carriage from the church to the park and remain for the ceremony to assure there are no traffic issues. After the ceremony the police reserve unit will follow the horse and carriage to the city limits on Huron River Drive. Individuals from the event will clean up any form of debris left by the horse, Chief Robinson said. Daroci said she wants to use the rose arbor, but if it's raining they will go to the covered gazebo;

• Heard Councilman Tom Fielder say that there is no procedure to reserve the gazebo and the city has not done this in the past. He wanted to know if this was a new policy. Chief Robinson said Daroci filled out a special event application and went through the process. Mayor Conley said lots of people have had their weddings there without telling the city and, "I don't see a problem";

• After a long discussion voted to have the second meeting in August as an in-person hybrid session at a place to be determined. There must be at least three council members present in person, a quorum, but others can participate online. Chief Robinson said he will check on the availability of the district library's meeting room and, "I imagine the library has better Wifi … It might be something excellent";

• Approved placement of a memorial bench to honor the memory of Mazin (Mike) Kouza, longtime owner of Hayward's Party Store who died unexpectedly on March 24. Laura Nichols established a Go Fund Me page and raised $2,905 from 27 community members for this purchase. Nichols said she wanted the bench on city property next to Hayward's, so if someone bought the store property the bench would not be removed. She researched the bench

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For more information on the soccer clinic, see Darlene Luka or call Betty Bush at (734) 461-9881. For information on the meal packs, call Food Gatherers at (734) 761-2796, or see www.foodgatherers.org/summerfood .

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37th Mida-Landstra family reunion set Aug. 21 at Eagles Hall

The 37th reunion of the Mida-Landstra family will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Van Buren Eagles Hall, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. The family will meet inside the hall with air conditioning, seating, and bathrooms. Family members are asked to bring a beverage and a favorite dish or two to pass. Lunch will be about 1:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle, games for kids, Bingo, white elephant, and Euchre. A $10 donation per family is requested to cover costs. Needed are handmade items, raffle, and white elephant items. "We missed seeing every one last year and we can't wait to see you this year," said Lois Mida-Zilka. Call her with any questions at (734) 546-2950.

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Lena Herrmann of Van Buren Township reads her *Independent* in Iceland on June 25 during a week-long trip. Traveling with her two nieces Diane Scott and Paula Foster and nephew Henry Foster, they walked the trail that took them behind the 60-meter Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Hermann said it was an awesome vacation, especially with family. After returning from her trip, she was able to return to her duties at September Days Senior Center in VBT after it was reopened following the COVID-19 shutdown.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Council Follow Up List

• Councilmember Voight asked staff to look into the condition of the landscaping in Horizon Park, and also suggested the use of goats to help maintain the lawn there.

B. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 21, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, June 21, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Change of Signatories

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to approve **Resolution 21-066** to remove Verna Chapman as signatory, and add Tim McLean on to City account.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

B. Return to In-Person Board, Commission, and Council Meetings

• Council decided to revisit the discussion at the first meeting in August.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to approve **Resolution 21-067** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson thanked Jeff Wiseman, I.T. Specialist for the City, for all of his assistance in recent days.

• Also thanked City and Police Department staff for stepping up while changes take place, and stated he is looking forward to where things are going.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Voigt:

-- Welcomed Deputy Administrator Tim McLean to the City.

-- Stated that he was pleased that action was going to be taken on the condition of Horizon Park.

-- Commented that LakeFest was a successful, family friendly event, with a great turnout.

-- Reminded everyone about the upcoming First Wednesday Food Truck event being held on July 7, with a rain date of July 14th if cancelled due to weather; as well as the third installment of Music Lakeside 2021 being held on July 8th.

• Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte:

-- Thanked Verna Chapman for her service as City Clerk and wished her well in her future endeavors.

-- Welcomed Tim McLean, and said he is excited about all of the positive things that the City has to look forward to.

-- Thanked Briana Hootman, Police Records Clerk, for all of her assistance in recent months, as well as during her tenure with the City.

-- Commented on how much he enjoyed participating in the dragon boat races and listening to the bands performing in 4th Street Square at the LakeFest. He also mentioned that he thinks the bass painting is awesome.

• Council Member Bates:

-- Thanked Briana Hootman for all her help.

-- Welcomed Tim McLean to the team.

-- Expressed how great the City of Belleville is, and how awesome its residents and employees are.

-- Stated that she thinks good things are coming to Belleville.

-- Mentioned that she thinks the painted bass are going to be nice.

• Council Member Fielder:

-- Commented that he has heard a lot of good feedback on LakeFest, but also received a few complaints from attendees about the Dora Bora cups being in the children's activity area.

-- Suggested that the prompts on the City's telephone directory need to be revised in accordance with recent staff changes to avoid frustration among individuals attempting to call.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley welcomed Tim McLean, and mentioned that he was one of the participants in the dragon boat race that took place at LakeFest. She went on to suggest that rental of dragon boats in the City would be a neat concept.

• Applauded everyone who helped with LakeFest, and commented that she thinks the issues with the Dora Bora cups are part of an ongoing learning process. She also feels that 4th Street Square was well utilized during the event.

• Thanked Briana for being present at the council meeting.

• Asked to add two items to the Council follow up list:

-- Looking into the possibility of having the electrical at Horizon Park covered, to create a more visually appealing area.

-- Discussing the establishment of an electrical connection on the southwest corner of 4th and Main street.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Tim McLean stated that he had a really great time participating in the dragon boat race, and that he is very happy to be in Belleville and looks forward to working with everyone.

• Rosemary Otzman mentioned that the library's meeting room is very large, and includes a camera, which would allow for social distancing as well as recording of future City Council meetings, should the Council decide to hold a meeting there.

• Fire Chief Brian Loranger wanted to welcome Tim McClean to the City of Belleville.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, seconded by Voigt to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, Records Clerk
Approved: July 19, 2021
Published: July 22, 2021

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 22 –** Outdoor Story Time at 5:30 p.m. under the pavilion at Horizon Park. Put on by the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Thursday, July 22 –** In-person coffee hour with State Rep. Ranjeev Puri, D-Canton, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo at Canton's Heritage Park, behind the Canton Township Police Department and Canton Township Administration Building, located off Veterans Way.

• **Thursday, July 22 –** Magic Bus is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville. Ed Wood of the Belleville Council for the Arts will display his art.

• **Friday, July 23** – Free Soccer Clinic for kids of all ages and skills, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Rawsonville Woods, 10825 Rawsonville Woods. Info: (734) 461-9881. Free Grab and Go Meals also are provided to the kids next to the pool at the park clubhouse.

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

• **Friday, July 23** – Free drive-in movie with free popcorn and lemonade at sunset at Church of God on Hull Road, just east of the Van Buren Township Fire Station. Today the show is "Switched" and sunset is at 9:02 p.m. In the event of rain, show will go on at 8 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr.

• **Monday, July 26 –** Forgotten Harvest will be at the Sumpter Township Community Center parking lot from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. or until all the food they will be giving away free is gone. No registration necessary.

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

• **Wednesday, July 28 –** Outdoor Story Time at 11 a.m. at the Sumpter Media Center. Put on by the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Wednesday, July 28 –** Bees in the D, a virtual presentation, 7 p.m. Register at https://belleville.evanced.info/signup Sponsored by Belleville Area District Library.

• **Wednesday, July 28 –** Alan Turner will present a free 7 p.m. concert at Quirk Park behind the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, sponsored by VBT Parks & Rec. Turner presents high-energy country music with a rock edge.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will take place electronically due to health concerns associated with COVID-19. The BZA will consider the following variance request related to 13295 Ormond Drive (tax parcel ID 83-080-01-0068-301), a roughly 0.23 acre parcel zoned R-1B – Single Family Residential:

Case # 21-031- A request by applicant and owner Amy Wagner-Kotb, for a variance from the following section of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance:

- **Setback requirements** of Section 4.102 (Schedule of Regulations) of the Zoning Ordinance.
- **Required:** The minimum front yard setback is 30' and the minimum rear yard setback is 35'.
- **Proposed:** A 1,168 square foot addition (98.5% of the existing building floor area) is proposed to be built onto a home with a total area of 1,186 square feet and an existing lakeside yard setback of 29.45'.

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **August 6, 2021.** 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. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) prior to the meeting by e-mail.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PARK SIGNAGE PROJECT

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for the construction and installation of park signs within the Township's established park system at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Friday, July 30, 2021, at 12:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "PARK SIGNAGE PROJECT" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, at erenaud@vanburen-mi.org.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 252 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 11:
0122 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
0451 – property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr.
0602 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1022 – malicious destruction of property, Stonebridge Dr.
1108 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1115 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1214 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1415 – holdup alarm, Ventura Dr.
1430 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1549 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1812 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1836 – threat, Harmony Ln.
1837 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1844 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.
2005 – breaking & entering, Oak Ln.
2056 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2220 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.

Monday, July 12:
0101 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0735 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0949 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0955 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1538 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Bog
1654 – assist other dept., Buchanan St.
1747 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1831 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1917 – threat, Brandi
1927 – larceny from auto, Martinsville Rd.
2200 – unattended death, W. Archwood Dr.
2316 – assist other dept., Hamilton St.

Tuesday, July 13:
0045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
0059 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vine St.
0326 – disorderly, W. Archwood Dr.
0347 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0422 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
0758 – assist other dept., Hamilton St.
0840 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0952 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1153 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1212 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
1213 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1233 – traffic offense, Parkwood Dr.
1406 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1432 – malicious destruction of property, Birch Dr.
1525 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.
1850 – traffic offense, Parkwood Dr.
1956 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./W. I-94
2043 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
2108 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2241 – shooting, Kirkridge Park Condos

Wednesday, July 14:
0212 – suicidal person, Westlake Cir.
0251 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
0318 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0409 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0700 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
0742 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
0803 – fraud, Arthur St.
1008 – dumping complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1117 – ordinance violation, Bak Rd.
1143 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1148 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1250 – ordinance violation, Pond Ridge
1308 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
1344 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1455 – private property impound, Industrial
1548 – animal complaint, Parkwood
1621 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. I-94/Haggerty
2004 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2237 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2311 – property damage accident, Hull Rd.

Thursday, July 15:
0108 – larceny from auto, Oak ln.
0837 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1022 – suspicious person/vehicle, Birch Dr.
1158 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1204 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1441 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1616 – harassment call, Lake Point Blvd.
1620 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1638 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1746 – suspicious person/vehicle, Peninsular Dr.
2109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Jackson
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Packard Ct.
2152 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2215 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
2251 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
2337 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Friday, July 16:
0024 – domestic, Brookview Dr.
0306 – follow up by officer, Gladwin Ct.
0843 – property damage accident, EB I-94/Belleville Rd.
1018 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse Rd.
1104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1151 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.
1249 – noise complaint, Anna Dr.
1306 – ordinance violation, Alden Ave.
1333 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1344 – property damage accident, Jeannette Ave.
1420 – family trouble, Stamford Rd.
1441 – noise complaint, Anna Dr.
1539 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove Rd.
1547 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1629 – noise complaint, Filmore St.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa
1911 – domestic, Landmark
1922 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2021 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildflower Ct.
2130 – property damage accident, E I-94/Haggerty
2247 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2308 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Saturday, July 17:
0042 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0745 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0833 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1018 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1305 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1318 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd.
1329 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1414 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1552 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1600 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1705 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
1901 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1914 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
1958 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2010 – assist motorist, Ironwood/Hardwood
2147 – threat, Huron River Dr.
2306 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr./Ecorse
2322 – fireworks, S. Woodbury Dr.
2334 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week's log are 51 traffic stop, with one each on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 11:
0119 – traffic stop, Church St./Roys St.
0159 – traffic stop, Main St.
0219 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.
0345 – traffic stop, Main St.
1335 – harassment call, Menlo Park Dr.
1814 – lake emergency, N. Liberty St.
1857 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe
2024 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
2048 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
2111 – abandoned auto, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
2201 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
2328 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Monday, July 12:
0143 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0609 – traffic stop, High/Church
1325 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1659 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Loza Ln.
1735 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2138 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
2349 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
2352 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

Tuesday, July 13:
0858 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0912 – parking complaint, Main St.
0915 – parking complaint, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
0931 – traffic stop, Main St.
1049 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1305 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1416 – traffic stop, Main St.
1450 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1550 – traffic stop, Denton Rd.
1819 – follow up by officer, Main St.
2041 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2244 – found property/child, Main St.

Wednesday, July 14:
0037 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anaheim
0618 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1248 – abandoned auto, N. Liberty St.
2038 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2051 – family trouble, Carmell St.
2134 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2148 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2248 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
2302 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.

Thursday, July 15:
0007 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0048 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0227 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1409 – property damage accident, Main St.
1630 – property damage accident, Main St.
2038 – noise complaint, Main St.
2141 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.
2207 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park Dr
2317 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
2327 – traffic stop, Henry St./South St.
2343 – malicious destruction of property, Dos Rios

Friday, July 16:
0612 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River
1624 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1800 – traffic stop, South St.
1817 – traffic stop, South St.
2039 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.

Saturday, July 17:
0837 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1037 – traffic stop, Main St.
1056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage/tracks
1534 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave.
1553 – traffic stop, Angola St./E. Huron River Dr.
1644 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1746 – trespassing, Henry
1850 – traffic stop, W. Wabash Ave./South St.
2135 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

There were 40 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 11:
0048 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0233 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0412 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
0457 – property damage accident, 8600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0825 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0854 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0927 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Harris
1234 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1342 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Arkona
1719 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1744 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1755 – suspicious person, Brookview Dr.
1809 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1834 – follow up investigation, 47000 bl. Willis
1946 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2046 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Paris

Monday, July 12:
0151 – disorderly person, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0611 – alarm, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1038 – lost/missing juvenile, Carriage Ln.
1105 – civil matter, Knollwood Dr.
1230 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1339 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1357 – follow-up investigation, Utah
1339 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1357 – follow-up investigation, Utah
1610 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1759 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1856 – traffic complaint/hazard, 41000 bl. Willis
2028 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2257 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Harris

Tuesday, July 13:
0530 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0920 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Wear
1222 – property damage accident, Clark Rd./Judd
1302 – prisoner transport, out of township
1429 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1521 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1548 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1806 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1820 – 911 hang up, Alaska St.
2224 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

Wednesday, July 14:
0041 – fire dept. assist, Alaska St.
0613 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1024 – traffic complaint/hazard, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1214 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1341 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1651 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln./Rawsonville
1722 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Karr
1802 – ORV complaint, Harris Rd./Lohr Rd.
2130 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Willow
2205 – disorderly person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2337 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.

Thursday, July 15:
0030 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0957 – traffic complaint/hazard, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1125 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1151 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1158 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1405 – citizen assist, out of township
1531 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
1714 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1747 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – suspicious person, Wear Rd./Sherwood Rd.
2037 –reckless driver, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, July 16:
0053 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0223 – family trouble, Redwood St.
1202 – mental health call, Redwood St.
1421 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1525 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1605 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Willow
1733 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2121 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
2131 – mental health call, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.

Saturday, July 17:
0122 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0206 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. sumpter Rd.
0306 – CCW violation, Clark Rd./S. Huron Rd.
0718 – traffic complaint/hazard, 43000 bl. Harris
1011 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1153 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1329 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1409 – suspicious person, Haggerty Rd./Judd Rd.
1609 – mental health call, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1632 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1658 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1945 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2129 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2226 – noise complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2317 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Martinsville

Also on this week's log are 42 patrol checks, 31 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.

Correction: Sherry Frazier was at meeting

The Van Buren Township draft minutes of the July 6 zoom meeting of the Board of Trustees, printed on page 17 in last week's *Independent*, failed to list Trustee Sherry Frazier as being present at the meeting. That error has been corrected in the minutes, which are expected to be adopted at the July 20 board meeting. Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery said Frazier was there and she profusely apologizes for the error.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

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District Library

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is also on the museum board. He wanted to report that the library paid the museum $8,700 for office space inside the former fire station during library construction instead of hiring a construction trailer;

• Heard Suchy report that they are putting together a temporary food policy for the library because they want everyone to feel at home there. She said there will be separate zones and they will bring it to the policy committee when it's done. She said;

• Learned reference librarian Crystal Corcoran has moved on to a full-time position at the Farmington Library, but she will remain on Belleville Library's substitute list. Jason Prince has been promoted to full-time facilities/security assistant;

• Learned the Bees in the D presentation on July 28 was originally scheduled as a virtual program, but they are working to transform it into a blended zoom and in-building program;

• Heard Suchy give a big thank you to the Friends of the Library for helping staff the library's table in the Kids Zone at Lake Fest. They gave away free drinking cups to any child who could tell about a book that they have read this summer. The drinking cups (tumblers) come with lids and straws and feature the library's new logo. The Friends are selling the cups at the library for $5 each;

• Was informed the date of Oct. 9 is being considered for the annual Harvest Fest event; and

• Heard Cichewicz thank Juriga for all he does for the library, including going to the city to ask about the deposit refund and contacting American Mobility on the recharging stations; and

• Heard Peters say the dedication of the Rotary bench in memory of Peter Quenet in front of the Media Center in Sumpter Township earlier that evening was "Good for the community." She said she met Sumpter's new supervisor and treasurer. She said the event showed cooperation with the library's civic partners.

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City Council

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style purchased by the city and wanted to get approval before ordering it. She said there will be two small plaques on the bench, one with Kouza's name and one with a poem written by his sister; and

• Approved Mayor Conley as the city's representative to the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) and Chief Robinson as alternate. Mayor Conley recused herself from the vote. Former interim city manager Tracey Schultz-Kobylarz had been the official representative but she is no longer with the city.

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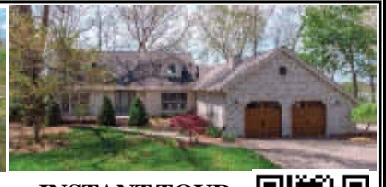

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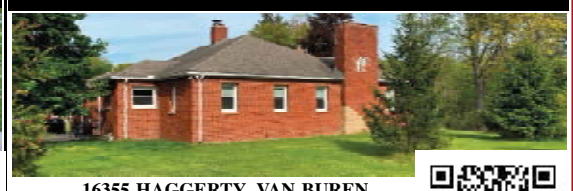

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