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F R E E

Councilman Voigt says council not interested in defunding public safety

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Responding to comments at Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Councilman Ken Voigt said, "We are not at all interested in defunding public safety. That's not what we intend to do."

"We never had a conversation on defunding the police department," Mayor Kerreen Conley agreed. "Our community policing is different than what others see ... We know them and appreciate them."

Several people attended the virtual meeting to discuss the way the council had taken the public safety millage money of \$180,000 and allocated it to other spending when it approved the amended budget at the last meeting.

Voigt referred to a letter from M.J. Dawson that was published in the July 2 *Independent* and said a letter had been delivered to him from Judy Jordan addressed to the mayor and city manager,

as a response to Dawson's letter. He read Jordan's letter, which said she strongly disagrees with taking money away from the police and fire department and those department need to be fully equipped.

Dawson said she would like an explanation of why funds for public safety were spent on the sea wall, pensions and other things. "Is this legal?" she asked.

Mayor Conley said all of the tax revenue coming into the city did not cover the needs of public safety, so the millage was levied. The \$180,000 that came in was used for public safety-related things, she said, including pension costs. Some funds were earmarked for capital purchases and operations, she said.

"We know there's an issue with the fire truck," Mayor Conley said, noting a fire truck costs hundreds of thousands of dollars and it's not in this year's budget.

She said Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte
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Two die trying to escape house fire on Lilac Lane in Van Buren Township

Patricia Robinson, 77, and her husband Richard Johnson, 76, were found dead in their garage after a house fire early July 2.

Van Buren Township Public Safety responded to a call from a passerby about a house fire in the Belle Harbor Estates Subdivision at 45510 Lilac Ln. at 1:59 a.m.

Police were first on the scene and found the fire already well-involved in the brick house. Within three minutes, Engines 2 and 3 arrived and started working to contain the fire.

Neighboring fire departments from Romulus, Belleville and Sumpter Township also responded.

VBT Fire Marshal David McNally told Channel 4 News that the blaze took 90 minutes to extinguish and required the efforts of 25 fire fighters from the four

departments.

McNally said the victims were discovered in the home's attached garage and that location was farthest from the fire. He said the working theory was that the pair was trying to escape. They were in their sleeping attire and may have been trying to use one of the two cars in the garage to escape.

An aerial ladder truck was used to help put out the fire, which was big and hot, according to fire fighters.

On Monday, McNally said the fire originated on the outside of the house on the deck or balcony area. After intensive investigation, he said Van Buren Township Fire Department, the ATF, and Michigan State Police agree the fire is of "undetermined" origin.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Patricia Myles of Ypsilanti Township wants the statue of French explorer Rene-Robert Cavalier Sieur de la Salle removed from Victory Park in Belleville because it is "a racist monument to white supremacy." She said she is a Belleville native. She has been standing in front of the statue with her sign for short intervals over the past few weeks. Myles said LaSalle claimed 530 million acres of indigenous land -- the entire Mississippi River basin -- for King Louis XIV of France. Her sign reads: "Take Down Racist Monument -- Indigenous PPL Count." The late Park and Edna Mae Gregory worked for many years to gain public acceptance of their studied belief that La Salle visited Van Buren Township at French Landing in April 1680. The statue was a gift from the Gregorays in August 1985.

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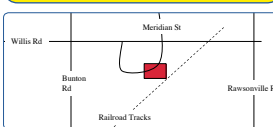
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Yankee Air Museum cancels 2020 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show

Late Sunday the Yankee Air Museum announced it has canceled the 2020 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show scheduled Aug. 29 and 30 at Willow Run Airport due to the coronavirus.

"In the current environment, we are unable to produce the world-renown Thunder Over Michigan Air Show event of which we are so well known," said Kevin Walsh, event director.

"It is hard to take a proven model of 21 years and make it work responsibly in an era of global pandemic," Walsh said. "We take the health, safety and well-being of the 700-plus volunteers, the hundreds of aircrews, and the tens of thousands of Thunder Over Michigan fans very seriously."

Although the event has a strict no-refund policy, 2020 ticket holders who bought tickets through the air show EventSprout ticketing system will not only receive a complimentary equivalent package for the 2021 air show, but also will receive an additional complimentary package for the 2022 air show, Walsh said.

The 2021 Thunder Over Michigan air show is set for Aug. 7 and 8.

For questions regarding tickets, contact Ashley Myers, Director of Guest Experiences, Analytics, & Insights ashley.myers@yankeecairmuseum.org or (734) 274-9703.

Early morning fire destroys trailer in Belleville Manor in VBT

A man left his Cherry Lane trailer home for work at 2 a.m. Sunday morning and shortly after 4 a.m. a neighbor noticed the home was on fire and called Van Buren Township dispatch.

VBT Fire Marshal Dave McNally said flames were coming out the window on the entry side of the trailer when fire fighters arrived and they were unable to gain access so they treated it defensively, keeping it from nearby trailers.

He said fire fighters from Romulus and Belleville assisted and there was no damage to other trailers.

McNally said the fire started in the area of the air conditioner and that could not be ruled out as the source. He said they had to bring in a back hoe from Belfor to sift through the debris.

The trailer was located in Belleville Manor, 8701 Belleville Rd.

"You have to be odd to be number one."
— Dr. Seuss



Photo courtesy of Margaret Waggoner

Lakeview Tavern, at the entry to the City of Belleville at the Belleville Bridge was demolished the afternoon of July 1. It had been a popular, local watering hole since it opened in 1947, 73 years ago. The family business was purchased by Scott Jones so the site can be a part of his large development being planned for that part of the city. During the demolition by Davenport Construction, a crane toppled over sideways into a basement and had to be pulled out by J&T Towing's heavy equipment.

District Library may have to put up signs if DORA approved

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

If a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area is approved by the Belleville City Council, the library may have to put up signs noting alcohol is not allowed on library grounds or in the building.

At the virtual meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board on June 9, via RingCentral, vice chairperson Mary Jane Dawson told the board about DORA and how it may be adopted in Belleville if the state passes the legislation.

DORA was discussed at the June 3 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. At the meeting it was noted HB 5781 was currently in the Michigan House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee. [The DORA was passed and signed by the governor last week and the city has approved a DORA district and times and days it will be open, as well.]

Board member John Juriga said it would be just like they have in Key West.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she thinks the no-alcohol rule already is in the library policy.

Dawson, who is chairperson of the policy subcommittee, said signage may have to be put up to alert the public to the rule and they may have to change the policy to include that.

Chairperson Sharon Peters said Dawson should call a policy committee meeting, if necessary.

One member commented that they didn't want to have inebriated people sleeping on the benches or along the building.

In other business at the one-hour-and-27-minute meeting, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Barbara Gates from the board, effective immediately. She said she already has moved to Dearborn, out of the district library area, to take care of her son who is in a wheelchair. Chairperson Peters said they would seek counsel from the library's attorney on the most appropriate way to fill the vacancy. While board members expressed that they were very sorry to see her go, they agreed family comes first;

- Held a public hearing on the 2020-21 proposed budget and then unanimously passed the budget, which included 1.2484 mills for operation and .62 mill for debt service. The board also passed the amended 2019-20 budget;

- Approved the COVID Preparedness and Response Plan, as revised. It includes that, by law, staff is required to wear masks and the library is not required to take temperatures because of privacy issues, but staff members have to say they don't have a temperature to enter;

- Heard Suchy say the next day they would begin curbside book delivery at the main library and once the kinks are worked out they will look at the Sumpter site. She said people order their books and they get a scheduled time to pick up the books in a

paper bag with their name on it. The bags are placed on a table outside the library front door and then the staff goes inside and people drive up to get their bags. She said the books available were from the Belleville library but the Library Network would begin deliveries the next week, so holds can be put on other books, as well;

- Learned they were waiting for DTE to remove the utilities so the old library can be demolished. Also, it has been decided the elimination of the vermiculite in the back wall and the demolition will be done by Pure Safety Systems instead of Midwest and Blue Ribbon. Also, the plants for the live roofs will be installed as soon as possible since they are growing together, and additional padding will be put on the roof for the bees. The bees will be put as far south as possible so workmen don't have to deal with them;

- Heard Suchy say it is hard to predict when the parking lot will be done and if there is a COVID surge, they will have to cut back again. "I wouldn't plan anything until we get to level six," she said, referring to the special donor appreciation party and the grand opening; and

- Heard chairperson Peters say there have been tumultuous times since she's been on the board and now this coronavirus comes. "God was in it," Peters said. "We were able to get our actual building finished before COVID. And when we open, it will be into a new society."

OPINIONS

Editorial

City of Belleville, VBT work to help businesses survive

Both the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township have been working out ways to help their businesses survive through the novel coronavirus nightmare.

And a reinvigorated Chamber of Commerce is supporting their efforts and coming forward to speak on behalf of the businesses during virtual municipal meetings.

Mostly it is restaurants and bars that they are focusing on, since the governor's executive orders have cut restaurants down to 50% occupancy and recently shut bars down completely for inside business.

Belleville had approved the boundaries of the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) before the governor even approved it last week, and this week approved the times it was open. The city and Downtown Development Authority laid out plans for the necessary signs to mark the district and how to help get the special cups in town so drinks can be sold.

Van Buren Township proposed a plan to lighten restrictions for parking lot dining by allowing administrative approval rather than waiting for a planning commission meeting. That was approved by the township board on Tuesday.

It's important to help our businesses, they all agree, and they are doing what they can to help them survive.

We applaud the township, the city, and the Chamber of Commerce for stepping forward to help the businesses survive. This is a serious situation.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Thomas McIntyre, 65, of Belleville recently won his second Powerball prize in a year, according to The Detroit News. His first win was \$100,000 in October 2019, playing Powerball online. His second was April 22 when he won \$250,000 also after buying his ticket online. He won the \$250,000 the day before his birthday and the day he was set to retire.

Elaine Stabnau wrote a letter to the editor and mailed it on June 20. After she didn't see it in the paper, she called us to ask about it. We hadn't received it, so she wrote it out again and mailed it last Thursday, July 2. We received both letters on July 6 and I called to tell her we had them.

She said her daughter mailed her a beautiful Mother's Day card and she got it a month later.

I received an email that said Jessica Sohoza, who filed for 21st State House Representative as a Republican and didn't return her candidate form to the Independent, gave a false address in VBT. The writer said he used to live in that area and that 13722 Milton, the address she submitted on her candidate's form to the state, was a vacant lot.

I drove over to the address and there was a house with a political sign in the yard. Not a sign for Sohoza, but a sign for 34th District Court Judge candidate Alexandria Taylor. Sohoza didn't answer other candidate information sites, either, so she's not really a serious candidate.

I emailed the man back and told him that I found a house at that address and he replied, "I guess Google maps aren't 100%."



Ronald Barrington Robinson of Sumpter called Tuesday morning to tell me how upset he had been that his township hadn't opened the community center as a cooling center during this prolonged heat wave. He thought it could be used by seniors.

He said there is plenty of room for social distancing in the gym, water is available and a bathroom. He said the township spent money on a big generator to make the community center an emergency space.

I told him that Sumpter had sent out an alert about the opening of the cooling center late Monday. Ron said that was after he called the Environmental Health division of the Wayne County Health Department and talked to them.

He said he first called the township and wanted to talk to Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis but she was unavailable. He said he talked to Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham, who told him to call the police department to ask about it. Ron said he told her he was not calling the police and that was her job.

Ron said the cooling center now under way is only open until 4 p.m., which is a hot part of the day.

He suggested people call the county's Environmental Health Department at (734) 727-7400 about the situation.

Over the years I know Ron has taken in older residents in emergency situations, so he is concerned about what care they are offered by tax-funded organizations.

Keystone Academy School Board has changed its regular meeting from July 9 to Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p.m. at the school because of problems with vacations and a quorum.

Board president Vesta Losen said the meeting will also be online. She said the board is due to vote on opening school on Aug. 31 and to swear in a new school board member, Steve Harsant of Van Buren Township.

At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Councilman Ken Voigt, who is one of those putting together Music Lakeside each year, announced it looks like they will have to cancel the whole season this year. He said the state is closed down through July and that would leave only two to three concerts in August.

He said they are going ahead with the Belleville Blues Fest from 12:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, but they are moving it from the Fourth Street Square where it was going to be to the Belleville High School parking lot, where it will be presented as a drive-in event.

The Blues Fest was going to be held immediately after the grand-opening of the new library, but the library isn't ready for that yet.



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Letters

Help make a Butterfly Garden at Banotai Park

To the editor:

Help wanted and needed!

Banotai Park/Sherwood Pond this week is adding a butterfly garden.

Gardener's Choice will be delivering soil/compost mixture and wood chips Wednesday, July 8, time TBA.

Thursday, July 9, and Friday, July 10, we will be spreading soil and starting a pathway around the garden area.

Saturday, July 11, we will be planting plants. You're welcome to bring plants for our garden.

We will have many ways to help and have fun. Meeting new friends, playing in dirt (remembering our youth), any age is welcome, spreading soil, planting plants, weed whacking, putting weed paper down, spreading wood chips, just bringing clean gallon milk jugs with water, throwing seeds in wild garden area, making mud rock puddles, drawing as we plant, keeping log of those that help, and suggestions.

E-mail me for when you will be there. I will be at Sherwood Pond any time July 8 to 10 that you have time.

We are working on getting the butterfly garden on certification as a Monarch Waystation.

If you are a kid like me and like watching dump trucks dump dirt, let me know. We will have a 20-to-30-minute notification and I will call you as soon as I know.

Cleaning up trash at the park would be appreciated. Bring a bag and pick up trash. Hope to see you,

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Vote for John Day for District Court Judge

To the editor:

I would like to encourage everyone to vote in the Aug 4th primary, and in so doing, show your support for John Day for 34th District Court Judge. I have known John Day for many years through my mom (Agnes Frisch), who was the City Clerk of Belleville for 20 years, when John became Belleville's City Attorney. My mom learned to trust this "new guy" by his professionalism, knowledge, and understanding of people.

If you read the July 2 issue of the paper, you would have read how Mr. Day learned from other judges. That is something to really look at as it shows he wants to learn to help others in the court room. He wants to learn from those with experience.

No other candidate had much to say about how they were going to help people, only how they wanted to "change" the courthouse, where as Mr. Day has a plan to "improve" the court system by serving the people and having respect for each person individually. I have seen him in court and have witnessed how he conducts himself with the utmost propriety toward the judges and court employees.

A great attribute that John Day has is, if you are rendered a verdict that you might not agree with or understand, he has compassion and a desire to help people to go the extra mile to help you comprehend what transpired. He also understands that everyone's time is important and wants to bring the court system up to the standard it should be in this technological age we live in.

He truly wants to help each individual, which, in turn, would help the court system. Please make your vote count.

Charlene Frisch Eller
Former resident of Belleville (1967-2018)

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

I would like to thank St. Jude for the many blessings I have received. I will continue to say the prayer below and pray for a peaceful world. Thank you,
Unsigned

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To the editor:

Thank you to my family, friends, and neighbors (and all those who offered) for the many acts of kindness shown me during this unexpected pandemic.

It is truly appreciated. May God bless each and every one of you.

Elaine Stabnau
Belleville

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More Letters

We need relief from the choking dust of Hull Rd.

To the editor:

I am writing out of frustration. We live on Hull Road in Belleville (Van Buren Township) and have experienced extreme dust on our road since spring. At one point this spring the road was graded. In the past the protocol was that the roads were treated after grading to suppress dust. This year there has been no treatment applied following the grading.

A few weeks ago there was actually additional traffic re-routed on Hull from Sumpter, where much needed and appreciated work was done on that road, but this sent continuous clouds of dirt across our yards.

It has been impossible to sit outside. Cars are plastered with dirt and decks and homes are covered with a layer of dirt. We need to spray our seating and deck daily to comfortably sit for even an hour outdoors.

Covid concerns have had us all trapped inside for months and now that the summer season is here we would like to be able to at least sit outside and breathe fresh air expanding the limited space of our homes. We have residents on this street with COPD concerns and other breathing difficulties.

I have called numerous departments trying to find the person in charge of rectifying this unacceptable situation. I've left messages, added our street to the list of roads to be serviced, and nothing is being done! Can you please help us find relief from the choking plumes of dust? I am at my (very patient) wits end! Thank you in advance for any work you do to find a resolution to this problem!

Kim Debusschere
Van Buren Township



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Obituaries



Ronald "Ron" Domas

RONALD 'RON' DOMAS

(November 23, 1956 – June 29, 2020)

Age 63, of Willis, died June 29, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 23, 1956 in Wayne, Michigan, one of ten children born to John and Dorothy (Werstein) Domas.

Ron was a 1974 graduate of Lincoln Schools where he was known as the class "Hot Rod". He was athletic throughout his life and always enjoyed sports. In high school he played basketball, ran track and was captain of the football team. As an adult he trained for marathons and stayed active with his kid's sports, supporting their team. He remains the Milan football team equipment manager and is known as "Coach Domas".

Ron earned an Associate's Degree and then learned Tool & Die skills through trade school. In 1976 he began working for Ford Motor Company and remained with them his entire career, mostly at the Rawsonville plant. He loved to tinker with Mustangs, hence, his home is considered Mustang Alley.

Ron was preceded in death by his first wife, Lisa Duff in 2000 and in 2003 he married Maria Soque in Ohio.

A devout Christian, he was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Besides his wife Maria, he is survived by four children: P. Joy (Joey) Spencer of Willis, Sean, Kyle and Meagan at home; two grandsons Mason and Michael; eight siblings: John (Mary) Domas, Allen (Veronica) Domas, Kevin Domas, Donna Gibson, Dottie (Gene) Nonman, Mary (Gale) Smith, Lucy Frye and Debbie (Mike) Truhn; a father-in-law John Duff, Susan Duff, and furry companion Zora. Besides Lisa, he was preceded in death by his parents and sister Shirley Ford.

Visitation with social distancing and face mask requirements was held at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan, on Sunday, July 5, and on Monday, July 6. A rosary was prayed by the Knights of Columbus at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Milan, on Monday, July 6, at 7 p.m. where a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the family. www.ochalekstark.com

Ron was a loving and devoted husband and father, a great person who will be missed by all who knew him.

HAZEL E. McDONALD

(March 1, 1941-July 1, 2020)

Age 79 of Van Buren Township passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Survived by husband Keith. Graveside service July 8 at Union Udeil Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

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Paul Edwin Gossett

PAULEDWIN GOSSETT

(December 26, 1946 – June 27, 2020)

Paul Edwin Gossett, age 73, long-time resident of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, June 27, 2020 at his home. He was born December 26, 1946 in Detroit, MI, son of Orville Albert & Florence Theresa (Labadie) Gossett. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He retired from Ford Motor Company, Dearborn Plant after more than 35 years of loyal service. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 245 and the Masons. He enjoyed camping and traveling, but most of all, he cherished time spent with his great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gossett is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Linda A. (Girard) Gossett, granddaughter Angelina (Alvin) Somerset, grandson Jamie (Jennifer) Geierman, six great-grandchildren: Addison Somerset, Mattison Somerset, Elijah Geierman, Oliver Geierman, Jayce Geierman and Miles Muniz; also numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, also a daughter Angela Michelle Costea-Geierman in 2011.

According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Interment of cremains will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and would be appreciated.

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ANNE MARIE YORK CUMMINS

(February 2, 1964 - July 5, 2020)

Age 56, of South Haven. Survived by husband Mark; daughter Juliana Paterra; sons Giovannie and Marco Paterra; stepsons Sam and Nick Cummins; granddaughter Rozlyn; 3 brothers. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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

The number of deaths from COVID-19 remains at 30 in the tri-community, which includes Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter in the 48111 zip code. The tri-community hasn't had a COVID-19 death since June 22.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 went up to 411 on Tuesday, with it going up slowly as people get tested.

On Tuesday, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 213 positive cases, 15 deaths; City of Belleville, 158 positive cases, 14 deaths, and Sumpter Township 40 positive cases, 1 death.

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Letters

Vote for Jim Clark for Sumpter Treasurer

To the editor:

This letter is written to express my personal and professional endorsement of James "Jim" Clark as candidate for Sumpter Township Treasurer. Jim Clark has solid academic credentials having obtained degrees from Wayne State University in engineering and accounting. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Clark worked at Ford Motor Company's world headquarters as a quality engineer.

A 50-year resident of Sumpter, Mr. Clark expresses his love of community through service. He has demonstrated integrity as Sumpter Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioner, and currently as Planning Commissioner. Mr. Clark has the right skillset and is a superior choice to be Sumpter's next treasurer.

I have known Jim Clark for decades and enthusiastically endorse him.

Please join me in voting for Mr. Clark on Aug. 4, 2020.

Kenneth Bednark, Treasurer
Sumpter Township

Your right to know how your money is spent

To the editor and the people of Sumpter Township:

I am writing this letter to assure the people of my promises, goals, and what to realistically expect from me if elected supervisor. I have self-funded my campaign, and made no sidebar promises to anyone. I intend to come into Sumpter with an absolutely clean slate.

I will tell the truth and run your township hall with full transparency. I strongly feel it is your right as a taxpayer to know exactly what is going on with your money. There are too many cryptic back-room meetings leaving residents scratching their heads about what the outcome may be.

Sumpter Township needs to shore up as much waste as possible. If we are going to

give the residents a better, more affordable life here in Sumpter Township, it is up to the leaders to step up and make the sacrifices. Just the amount spent on salaries alone can bring a noticeable benefit to residents, and that is only scratching the surface of the excess spending.

There has to be financial incentives for young adults to want to remain here in Sumpter for years to come. With more people occupying all the empty and vacant spaces, the financial scales of the township will finally be able to balance out.

Those of us who have remained in the township are growing old, and so are our retirement plans. The economy is inflating, and is expected to continue to do so a while longer. The senior community needs us now. I have been shocked by how little some seniors are able to survive on. They deserve a carefully planned senior center, and equally carefully planned programs for those who wish to remain home. A senior living facility is not a far-reached fantasy, it is a long overdue commitment.

Last, but not least, our firefighters need to be recognized. It should go without saying; for the community to do well, you have to support your emergency workers. Just take a look at the fire budget, and you will see that they have been neglected a long time. How can we keep firefighters healthy and happy when they can't afford to live here in the community?

This is a place for family, good neighbors, and a close-knit community to leave a long-lasting legacy. I want to dedicate the last chapter of my life to bringing Sumpter Township forward.

Thank you,
Nelson S. Po
Sumpter Township
Any comments are appreciated and you can send me a note here: P.O. Box 2293, Belleville, MI 48112.
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VBT resident Jeniece Ballerini buys funeral home

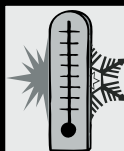
Jeniece Ballerini, a resident of Van Buren Township, has purchased Skupny Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Roseville.

She had worked at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock and before that at Leonardo's Italian Grille in Romulus owned by her father Leonardo Liparoto for 36 years.

Founded by Walter Skupny, the funeral home on Gratiot has been a part of the

community for more than 60 years. Ballerini said she would keep the name going in the community.

Ballerini earned a bachelor's degree in business at Oakland University and after working at her father's restaurant for a number of years in 2015 earned an associate's degree in applied science, with an emphasis in mortuary science, at Worsham College in Illinois.



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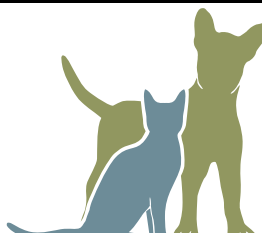


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More Letters

Vote for Walter Rochowiak for trustee

To the editor:

I would like to enter my endorsement of Walter S. Rochowiak -- Democrat -- for trustee of Van Buren Township. The Rochowiak family has a long-standing history of participating in our community both as actively concerned citizens and business owners.

Walter is a home-grown Belleville High School graduate and with his family has owned and operated Garden Fantasy on Tyler Road for 47 years.

Walter isn't inclined to speak indifferently to the issues that affect the citizens of our community and he won't waste anyone's time arguing senselessly about foolish speculation and "what if" as several of the current trustees tend to do.

Walt will listen carefully and summarize his intentions regarding issues before the board without the usual self-pontification that many before him have displayed. I trust Walt and I know his decisions will be guided by his love of this community and his concern to leave this a better place for generations to follow. Please vote for Walter S. Rochowiak for trustee.

Thank you,
CeJay Marshall
Van Buren Township

There are many things making Sumpter great

To the editor:

I am responding to Ms. Hanible's letter to the editor in last week's *Belleville Independent*.

I have lived in Sumpter Township almost 50 years, since the day we married, and my husband is a life-long resident for 81 years. I have also attended most Sumpter Township meetings for 45 years. It is unfortunate she has not been able to see all of the significant improvements in Sumpter since she visits her mom just a few times a year.

I am going to list a great many, but not all the great things happening in Sumpter.

The present township board has a balanced budget with \$2.7 million added to the general fund, \$160,000 pension reduction and have a AA- best bond rating. We now have a beautiful brand-new fire engine that Sumpter self-financed with 0% interest for seven years. We are now a Storm Ready Community and participate in the Sky Warn Program. We have an excellent police department with quick response and we are 52nd safest community in the State of Michigan.

Going back 40 years, we asked for traffic lights for Willis and Sumpter Rd., Bemis and Sumpter Rd., Willis and Rawsonville Rd., and Bemis and Rawsonville Rd. -- all for safety.

We now have 14 sirens for emergency notifications for weather alerts, tornado alerts and severe storms, summer or winter. We also now have 94 street lights for intersections that are LED-type from DTE Energy for a vast yearly savings. I do remember 30 years ago we only were able to get 10 street lights for dangerous intersections.

Our Parks and Recreation Committee has received grants to make Graham Park and Banotai (Sherwood) Park into lovely places for family picnics (etc.), baseball and fishing.

Sumpter seniors enjoy their community center for exercise class for arthritis foundation guidelines, Bible study class every week, quilters class and their beautiful works, meals and Meals on Wheels, blood pressure checks and foot doctor appointments and bus travel to grocery stores two times a week.

We were one of the first communities to request rental inspections for occupancy, before any other communities had such requirements.

I am now going to list my observations of businesses, but it is not all, inclusive of home-type businesses. The Wayne County Health Department discontinued our health clinic when demand decreased and urgent care centers began in surrounding communities.

We have: Ace Hardware, Joe's Citgo Gas Station and Deli that was so needed, Sunoco gas, McShane's restaurant, Red Rooster restaurant and bar, Benito's Pizza Parlor and Five Star market, Rollers Skating Rink and Ice Cream Parlor, Sumpter Collision, District Library extension building, Keystone Charter School, several greenhouses, Janowiak Funeral Home, several churches of various denominations, The Bake Shoppe (most delicious donuts and cakes around and wonderful pastries), Hughes Auto Repair, a welding shop on Willis Rd., Fox Auto Parts, Auto Auction, A2Mac1 Center, Wolverine Energy Supply Co., the Moose Lodge and the beautiful Crosswinds Marsh Nature Conservancy and our beautiful fire station building on Sumpter Rd. with quick response times, Scott's Collision Repair, Moe's Farm Market (the best) only one in the area.

We have a DPW that maintains all

the water lines and water hydrants and sewer lines and was ready even during the COVID-19 crisis, as were all of the township employees.

Sumpter Township celebrated 180 years as a community on April 6. I hope people would check out our history and the excellent history display in the hallway at the township hall.

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Sincerely,
Mary Ban,
Sumpter Resident and Taxpayer

'Do Not Eat' fish, 'Avoid foam' advisories still on for Belleville Lake

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reminds the public that the "Do Not Eat" fish and the "Avoid foam" advisories are still in effect for the Huron River and Belleville Lake this summer.

The "Do Not Eat" fish advisory is based on perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) fish data and is for the Huron River from North Wixom Road in Oakland County to the mouth of the Huron River as it enters Lake Erie, which includes Belleville Lake.

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Moe's Produce Farm, also known as Moe's Farm on Facebook, is open for another year on Sumpter Road, just south of the Sumpter Fire Hall. Since 1941, Moe's Farm and the Mary Johnson family have been producing all of its crop on site and right now early season vegetables are ready including cucumbers, cabbage, redskin potatoes, yellow squash, and zucchini. They're open 7 days a week.

Tiffany's on the River breakfast and brunch restaurant on Huron River Drive in nearby New Boston has started up a car show every Wednesday evening from 4 until 8 p.m. on their property at the corner, the former River's Edge Café. The restaurant will be open with specials along with a full menu. Call (734) 441-3287. Be sure to like them on Facebook at Tiffany's on the River for weekly updates and weather conditions.

Conditioning workouts for the upcoming season of fall sports at Belleville High

School have been cancelled for the remainder of this week because of the extreme heat index. Daily conditioning is scheduled to resume on Monday, July 13. Visit the district website for the details.

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City Council meets in special session to approve DORA district

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Once Governor Gretchen Whitmer signs the bill approved June 24 by the Michigan Legislature, the City of Belleville will be ready to immediately establish the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

House Bill 5781 allows the city council to designate a social district which contains a commons area to be used by qualified licensees that have obtained a social district permit.

It's called the "cocktails to go" law because patrons would be able to buy a specially marked cup for an alcoholic beverage that would allow them to walk and drink throughout the district.

The city council held a special meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, via Zoom, to discuss DORA and set the boundaries of the district so they will be ready to start.

Present at the meeting was John Winter of Egan's who has been leading the city's movement to set up the district. He shared information on DORA and said the \$250-a-year permit could be applied for by Egan's once the governor signs the bill and the district is set.

The district would benefit both the Bayou and Johnny's but has not been discussed with them. Winter said it would hinge on whether they wish to pay the \$250 annual permit fee.

After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte made a motion to set the social district boundaries on Main Street from Third to High Street, including Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street, High Street and Horizon Park just past the gazebo and back down Roys Street to Main.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Tom Fielder and passed on a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Ken Voigt voting no.

Councilman Voigt had asked the council to hold off setting the district until after a city representative could talk to Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church, whose church will be encircled by the district.

"I don't feel comfortable voting before talking to the church," Voigt said.

Winter said that those with Liquor Control Commission permits, like Egan's, already are approved as far as distance from the church goes.

"I know how Johnny's got around it and won't discuss that," Winter said.

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"It would be a courtesy to contact them," Voigt said. He said the church has its annual Fourth of July party on High Street and Sunday service time. "We should be respectful."

He said obviously the bars are not open when the church is holding its services.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates asked if they know if the Bayou and Johnny's are interested.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said that participants have to be licensed with the LCC and, "This doesn't mean both have to apply. We wouldn't do it for one business."

Marcotte said to include Hildago's in the district would mean making the whole city a district, which they don't want to do. Marcotte said a restaurant like Hildago's would be more interested in outdoor dining to help its business.

Marcotte recommended being mindful of the church, so they are not surrounded and it doesn't interfere with their service.

Councilman Fielder said Pastor White has been very, very good to the city and the city doesn't want to conflict with his church.

"If he says he doesn't want alcohol for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, I'm going to approve it anyway," Fielder said. "A discussion with him would not change that I think it is a good idea."

Mayor Conley said the council could establish the district hours at its July 6 meeting after talking to Pastor White.

"If he said no, I wouldn't vote no," Fielder insisted.

Voigt said that wouldn't work for him.

When discussing how the council didn't want the district to encircle First Baptist Church, Marcotte said during the car show there is parking on Roys and with the coronavirus they will have to spread out on Roys and that's why he included it.

As to the docks at Horizon Park, Councilwoman Bates said she and her husband enjoy fishing and it might be good to include the docks.

"We'd be fooling ourselves if we want to ban it from the docks," Renaud said.

Winter said when he's on a boat, he has seen some very strange things going on at the docks. He asked if the docks

were technically on Van Buren Township territory and Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Carol Thompson said they have a township document that gives the city responsibility for the docks and that was used in getting the grants.

Bates also suggested including Doane's Landing, but that was said to be a logical phase two, including when Scott Jones is done with his building at the north end.

Fielder asked if the governor signed the law next week, what does the city have to do?

City Manager Tracey Kobylarz said they would put up signs to be ordered through the Department of Public Works and paid for by the DDA.

Alyssia McGovern, DDA president, said it was already approved by the DDA.

Mayor Conley said they can be ordered and put up without any future action.

Voigt, a retired police officer, asked if it is legal for the city to do this without it being signed into law.

Mayor Conley said they could ask the city attorney, but she was certain it was legal.

Fielder suggested not buying anything until it was signed by the governor.

City Manager Kobylarz said DORA already is in effect in the City of Plymouth. She said the city worked with Wayne County to close the streets.

"Then, why do we need a law?" Voigt asked.

Police Chief Dave Robinson said it changes what the LCC does and gives the LCC marching orders on what can be done.

"I don't understand how a municipality can do that without the law being passed," Voigt said.

Winter said enforcement will be on the city and Plymouth didn't want to lose its 29 bars.

"As long as the police enforce, who's going to mess with them?" Winter said, adding that was his idea on the situation and he didn't know they were thinking.

Thompson said other DDAs are using outside seating ordinances and the Michigan Municipal League says DORA

districts will have to submit hours.

"Once we know what the hours are – the days and hours – we can do the signs," Thompson said.

Kobylarz suggested they set the hours immediately, but Mayor Conley said it would be a courtesy to talk with the Baptist Church before setting the hours.

Marcotte suggested, with respect to the hours, to also contact the Methodist Church. He said there could be different hours for different areas of the district.

Fielder asked what the LCC hours are and Winter said at Egan's their hours are 7 a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week. He suggested the district hours could be 4-10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, at the

Monday car show, and at special events.

Fielder said the park hours are dawn to dusk and Winter suggested one hour past dusk for the closing of the district in the park.

"Is it possible to have a sign to identify the district and another sign for time and days, added later?" Fielder asked.

McGovern asked if it could be put on the city sign that the DORA district is open from this time to that time?

Fielder said the hours and days can be screwed in underneath on the sign pole.

Chief Robinson said that is often done for special events where no-parking is put in place.

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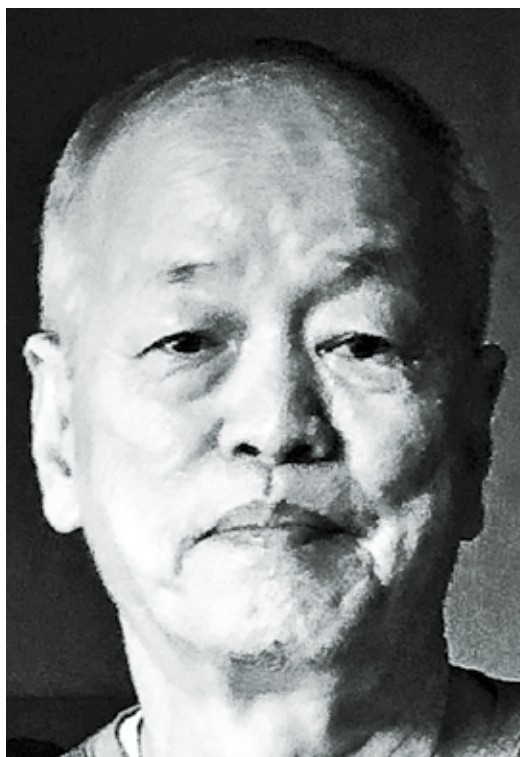
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Vote out Matt Oddy, Sumpter Twp. board

To the editor:

A Political Oddity

Matt Oddy is seeking re-election as a Sumpter trustee. In his campaign mailer, he claims to embody leadership, trustworthiness,

experience, and stability. Here are a few facts about him that challenge his self-image and should make you say *NO to Oddy*.

Nepotism and cronyism -- Oddy is the son of former Sumpter Township Clerk Joan Oddy and he is cousin of the current Sumpter Clerk Esther Hurst. He got appointed to the board (did mom help?), then won a slim victory in 2016 as part of the John Morgan team. In 2016, Oddy campaigned on a new zoning master plan he was part of as appointed commissioner. Yet, it has done nothing to bring development into the

community. Nothing! Morgan groomed him into being a compliant servant not of the people but of Morgan's.

Self over community -- Not long after Oddy took office, like his mentor John Morgan, he buys tax reverted properties in Sumpter Township while sitting on the board. If that is not bad enough, Oddy set-up a shell company obscuring his real identity bidding on the properties! Oddy's company is called First Step Properties LLC (sounds like a popular cat litter), and it uses a PO Box (POB 2781), not his home address. This is the same PO Box that he uses for his current campaign committee -- CTE Matt Oddy. Just plain wrong.

Lack of Integrity -- Oddy wins the bid on two properties in Sumpter -- 45130 Sumpter Rd. across from Mc Shane's and at 19215 Sumpter Rd. next door to the biggest marijuana grow in the township. He got a sweetheart of a deal by

only paying a few thousand dollars for both. Perhaps he had the intention to flip them for a handy profit as there have been Realtor signs posted for several years now but with no buyers. It is uncertain if the LLC has other assets so perhaps he set-up the LLC exclusively for the deals he did in Sumpter while seated as trustee.

Oddy must have felt like a Sumpter real estate mogul when he won those bids on the cheap. But time passes and hope fades as he keeps paying property taxes on them year-after-year, deriving no income stream, and having no takers in sight. *Oddly, he has become the new bag-holder* and the question now is how long will Oddy continue until he realizes his deals have soured and he cuts his losses. I am left thinking, Oddy is not much of a deal-maker. He can't make a good deal for himself and he has proven to be incapable of doing even one good deal for the community. What he is good at is taking orders from John Morgan, Karen Armatis, and Rob Young.

Temperamental -- When confronted at a board meeting about the legal and ethical aspects of his dealings, Oddy got stiff-necked, stating it is not illegal with his buddy Rob Young chirping in harmonious support. But is it unethical? Or, just plain Sumpter stupid? You the voter are the judge.

So, I find it odd that this guy can talk about leadership, trust, experience, and stability while being an untrustworthy opportunist career politician with questionable stability. Oddy is just another reason why Sumpter is stuck in reverse. Sumpter can do way better; we have choices. Vote this board out on Aug. 4, 2020.

Peggy A. Morgan
Sumpter Township

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

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Thoughts on Sumpter Township election

To the editor:

It has been suggested that I write my thoughts re: This Sumpter Election.

I have tried to do just that and last night I answered a request on line. Someone asked re: Mr. Morgan's mail-out letter, saying the other candidates for supervisor were promoting personal interest in marijuana. Question was, is this true or is this a scare tactic to get votes?

Fair question. My answer: Five candidates are running for office. That makes me suspect that this is not true. Scare tactic? Probably.

I went to court with Robert Young as he was representing a township matter and listened to him do nothing except complain of his personal dislike for the *Belleville Independent* instead of focusing on the issue at hand. Next thing I see is the board is trying to rid itself of this paper – and they did! Now we don't even have a paper with a written copy. This new paper is all on line, as far as I can tell.

Robert Young is hired help and gets paid to focus on township business not influence the board on non-legal matters and making things worse. Further, he should not be sitting on the board with elected officials which compromises the integrity of the board in my opinion.

Karen A – This one I can't even imagine why anyone would pay so much for this service. For example, Mr. Morgan

appointed a two-man committee (I was one of them) to look into a dangerous dog problem in the township. While we were gathering info at the township, Mr. Young told us to use an empty desk. As soon as he left, Karen A tells us to Get Out Now. She needs the desk. We end up with our papers spread out on the floor. Rude! Rude! Rude!

There are many other things I have seen and was told, but this happened and I have made my point.

Esther Hurst. This one pretty much does what she is told. I call this "Puppet Management."

She has worked for years then ran against Mr. Hoffman, in the end not only taking his job but earned a retirement under his watch. Where is her loyalty? Not to mention firing his daughter without concern. Now many more long-time stories are surfacing around this woman. All I can say here is: Where there is smoke, there is fire. One should also remember that the clerk's office is a voting member of the board and the latest thing I saw her getting excited with was trying to hire an assessing service to reassess every house in Sumpter at a first-time estimated cost of \$114,540 to us and this is not a one-time cost/action. Will it be done and billed for in a future budget? The meeting was held Feb. 25, 2020. Check it out on YouTube. My question is Why? And how would this affect me?

The system failed us? No.

The system works, people fail, sometime not by their own fault. They get tired and don't know when to quit. I see warning signs that our leadership is failing. This is not a glamour job. This is a job that works ONLY if the people work.

All I can say is get new people. The

"Morgan Machine" is out of date.

This is what came to mind as I pondered this Sumpter Township 2020 election.

Sincerely,
Sherry Olds
Sumpter Township

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He said he could hear the screams and laughter from the children enjoying the water from his office.

The Splash Pad had been closed since last fall and its reopening delayed by the novel coronavirus. Fresh water is used for the Splash Pad and social distancing is recommended.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Friday, July 17, 2020 at 9:30 p.m. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI. This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, August 4, 2020 General Election. Test will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010).

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: July 9, 2020

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

JULY 17, 2020

3:00 p.m.

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Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

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Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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had recommended the city look at options, such as leasing.

Conley said the state revenue sharing is derived from sales tax and during the pandemic people could not go shopping and buy things, except for food which has no sales tax, so there is a reduction of revenues.

She said they were able to present a balanced budget which was adopted at the first meeting in June.

"Our auditors, folks from Plante Morgan are confident this is legal," she said.

"We spent every penny for police and fire," Councilman Tom Fielder said, referring to past budgets. "We took money out of services for that."

He said every department head had an impact on the budget. And there's a

commitment to a fire truck.

"God bless Kelly and the city manager," Councilman Fielder said. "I couldn't believe they came up with a balanced budget." He referred to the Plante Moran consultant and interim city manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz.

Conley said the city got a grant from the state for a seawall and Dawson's statement on the seawall was a little bit incorrect.

"Every one who voted for the public safety millage thought it would go to public safety," Dawson said of last year's advisory vote.

"To me it looked like money hanging out and you said, let's use that," Dawson said, who is an elected member of the Belleville Area District Library Board. "It's like on the library board if we decided to take the library money to paint three businesses downtown."

"It looks like a shifting of funds," said Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte. He said they added a police officer.

He said if they end up getting more from the state, they could look at the funds again. He said \$500,000 is a conservative figure for a fire engine and Fire Chief Brian Loranger is actively getting figures for the fire engine.

Fire fighter Chris Zweng said there was a presumption the public safety millage would go for public safety.

"It was a shell game that worked," Zweng said. "You said nobody ever said it would go to public safety."

"The city was faced with cuts," Conley said.

Chief Loranger said the council passed the budget amendment in the last meeting that spelled out where the \$180,000 from the public safety millage was allocated.

"I'm the reason the capital equipment plan got put on the budget," said Chief Loranger, noting he's been asking for it for six or seven years.

"We could have had a truck by now," Dawson noted.

Fielder noted the city had a capital fund in 2003 or 2004 and it ended in 2012 or so

when everything went south.

"Defunding public safety is far from the truth," Voigt said.

Zweng said a grant writer was going to get a grant for a fire truck but they didn't get the information needed from the city.

Marcotte stressed while it is possible to get a grant, nobody can count on getting a grant.

Voigt said he wasn't happy the grant didn't go through and there will be investigation into that.

Dawson said about the seawall, there was a shortfall from the grant.

Conley said the work was about \$330,000 and the grant was \$250,000 and the extra originally came from the fund balance.

She said someone inferred the mayor tried to dissolve the fire department and it cost the fire department a lot of money to hire an attorney and that wasn't true.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-45-minute meeting, the council:

- Reconvened the June 26 meeting since it had ended abruptly with a technical difficulty before public comment or a motion to adjourn. Mayor Conley said only the people who were at the original meeting could comment under public comment;

- Delayed approval of the June 26 special meeting minutes because they were incomplete. The minutes will be considered once the minutes are finalized;

- Discussed City Manager Kobylarz's recommendation to sell unused city property by using JNG Auction Services of Belleville for 25% of the gross proceeds. Items include two vehicles formerly used by the fire department, two vehicles formerly used by the police department, contents of the unit attached to city hall, unclaimed property recovered by the police department and unused property at the DPW yard. Marcotte said municipalities usually pay around 10% to have things auctioned off. Those with ideas on this are asked to send them to Kobylarz and she was given until mid August to finalize plans for the sale and for what to do with the empty building next door;

- Discussed at length how to handle the legal firms who had sent proposals for services. Kobylarz said Steve Hitchcock, present city attorney, didn't send in a proposal because he didn't know they were going out for proposals. Kobylarz was directed to use Police Chief Dave Robinson and DPW Chief Rick Rutherford and herself as an administrative committee to come up with a recommendation and bring it back to the council. The mayor said there were six proposals.; and

- Set the hours for the DORA (Designated Outdoor Recreation Area) district as 4-10 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, with no hours on Sunday. Kobylarz said she spoke to city attorney Hitchcock about DORA and he didn't know anything about it. But he called back and said the city was doing everything correctly.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 372 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, June 28:

0006 – fireworks, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
0152 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0308 – disorderly, Locust Dr.
0337 – intrusion alarm, Riggs Rd.
0530 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Martz
0658 – property damage accident, Mariott
0749 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
0825 – welfare check, Haggerty
1016 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1050 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1127 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1157 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
1205 – property damage accident, SB Haggerty / WB I-94
1346 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1418 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1424 – felony assault, Rogers Ave.
1510 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr.
1629 – missing person, Ayres Ave.
1824 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1847 – disorderly, Rose Blvd.
1853 – domestic, Michigan Ave.
1855 – assist citizen, Harbour Club
1941 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1944 – civil matter, Bemis Rd.
2022 – mental subject, Morton Taylor/Van Born
2104 – intrusion alarm, Chatsworth Dr.
2107 – assist other dept., Mott
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
2204 – disorderly, Green Meadows
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2346 – fireworks, Tyler Rd.

Monday, June 29:

0222 – domestic, Ash Dr.
0433 – noise complaint, Lohr
0509 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0723 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0932 – missing person, Bog Rd.
0942 – malicious destruction, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1256 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1336 – breaking & entering, Brandi Dr.
1412 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
1435 – traffic offense, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1550 – private property impound, Westlake
1641 – traffic offense, Oak Blvd./Maple Dr.
1657 – traffic offense, Jackson St.
1710 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave.
1920 – 911 welfare check, S. Prairiegrass Ct.
1957 – family trouble, Assembly St.
2120 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2144 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, June 30:

0141 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0211 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0259 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0410 – trespassing, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0440 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton
0700 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0810 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0819 – fraud, Stonebrook Court
0908 – found property/child, Oak Ln.
1014 – welfare check, W. I-94 / N. Haggerty I-94 ramp W.
1236 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1339 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1352 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1406 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1500 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.
1512 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1536 – welfare check, EB I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1558 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
1633 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1731 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Lake Boathouse
1932 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1932 – family trouble, N. Cumberland Dr.
1935 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2112 – family trouble, Locust Dr.
2234 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
2243 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Blvd.

Wednesday, July 1:

0006 – assist fire dept., Harmony Ln.

0100 – noise complaint, Holly Ln.
0741 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0847 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0854 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0930 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0951 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1029 – private property/property damage accident, Huron River Dr.
1130 – disorderly, Tyler Rd.
1151 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1222 – disorderly, W. Huron River Dr.
1224 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
1414 – threat, Old Michigan Rd.
1454 – 911 welfare check, Greenwood Ct.
1509 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1532 – ordinance violation, Lauren Ct.
1545 – lost property/child, S. Bellridge Dr.
1554 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1744 – suspicious person/vehicle, Walden Blvd.
1804 – suspicious person/vehicle, Andover Dr. / Tyler Rd.
1849 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2013 – welfare check, Sonrisa St.
2034 – malicious destruction of property, Martz
2055 – missing person, Walden Blvd.
2059 – assist other dept., Maple Dr.
2111 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2159 – traffic offense, Tyler
2212 – fireworks, Parkwood
2233 – welfare check, Alden Ave.

Thursday, July 2:

0044 – family trouble, Colonial Rd.
0052 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0133 – domestic, Laguna Dr.
0200 – assist fire dept., Lilac Ln.
0216 – noise complaint, Brookside Dr.
0428 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0725 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
0811 – property damage accident, Kirkridge Park
1038 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1123 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1327 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1417 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1428 – larceny, Village Green In.
1447 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull
1455 – traffic offense, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service
1510 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service/Haggerty
1708 – intrusion alarm, Van Buren St.
1731 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1820 – welfare check, Ormond Dr.
1823 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.

1909 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Buren St.
1912 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1917 – disorderly, Martz Rd.
1944 – traffic offense, Churchill Dr./S. Darmoor Cir.
2009 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
2019 – traffic offense, Stratford Dr.
2047 – traffic offense, Andover Farms
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
2219 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

2246 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
2256 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2322 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2329 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, July 3:

0126 – domestic, Maurice Dr.
0417 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0843 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0902 – harassment call, Denton Rd. Bridge
1020 – harassment call, N. Sunset Ln.
1041 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1104 – animal complaint, Bak Rd.
1118 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1144 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1230 – weapons violation, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1348 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1400 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1427 – 911 welfare check, Bak Rd.
1431 – private property/property damage accident, Jackson St.
1611 – breaking & entering, Savage Rd.
1709 – lost property/child, Haggerty Rd.
1940 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1950 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

2023 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2035 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.
2047 – 911 welfare check, Birch Dr.
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Walden Blvd.
2147 – private property/property damage accident, Edison Lk.
2252 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
2345 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.

Saturday, July 4:

0052 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0134 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0324 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0346 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1241 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1341 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
1414 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1437 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1524 – domestic, Robbe Rd.
1529 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1532 – domestic, Greenbriar Ct.
1604 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1722 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1731 – noise complaint, Pebblebrook/Rock Creek
1838 – domestic, Holly Ln.
2037 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winding Pond Dr. / Pond Ridge Dr.
2140 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
2236 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2245 – felony assault, Peninsular Dr.
2319 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.

Also on this week's log are 123 traffic stops, 70 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 28:

0039 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
1122 – trespassing, Potter Dr.
1533 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave..
1750 – intrusion alarm, Habour Pointe Dr.
1818 – follow up by officer, Dewitt Rd.
1931 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
2145 – fireworks, Sumpter Rd.
2152 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.

Monday, June 29:

0112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
0630 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1146 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1526 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
1623 – assist fire dept., Third St.
2122 – traffic offense, Belle Villa Blvd.
2203 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.

Tuesday, June 30:

0001 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
0835 – background investigation, Main St.
1732 – domestic, Henry St.
2044 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
2101 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, July 1:

0002 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
0132 – welfare check, Carmell St.
0911 – assist citizen, Main St./Third St.
0946 – trespassing, Potter Dr.
1544 – fraud, Loza Ln.
2033 – follow-up by officer, Main St.
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Owen

Thursday, July 2:

0202 – assist other dept., Lilac Ln.
0342 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1057 – private property impound, South St.
1743 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1845 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.
2051 – intrusion alarm, Henry St./Church St.
2208 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.

Friday, July 3:

0506 – assist fire dept., W. Waterbury Ct.
1903 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2027 – assist fire dept., High St.

Saturday, July 4:

0149 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria Commons
1248 – disorderly, Main St.
1512 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1606 – animal complaint, South Biggs
2210 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2212 – fireworks, Robbe St.

On this log were two traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 28:

0011 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0216 – suspicious circumstances, Rawsonville Rd. / Willow Rd.
0846 – recovered stolen vehicle, 26000 bl. Elwell
0848 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1043 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1222 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1537 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1544 – suspicious circumstances, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1926 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2026 – warrant arrest, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2029 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2044 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
2052 – suspicious circumstances, Utah Ct. / California St.
2159 – follow-up investigation, Rawsonville/Willis
2211 – welfare check, Timberlane Dr.
2240 – follow-up investigation, Rawsonville/Willis
2303 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Monday, June 29:

0444 – traffic complaint, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.
0700 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0843 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0856 – suspicious circumstances, 17000 bl. Savage
0905 – neighborhood trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0948 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0954 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1051 – suspicious person, Karr Rd./Willow Rd.
1111 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1302 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1449 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1520 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
1536 – traffic complaint, Bemis Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1607 – runaway juvenile, Rustic Ln.
1758 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1828 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2044 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2048 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2102 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2120 – family trouble, Willow Rd./Martinsville
2307 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

Tuesday, June 30:

0429 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
0522 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1111 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
1234 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1313 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1426 – dumping complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1454 – metal health call, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1539 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1833 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2140 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Wilmo

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Wednesday, July 1:

1007 – juvenile complaint, Creekside Dr.
1129 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1600 – suspicious circumstances, Sherwood/Willis
1603 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2013 – shots fired, Karr Rd./Judd Rd.
2126 – juvenile complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
2215 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2225 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
2311 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Thursday, July 2:

0809 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0852 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1053 – found property, Sumpter Rd./Wear Rd.
1143 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
1626 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1741 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1832 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2105 – traffic complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2145 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr./Rustic Ln.

Friday, July 3:

0049 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
0904 – traffic complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1124 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell
1311 – fire dept. assist, Bemis Rd./Savage Rd.
1426 – 911 hang up, Mulberry Dr.
1509 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1514 – juvenile complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1555 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1638 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.

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DORA

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Mayor Conley said there could be a big delay with the other things they need to do under the law, such as designing the logo for the cups, ordering the cups, and businesses applying for the permits.

"We haven't seen a permit yet," Winter said. "You would have to vote on a DORA district first."

"The action we took today should satisfy that," Mayor Conley said.

Mayor Conley said they will have the administration meet with the Baptist Church before the next meeting when they will set the times and days.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1924 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
2111 – fire dept. assist, Oakville Waltz Rd./Karr
2324 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2334 – alarm, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.

Saturday, July 4:

0237 – fire dept. assist, 9100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0538 – assault, Edgewood Dr.
0630 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Willis
0928 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1028 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
1136 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1925 – reckless driver, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2109 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2143 – noise complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2250 – suspicious circumstances, Sumpter Rd. / Harris Rd.

Also on this week's log are 85 patrol checks, 17 traffic stops and five miscellaneous details.

The sky is the limit for Belleville High School Softball seniors

The BHS Varsity Softball Team, like others throughout Michigan, had their spring 2020 season cancelled before it started.

As reigning District Champs returning

eight seniors, there were high expectations for the team entering the spring. I'd like to recognize this team and especially the seniors, as they were a very special class, that unfortunately were not able to compete

in their final season.

This group of seniors had various members that were either single-season or career Belleville High School record holders. Many were awarded various post season awards such as All-Region, All-District and All-League. All eight seniors played extensive travel ball from an early age through high school, which was a huge factor in their success.

In their first three years, they achieved an overall record of 57-40-1, including advancing to the Regional competition in 2019. Seven of the seniors were four-year varsity players. Five of the eight graduates have plans to continue to play softball in college, with two Division 1 and three Junior College commits.

Academic achievement was also very important for this talented team. The team had an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.43. As a result, the team was designated as Academic All State by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association (MHSSCA). In addition, three seniors (Madison Mikulski, Cassidy Brendtke, and Haley Bellingham) achieved individual Academic All-State Awards through the MHSSCA with GPAs of 3.8 or better.

Seven of these seniors were awarded the league (KLAA) scholar patch both their junior and senior years, which is awarded to those with a GPA of 3.25 or higher. More importantly all eight seniors are going on to further their studies in college.

This senior class has set the bar very high for future classes to follow, not only on the field but in classroom.

Congratulations to this group of girls who always competed at the highest level, all the while being great representatives of the softball team and Belleville High School. The sky is the limit for these girls and I sure am going to miss them!

Sean Bellingham
BHS Varsity Softball Head Coach



Belleville High School Softball Team, from left, in front: **Rachelle Frederick** – Henry Ford Community College*, **Alexandrea Matheny** – Henry Ford Community College*, **Cassidy Brendtke** – Western Michigan University*, **Kailee Settles** – Eastern Michigan University, **Haley Bellingham** – Eastern Michigan University, Drewnell Leamy. In back, from left, are Kayla Hamilton, **Madison Mikulski** – University of Toledo*, **Mikayla Demyan** – Schoolcraft Community College*, Alyssa Engle, Brooklynn Jones, **Kayla Haffner** – Wayne State University. (Seniors in bold; *designates those going on to play college softball.)

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ORIGINAL OWNER 2,500 Square Foot Brick Colonial Offering 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Hardwood Floors Everywhere, Large Family Room with Fireplace, Basement, Huge Fenced Yard, 2 1/2 Car Garage. \$242,900

BELLEVILLE LAKE



42101 S I-94 SERVICE DR VAN BUREN
YOUR OWN PRIVATE WORLD A Total of 5,263 Square Feet! 4 Bedroom 3 Full and 2 Half Baths, INTERIOR POOL, High End Premium Built Brick 3 Level Home. 100+ Feet Lake Frontage, Double Dock-SAND BEACH. \$898,900

PERFECT COUNTRY SETTING

PENDING

45180 ROBSON, VAN BUREN
A PERFECT COUNTRY SETTING. Beautiful and Updated 3 Bedroom Ranch with Spacious Kitchen, Extra Large Master Bedroom with Doorwall to Patio, Landscaped Yard a Summer Front Porch to Enjoy Every Day. \$150,000

GREAT FOR COMPANY

PENDING

13285 EDGE DALE, VAN BUREN
SENSATIONALLY SPACIOUS! Large 5 Bedroom 2 Bath Brick Home. Family Room, Fireplace, Premium Kitchen, New Roof in 2018, New Furnace in 2015. One of the Finest Neighborhoods in Van Buren Township. \$219,900

5 ACRES-3,000+ S F-BASEMENT

PENDING

47037 HULL, VAN BUREN
CUSTOM BUILT 3,000+ Square Foot 4 Bedroom 3 1/2 Bath Home w First Floor Master, Family Room, Fireplace, Sunroom. Finished Basement, Second Garage This Property provides Unlimited Fun plus Deck on Five Landscaped Acres. \$385,000

2,332 SQUARE FEET

PENDING

12828 MARTINSVILLE, VAN BUREN
THREE BEDROOM - TWO BATH RANCH Remodeled Kitchen, Hardwood Floors, Family Room, Covered Deck, Michigan Riverstone Fireplace, 90+ Three Zone Furnace and Central Air, Hot Tub and Newer Roof \$239,900

LAKE POINT CONDO



13282 LAKE POINT, VAN BUREN
GREAT 2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Condo with Belleville Lake Access. Large Upper Bedrooms with Full Bath. Finished Basement with Bar Area plus Large Storage area. First Floor Deck, Upper Bedroom Deck. \$120,000

ROMULUS BARGAIN



6735 GLORIA, ROMULUS
3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH with 1 Bath, Large Kitchen, Basement Needs to be Refinished, 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage. Purchaser to assume Certificate of Occupancy requirements and Cash Only but priced To Sell at \$89,500

LARGE BRICK RANCH



41577 MCBRIDE, VAN BUREN
KING SIZED BRICK and Vinyl Ranch 1,484 Sq Ft Ranch featuring 3 Large Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths 15X12 LivingRoom, 15X20 FamilyRoom, Wallside Windows, Central Air, Deck, 2 1/2 Car Block Garage. \$150,000 Imm Occupancy

FOR SALE OR LEASE



500E HURON RIVER DR, BELLEVILLE
HIGHEST QUALITY BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE. Former Florist, Bakery and Coffee House. FINE DESIGN! For Sale at \$750,000 or Lease at \$4,500. Month Double Net.

THREE PARCELS A MOST BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY 20+ ACRES WEAR RD\$175,000
TORREY 2.48 AC PERC & SURV \$48,000
VACANT RAWSONVILLE 2.6 AC \$95,000
SUMPTER EXETER TWP 8 ACRES \$65,000
19 AC BREST ROAD TAYLOR \$550,000

COMMERCIAL CORNER OF ECORSE & WAYNE ROMULUS 4.27ACRES \$350,000
CAPERNALL 8 AC EXETER TWP \$70,000
SAVAGE 1 ACRE SUMPTER TWP \$45,000
25817 SUMPTER 80X529 .97 AC \$20,000
24053 BOHN 3.3 ACRES SUMPTER\$67,000

SHERWOOD 37.55 AC BY WEAR \$225,000
28710 SUMPTER ROAD \$10,000
VACANT LOUISA "DREAM LOT" \$70,000
GRANT ROMULUS 1.8 ACRES LT IN \$65,000
HAGGERTY 1.5 AC VAN BUREN \$70,000
16265 DIX SOUTHGATE 1.6 AC \$155,000

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MORTON TAYLOR 1.8 ACRES \$25,000
10 AC BUNTON YPSILANTI TWP\$155,000

JUDD 10 ACRES SUMPTER TWP \$80,000
HURON TWP VAC CLARK .74 ACRES \$50,000
HURON TWP VAC OTTER 2.94 ACRES \$60,000
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$55,000
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$55,000
VACANT BALL ROMULUS .34 AC \$19,000



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