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Suspect shoots through window into home, hits man

On Saturday, July 20, at about 11:30 p.m., Van Buren Township Police were called to a home in the 7200 block of Sheldon Rd. for a shooting.

Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte said upon arrival, officers found a 34-year-old male township resident inside his home with several gunshot wounds.

Further investigation revealed that the suspect, while standing outside a window at the victim's residence, fired multiple rounds through the window into a room of the house.

Inside the room at the time of the incident was the victim, a female, and two young children. The female and two young children were unharmed.

The wounded male was transported to a local hospital, where he is currently receiving medical treatment for non-life-threatening gunshot wounds.

Deputy Chief Monte said this residence was specifically targeted because the suspect and the female inside the residence had a former dating relationship.

Police are actively investigating this incident and combing through the digital evidence obtained following the search warrants executed Sunday.

Drive-by shooting

Deputy Chief Monte reported that police are awaiting results of the forensic data seized from the search warrants following the July 5 drive-by shooting on Greenwood Street.

"Complicating the investigation is the fact that the victim was invited to the party where he was shot and is not being completely forthcoming with investigators," Deputy Chief Monte said.

As of Monday, no one was in custody.

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Independent photo by James Otzman
The F-18 Super Hornet entertained during Willow Run's Air Show last weekend.

Belleville DDA approves $3,000 for artist to paint hardware store windows

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously at its regular meeting on July 17 to pay an artist $3,000 to decorate the front windows of the vacant hardware store on Main Street so it doesn't look so drab.

Vera Redden sat next to DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams, who introduced Redden as a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

"The hardware store we bought could use some sprucing up," said Richardson-Williams. "I approached Vera Redding of BACA to draw up some proposals."

Redden presented a proposal to paint the windows with city scenes, leaving one-third of the windows unpainted. She said she knows there is an ordinance that not more than two-thirds of the windows of a store can be blocked.

She said she would need a maximum of $250 for paint and supplies, $2,500 for her work, and it would take about a month or a month and a half to complete. She said if somebody buys the hardware store from the DDA, the paint can be scraped off.

DDA member Chris Donley said Redden has done several projects at his home. He said although Redden proposed painting on the outside of the windows, he thinks it should be on the inside, so it can't be damaged by a youngster with a stick.

Mayor Ken Voigt, who sits on the DDA as a member, said he agreed the painting should be on the inside.

Donley noted that the clear glass will show up as black because of the black

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VBT board OKs new Agritourism ordinance

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"I really want to see a winery somewhere," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara after the township's new Agritourism ordinance was passed into law at the July 16 meeting.

The zoning ordinance amendment provides definitions and regulations for Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism) on parcels ten or more acres in size.

The work on the amendment started as a result of DeBuck's Corn Maze having to have annual special land use approvals for it to continue in business. The ordinance makes it easier for agricultural businesses to operate.

The kinds of businesses listed in the ordinance include a winery, thus Supervisor McNamara's comment. Also included are cider mills, petting farms, animal displays, pony rides, wagon/sleigh/ hayrides, nature trails, gift shops, and many more activities.

The planning commission had set up a committee last year that worked on the ordinance with the staff. Commissioner Jackson Pahle, a member of the committee, said that he enjoyed the committee's visit to DeBuck's business last summer where they were treated to lavender-flavored ice cream.

A public hearing on the ordinance was held April 10, but a member of the audience said that although his property was big enough, his property would not qualify because the road frontage didn't qualify under the new ordinance.

The commission sent the ordinance back to the planning consultants for a revision and the commission recommended the updated version for adoption on June 12. It was sent on to the township board where the first and second readings were held and

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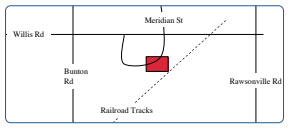

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching:

Davis charged with six felonies after peeking under skirts at Walmart

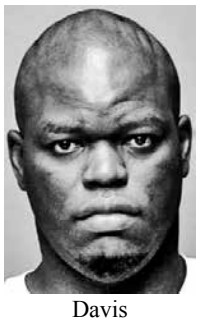
Willie Eugene Davis, 42, of Van Buren Township was arraigned at 34th District Court on July 17 on six felony charges after a woman saw a camera tied to his shoe after he crowded her at Walmart on July 4.

Magistrate Al Hindman set cash or surety bond at $10,000. Davis' probable cause conference was set for July 31 before Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua A. Monte said Officer David Champagne was dispatched on July 4 to the Walmart on Belleville Road to take a report of a male subject using a camera attached to his shoelaces to look up the skirt of a female customer.

The female customer noticed the male subject standing extremely close to her, which startled her and caused her to drop an item she was carrying. When she bent down to pick up the item, she noticed a small camera facing up, tied to the man's shoelace.

Fearing she had seen the camera, the male walked away, Deputy Chief Monte said. The female reported the incident to Walmart security, who contacted police.



Davis

Officer Champagne arrived, took the initial report, and, based on the female's description, was able to locate the male on Walmart's security video. He also observed and identified another female, also wearing a skirt, whom the male had videoed, Monte said.

Utilizing the police department's Flock system, Officer Champagne identified the vehicle the male used to leave the parking lot and subsequently identified a potential suspect.

"Through Officer Champagne's initial investigation, the Van Buren Detective Bureau established surveillance on the suspect and gathered enough evidence to execute a search warrant on the suspect's residence in Van Buren Township," Deputy Chief Monte said.

On July 14, the Van Buren Police Department's Detective Bureau executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence and the suspect was taken into custody.

Deputy Chief Monte said during the search, detectives found electronic evidence showing the subject had attempted to and did video up the skirts of numerous females throughout southeastern Michigan. Multiple police agencies were contacted, as police suspected the suspect was visiting numerous retail stores to video up the skirts or dresses of unsuspecting females, he said.

On July 17, Willie Davis was formally charged with a six-count felony warrant, including:

• two counts of capturing/distributing images of an unclothed person (5-year felony);

• two counts of eavesdropping-manufacture/possession of a device (2-year felony); and

• two counts of using a computer to commit a crime (7-year felony).

Detectives also learned that Davis had committed a similar offense in Canton Township and was currently out on bond for that case.

"Officer David Champagne should be commended for his initial investigation," said Deputy Chief Monte. "The Detective Bureau, including the lead detective, did a commendable job of methodically developing and collecting enough evidence to secure a search warrant and arrest Mr. Davis. Above all, the female in this case should be commended for coming forward and preventing further deviant behavior from Mr. Davis in our community."

Others in the community who suspect they may be victims, are asked to contact Detective Scott Griggs at (734) 699-9289.

Belleville DDA

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drapes in the background and would be like a cloudly dark day in Belleville.

DDA vice chairman John Winter said they should change the background to be blue and assistant city manager Steve Jones, who is paid to direct the DDA, said they can't get that kind of blue from the drape company where they got the black drapes now up.

DDA chairman Alicia McGovern said they can get blue cloth from a store. She said she would like to see a winter scene in the scenes proposed by Redden.

Winter said the Blue Dog in one of her scenes is a commercial decoration at the shopping center and they should have just public scenes. Mayor Voigt suggested using one of the city's statues in Horizon Park like the Upsidedown Man or the Hands Held High.

Richardson-Williams said she talked to another artist who could help. But DDA members said it would cost more.

DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner said she would like to see a fall scene and Redding said she could have some leaves falling off a tree in one of the scenes.

Mayor Voigt said to leave the scenes up to the artist and McGovern said to take the private statue out.

Winter made the motion, supported by Mayor Voigt to allocate up to $3,000 for the project.

Redden said she was having some extensive dental work done and wouldn't be able to start until the end of August or September.

DDA discussion brought ideas for colored lights that change with the seasons and scenes with Booville and festivals.

In other business at the one-hour-and-44-minute meeting, the DDA:

• Learned the call for proposals for a marketing company received 12 submissions. DDA members got copies of the proposals to read and the proposals will be reviewed by the Marketing Committee and then brought back to the DDA with a recommendation. Mayor Voigt said he would like to see presentations at the next meeting because, "We're already four months behind." Donley said he needed an extra packet of the 12 proposals to give to Rachel, McGovern's daughter, who is not a member of the DDA but serves on the Marketing Committee. He said he is excited that the proposals are here. It was noted the vote on an AI service was put off until a marketing person was on board at the DDA;

• Organized a committee to put together an event for October 2025. Members are Alicia McGovern, Kelly McWilliams, Chris Donley, Mayor Voigt, and Jones. The agenda item was for a Maker-Fair, but other ideas came up and they have time to work on just what they want to do;

• Heard Jones tell about the rotted dock and the boy who put his foot through it. He said the DPW inspected the dock and found it was more than just a board and more needs to be done. He said they are looking at the boardwalk that Van Buren Township recently put in at French Landing Park, with kickouts and furniture and umbrellas. They are getting prices through Davenport who did the work for the township. Jones said they are looking into grants and the damaged part of the deck is blocked off now. "It doesn't look very good," Mayor Voigt said;

• Heard Richardson-Williams say the bridge in Village Park needs to be replaced and McGovern directed Jones to put that on the follow-up list. Jones said plans are under way to replace the bridge;

• Heard Denise Baker of the Economic Development Committee suggest mass plantings of bulbs, perennials, and annuals around Village Park and around he entrance sign to the city. She provided pictures of flower gardens. She said it is not complicated and just needs to be planted and maintained. McGovern said the Blue Sky marijuana business wants to give grants to the city and DDA representatives will meet with them and bring the information back to the DDA board. Richardson-Williams said the plantings didn't sound like economic development to her. She said she keeps thinking of the former city manager who wanted to make Belleville look like Disneyland and Baker said that was in her mind, too, with the flower planting suggestion;

• Heard Kelley-Bonner report for the Culture and Arts Committee that she would like to see the Youth Alley Party that Richardson-Williams has been talking about for years finally take place. She said the DDA has no representation of high school students and they should be approached to see what they would want. She said they have a youth committee at SOAR, her business, and they should get ideas from youth on the alley party. There were suggestions on how to get input from the school students. Kelley-Bonner said maybe they should have any event have a theme, such as anti-bullying, anti-suicide, or anti-vaping. McGovern said the DDA could have a teenager on its board;

• Heard Kathleen Springer introduce herself, saying she is one of the 12 businesses who responded to the call for proposals for marketing;

• Heard Donley say he is glad the digital sign at the corner of High and Main streets that the DDA paid for is up and functioning. He also said He reads that Van Buren Township is a development-ready community and Mayor Voigt said the city started working to get that designation a few years ago, but it didn't move forward. He said it is back on track, but there are several steps involving different departments in the city. "Developers like it. They know the skids are greased," Mayor Voigt said;

• Richardson-Williams asked about a performance review for Jones. Mayor Voigt said the city council has a good performance review process that covers 15 points that the DDA could use; and

• Heard Kelley-Bonner say she is able to get Narcan that can be distributed from boxes like newspaper boxes, for the city. It was noted that city councilwoman Julie Kissel announced at a recent council meeting that she attended a Growth Works event and Narcan is coming to the city.

OPINIONS

Editorial

We all need to pay attention to the historical events

School is out for the summer, so it's up to us to teach our children the history lessons being put before us daily over the past few weeks. Make sure the young people pay attention because U.S. history is being made every day and they will look back on these days in the future and know they were there.

Our present students were yet to be born on Sept. 11, 2001 when the U.S. was attacked and thousands killed. Some say they don't know anything about it. How can that be? It changed the U.S. forever.

Now major events are taking place that also will affect the country's history.

This summer there was an early Presidential debate that led to soul-searching and decisions. Then, there was a rally with major security lapses where a young man tried to kill the former President who was about to be nominated by his party to run for the office again. The shooter killed a father who shielded his family behind the former President and seriously injured others – and then the shooter was killed.

Later, the sitting President of the United States at the last minute decided not to run for reelection and his party has to find the right people to win on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Sit your children down and teach them history in the making. You are the history teacher this summer and this is important information for our future voters. A free nation depends on an informed electorate.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I wasn't listening closely enough to Bob Burns when he skimmed over his background after dropping by our office recently. I know for sure he graduated with the BHS class of 1956 with my late sister.

In 1957, he went to the U.S. Naval Academy, not the Air Force Academy as I reported. He graduated from Michigan Tech in 1962 and was commissioned a second lieutenant at graduation. He attended pilot training and spent six years as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, assigned to SEA (senior enlisted advisor) on several occasions. He left the Air Force in 1968 and began a 29-year career as a pilot for Delta Air Lines.

He married a nurse from Minneapolis and he has "four great children and a wonderful wife."

I wanted to set the record straight. He grew up on Lenmoore Road in Van Buren Township.

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Over the weekend, the roads around Willow Run Airport were crowded and many of the people who wanted to watch the air show without paying parked along several roads, including the South Service Drive to Ecorse Road. Neighbors complained to police and were told there was nothing they could do to move them. An ice cream truck with jingling went back and forth continually over the weekend.

However, we are told the North Service Drive to Ecorse Road between Beck and Belleville roads was kept free of cars because police said the property owner (Scott Jones) didn't want cars there. Police told those who asked that Jones owned the service drive.

The people who live near the airport are happy the air show is over. Traffic is always heavy in Van Buren Township when the air show is under way. This year, however, there were not that many demonstration aircraft to see in the sky. Many of this year's displays were on the ground.

A watcher who was on the sandbar in Belleville Lake both days of the show said the show was quite uneventful, with some saying it was boring if you weren't inside the show.

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Two neighbors from the Elwell/Judd Road area came in to see me about the slaughterhouse set up in their neighborhood. It's not a commercially zoned area, but lots of people are coming and going. It's advertised as Belleville Farms in Arabic on Facebook.

The township trash collector stopped collecting the regular containers with bloody body parts and so they now have a dumpster that smells awful, especially when it gets really hot. They can't open their windows at night when it cools down because of the odor. They said they don't want to complain about their neighbor, but they just want to live their lives.

They saw the story I wrote more than a year ago about the woman who complained about another slaughterhouse next to her residence, this one on the other side of the township on Willow near Martinsville. There was a religious aspect to this problem, police said.

The neighbors who came in said they called the township and after the ordinance officer went inside to talk to the property owner, they said the ordinance officer told them to stop picking on their neighbor.

I gave the neighbors the phone numbers of some county and state officials for them to call, but noted the other slaughterhouse next to the house I wrote about is still operating. A third slaughterhouse in the township had its special land use approved in 2021 and is operating on Bemis Road in an appropriate zoning.

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The Michigan Legislature recently passed a new law that will take effect in March 2025 that will allow those in subdivisions with homeowners' associations to bypass their HOA rules and install solar panels, clotheslines, and make other energy-saving improvements. Gov. Whitmer signed House Bill 5028 on July 8. It was sponsored by Rep. Ranjeev Puri, D-Canton, and squeaked past along party lines. The Community Association Institute's Michigan chapter, which represents 8,500 community associations statewide, opposed the bill.

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Letters

Chief Berriman issues statement on Aldrich

To the editor:

After 33 years of military service and 46 years in law enforcement, including 12 years as Chief of Belleville, I am finally resigned to the fact of being retired. The reason for my letter is to inform the citizens in the Belleville area in regards to a certain incident that recently occurred and the blame was placed on me.

In all of my life I have always accepted responsibility for my actions and encouraged the men and women that I worked with to do the same.

Now we come to Officer Mark Aldrich. I hired him as he left the military and after working a period of time for Belleville, I became aware of various on-duty, off-duty, and fellow-officer incidents, as well as his numerous lies in denying them. After being counseled a number of times, Officer Aldrich informed me he was going to work for Huron Township Police.

When he left, he failed to turn in a newly purchased department personal-protection vest, substituting an obsolete vest of a past officer. I notified him of the unlawful taking of the vest, and when he denied it and refused to return it, I contacted the Chief of Huron Township and explained to him what had occurred. He stated to me that he would talk to the officer and get back to me. He called the next day and said he had talked to the officer and that he believed the officer had not taken the vest. I again told him that the officer was lying and that I was going to seek a warrant if the vest was not returned. He returned the vest over the weekend and I informed the Chief of the return of the property and his lie as to the whereabouts of the vest.

Since this incident and the publicity over the several hirings of the officer, I have learned that the Chief of Huron Township has publicly stated that I recommended the officer.

I do not recommend thieves! As I accept responsibility for my actions, I would expect a leader to take responsibility for his actions instead of "passing the buck."

I think the citizens of Huron Township may want to question their Chief in his actions and in being a stand-up leader.

Hal Berriman
(former police chief of Belleville)

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To the editor:

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Obituaries

Willie Finley, Jr.

WILLIE FINLEY, Jr.
(May 25, 1933 – July 4, 2024)
Willie Finley, Jr., of Sumpter Township, passed away on July 4, 2024 at the age of 91.
He was born on May 25, 1933 in Matthews, Alabama to Willie and Lizzie Finley, the fifth of seven children.
He graduated from River Rouge High School where he played baseball and football. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1953 and served eight years as airplane and engine mechanic. Willie worked at Great Lakes Steel, Kelsey Hayes, Whitehead & Kales, and Sawders Brothers. He retired from Halls Brothers Construction in 1997 and continued to work on various concrete projects.
He loved to fish and host family gatherings. His specialty was to cook the fish he caught along with collard greens.
He leaves behind two sons Derreck Finley and Kenneth Finley; two step-sons, Larry Hathorne and Charles Hathorne; two step-daughters, Tricia Moore and Lisa Moyers; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.
Willie was preceded in death by his wife Renita Darby-Finley; his daughter Roxanne Mann-Johnson; his parents; and six siblings, Samuel, James, Roosevelt, Joseph, Alzenia and Lela Mae. Services were July 19, 2024 at Kernan Funeral Home, 1020 Fort St., Lincoln Park.

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Aug. 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting canceled because of election.
• Thursday, Aug. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
• Monday, Aug. 12 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building; Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, Aug. 13 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
• Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
• Thursday, Aug. 15 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m.
• Monday, Aug. 19 – Van Buren Township 2024 Budget Review Meeting, all day. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, Aug. 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
• Wednesday, Aug. 21 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.
• Monday, Aug. 26 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

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Obituaries

Francis "Fran" Soja

FRANCES SOJA
(February 10, 1934 – July 10, 2024)
Heaven gained an angel, after a long journey of Alzheimer's, Frances "Fran" Soja, age 90, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. She was born on February 10, 1934 in Belleville, MI, daughter of John Price and Mary (Peszek) Price. Fran graduated from Belleville High School in 1951. Fran married the love of her life, Robert Soja in June 1955. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to all that knew her. She enjoyed traveling, playing cards, reading, sewing, crocheting, canning, gardening, and making the best Polish food west of Hamtramck, MI. Most of all she loved having her family together for traditional gatherings.
Fran retired in 1997 from Belleville City Hall, after 10 ½ years as the City Bookkeeper, to travel and enjoy life. Fran was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI. For many years she had worked Bingo at the Strawberry Festival, and she counted money for the parish for numerous years as well.
Frances is survived by her three girls: Diane (Mike) Chartier of Belleville, MI, Karen (Brian) Good of Tecumseh, MI, and Janet (Eric) Ley of Willis, MI. She was loved dearly by her 8 grandchildren: Todd (Whitney) Chartier of Willis, MI, Ashley (Paul) Nicholson of Manchester, MI, Kara (Tony) Fahrion of Athens, Ohio, Brian Jeremy (Kristy) Good of Tecumseh, MI, Brandon (Jessica) Ley of Belleville, MI, Matthew and Jessica Ley of Willis, MI, and Janae Good of Tecumseh, MI; her great-grandchildren: Waylon and Margaret Nicholson, Theo Fahrion, Amelia Good, and Elizabeth Ley. She is also survived by her sister Jean Kornacki of Brighton, MI, and a host of nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Bob in 2023, granddaughter Allison Ley in 1993, also 3 brothers and 5 sisters.
A heart of gold stopped beating two hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.
Visitation was July 19, 2024, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was held July 20, 2024, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with an hour visitation before Mass. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.
Memorial contributions in Fran's name can be made to Trinity Health at Home Hospice, or the Alzheimer's Foundation and would be greatly appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Timothy Katona

TIMOTHY KATONA
(December 27, 1954 – July 12, 2024)
Timothy Katona, resident of Sumpter Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2024, at home. He was born on December 27, 1954, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to John Katona and Charlotte Anton. After graduating from high school, Tim became a horse trainer and was self-employed for many years.
Tim demonstrated a lifetime of dedication to the sport of reining as a trainer, coach and volunteer with NRHA and the Michigan Reining Horse Association. With his wife Cindy, he owned and operated Katona Reining Horses. Tim had many notable career achievements in the show pen both regionally and nationally. He was an early NRHA-approved judge and held the first NRHA judges' training clinic on his farm. His achievements in the sport and passion for supporting youth involvement in reining is notable. He was honored with one of the sport's highest honors, the NRHA Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.
In addition to his horse pursuits, Tim enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and gun repair. He owned a gun repair shop called the Bluing Barn.
Tim is survived by his loving wife Cynthia Katona of Sumpter Twp., MI; his mother Charlotte (Cornell) Anton, of Belleville, MI; his sister Pamela Melton of Belleville, MI; as well as his nieces and nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends.
He was preceded in death by his father and his brother-in-law Michael Melton.
According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.
Donations in his memory are suggested to the Reining Horse Foundation NRHA Scholarship Program, reiningfoundation.com or by mailing to 3021 W. Reno Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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More Letters

Volunteers work to improve Banotai Park

To the editor:

I am writing to share an exciting update from Banotai Park in Sumpter Township following our recent volunteer efforts on July 18. Volunteers came together to make significant improvements that have positively impacted our beloved park.

Volunteers worked tirelessly to spread mulch throughout the playscape. Although we ran out of mulch, I am pleased to announce that additional supplies are on their way to complete this essential task. This effort not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the park but also promotes the health of its green spaces.

Furthermore, new swings were installed, providing children with safer and more-enjoyable recreational opportunities. Additionally, the playground features underwent repairs and received a fresh coat of paint, revitalizing it for the enjoyment of families in our community.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. I would especially like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Anthony Burdick, Don LaPorte, John Honey, Matt Oddy, Tim Rush, Erica Campbell, Dave Behrendt and Bart Patterson for their dedication and hard work during recent volunteer efforts at Banotai Park Fix I, and Banotai Park Fix II. Their commitment to improving Banotai Park exemplifies the spirit of community and demonstrates the power of collective action in making positive changes.

Special thank you to Faras at Littletown Pizzeria for providing delicious pizza to the volunteers.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of volunteers and the ongoing contributions of our community members. Together, we are making Banotai Park a better place for everyone.

Thank you for considering this update for publication. My hope is that sharing our story will inspire others to get involved and contribute to the enhancement of public spaces in Sumpter Township. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in our community's recreational areas and strengthen our sense of unity and pride.

Anita Honey-Dunbar
Sumpter Township resident

Editor's note: Five of those thanked in the letter are candidates in the August primary election.

Clocks wrong in Van Buren Twp., Belleville

To whom it may concern:

I have lived in the area for over 30 years and I am an observant person. I look at all the signs that businesses put up to see if they are up-to-date with their signage.

I saw that the VBT fire station has a clock on the building. I grew fed up with looking at the wrong time of day every time I drove by.

I called the VBT fire department and spoke to a lady about a month ago telling her about the clock. She seemed dumbfounded at what I was telling her.

I drove past the building earlier today, and, of course, it is still off. I think millions were spent on that building AND they have a full-time crew. Aren't they observant at all? They must not have the pride that they should. They wash the fire trucks all the time and no one notices? Frigging amazing.

Also, the city clock by Egan's is off, too. Does any city or township pay attention?

Businesses, I am watching you and your signs. Even the ACE Hardware in Sumpter Township has NOTHING on its sign to entice me to come in.

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I am watching and reading.

Donald S. Keith, Sumpter Township
Owner of Hoarding Michigan

Editor's Note: The letter writer added a comment: "I see the sign by the Chase bank is working again." He referred to the city's electronic sign at the corner of Main and High streets that had been turned off for some time. The DDA paid for the new electronics which were installed July 15.

Democratic Club endorses Scruggs

To the editor:

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club proudly endorses Adrienne G. Scruggs for Wayne County Circuit Court Judge. Adrienne has the experience and is very well-qualified to serve on the bench. Please join us in casting your vote for Adrienne G. Scruggs.

Debbie Chamberlain
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it finally was adopted on July 16.

In other business at the 38-minute, July 16 meeting, the board:

• Approved the 2024 tax rate request of 0.8935 allocated millage plus 6.3931 extra voted millage for public safety for a total of 7.2866 mills. Taxable value on real and personal property is $1,447,210,931, so the tax amounts to $10,545,247. Supervisor McNamara stated that the tax did not go up;

• Approved the 2024 Township Hall Rental Fee schedule for rooms in the township hall. Rental of the Denton Room, the Otisville Room, or the Sheldon Room are all the same: $25 to a resident and $50 for non-resident. When the meeting area is opened up to include both the Otisville and Sheldon rooms for larger groups, the charge is $50 for a resident and $100 for a non-resident. The board room is not for rent. The renting of these rooms stopped for COVID and then construction of the new community center. Now they can be rented again;

• Approved allocating $45,000 for a Housing Readiness Master Plan Update by McKenna and Associates. The township received a $45,000 MSHSA reimbursable grant in February with a $5,000 match. This is to update the township's master plan to encourage increased housing and affordability. McNamara said the state and federal government are coming up with money for first-time home buyers. This requires a municipal plan or update. Since municipalities wouldn't be able to come up with planning money, they are giving grants, he said. Trustee Kevin Martin said there is a growing need for housing across the country for housing that meets the needs of all people;

• Approved the amended and restated Aerotropolis Interlocal Agreement that gives Wayne County two seats on the Aerotropolis board. Christopher Girdwood of Aerotropolis was there to explain what Aerotropolis does and that he is working to get developments for industrial properities north of I-94 in VBT. He said the township wants south of I-94 to remain rural. Among the acreage available in the township, he pointed out the 1,100 acres north of Willow Run that is in raw land form and the 287 acres south of Wayne County Community College. Girdwood said his role is the growth of the infrastructure, including wastewater and roadwork. He said he helped VBT get $5.5 million for Haggerty Road work. He said Aerotropolis took out an ad in Crane's Business for McNamara to tell the Van Buren Township story during the Mackinac conference. VBT Downtown Development Authority executive director Merrie Coburn has been on the Aerotropolis board for seven or eight years, McNamara said;

• Heard Clerk Leon Wright say that his office has sent out 5,509 absentee ballots and only 1,332 have been returned as of that day, about 22%. Early voting will take place from July 27 until Aug. 3 at township hall, he said, and Election Day is Aug. 6;

• Heard Clerk Wright say the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority has refunded $341,476 to the township due to good risk-management practices. He said the MMRMA has returned $34 million back to its members this year. Wright sits on the MMRMA board;

• Learned Treasurer Sharry Budd will celebrate her 43rd anniversary of working for Van Buren Township on July 20;

• Heard McNamara announce the township has received a total of $1.98 million in grants to put in sidewalks along Tyler Road; and

• Heard residents Cassandra McDonald and Stephanie McDonald protest the firing of Stefan Harvey, who had been hired to be facilities manager of the new community center. They pointed to Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud, Deputy Director Tammy Dohring, and Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter as responsible and asked the board to investigate the matter. Supervisor McNamara said the State of Michigan allows the board to go into personnel matters in a private meeting, which underlines that the board can't talk about personnel matters in public. After the meeting they talked privately with McNamara and Wright about their concerns.

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director

First, I give a big apology to Van Buren Township and to you, our readers. I totally messed up their July Concert Series by publishing a list of last year's concerts in our July 4 edition. This year's concerts are being held on Wednesdays at the new outdoor patio on the south side of the new Van Buren Community Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Scheduled on July 24 was the New Frontiers Journey Tribute Band and on July 31 you can shake your tail feathers to some top 40s Pop and Motown with the local Dan Rafferty Band. So sorry to have given you the wrong information.

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Do you know where Arkona Road is? If not, you should because that is where our local no-kill animal shelter is located. On Saturday, July 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary. For those of us who have followed their progress since the days of Hop-a-long, it's hard to believe it has been that many years. Please take this opportunity to visit them. There will be tours, food trucks, silent auction, dog & cat meet 'n' greet, t-shirts, kids events, and so much more! There are so many dogs and cats looking for their forever home, and you could be their person.

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Growth Works is organizing the first-annual Wag & Walk, a 30-mile dog walk challenge fundraiser for the entire month of September. Go to their website under Get Involved to register and get more information. For information on sponsorship bundles, contact Kyle.wright@gwcares.org .

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***

I sure don't envy you Wayne County voters. The primary election is packed full of candidates and in some cases the person picked in August will be the overall winner. It was much easier for me to vote because I live in Ypsilanti Township. So, good luck to you on making the right choice!

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Gene, the owner of Get the Scoop, stopped in the office to change his Monday special ad. He got such a great response to his Banana Split special that he decided to make it the Monday Special every week. With 26 flavors you could have a different split every Monday. Enjoy!

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Court Watching:

VBT resident charged for shooting new rifle into the ground

Jeffrey Alan Kovl, 37, of Van Buren Township was charged with reckless use of a gun and possessing a gun while intoxicated on June 16 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned on July 10 at 34th District Court and took a plea deal.

He pled guilty to reckless use of a gun and the charge of possessing a gun while intoxicated was dismissed on a motion of the prosecuting attorney.

Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley sentenced him to 18 months of probation and a delayed sentence. The charge would be dismissed upon payment of the fees and no further violations. He received credit for four days served in jail, so Judge Oakley

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Court watching

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levied no fees.

His defense attorney Jeff Bowdich said his client was in the backyard and had fired into the ground. He lives on Robson Road and was 100 yards away from any residences.

"He considered it rural," Bowdich said. "He just bought a rifle and shot into the ground."

Kovl told Judge Oakley he has worked at Roush for 7 years and is a family man with children. He said he made a mistake by scaring his neighbors. He said he shot into the ground four times.

Judge Oakley said he probably wouldn't have been charged if he was not intoxicated at the time and Bowdich said the gentleman his client was with was intoxicated, but his client was not. He said it took four days for them to find out his charges.

Bowdich said police did not test his client's sobriety but reported his eyes looked red. He was not intoxicated, Bowdich said.

Alicia Deann Maupin

Alicia Deann Maupin, 45, of Van Buren Township was set for a pretrial on July 10 on charges of assault or assault and battery on June 30 in Van Buren Township. She was scheduled for a final pretrial on July 31 and the victim must appear. Personal bond is $5,000.

Jeremy Allan Peterson

Jeremy Allan Peterson, 47, of Romulus was scheduled for arraignment/pretrial on July 10 on charges of retail fraud-second degree and removal of a theft-detection device on April 12 in Van Buren Township. On July 10, he failed to appear and will be scheduled for a show-cause hearing.

Kenneth Allen Romeo

Kenneth Allen Romeo of Brighton was scheduled July 10 for his arraignment/pretrial on a charge of retail fraud on Oct. 12, 2023 in Van Buren Township. He failed

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• **Friday, July 26** – Karaoke and DJ Betty at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township.

• **Saturday, July 27** – Early, in-person voting for the Aug. 6 primary election begins today and lasts for nine straight days, including Sundays. It ends at the end of the day on Sunday, Aug. 4, and the final election day is 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6. After that, there will be early voting for nine days before the Nov. 5 Presidential Election, as well.

• **Saturday, July 27** – Celebrate 20 years of serving the community with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 51299 Arkona Rd., Sumpter Township. Tours, food trucks, silent auction, dog and cat meet and greet, t-shirts, kids' events.

• **Wednesday, July 31** – The local Dan Rafferty Band will be playing pop, top 40s, and Motown music in concert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the new Van Buren Community Center outdoor plaza, 46425 Tyler Rd. Sponsored by the VBT Recreation Department.

• **Thursday, Aug. 1** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by "The Saints of Soul."

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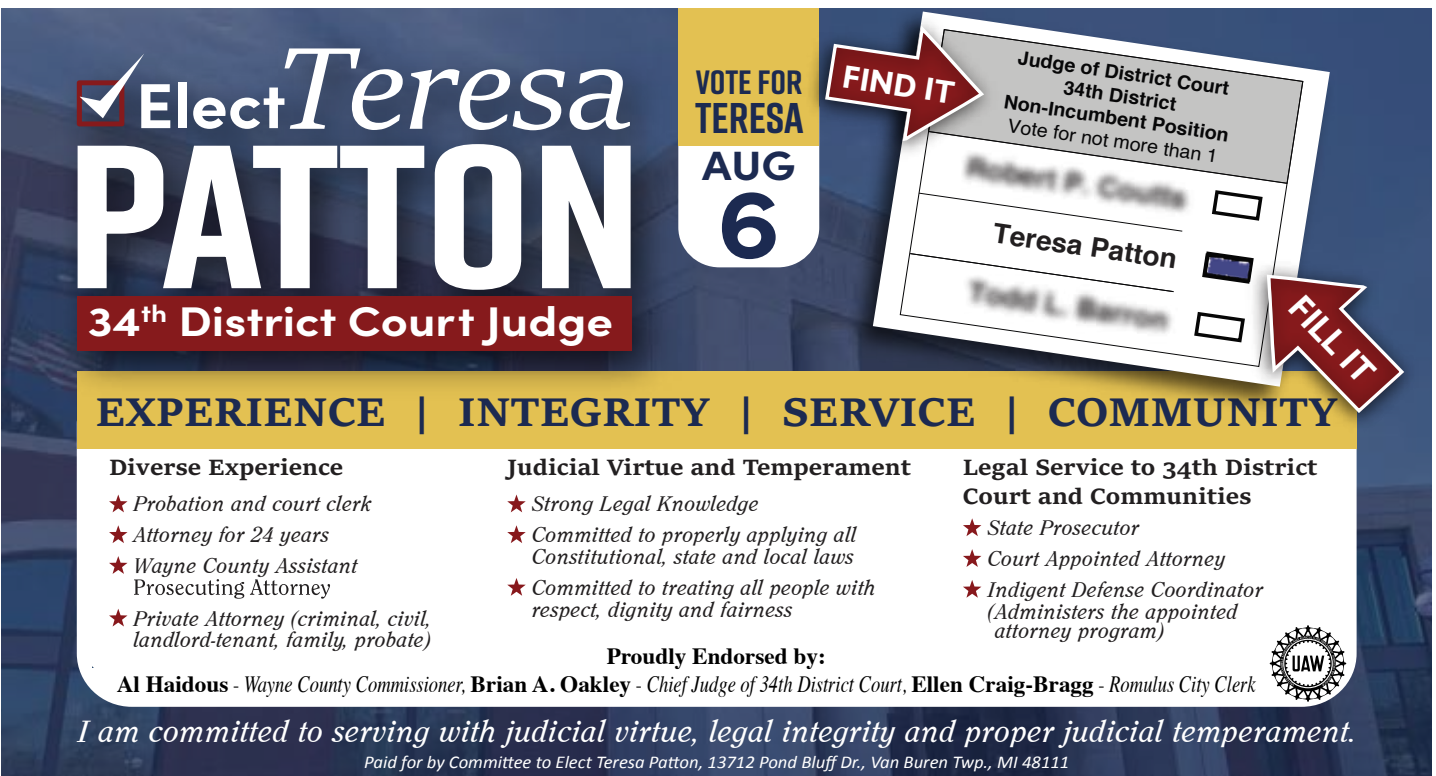

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District Library to install automatic doors on restrooms

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library is getting automatic doors installed for its restrooms because the doors have been hard to open for those in wheelchairs, reported library director Mary Jo Suchy at the library board's regular meeting on July 9.

Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire said her husband had been mentioning that problem to her for some time, but she didn't bring it to Suchy until recently.

Director Suchy also reported the other in-ground flagpole light that was not broken, now is broken and she is in contact with the electricians.

Board president Sharon Peters said they have spent four years worrying about the one light that illuminated the flagpole that was not working and now it's the other light.

The first malfunctioning light was fixed several times and finally recently replaced completely and is working well.

Director Suchy also reported that the staff entrance door lock with keycards was not working right and it took $2,771 to repair it. She said while it was malfunctioning, employees had to come in the front door and then race to shut off the alarm.

In another building maintenance issue, Suchy reported most of the library's carpet was cleaned, when the company's machine broke, with 25% left to go. The company will complete the carpents when they come to clean the library's tile floors, she said.

In other business at the 45-minute meeting, the board:

• Learned the basic literacy program is starting up again, after being sidelined by COVID-19, and there will be a 7 p.m., July 24, meeting for those interested in being trained as volunteer tutors for adult literacy. Suchy said the library is going through the Washtenaw Literacy program. According to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, one out of every five American adults reads below a fifth-grade level;

• Heard vice-president Linda Priest say the personnel committee met on June 21 and talked about the personnel policy. A lot needs to be done before it is brought to the board, she said. President Peters said they are on the right track and the library wants to be a good employer. Suchy said the library's attorney has a sample policy to study;

• Was impressed that the Friends of the Library made $2,188.05 from their latest used-book sale;

• Learned the library is sending Jennifer Richardson to an Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) conference in Indianapolis, IN Oct. 14-17 at an early-bird registration cost of $450. The board was assured she will bring back the information to share with other employees;

• Heard Suchy report that the summer reading programs have been very popular, with signup about 20% higher than last year's registrations;

• Learned Suchy say she will be meeting this summer with staff members who interact with teens in order to do some planning for fall. She said they will discuss programming as well as best practices for dealing with any behavior issues that might arise;

• Heard Suchy report that new to the Library of Things are storytime kits that families can check out. Each kit contains books and educational activities based on a specific theme such as Dino Storytime, Farm Storytime, Explore Nature, etc. She said many of the kits were checked out within the first day after they were put on display;

• Heard discussion on the open seats on the Library Board that will be filled in the Nov. 5 election. The seats are currently held by Joy Cichewicz of Sumpter Township, Alma Hughes-Grubbs of Van Buren Township, and John Juriga of Belleville; and

• Heard Priest say that she attended the auditions for "Steel Magnolias" that will be presented at the Van Buren Township Community Center's Black Box theater in September. She said she didn't try out, but offered to help in other ways and she said she will help get the props together. She said many retired people want to volunteer to stay active and there should be a list of places to volunteer locally.

Board secretary Alma Hughes-Grubbs was absent and excused from the meeting.

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to appear and a show-cause hearing will be set.

Joshua Kavon Patton

Joshua Kavon Patton, 26, of Van Buren Township, appeared from the Wayne County Jail for his probable cause conference on July 10 on a charge of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle on Feb. 22 and unauthorized driving away of an auto on Feb. 25, both in Van Buren Township.

Judge Oakley said he also had a misdemeanor retail fraud charge from Feb. 25, also in Van Buren Township. Defense attorney Kerry Martin said the competency review completed said it had insufficient evidence. He said he just talked to his client and he doesn't understand what is happening. Martin said he is not prepared to stipulate his client is competent, so he is asking for another competency review. Martin will be gone until mid-October. Assistant prosecutor Mohamed Mohamed said it was his understanding the defendant was competent.

Judge Oakley set the contested competency hearing until Oct. 9. Judge Oakley wanted to sentence Patton to time served for the retail fraud charge since Patton had quite a lot of jail credit, but Patton was confused. Martin asked that that case be put off until Oct. 9, as well.

Anthony Paul Tyler

Anthony Paul Tyler, 34, of Detroit is charged with larceny between $1,000-$20,000 and larceny in a building on Nov. 28, 2022 in Van Buren Township. His arraignment/probable cause conference was set for July 10 before Judge Oakley. He was scheduled for a preliminary examination on July 17. Bond is $10,000/10%. He is in the Calhoun County Jail and the court will try to writ him out and get him to 34th court for the exam.

On July 17 a probable cause conference was held by zoom and the exam was reset for noon on July 31 before Judge Green. The defense attorney pointed out the case was from 2022 and the defendant is in custody. The complainant has to be flown in from out of state.

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Sumpter board votes 3-2 to approve recycling pad bid for $56,400

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on July 9, approved the $56,400 bid from Diversified Excavating for a concrete pad under the recycling container.

That amount is to come from the $980,000 federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds Sumpter had received.

Voting no were Trustees Peggy Morgan and Matthew Oddy. Clerk Esther Hurst and Trustee Don LaPorte were absent from the meeting.

The proposal had been removed from the agenda for the last two meetings because of Trustee Oddy's concerns about whether the ARPA funds were being overspent, since just $32,000 had been allocated for the concrete pad to hold the recycling container.

He had asked that one of the "other buckets" that held appropriated ARPA funds be reduced, so the $56,400 being spent is not more than what is available.

Supervisor Tim Bowman said he disagreed with Oddy and they have been going back and forth on this for several meetings. Supervisor Bowman said they could pay the extra out of the general fund, if necessary.

Treasurer Bart Patterson said they still will be able to use ARPA funds at the end and he noted the ARPA funds are gathering interest which can be spent.

"We're not overspent," Patterson said. "Technically, were over-allocating. There is still money in ARPA."

After the appropriation passed on a 3-2 vote, township manager Tony Burdick said he will ensure these funds are available and all ARPA spending is approved by the board.

"I don't like being over-obligated on paper," Oddy said.

Manager Burdick said it's always been a what comes first, the chicken or the egg thing. He referred to allocating funds and then going out for bids and finding out how much it is going to cost and if they need more or less money for the project.

In other business at the 39-minute meeting, the board.

• Approved on a 4-1 vote, with Trustee Morgan voting no, approval of Waters Edge Option B floating dock system at a net cost of $22,586 using ARPA and Wayne County Millage funds;

• Approved unanimously the Graham Park playscape by Penchura LLC in the amount of $237,052, using ARPA funds. The motion was amended to include up to $20,000 more to provide extra Poured In Place (PIP) walkways that Oddy said is a rubberized concrete that feels like you're walking on cork. Oddy noted it was used at the Lower Huron Metropark at the old pool. Oddy had pushed to approve the extra hard-surfaced walkways to help with strollers and wheelchairs so they don't have to struggle through woodchips. Patterson said they had planned to add the PIP walkways later so they could be planned out in detail before approval;

• Approved Brian Messer's fireworks permit for July 20;

• Approved, with regrets, the expiration of the AFSCME one-year right to return for Michael Petrowski, effective July 1;

• Approved the TNT Tree Service proposal for $8,000 to remove identified trees, stumps, and brush at Martinsville Cemetery, using ARPA-obligated funds;

• Approved the TNT invoice in the amount of $1,350 for tree and stump removal at Martinsville Cemetery, using ARPA funds;

• Approved switching equipment from decommissioned police vehicle 328 to the new 328 by Herkimer Services for $4,213.39;

• Approved outfitting the new police department vehicle 322 at a total cost of $14,361.77 by Herkimer Services utilizing forfeiture funds;

• Approved assessing what properties are ready to sell from a list of township-owned properties. No list was made available to the public;

• Heard Treasurer Patterson say he thinks there should be discussion on some subjects and since there is no longer a workshop session before the meetings, he would like to propose having meetings for the public on a Thursday or Friday night, after the board packets are out for the next week's meeting, so things could be talked about. He said people could wear whatever they wanted and there would be no TV. They could discuss what will be considered at the next meeting and give the board time to think about the comments before the vote is taken. "Something to consider," he said;

• Heard Trustee Morgan give "hats off" to the committee which worked on the upgrading of the Martinsville Cemetery. She said it is "absolutely beautiful" and it only took 20 years and it's finally done. Patterson said it is not done yet;

• Heard resident Mary Ban say she didn't sign in to speak, as required, but she wanted to know about progress on the senior center doors. Patterson said four bids had been received on the doors;

• Heard 34th District Court candidate Robert Coutts and State Representative candidate Dale Biniecki introduce themselves; and

• Heard Sumpter supervisor candidate Sheena Barnes politely say she had two questions for the board and one for the supervisor. She asked if the medical building on Sumpter Road was Sumpter property and she was told no. She asked when did the ordinance change on signs and Trustee Tim Rush said in 2021 the sign ordinance was rescinded, but you have to ask permission to put signs on private property. Then she asked Supervisor Bowman if he pulled up election signs on property at the corner of Sumpter and Willis and he said he did because they didn't have permission to put them there. Trustee Morgan said she had permission and Supervisor Bowman interrupted her statement and said, "I'm not going to get in a pissing match." Bowman said he personally got permission from Joe Nasser to put signs on the property and Bowman was in charge of who could be there. Barnes said she got a report from someone who said he saw the supervisor pulling up signs, not hers but Tim Craiger's sign. She said Bowman is the first supervisor in history to admit to pulling up election signs. Trustee Morgan said she did get permission from Nasser on Saturday and Trustee Rush called out "point of order" and said Morgan can't talk because she didn't have the floor. Barnes said she will talk to Joe Nasser and will put up her sign on that corner where she always has in the past.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Members of the public may additionally participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following request:

Case 23-073: A request by applicant and owner Frank Jarbou of Symmetry Management to construct a gasoline filling station, convenience store and drive-thru restaurant including a 8.251 square foot convenience store and drive-thru restaurant building, a 2,220-sq. ft. canopy with five (5) diesel fueling pumps, and a 4,140-sq. ft. canopy with sixteen (16) regular gasoline fueling pumps on 2.25 acres of property split from seven (7) parcels with a total area of 4.46 acres: V-125-83-008-99-0038-000, -0039-000, -0040-000, -0041-000, -0042-000, -0043-000, and -0044-000. The site is zoned C-1 – General Business District. Gasoline filling stations and drive-thru establishments require special land use approval and a public hearing with the Planning Commission in the C-1 District in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance.

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org by **August 12, 2024.** On the meeting website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting. On the agenda for the meeting,** a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. 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 or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org.

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VBT accepts high quote of $68,336 to replace twp. hall HVAC units

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting July 2, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously accepted the high quote of $68,336 from W.J. O'Neil to replace HVAC units at the township hall.

Larry Luckett, director of public services, explained why the two less-costly quotes weren't recommended.

He said as part of the township's Capital Improvement Plan efforts, they solicited quotes to replace two aging HVAC units in the township hall building. That included one ten-ton unit and one three-ton unit.

"This is a planned expenditure and is part of the township's overall plan to replace the ten original HVAC units as they are at the end of their useful life," he said. "Ten of these units are 29 years old and are scheduled for replacement over the next three years."

He said the township staff solicited three quotes from different companies and is recommending the quote from W.J. O'Neil in the amount of $68,336 to replace three HVAC units.

The three quotes received were:

- Air Doctors - $42,907.31
- Boone & Darr - $29,755
- W.J. O'Neill - $44,929

The bid from Boone & Darr was an incomplete bid as the proposal did not include disposal or crane rental costs and it was disqualified, Luckett said.

The quote from Air Doctors came in next, but their proposal was to provide Amana HVAC units, when the township's specification was Trane brand HVAC units. Luckett said the township's preference is to remain consistent with the majority of the units on the roof so it was specified.

"It is due to this, W.J. O'Neill being our primary HVAC contractor and the close cost of the bids, that we are recommending to move forward with W.J. O'Neill."

Luckett said the original quote from W.J. O'Neill came in at $44,929, but recently the need for additional work had been identified. They discovered another unit had major mechanical issues and will need to be replaced in addition to the one that was out of order and the other that disintegrated. Due to this they requested an updated quote to add the third unit. The updated quote was $68,336.

Luckett said W.J. O'Neil is the township's regular vendor for HVAC maintenance and has been working with the township for the past few years.

"Although their original quote was higher, we are recommending the township board move forward with their quote and the additional work," he said. "Township staff is comfortable with their quality of work and they have successfully completed similar projects at other township facilities."

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the work was already budgeted for.

In other business at the township's 42-minute meeting, the board:

• Approved a subrecipient agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding with Wayne County for $20,000 for salary for Senior Services;

• Approved unanimously an agreement with the City of Romulus for services at the Animal Shelter that will increase costs to the township by $8,000 to $10,000 a year. New fees now will be $1,000 a month, $20 per day beyond seven days, $80 for euthanization, and a $1,500 fee for any Van Buren dogs deemed to have PARVO. Deputy Police Chief Jason Monte said the original agreement with Romulus was in 2017 and the cost hadn't changed since then. The township has been paying $650 a month. He said in 2022-23, the township used the service for nine dogs a month and this year there are 11 dogs a month. He said they have checked around and this is the most cost-effective procedure. Supervisor McNamara pointed out that they did look at options and Romulus has been undercharging the township for many years and they were expecting a rise in cost;

• Heard Clerk Leon Wright report that there are 216 homes in Andover subdivision where he is homeowner association president. He said he is getting calls about a lot of vicious dogs attacking humans and people's dogs. He said if people have dogs they can't control something should be done. He said the previous week a small dog was attacked by a dog who ran out of his open garage door. He said a Rotweiller attacked another dog that was being walked. "I don't know what we can do," he said. "One person getting attacked is a problem." Deputy Chief Monte said they have received calls and the township has an ordinance for dogs at large. If a dog bites, police take the dog, he said. Deputy Chief Monte said they put stray dog pictures on Facebook for people to identify. They don't want to keep dogs longer than they have to because of the cost. Trustee Kevin Martin said the township should be proactive and encourage people to get the required dog license which identifies the owner. The license is only $5 and the owner has to show the dog is vaccinated;

• Approved a special land use request for a retail store with outdoor display and sales for Tractor Supply, to be located at the southeast corner of Hull and Sumpter Roads on a roughly 5.11-acre parcel. The property is being rezoned to SRMU – Sumpter Road Mixed Use district. The planning commission approved the preliminary site plan on May 22. With the special land use approval, the project will move into an engineering review phase. Treasurer Sharry Budd, who is the board's liaison to the planning commission, said Tractor Supply told the commission this store will be one of the top store designs

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they have because of the township ordinances;

• Approved the first reading of an amendment to the zoning ordinance to provide definitions and regulations for Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism). Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said the ordinance is to promote the sale of goods and services on sites at least 10 acres in size in agricultural areas. He said the ordinance was built around Debuck's operation which has been operating on a seasonal temporary land use permit. "We hope this will be a way to bring activities on their properties," Director Power said. Supervisor McNamara said, "We're looking forward to wineries popping up all over the south part of the township";

• Heard Clerk Wright announce that 4,200 absentee ballots have been sent out to voters and 4,200 emails have been sent out to voters announcing the ballots are coming. He also announced the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) is distributing a refund to the township of $341,000;

• Heard Supervisor McNamara announce that Trustee Donald Boynton is active with SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) now and was elected to the executive board. Trustee Boynton said the previous Thursday the township Downtown Development Authority's grant application for $200,000 was approved by SEMCOG for the Safe Streets for All project; and

• Heard a report from Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services, on the first week of operation of the new community center. Trustee Martin said 700 people came through the building after the ribbon cutting the previous week.

Director Renaud said it was a very successful first week and it surpassed their wildest dreams because they met 100% of their membership goal. Clerk Wright said he had told them, "If you build it, they will come." He said many people have commented to him on what a jewel the building is and people will appreciate it for years to come. He said Supervisor McNamara is a wizard for finding money and basically this was built at no cost to residents. "Now we have to figure out what we're going to do next," he said.

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Chance Joseph Bonam

Chance Joseph Bonam, 28, of Ypsilanti was scheduled for his preliminary exam on July 17 before Judge Oakley on a charge of domestic violence in Van Buren Township. He waived his preliminary exam.

The prosecutor asked the judge to revoke the defendant's bond and remand him to jail because he had been violating the bond that ordered him not to return to the scene of the incident. Pictures on Ring camera were cited plus incidents. Judge Oakley revoked his bond for violation of the bond and remanded him to jail. The arraignment on the information at circuit court was set for July 24. The defendant said his wife kept inviting him to come over, but Judge Oakley said he still violated an order of the court.

Tina Maria Weinberg

Tina Maria Weinberg of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned while in custody of the Van Buren police by Magistrate Hindman on July 18 on a charge of domestic violence in Van Buren Township on July 16.

Personal bond is $5,000 and her remote pretrial by zoom was set for July 31 in front of Judge Green. Her bond stipulates she is to have no contact with the victim and cannot return to the place of the offense.

Kaitlyn Rose Martin

Kaitlyn Rose Martin of Wayne was present on July 17 for arraignment/pretrial on a charge of failure to stop or identify after a property damage accident on June 4 in Sumpter Township. She pled guilty to a reduced charge of failure to report an accident and Judge Oakley fined her $300 and 12 months of probation with a delayed sentence. If there are no other violations during that time, the charge will be dismissed.

She said she ran into the back of another vehicle in Sumpter Township and left. She told the judge she didn't think there was any damage. She said her only other case on her record is a DUI charge out of Westland.

Steven Joseph Purdue

Steven Joseph Purdue of Van Buren Township was present for his pretrial on July 17 on a charge of domestic violence on July 5 in Van Buren Township. The final pretrial was set for Aug. 21 and the victim must appear. Personal bond is $5,000.

Ramon Omar Dorr-Horton, Jr.

Ramon Omar Dorr-Horton, Jr., 32, of Van Buren Township, was present for his probable cause conference on July 17 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, drove while license suspended, and open alcohol container in vehicle on Aug. 27, 2020 in Van Buren Township.

The defendant appeared in court for a bench warrant arraignment on July 9 and was present for his probable cause conference on July 17 and it was adjourned until July 31. Personal bond is $5,000. His defense attorney Ken Riggins said they may have this resolved by then.

Eric Adrian Wyche

Eric Adrian Wyche, 69, of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned on a bench warrant while in custody of Van Buren Police on July 22 before Judge Martin. He is charged with possession of narcotics or cocaine less

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ORDINANCE 04-03-18
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendment to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) was approved and is hereby adopted:

ORDINANCE 07-02-24: Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism). Proposed amendments to create definitions, review processes, and regulations for Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism) and related uses. The amendments will include modifications and additions to Section 2.102 (Definitions - Specific Terms), Section 5.102 (Development Standards for Specific Uses - Agricultural Retail Sales), Section 3.109 (Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses - AG, Agricultural and Estate District) and Section 9.102 (Parking, Loading, and Access Management - Minimum Number of Parking Spaces Required).

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted: July 16, 2024
Published: July 25, 2024
Effective: August 1, 2024

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES - JULY 16, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, and Trustee Martin. Absent/Excused: Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Municipal Services Akers, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, and an audience of four.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2024, Prepaid List of July 4, 2024, Prepaid List of July 11, 2024, Voucher List of July 16, 2024, and Approval of Resolution 2024-08: 2024 Tax Rate Request. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Clerk Wright reminded residents there are 21 days until the August 6 Primary Election, only 22% of absentee ballots have been turned into the Clerk's Office as of today, and early voting for all Township voters takes place from July 27 until August 3 at Township Hall. Supervisor McNamara announced the Township has received 1.98 million dollars in grants to put sidewalks along Tyler Road and Treasurer Budd will celebrate her 43rd Anniversary working at Van Buren Township on July 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve Resolution 2024-10: 2024 Township Hall Rental Fee Schedule. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve a Housing Readiness Master Plan Update by McKenna and Associates in the amount of $45,000. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 07-02-24 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide definitions and regulations for Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, and Martin. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Kelley and Frazier. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2024-09: The Amended and Restated Aerotropolis (ILA) Interlocal Agreement and to approve Supervisor McNamara to sign the agreement. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Two residents expressed disagreement with the termination of an employee and asked the Board to investigate the termination.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: July 25, 2024

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than 25 grams on June 3 in Van Buren Township. He was given $5,000 personal bond and his probable cause conference was set for July 31.

Shane William-Clyde Duzan

Shane William-Clyde Duzan, 22, of Tecumseh was present for his remote pretrial on July 1 before Judge Martin on a charge of operating while intoxicated and interfering with police on Jan. 15 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set at $1,000. A remote pretrial was set for July 18. On that day it was noted the discovery is outstanding and the remote pretrial was adjourned until Aug. 12.

Lasana Karva, Jr.

Lasana Karva, Jr., of Van Buren Township had his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 1 on a charge of retail fraud on Feb. 7 in Van Buren Township. He pled guilty and was disposed on his guilty plea by Judge Martin. He was fined $347, which included restitution of $47.88.

Anthony Thomas Ware

Anthony Thomas Ware, 22, of Westland was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 1 on two charges of retail fraud on April 27 in Van Buren Township. He failed to appear, so a show cause/arraignment/pretrial was set for Aug. 1.

Kenneth Darnell Huddleston, Jr.

Kenneth Darnell Huddleston, Jr., of Detroit was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 1 before Judge Martin on a charge of retail fraud on May 10 in Van Buren Township. He failed to appear so a show cause/arraignment/pretrial was set for Aug. 1.

Paul Allen Ziolkowski

Paul Allen Ziolkowski of Wayne was set for his show cause/arraignment/ pretrial on July 1 before Judge Martin on a charge of retail fraud on Oct. 23, 2022 in Van Buren Township. A warrant is out for his arrest for failure to appear and he failed to appear again. The warrant continues.

Dayon Anthony Williams

Dayon Anthony Williams of Hazel Park is charged with retail fraud on May 10 in Van Buren Township and was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 1 before Judge Martin. He failed to appear and the post office said his notice could not be delivered. He was scheduled for a remote show cause/arraignment/pretrial on Aug. 1.

Brandon Travis Bielski

Brandon Travis Bielski of Van Buren Township was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial before Judge Martin on July 1 on a charge of retail fraud on May 21 in Van Buren Township. He failed to appear for his court date, so a remote show cause/arraignment/pretrial was set for Aug. 1.

Mark Alan Stewart

Mark Alan Stewart, 43, of Ann Arbor was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 1 on a charge of malicious use of a phone on June 8 in Van Buren Township. He failed to appear so he was set for a remote show cause/arraignment/pretrial on Aug. 1.

Nathan Edward Moore

Nathan Edward Moore of Dundee was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 1 before Judge Martin on a charge of retail fraud on June 8 in Van Buren Township. The post office said it could not deliver his notice and he failed to appear on July 1. A remote show cause/arraignment/pretrial was scheduled for Aug. 1.

Trezhaun Dashae Eaton

Trezhaun Dashae Eaton of Inkster was present for his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 1 on a charge of retail fraud on June 9 in Van Buren Township. He pled guilty. He was fined $345 and it was added to his payment plan.

Hassan Christopher Clark

Hassan Christopher Clark, 55, of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned by 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin while in custody of Van Buren Township Police. He is charged with second-degree arson and breaking & entering (illegal entry) on June 29 in Van Buren Township. He is considered a habitual offender. Judge Martin set bond of $20,000/10% and scheduled the probable cause conference for July 10. The preliminary exam was set for Aug. 21.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, July 1, 2024 - 7:30 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Council Member Beebe	Absent/Excused
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Priest	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Mayor Voigt	Present

2. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

a. Presentations

i. AirSpace Link

• Michael Healander, President and CEO of AirSpace Link presented the work his company does in managing airspace for drones on behalf of the FAA.

ii. Geese Chasers – Update on Horizon Park

• Ray Champeau from Geese Chasers provided updates on his work to remove geese from Horizon Park, noting that he has not seen any evidence of geese in the park in a few weeks.

iii. Proclamation – Belleville Co-Op

• Mayor Voigt presented a Proclamation acknowledging the 20-year anniversary of the Belleville Co-Op.

b. Citizen Comments

i. Larry Holm

• Inquired if there were any plans to repair High St. near the intersection of Main St.

ii. Pauline Iwao

• Stated that the removal of the geese from Horizon Park was one of the most upsetting things she has seen in a long time.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Bates to approve the agenda as presented, with the edition of Item 4E, Council Follow Up List.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

a. Approval of Minutes

i. June 17, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

b. Communications

c. DPS Activity Report

d. Special Events

e. Council Follow Up List

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel approving the consent agenda items as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION – Ordinance No. 24-005 – Amendment to 3.1.6 of the Zoning Code.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to adopt **Ordinance No. 24-005**, amending Section 3.1.6 of the Belleville Zoning Code.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Water Meter AMI Contractor Selection

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to table the discussion to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 15th.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

b. Purchase Agreement – For sale of 100 Davis Street

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve a purchase agreement for the sale of city property located at 100 Davis Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

c. Resolution #24-025 – Resolution to Propose Four Amendments to the Belleville City Charter

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve **Resolution # 24-025**, proposing four amendments to the Belleville City Charter.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

d. Resolution – Authorization for the City Manager to Sign the Lease Agreement with NCL for the Tymco 600 Sweeper.

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to authorize City Manager Smith to sign a lease agreement with NCL for a new street sweeper for the city.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

e. Westshore Services Tornado Siren

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Bates to table the discussion to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 15th.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

f. Employment Agreement – Briana Hootman

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve an employment agreement for City Clerk/ Treasurer Hootman, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

i. City of Williamston

ii. Core and Main

iii. Harold J. Love and Associates (2)

iv. Monroe County Firefighters Association

v. R & R Fire Truck Repair Inc.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of $500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

a. Repair of roads in the Harbour Pointe subdivision are expected to kick off next week.

b. The equipment for the leaf pickup vacuum has been ordered.

c. The Summer Youth Program workers have already begun working at City Hall.

d. The GIS summer interns almost have the entire city mapped, including curb stops, water mains, etc.

e. The BHS Dance Team will be out to repaint fire hydrants throughout the city on July 14th and 21st.

f. Will be out of the office on Wednesday, and City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Independence Day.

10. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. **Priest**

i. Stated he took a tour of Hillside Cemetery earlier in the day, noting that it is due for maintenance.

b. **Kissel**

i. Attended an annual event hosted by Growth Works on the 21st of June, noting that the city should be receiving a vending machine that dispenses Narcan.

ii. Noted that the city archives are fairly functional now.

iii. Stated it was a great night at the weekly car show this evening.

c. **Bates**

i. Would like to have any feedback regarding City Manager Smith's performance review submitted to Mayor Voigt by July 10th.

ii. Wished everyone a Happy Canada Day.

11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

a. Stated that Lakefest was great, noting that the committee who organized it did a wonderful job.

b. Reminded everyone that the BYC Fireworks will take place on July 6th.

c. Wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

a. **Chris Zweng**

i. Stated that the Fire Department had 6 medical runs and 2 fire runs on Saturday.

ii. Noted that he watched the Van Buren fireworks on Saturday at the pumphouse, adding that it was a great view.

13. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 246 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 14:

0046 – assist fire dept., Alden Ave.

0409 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.

0921 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.

1037 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

1041 – intrusion alarm, Celestine Dr.

1136 – vehicle lockout, Bog Rd.

1136 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.

1223 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.

1448 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.

1635 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler School

1658 – threat, Belleville Rd.

1724 – civil matter, Dewitt Rd.

1816 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.

1845 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.

1949 – larceny, Chloe Ct.

2124 – welfare check, Belleville Pointe

2241 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Rd.

2330 – threat, Belleville Rd.

Monday, July 15:

0055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arcadia Ct.

0149 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

0748 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

0829 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0954 – property check, Jackson St./Hayes St.

1001 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1309 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1118 – property check, Belleville Rd.

1241 – larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.

1242 – family trouble, Lake Crest Dr.

1423 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.

1511 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

1524 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Hardwood Dr.

1606 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

1901 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.

1833 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd.

1652 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1704 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

1706 – family trouble, Ironwood Dr.

1834 – vehicle lockout, Jackson St.

1834 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.

1959 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Holly Ln.

2032 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2113 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2117 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.

2236 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

Tuesday, July 16:

0001 – threat, Ash Dr.

0031 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0132 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

0348 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Independence

0850 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.

0908 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

Xxxx – personal injury accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1007 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Blvd.

1055 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.

1211 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1256 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1338 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.

1435 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.

1507 – assist fire dept., Belmont Dr.

1544 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.

1621 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1729 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1743 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Belleville Rd.

1850 – assist other dept., Locust Dr.

1939 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2023 – family trouble, Tompkins St.

2320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Vine St.

2338 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, July 17:

0011 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lancaster Dr.

0040 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.

0246 – welfare check, Birch Dr.

xxxx – repossession, Maple Dr.

0854 – found property/child, Independence Ln.

0916 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

0951 – found property/child, Lighthouse Dr.

1016 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

1025 – personal injury accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.

1118 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hickory Woods

1104 – domestic, Victoria St.

1119 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1209 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.

1238 – intrusion alarm, Assembly St.

1309 – malicious destruction, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1328 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

1313 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Martinsville Rd.

1400 – private property/property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.

1347 – civil matter, Maude Ct.

1354 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Martinsville Rd.

1543 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

1559 – PPO violation, Redwood Dr.

1824 – civil matter, Lighthouse Dr.

1819 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.

xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1831 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.

2032 – disorderly, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.

2137 – juvenile complaint, Rose Blvd.

2156 – assist citizen, N. I-275/Ecorse

Thursday, July 18:

0144 – harassment call, Southport Apts.

0143 – road hazard, Park Estates

0208 – domestic, Van Buren Ct.

0641 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.

0801 – welfare check, Arthur St.

1040 – vehicle lockout, McBride Ave.

1037 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

1107 – welfare check, Beckley Dr.

xxxx – vehicle lockout, Bayshore Dr.

1234 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cross St.

1242 – welfare check, Oak Blvd.

1254 – larceny, Van Born Rd.

1342 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.

1317 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1326 – disorderly, Michigan Ave.

1506 – juvenile complaint, Holly Ln.

1556 – found property/child, Spence Ave.

1637 – civil matter, Maple Dr.

1717 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse

1850 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lohr Rd.

1908 – civil matter, Tompkins St.

1951 – mental subject, Park Estates Dr.

2015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2059 – found property/child, Belmont Dr.

2106 – welfare check, Hannan Rd./Price Rd.

Friday, July 19:

0006 – welfare check, Denton Rd.

0224 – intrusion alarm, Lake Point Pass

0720 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0600 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.

0720 – parking complaint, Sheldon Rd./Van Born

0801 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275

0937 – missing person, Quirk Rd.

0934 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.

1010 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1108 – family trouble, Birch Dr.

1134 – family trouble, Holly Ln.

1136 – malicious destruction of property, Denton

1157 – abandoned auto, Vista Dr.

1212 – assist other dept., Park Estates Dr.

1440 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1552 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

1611 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton

1712 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.

1825 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.

1904 – domestic, Maple Dr.

1915 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

1912 – private property/property damage accident, Savage Rd.

1924 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1955 – property damage accident, Briarwood Ct.

1959 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – repossession, Dewitt Rd.

2128 – intrusion alarm, Dellor St.

2225 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd./Ecorse Rd.

Saturday, July 20:

0027 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Greenbriar Ct.

0028 – property check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0037 – welfare check, Fret Rd.

0250 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.

0348 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse I-275 ramp N/N. I-275 Ecorse ramp

0418 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.

0510 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.

0530 – shooting, Belleville Rd.

0813 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.

0900 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Purple Sage Ct.

1006 – lost property/child, Westlake Cir.

1107 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.

1142 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.

1217 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

xxxx – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.

1327 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1505 – suicidal person, Capitol Dr.

1514 – traffic offense, sand bar

1548 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1629 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.

1712 – noise complaint, Andover Dr.

1903 – assist fire dept., Stamford Rd.

1910 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2026 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

2026 – vehicle lockout, Quirk Rd.

2230 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.

2353 – civil matter, Fairfield Dr.

2327 – shooting, Sheldon Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 63 traffic stops, nine of which are on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 14:

0903 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

1310 -- follow up by officer, Red Oak Inn

1320 – follow up by officer, Red Roof Inn

1329 – follow up by officer, Baymont Inn

1605 – property damage accident, Main St.

1754 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

1802 – civil matter, Henry St.

1959 – road hazard, Sumpter Rd.

2251 – animal complaint, Anaheim St.

Monday, July 15:

0352 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.

0738 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Power Dr.

0745 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Potter Dr.

0923 – 911 welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave.

1205 – neighbor trouble, Edison Ave.

xxxx – intrusion alarm, E. Waterbury Ct.

2247 – property check, Carmell St.

2255 – larceny, E. Columbia Ave.

2353 – assist citizen, Church St.

Tuesday, July 16:

0204 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.

xxxx – repossession, Carmell

0911 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

0924 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. Liberty St.

0937 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Main St.

0950 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Liberty St.

1051 – assist citizen, Main St.

1305 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Columbia Ave.

1522 – civil matter, Main St.

1847 – disorderly, Main St.

Wednesday, July 17:

0115 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

1018 – background investigation, Main St.

1610 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.

1634 – follow up by officer, Sumpter Rd.

1644 – vehicle lockout, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1751 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

2047 – warrant arrest, Speedway

Thursday, July 18:

0522 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.

0558 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln.

1224 – welfare check, Carmell St.

1542 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.

xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Light Tower Ct.

2141 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln./N. Aberdeen Ct.

Friday, July 19:

0142 – assist citizen, N. Liberty St.

1041 – follow up by officer, Main St.

1417 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.

1711 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.

2155 – welfare check, Estrada

Saturday, July 20:

0856 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

0933 – assist citizen, E. Waterbury Ct.

1534 – property damage accident, Main St.

2155 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell St.

2228 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

There are 126 dispatch calls on this week's log and 76 of those are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 14:

0025 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

0149 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Elwell

0151 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Wear Rd.

0646 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd./Karr Rd.

0924 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1001 – suspicious circumstance, Walnut St.

1247 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1414 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

1429 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1515 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1542 – citizen assist, out of township

1615 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

1857 – follow-up investigation, 26000 bl. Elwell

2046 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

2141 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, July 15:

0018 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0059 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Harris

1034 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry St.

1052 – assist other agency, Oregon St.

1108 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.

1349 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

1614 – suspicious person, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

1804 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

1936 – follow-up investigation, 29000 bl. Elwell

1955 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2004 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2009 – citizen assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

2020 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

2112 – 911 hangup, Delaware

2339 – 911 hangup, Texas

Tuesday, July 16:

0310 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0448 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0531 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Arkona

0818 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

0934 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1227 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

1231 – animal complaint, Colorado St.

1254 – welfare check, Arizona St.

1329 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.

1418 – citizen assist, Magnolia Dr.

1419 – civil matter, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

1432 – assault, Mulberry Dr.

1447 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.

1510 – harassment complaint, 39000 bl. Willis

1743 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis

1819 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1847 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

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2024 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.
2048 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2056 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2335 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Judd

Wednesday, July 17:
0654 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1028 – assault, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1043 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1305 – suspicious circumstance, Virginia St.
1313 – alarm, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1324 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1529 – larceny, Montana St.
1638 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1728 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville rd.
1852 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1922 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1951 – family trouble, Wyoming
2058 – welfare check, Utah St.
2059 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
2154 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, July 18:
0003 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0101 – family trouble, Greenm,eadow
0113 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0418 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
0902 – criminal sexual conduct complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1101 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1500 – property damage accident, 22000 bl. Clar Rd.
1521 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1800 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1814 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1820 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1828 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
1830 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1848 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Karr
2053 – 911 hangup, Mulberry
2148 – noise complaint, Washington St.
2237 – 911 hangup, Birch Dr.

Friday, July 19:
0112 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0318 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0806 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.
0822 – animal complaint, Wear Rd./Sherwood
1119 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
1318 – criminal sexual conduct complaint, Colorado St.
1425 – assist other agency, Colorado St.
1432 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1504 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.
1532 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1610 – suspicious circumstance, Texas
1611 – property damage accident, Judd Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1636 – 911 hangup, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1708 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1722 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Bemis
1733 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.
1900 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1907 – damage to property, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1937 – follow-up investigation, Texas
1951 – suspicious person, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sherwood Rd.
2235 – assault, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2345 – civil matter, Utah Ct.

Saturday, July 20:
0013 – personal injury accident, Martinsville Rd. / Willis Rd.
0109 – neighbor dispute, Colorado St.
0346i – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0859 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
1019 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
1037 – suspicious person, Mulberry
1209 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1850 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.
1932 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Arizona St.
2009 – L3504 detail/special unit, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2033 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2047 – 911 hangup, Wayside Dr.
2124 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
2133 – larceny, Rustic Ln.
2205 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2247 – noise complaint, Clark Rd./S. Huron Rd.
2302 – assist other agency, out of township

Also on this week's log are 107 patrol checks, 40 traffic stops, and three misc. details.

Monday July 29th
(No Carnival)
Swine Show 8:00am — Livestock Pavilion
Horse Show 11:00am — Horse Arena
Sheep Show 6:00pm — Livestock Pavilion

Tuesday July 30th
Poultry Show 8:00am — Livestock Pavilion
Horse Show 9:00am — Horse Arena
Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm — Merchants
Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm — Midway
Carnival 4:00pm — Midway
Goat Show 6:00pm — Livestock Pavilion
Karaoke Dance Party 7:00pm — Grass Area North of Cozadd

Wednesday July 31st
Rabbit/Cavy Show 8:00am — Cozadd
Horse Show 9:00am — Horse Arena
Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm — Merchants
Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm — Midway
Jr. & Adult Homemaker 1:00pm — Community Arts
Carnival 3:00pm — Midway
Dairy Show 5:00pm — Livestock Pavilion
Beef Show 6:00pm — Livestock Pavilion
Micro Wrestling Federation 7:00pm-9:00pm — Track
Tickets sold day of show
$15.00 GA/$40.00 Ringside
presale tickets available online via eventbrite.com

Parking - $10.00 per car
Walk Ins - $5.00 per person
No Re-Entry

Thursday August 1st
(Kids Day)
Goat Milking 9:00am — Livestock Pavilion
Horse Show 9:00am — Horse Arena
Crafters/Vendors 12:00pm-10:00pm — Merchants
Food Truck Row 12:00pm-10:00pm — Midway
Carnival 1:00pm — Midway
Livestock Auction Dinner 5:30pm
Livestock Auction 6:45pm — Livestock Pavilion

Free Kids Day Entertainment
Cirque Amongus Interactive Circus
• Shows at 12:00pm & 3:00pm
Crazy Craig Stilt Walking
• 2:00-4:00pm
Van Buren Fire Department
• Firehouse, coloring, and hats 12:00pm-3:00pm
Star Wars Jedi's
• 12:00pm-3:00pm
Michigan Pedal Pullers
• 12:00pm-3:00pm
Great American Side Show Company
Located on the Midway!

Friday August 2nd
(Veteran's Day)
Pig Trail 8:00am — Livestock Pavilion
Horse Show 9:00am — Horse Arena
Goat Pet Class 10:00am — Livestock Pavilion
Goat Pack Class 11:00am — Livestock Pavilion
Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm — Merchants
Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm — Midway
Carnival 1:00pm — Midway
Unique Motorsports Offroad Derby & ATV Racing 7:30pm — Track
$10.00/person at the Grandstand, 5 & Under - FREE

Saturday August 3rd
Master Stockman Contest 10:00am — Livestock Pavilion
Crafters/Vendors 1:00pm-10:00pm — Merchants
Food Truck Row 1:00pm-10:00pm — Midway
Carnival 1:00pm — Midway
Unique Motorsports Night of Destruction 7:30pm — Track
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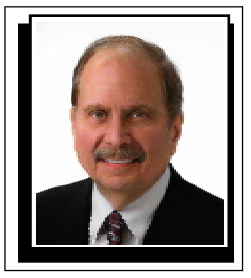

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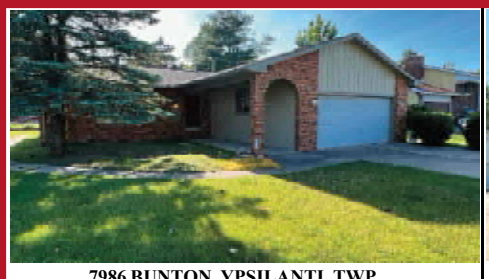

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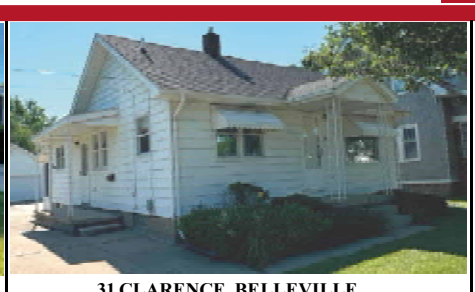
CAREFREE 4 Bedroom 2 Bath Ranch. Large Family Room with Fireplace, 1,934 Sq Ft, Larger 2 1/2 Car Attached Garage. Brick and Vinyl Siding, Deck & More. $329,900



31 CLARENCE, BELLEVILLE
SUPER CITY HOME Offering 2 Bedrooms (possibily 3) 2 Baths, 2 Kitchens, Full Finished Basement, Sunroom, 3 Car Garage. 2 Seperate Lots. Great Neighborhood $269,900

48320 MARTZ, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
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13300 EDGEDALE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
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6777 BELLEVILLE ROAD, VAN BUREN TWP
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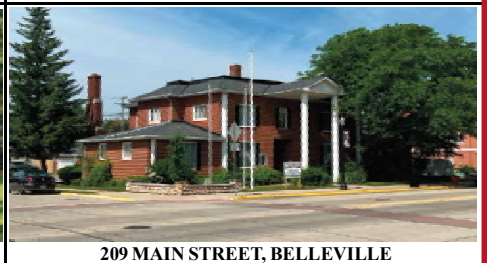

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VACANT JUDD SUI PENDING $39,500
VACANT JUDD 8.7 PENDING $75,000
HAGGERTY 1.5 AC VAN BUREN $70,000

WILLIS RD 1 AC SEWER & WATER $60,000
HURON TWP VAC CLARK .74 AC $29,500
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES $29,900
WILLIS & M PENDING 1.64AC $65,000
20728 GRIFFIN SUMPTER 1 ACRE $45,000
50540 BOG RD ONE HALF ACRE $55,000

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