



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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The Belleville High School Varsity Dance Team was at Little Caesars Arena on Jan. 28 for the Pistons Classic Dance Championship, the team's last competition of the season. The team defended its title by securing first place in its Jazz routine for the second year in a row and took home third place in its Pom routine. From left, in back, are Olivia Scheil, Maggie Keech, Ricki Barnes, Kaiah Sargent, and Robyn Young. In front are, at left, Captain Arielle Chamberlain and Captain Tori Morrison with the trophies. Head coach Christi Yamamoto said the team competes in four contests between November and January and has secured first in Jazz twice and first in Pom once during those contests.

## VBT DDA approves legal assistance for eminent domain

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, at its Jan. 23 meeting, approved the professional services agreement with Jerome Pesick, an attorney with Williams Williams Rattner and Plunkett, to work to get 11 rights of way by eminent domain along Belleville Road. Cost will be \$350 to \$450 per hour, with an estimated total cost of \$50,000.

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### Van Buren Public Schools 2023 Transparency Report

	Base Pay	Total Compensation
<b>ADMINISTRATORS</b>		
Kudlak, Peter	\$153,194.11	\$262,421.59
Nayak, Priya	\$133,910.77	\$202,721.24
Frazier, Julien	\$114,016.50	\$197,621.14
Moore, Jeffrey	\$112,127.33	\$197,362.38
Leroy, John	\$108,132.19	\$193,105.98
Williams, James	\$116,294.00	\$187,716.36
Garland, Sean	\$87,105.04	\$157,475.06
Johnston, Karen	\$3,562.96	\$5,484.03
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS</b>		
Duncan, Brandice	\$55,113.96	\$107,764.95
Kadri, Joumana	\$49,509.16	\$95,261.04
Leedy, Deborah	\$54,772.80	\$103,974.00
McWilliams, Debra	\$64,967.28	\$124,002.01
<b>PRINCIPALS</b>		
Abel, Fredrick	\$105,145.53	\$186,421.34
Causey-Bryant, Tracy	\$99,277.35	\$177,655.40
Crockett, Nicole	\$115,411.83	\$178,504.04
Maher, Laura	\$98,479.95	\$158,868.53
Pitt, Aleisa	\$106,198.45	\$178,022.02
Preuss, Lisa	\$99,960.13	\$168,745.31
Ross, Rebecca	\$104,230.45	\$175,903.47
Salhaney, Jason	\$104,252.58	\$179,038.22
Wilsey, Scott	\$101,816.24	\$171,549.40
<b>ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS</b>		
Green, Falisadoll	\$103,163.88	\$177,326.74
Roberson, Brian	\$100,332.36	\$172,923.26
Slingerland, Paula	\$105,959.38	\$187,234.25
Smith, Jean	\$92,393.18	\$142,876.66
Turner, David	\$89,195.62	\$161,466.49
Wright, Howard	\$116,417.87	\$197,746.26
<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTOR</b>		
Brodie, Joseph	\$103,863.46	\$178,410.59
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		
Falconer, Dionne	\$780.00	\$839.67
Featheringill, Susan	\$960.00	\$1,033.44
Hawkins, Calvin	\$810.00	\$871.97
Loyer Gerick, Darlene	\$960.00	\$1,033.44
Owen, Kelly	\$930.00	\$1,001.15
Pearce, Amy	\$900.00	\$968.85
Pinter, Simone	\$840.00	\$904.26
<b>SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL</b>		
Beach, Shannon	\$9,423.60	\$21,275.76
Carter, Tina	\$18,809.33	\$33,783.07
Charlesworth, Elizabeth	\$4,360.15	\$7,135.74
Cichowski, Jamie	\$33,560.07	\$76,715.01
Colwell, Melissa	\$28,737.09	\$53,068.14
Doty, Kelly	\$21,328.29	\$33,524.05

Eaton, Janice	\$20,260.14	\$35,388.64
Floro, Jaclyn	\$43,174.92	\$68,016.83
Harris, Tammie	\$0.00	\$2,180.31
Johnson, Theresa	\$2,067.33	\$2,999.32
Kaba, Jessica	\$20,366.39	\$31,890.58
Kennedy, Marcia	\$34,798.19	\$73,731.78
Kiessel, Diane	\$34,357.79	\$73,425.78
Kulhanek, Patricia	\$24,215.10	\$38,884.68
Larocque, Kristine	\$38,482.02	\$60,790.55
Loechli, Michelle	\$28,909.89	\$43,389.47
Mahdi, Felicia	\$42,314.21	\$65,772.31
Mastrogiacomo, Erin	\$27,859.30	\$62,755.27
Mitchell, Deborah	\$13,914.75	\$21,207.74
O'Keefe, Nicole	\$25,650.26	\$41,031.38
Richards, Norma	\$37,903.80	\$66,891.64
Spicer, Beverly	\$27,576.63	\$44,119.57
Spillman, Kristine	\$35,741.16	\$64,033.03
Suvada, Kelli	\$34,558.07	\$51,516.04
Sykes, Lenore	\$37,381.80	\$57,352.05
Testorelli, Ashleigh	\$700.50	\$1,080.59
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$36,215.67	\$75,663.64
Walker, Esther	\$11,418.00	\$17,559.67
<b>ELEMENTARY TEACHERS</b>		
Albulov, Anna	\$33,675.42	\$68,747.12
Ali, Aminah	\$37,359.18	\$60,252.67
Altenbernt, Lauren	\$82,344.67	\$137,396.63
Aumiller, Whitney	\$56,234.24	\$93,022.17
Barnes, Alexandra	\$52,381.16	\$81,726.79
Bateman, Nancy	\$86,408.32	\$155,774.27
Bechtel, Joshua	\$54,513.97	\$104,199.45
Belloni, Cristen	\$84,428.16	\$149,677.47
Bianchi, Pauline	\$80,062.44	\$133,980.89
Bias, Jennifer	\$68,684.72	\$119,610.65
Binert, Jill	\$78,370.59	\$143,909.85
Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$95,564.70	\$148,022.02
Bongiorno, Zachary	\$47,299.34	\$95,678.46
Borowicz, Inthira	\$48,772.33	\$82,076.87
Bradley, Pamela	\$89,996.43	\$147,581.53
Bugescu, Cristina	\$52,182.72	\$89,860.78
Burton, Deondra	\$65,571.27	\$121,949.56
Byrd, Tauna	\$85,468.21	\$132,439.08
Byrum, Sofia	\$51,511.69	\$81,561.39
Cagney, Kristine	\$43,525.14	\$67,752.76
Caprara, Thomas	\$13,518.99	\$20,681.92
Carlin, Sabrina	\$32,970.95	\$56,017.03
Coleman, Jennifer	\$48,944.71	\$96,273.34
Conger Fettes, Jewelyane	\$16,333.66	\$27,322.16
Cook, Sara	\$86,482.85	\$155,687.52
Courter, Katharine	\$82,512.88	\$146,352.61
Crump, Jessica	\$61,304.68	\$94,317.05
Csendes, Stephanie	\$79,115.88	\$140,278.77

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**Van Buren Public Schools**  
**2023 Transparency Report**

2020 Transparency Report		
	Base Pay	Total Compensation
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS (continued)		
Cunningham, Deborah	\$58,502.52	\$110,302.20
Dagenais, Madison	\$58,066.28	\$89,290.50
Dobek, Julie	\$69,972.09	\$107,991.53
Dolan, Cynthia	\$80,743.13	\$143,351.15
Duey, Carly	\$54,060.96	\$91,202.34
Dybicki, Kimberley	\$87,864.76	\$135,659.45
Elsner, Vickie	\$83,224.68	\$150,614.60
Emerson, Joelle	\$81,361.13	\$149,319.88
Falk, Virginia	\$80,716.52	\$145,549.99
Fidh, Janice	\$45,375.83	\$70,553.27
Fitzsimmons, Shelby	\$51,324.06	\$86,690.08
Flisher, Robert	\$0.00	\$19,491.23
Flynn, Stacy	\$65,724.97	\$101,130.98
Frederick, Felecia	\$61,870.23	\$118,542.69
Gandolfo, Nicole	\$59,532.51	\$99,730.11
Garden, Laurie	\$67,050.84	\$125,844.69
Gillsey, Michele	\$75,518.80	\$138,151.14
Glime, Kimberly	\$65,032.42	\$122,424.84
Gyulveszi, Dena	\$73,188.05	\$112,430.26
Harding, Angela	\$86,336.27	\$133,300.04
Harding, John	\$75,380.80	\$140,799.44
Held, Brent	\$93,216.07	\$143,933.43
Henning, Cynthia	\$79,578.19	\$145,184.58
Hiner, Kathleen	\$19,555.38	\$32,888.79
Horchem, Kristin	\$71,718.75	\$135,947.55
Hoskins, Keyon	\$58,872.66	\$99,281.08
Hough, Susan	\$14,448.22	\$22,118.75
Isbell, Brooklyn	\$62,990.62	\$104,026.74
Jablinsky, David	\$62,592.53	\$103,066.88
Jesue, Kelly	\$50,775.29	\$77,965.19
Jones, Emmanuel	\$28,851.98	\$44,507.10
Jones, Margaret	\$55,053.29	\$92,923.25
Kapcia, Suzanne	\$86,726.54	\$150,997.91
Karaba, Melanie	\$75,273.70	\$140,401.62
Kehoe, Carrie	\$77,251.87	\$144,007.83
Kiser, Jessica	\$59,364.02	\$92,503.04
Kitchen, Jennifer	\$75,888.05	\$115,276.27
Knight, Chavella	\$56,178.55	\$85,976.00
Komaromi, Julie	\$0.00	\$5,888.25
Kozelka, Andrew	\$16,181.74	\$28,077.41
Krings, Nicole	\$17,199.72	\$29,366.18
Kunz, Laurie	\$60,669.51	\$109,790.84
Kurash, Antoinette	\$0.00	\$158.34
Labor, Cynthia	\$50,836.78	\$79,793.28
Lang, Sarah	\$75,377.03	\$118,497.34
Lauer, Lisa	\$79,843.00	\$147,577.53
Leaym, Jillian	\$19,966.22	\$31,121.78
Lee, Colbie	\$34,278.72	\$65,983.91
Ley, Janet	\$77,060.20	\$142,472.69
Mallon, Yvonne	\$83,276.18	\$128,628.26
Mann, Melissa	\$12,299.76	\$22,301.78
Marchello, Anthony	\$53,457.80	\$82,003.18
Marino, Joseph	\$62,341.03	\$102,657.18
Mastie, Vivian	\$83,387.97	\$137,203.56
Mayes, Michael	\$16,241.96	\$29,419.04
Mccraight, Nicole	\$72,764.23	\$112,246.57
Mckenna, Lauren	\$61,017.84	\$103,173.73
Meeker, Samantha	\$19,111.69	\$51,082.32
Miloser, Kristine	\$91,500.15	\$141,013.83
Moore, Jessica	\$71,188.46	\$118,301.60
Moore, Marissa	\$54,639.80	\$83,716.84
Mounsey, Deborah	\$83,935.85	\$138,064.84

Myers, Kimberly	\$48,121.64	\$79,308.09
Nadrowski, Emily	\$55,738.09	\$94,252.27
Nelson, Barbara	\$71,452.35	\$133,874.93
Niedert, Ashley	\$0.00	\$1,962.75
Nofs, Kathleen	\$83,806.52	\$148,098.83
Norman, Anita	\$86,113.47	\$132,664.28
Ober, Laura	\$83,502.67	\$146,917.13
Orlich, Carmen	\$55,483.92	\$85,223.69
Otsuji, Tracey	\$0.00	\$1.29
Palmer, Heather	\$57,350.59	\$103,962.85
Parcha, James	\$79,705.06	\$147,322.26
Parise, Jordan	\$46,070.64	\$77,017.85
Patterson, Krisite	\$60,629.76	\$93,358.23
Przydzial, Karen	\$83,269.02	\$137,223.57
Puma, Lori	\$60,530.97	\$114,989.56
Purcell, Thomas	\$45,344.49	\$81,846.96
Rafail, Melinda	\$74,584.68	\$141,112.31
Rice, Jarrett	\$25,758.76	\$48,748.68
Richardson, Alexandra	\$51,631.24	\$102,136.79
Roberson, Kim	\$65,653.17	\$100,207.42
Rohloff, Steven	\$84,689.94	\$154,019.18
Roperti, Christine	\$76,716.19	\$144,273.26
Runyan, Jennifer	\$74,825.79	\$140,030.14
Rupnow, Elinor	\$87,816.51	\$135,241.97
Russell, Staci	\$80,044.22	\$124,593.37
Ryan, Jessica	\$39,267.15	\$76,548.01
Sadvery, Taura	\$59,984.04	\$90,968.83
Safieddine, Kari	\$59,980.75	\$113,876.70
Sanders, Leigh Anne	\$5,679.65	\$8,753.83
Scroggie, Angela	\$82,032.42	\$150,534.40
Sheko, Teresa	\$68,044.22	\$103,281.25
Sheridan, Jennifer	\$80,078.80	\$145,657.41
Slayton, Alyssa	\$65,207.95	\$100,674.54
Smith, Christine	\$87,353.39	\$144,460.05
Stanko, Brittany	\$49,322.28	\$84,184.49
Stanley, Tracy	\$23,111.90	\$36,162.79
Stiles, Sarah	\$74,514.79	\$123,449.79
Stipe, Karen	\$25,005.45	\$38,388.66
Strawsine, Kristen	\$1,040.98	\$1,579.68
Stremmer, Lisa	\$57,140.11	\$113,818.96
Sullivan, Holly	\$88,275.28	\$144,471.86
Sullivan, Maureen	\$63,132.14	\$105,409.07
Sutton, Rebecca	\$66,859.57	\$126,490.38
Swingle, Lisa	\$73,164.30	\$130,873.81
Tanana, Samantha	\$68,472.23	\$105,207.51
Taylor, Sarah	\$76,202.95	\$117,256.23
Tenbroeck, Jane	\$85,413.46	\$156,567.53
Tenbroeck, Peter	\$61,179.72	\$102,134.19
Tennis, Rebecca	\$83,460.10	\$151,268.60
Tibbs, Kathleen	\$79,378.27	\$145,023.35
Underwood, Brandon	\$14,953.99	\$25,932.79
Vago, Mary	\$85,061.13	\$151,552.52
Van’T Hof, Stacey	\$64,459.67	\$125,392.23
Waugaman Leonard, Jennifer	\$49,923.75	\$99,091.04
Whitner, Cheri	\$21,884.28	\$33,601.03
Wiese, Jami	\$76,096.53	\$139,640.74
Willoughby, Estate Of Denise	\$44,666.82	\$74,326.11
Wright, Amanda	\$54,316.34	\$92,451.13
Yurcak, Margaret	\$63,515.92	\$96,388.87
<b>GSRP TEACHERS</b>		
Cavazos, Brandy	\$45,503.87	\$92,750.00
Frederick, Kelsey	\$47,611.51	\$72,925.12
Hern, Sarah	\$0.00	\$3,271.25
Karbon, Carrie	\$41,221.44	\$64,652.51
Nowak, Zachary	\$14,888.88	\$26,185.13
Nystrom, Meagan	\$47,282.81	\$80,856.16
Pritchett, Taylor	\$47,865.00	\$81,746.84
Williams, Danielle	\$51,293.91	\$100,620.84
Ynclan, Brianna	\$38,834.83	\$60,332.88

**GSRP PARAS**

Daroci, Sydney	\$6,681.90	\$10,109.79
Sarnovsky, Paula	\$22,031.39	\$36,043.98
<b>SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS</b>		
Bliss, Laura	\$47,776.48	\$94,755.99
Bonham, Audrey	\$69,855.83	\$114,394.52
Boulas, Erica	\$66,967.41	\$102,860.67
Chie, Elizabeth	\$80,027.20	\$148,815.62
Chrisner, Amy	\$86,870.54	\$157,170.35
Conn, Joselyn	\$85,654.90	\$150,203.53
Cross, Samantha	\$53,816.44	\$106,649.86
Culver, Sarah	\$16,232.76	\$29,018.92
Davis, Cynthia	\$62,419.54	\$94,375.17
Dudley, Tavis	\$55,291.40	\$85,039.02
Epperson, Ann	\$76,852.80	\$143,610.97
Flaim, Sarah	\$51,642.53	\$87,877.10
Foster, Misty	\$17,561.12	\$27,110.94
Fryske, Katie	\$67,131.53	\$127,185.76
Gaines, Joseph	\$53,152.57	\$81,919.95
Gerst, Debbie	\$82,304.49	\$146,300.66
Hammond, Colleen	\$75,938.80	\$142,529.50
Hura, Sadie	\$54,479.90	\$99,611.93
Jasman, Neva	\$51,117.70	\$100,494.94
Jordan, Cindy	\$89,643.47	\$138,766.67
Lapp, Sarah	\$55,161.19	\$84,725.23
Lasenby, Felicia	\$89,406.70	\$162,376.44
Miller, Blake	\$33,716.18	\$59,687.73
Neff, Karl	\$67,231.29	\$112,152.52
Palmer, Andrew	\$56,322.30	\$93,759.03
Parker, Maliya	\$89,749.75	\$162,444.40
Phillips, Carey	\$84,195.04	\$139,250.75
Reeves, Amy	\$78,417.68	\$147,236.83
Rybicki, Tiffany	\$79,035.54	\$143,671.21
Schwartz-Olma, Jessica	\$68,980.43	\$130,652.79
Short, Kyle	\$37,276.35	\$76,385.17
Simon, Rebecca	\$72,807.39	\$130,420.04
Smith, Antoinette	\$69,334.39	\$106,809.30
Swisher, Jackie	\$65,482.26	\$123,061.78
Testorelli, Constance	\$94,398.08	\$146,142.98
Wizinsky, Donna	\$48,838.44	\$79,585.69
<b>SPECIAL ED. PARAPROS</b>		
Ashford, Angela	\$27,045.96	\$50,672.46
Babik, Abby	\$24,833.93	\$44,335.67
Babik, Tayler	\$4,165.09	\$6,346.26
Battle, Stephanie	\$22,898.82	\$43,733.08
Beyer, Kimberley	\$14,537.95	\$21,798.17
Borgdorff, Marcia	\$19,247.17	\$27,915.90
Brown, Paula	\$3,215.02	\$4,421.19
Browning, Estate Of Sherry	\$16,798.25	\$33,650.54
Cavins Mason, Danika	\$23,054.39	\$43,578.46
Charlesworth, Tonya	\$20,132.02	\$34,851.05
Clark, Markiea	\$22,415.89	\$33,927.05
Coakley, Cassandra	\$25,666.13	\$38,402.29
Colwell, Roseanne	\$30,006.07	\$54,018.15
Cox, Tierra	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dau, Loni	\$24,370.82	\$37,180.57
Daughterity, Naautumn	\$22,170.11	\$33,355.92
Dehn, Cheri	\$26,846.92	\$41,110.41
Dobbins, Rachel	\$2,000.70	\$3,119.19
Dornier, Alice	\$24,352.72	\$59,300.30
Drogowski, Jennifer	\$20,602.66	\$55,026.99
Fisher, Randall	\$32,440.99	\$58,070.00
Fowler, Sparkle	\$0.00	\$2,092.31
Frazier, William	\$26,196.34	\$49,819.41
Frederick, Alissa	\$31,277.55	\$48,983.83
Furman, Barbara	\$2,805.84	\$4,164.84
Gordillo, Patricia	\$16,763.49	\$34,503.47
Guido, Rosanna	\$21,588.82	\$42,490.08



# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Van Buren Public Schools cleaning up after cyber-attack

School Supt. Pete Kudlak told those at Monday's school board meeting that the district is cleaning up on the last details of December's cyber-attack. He assured everyone that the student information is secure.

Supt. Kudlak told the *Independent* the district paid no ransom. He said they were able to "rebuild everything that was knocked down."

He said he sent a message to families on the cyber-attack. He said they have closed all the investigative pieces and have a third-party company to mine the data. They have to see if any personal data has been compromised and that should be done in the next week or so.

He said he hasn't heard of anything being compromised. The hacker has the employee numbers, which are not Social Security Numbers, he said, so it isn't a problem.

In information sent to the *Independent* from a local resident about Van Buren's attack, it noted in 2022, 89 cyber-attacks were directed toward K-12 and post-secondary schools in the U.S. and this number doubled to 180 in the year 2023.

The details of the Van Buren Schools' data breach were published on the dark web leak portal of the Akira ransomware group on Jan. 8. It claimed to possess the "juiciest information" about students and their parents, HR information, accounting, and other files.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville Tax and Accounting, who owns the building in which we have our office, said on Friday that a lady from Dearborn called them to ask if I was OK.

She said she and her sister are subscribers to the *Independent* and read a story recently about the editor's accident and how the future of the paper was in question.

The lady at the tax office said she told the caller that I seemed OK to her and that we were still publishing just fine.

The story that we printed a few weeks ago was about Associated Newspapers and the announcement the editor of that group of papers made about an accident she had and how she wouldn't be able to write stories for a while.

The reason I reported on this is because Sumpter Township lists *The Eagle* as its newspaper of record. The Eagle seems to be the overall name for all the Associated Newspapers.

The *Belleville Enterprise* is one of the eight Associated Newspapers in that group. The Enterprise was Belleville's newspaper for more than 100 years before it went with, first the Romulus Roman, and then the Associated Newspapers. Now it is such a shadow of its former self that our local library no longer has it preserved as a local newspaper.

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Jim Pollard, who lives at the corner of Hull and Elwell roads in Van Buren Township, called on Monday to say the dirt roads in his neighborhood are so impassable that he couldn't even go to church on Sunday.

"I've never seen such bad roads in my life," said Jim, who is 95 years old. "We need them paved."

I told him the residents of Sumpter



Township also are complaining about the roads being impassable.

I invited him to write a letter and he said he would, explaining why he is so upset over the roads.

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On Monday night, at the school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he and Director of Plant Operations James Williams and Transportation Director Elizabeth Banks go out on the roads to see if school can be held on bad weather days. He said then the area superintendents get on a conference call with a meteorologist to find out when the storm will hit. Then they make up their minds.

He said they have to make sure the back roads are safe for the buses to drive.

He said the forecasts aren't always right. When asked about "delayed days" that delay the start of the school days, he said he didn't like those and the Van Buren district hasn't had any since he's been superintendent.

He said the district has to have 75% of its school population at school for it to be called a school day by the state. He said their goal is to always have school.

The board also talked about fleet management software for the buses and Banks said part of what spurred her fleet management search was the GPS so they would know where the buses are. She said in Sumpter Township the drivers may not be able to hear the radio in certain areas because sometimes the radios don't work in those areas of Sumpter.

She said the proposed management system, to be voted on at the Feb. 12 meeting, can be pulled up on a phone if there is no internet and you can find out where the bus is and where it has been. Parent aps give that information to the parents who are waiting to put their kids on the bus.

The board also bought six school buses and it was noted that the dirt roads do damage to the fleet.

That comment reminded me of Jim Pollard who couldn't get to church because of the impassable dirt roads in his neighborhood.

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It was announced at the school board meeting that Channel 4 would be at the Unified basketball game at 4 p.m. Feb. 5 before the television channel's 5-5:30 p.m. telecast from Belleville High School with all its pre-recorded interviews on the community and a story on quarterback Bryce Underwood.

Julien Frazier, director of student services, said they needed a loud crowd for the TV camera, so he asked everyone to come to the basketball game. The Unified basketball team is made up of special needs players along with regular players and if there's not enough players for the other team, then a member or two from the opposing team will change teams so they can play.

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# Letters

## Primo Gutierrez was a Great American

To the editor:

My good neighbor has passed away. Primo Gutierrez was 98 years old and loved and adored by all his family and friends. He was a World War II veteran. He and I talked many times about the military. Prim (as I called him) could have written a book about his experiences.

We got to know each other over 20 years ago. We would converse over the fence. Every day Prim would be working in his yard or garden. He would be out in that hot sun for hours and loving it.

Prim could name all the plants. He could grow everything. He could grow rose bushes off rose bushes. He knew all the birds by their names. He could tell what kind of bird it was just by its shadow.

Prim was a great cook also. He wrote a cookbook and gave me one. All years and years of great recipes. He would can tomatoes, peppers, and strawberries. A wealth of experiences.

But most of all, he was a Great American. He joined the Navy when he was 17. It was 1943 and the war was on. He did many jobs in the Navy. He was a gunner on a gun crew. In his free time he would paint logos on the backs of the leather jackets for the flyers. Be it a dragon or something else, he could do it. Prim served in both theaters of the war. That alone is spectacular: Two theaters.

One time they landed in Italy. The war was raging in Europe, so they had some free time and went ashore.

Well, they ran into this Army truck. The driver said, you want to see what is going on? So, the Navy guys got into the truck. They went for a ride to drop off supplies. They stopped and were taking a break with the soldiers there. Nothing was going on and it was quiet. Then the Germans started shelling the area. Well, they got more than they bargained for. The guys didn't wait for a truck ride back.

On the way back, they happened onto a small building. Being curious they looked inside. There was a young German soldier hiding inside. He was 16 and scared. The German soldier said he was forced into the Army and didn't want to fight. So, Prim and the guys took the young German back with them to Army HQ. The Army got mad

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and said we are taking no prisoners. None! So, Prim and the guys had to get back to their ship. They left the young soldier there. Over 70 years later, Prim often wondered what became of the young soldier.

Prim was a member of the VFW. He took part in many military funerals. He looked really great in his uniform. If you had seen his original Navy picture from 1943, you would say what a great looking kid.

But most of all he was about respect and honor to our flag. We had many conversations over the fence. How it was mostly the young that paid the price for our freedom we so dearly enjoy.

Prim told me once that he ran into Cesar Romero. He was a movie star that had enlisted. He is best remembered for being the original "Joker" on the TV show "Batman." Cesar Romero was mopping the deck of the ship. Cesar Romero wanted no special treatment. He just wanted to be one of the guys.

All the neighbors loved Prim. He was always so nice and polite. Prim never said a harsh word. He would say to me, "You tell me who your friends are and I will tell you who you are." He was one of those people you meet and he will always be in your heart.

Mrs. Gutierrez was also a beautiful, loving, and great neighbor. We had many discussions. I loved talking to her because she was so like my mother. I miss them both.

Prim was a great father, husband, grandfather, neighbor, veteran, and a Great American.

I thank you, Prim, for being my neighbor and friend. We had many great conversations over that fence. Thank you for everything. You will always be in my heart and thoughts.

Thank God for your generation. We might be speaking a different language now. Your generation stopped the bullies of the world. You have set a fine example of how we should be good Americans. God bless you, Prim, and your wonderful family. I know you are in God's hands and he will take care of you. I thank you.

Al Pfaff  
Van Buren Township

## Birthdays

- Jan. 17 – John Gage
- Jan. 28 – Debbie Stevens
- Jan. 30 – Wanda Watkins
- Feb. 6 – Chad Klavinger
- Feb. 17 – Gabe Rehahn-Bonior
- Feb. 18 – Flare Del Gado
- Feb. 21 – Ivy Wood
- Feb. 27 – Hailey Wood

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# Musings

By Janet Millard  
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The Belleville Council for the Arts is planning an Artistic Adventure to the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum on Saturday, Feb. 17, with a complimentary bus ride leaving Van Buren Township Hall at 11 a.m. There is no charge but a \$10 donation for the Arts Council would be appreciated. The Council needs to have a minimum of 25 people registered by Friday, Feb. 2. Please contact [bmiller32main@concast.net](mailto:bmiller32main@concast.net) immediately to make your reservation. Lunch will be available for purchase at the museum.

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It is long past due for me to give a shout out to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. I am one of the many who appreciate him getting the lane-closed sign put up on south-bound Belleville Road. There are still a few crazies who insist on passing everyone to get ahead, but overall, it is a very pleasant drive into town in the morning.

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Do you have a business item you would like to share? Call Janet at (734) 699-9020 or write to her at [jfayemillard@att.net](mailto:jfayemillard@att.net).

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 5 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 6 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 8 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 12 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.,

- BHS
- Tuesday, Feb. 13 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, Feb. 17 – Strategic planning session for Belleville DDA, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at the Belleville Area District Library. Open to the public.

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## Obituaries



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**ROBERTA ALICE HUNTER**  
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On January 27, 2024, while surrounded by her loving family, Roberta Alice Hunter of Addison, MI, left this earthly life to continue her eternal existence with her Lord Jesus Christ along with those who have preceded her in death and have accepted Him as their Savior.

Roberta's family and friends gathered Wednesday, January 31, 2024 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel and will gather Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Brooklyn. Her funeral will be held Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 11 a.m. following visitation. Pastor Jeff Sheeks will officiate. Interment to be at 2:30 p.m. at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park, Adrian, MI.

Roberta entered this life on November 9, 1939 in Detroit, MI as the daughter of Thomas and Florence Swaffer. As a young child her family moved to Belleville, MI where she spent most of her life before moving to Addison, MI in 2002. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1958 before earning her Bachelor's Degree in teaching from Bob Jones University in 1963. She married Richard Hunter in June of 1963 and they enjoyed 60 years of life together. She contracted Rheumatic Fever when she was two years old and her parents were told she would live less than two months, but she proved the doctors wrong and established a lifelong pattern of overcoming health issues. Throughout her life she endured more major illnesses and numerous surgeries, earning her the nickname "Bionic Woman" among her family and friends. But she persevered by God's grace and enjoyed life to the fullest with a perpetual smile and cheerfulness. We are sure that she is now enjoying Heaven in that same way.

She developed many wonderful friendships over the years, especially at the churches where she was so involved (Grace Baptist in Belleville, FaithWay Baptist in Ypsilanti, Maranatha Baptist in Belleville and First Baptist of Brooklyn, MI). She loved her family

and her many friends, particularly her great neighbors, Brent & Jill Zollman. In the past few years, she missed the get-togethers at the "lost" Wixom Lake and looked forward to its return. She enjoyed teaching many wonderful students during her life, both as a school teacher and as a Sunday School teacher. She also enjoyed numerous crafts and cooking.

Preceding Roberta in death were her parents and older brothers, Thomas and Fred. She is survived by her husband, Richard; brothers James (Peg) Swaffer of Clarklake, MI, and John (Cyndie) Swaffer of Sugar Creek, OH; children Tim (Marla) Hunter of Brooklyn, MI, Mike (Ronda) Hunter of Hillsdale, MI, Joanna Hunter of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren Daniel Hunter, Cate (Josh) Rankin, Thomas Hunter, Camille Hunter; great grandchildren Jonah & Laney Hunter.

Contributions can be made in her memory to First Baptist Church of Brooklyn, MI or Elara Care Hospice of Adrian, MI. Please leave a message of comfort for Roberta's family or sign her guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Feb. 3** – Chicken Dinner from 4-6 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. \$15 for three pieces broasted chicken, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and rolls. 50/50 raffle. All proceeds to the building fund.

• **Saturday, Feb. 3** – Musical Bingo, 7-9 p.m., at the Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. \$5 for entry includes three games of Bingo and Bingo cards for the games. Additional cards are \$1 each. All proceeds to the building fund.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 7** – "Born Free and Equal: Michigan's Colored Regiment" at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Maurice Imhoff, president of the Jackson Civil War Muster, presents the history of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Troops, formed in Michigan.

• **Thursday, Feb. 8** – Classic Movie Night Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library begins the new series with Alfred Hitchcock's "Shadow of a Doubt" (1943). Watch and discuss classic films presented by former *Detroit Free Press* film critic John Monaghan. Brought to you by the Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

## BHS at-home games

• **Friday, Feb. 2** – Boys & Girls Bowling vs. Churchill HS, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes; Girls JV Basketball vs. Franklin HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Franklin HS, 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 6** – Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Fordson HS, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Fordson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Swim & Dive vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt HS, 6:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Fordson HS, 7 p.m.

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# VB School Board organizes for 2024 with the same officers

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education held its organizational meeting on Jan. 16 and reelected the same board officers.

Amy Pearce is president; Susan Featheringill is vice-president, Darlene Loyer Gerick is secretary, and Simone Pinter is treasurer.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak recognized the board members for their work since January is School Board Appreciation Month.

The board approved the regular meeting dates, time, and place and authorized depository for school funds and investments for the 2024 year. Members were appointed to the board's five committees.

The board also approved having the superintendent's office or designee post board meeting compliant with the open meetings act.

A special meeting was held at 6 p.m., prior to the organizational meeting, to conduct a closed-door session to consider reinstatement of a student for the 2023-24 school year, after the period of expulsion had expired. After the board came into open session Student 22-23-013 was reinstated with conditions.

The regular meeting opened after the organizational meeting was complete. The board then:

- Unanimously approved Bond Series II Move Management contract with University Moving and Storage of Farmington Hills for the total project amount of \$132,620, which includes a 5% district contingency of \$6,314, as explained at the last meeting. The district said it needed to hire a moving company to assist with the removal of existing furniture, storing it on site in storage containers and then moving it back into the buildings once the construction is completed in the summer and winter of 2024. This assistance is a necessity due to the tight timelines before and after upgrades at McBride, Savage, and Tyler, as explained by James Williams, director of plant operations;

- Discussed the district's Bus Replacement Program to replace district buses every eight years. The board needs to purchase six buses a year. Information was given on the proposed 2024 bus purchase and the three bidders, with bids ranging from \$125,742 to \$137,936. No action on this was taken at the meeting;

- Approved the 18-month contract agreement with Van Buren Education Association (VBEA), with Susan Featheringill and Simone Pinter abstaining because of a relation to a member of the VBEA. All pay increases were

changed from a calendar year to a fiscal year; one-time payment of \$2,500 to all members in January 2024, steps reduced from 20 to 16, added alternative certification language, critical teacher shortage incentives, increased compensation for leadership teams, longevity, extracurriculars, retirement incentives, and mentor pay;

- Approved the termination of Jordan Parsons as a custodian after less than a year of service; and the resignations from Food Service of Deborah Moorehead after five years of service and Anita Fahey after less than a year;

- Approved the retirement of Beverly Porter after 27 years of service in Transportation as of Feb. 1;

- Approved the employment of non-instructional employees: Tiffany Wohfeil as a bus aide, Michael Pobursky in FANCU Robotics at BHS, Zhanee Wright in Food Service at

BHS, Jessica Tuddles as a paraprofessional at McBride, Hannah Moore as a custodian for Building and Grounds Department, and Amanda Swank as a bus aide; and

- Held another closed-door session on a

student reinstatement request at the end of the regular meeting. After the board came back into open session, it voted unanimously to deny reinstatement to Student 21-22-064.



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# VBT DDA

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Jason Long, another attorney from WWRP, spoke for Pesick by Zoom at the DDA meeting. He said Pesick had a pretty bad cold and started coughing whenever he talked.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said there were 34 properties to begin with and now are 11 outstanding pieces of property on Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse that remain after owners had been contacted multiple times and asked for counter offers.

Long said the government has the power of

eminent domain to get private property for public use. The widening of Belleville Road to three lanes with sidewalks on each side means more property is needed.

Long said the township can file a law suit against all owners to start the process to get a piece of their properties. He said there are many preliminaries and they need to double check that all of them have been done before the suit is filed.

He said once the suits are filed in Wayne County Circuit Court it may shake some of the people loose. He said the owners have a right to challenge eminent domain, but it is very difficult.

Long said the government allows the municipality to take property for public

purpose. The township is able to require possession of the property and construction can go forward, while the amount to be paid the owners continues in court.

He estimated this procedure can be accomplished in the next few months. The Uniform Condemnation Procedure Act requires a good-faith offer in the proposal. He said to file court action, the township will need an attorney.

Long said property owners still will receive compensation. He said the township offers and pays the owners and then they can continue to seek more.

"We plan on building in 2025," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, asking if the property needed along Belleville Road can be obtained this year.

Long estimated the property could be gained in a matter of months, although the dispute on paying more could take more time. He said the property could be available not later than fall.

"We will try to settle out of court first," Long said. "If we're not getting any results, we go to court."

When one of the DDA members asked how long they will give the property owners to decide, Long said they would give as long as the DDA would want. He suggested not more than a month or so for dialogue because they have to move forward.

DDA secretary Chris Brown, who was present by Zoom, said, "We've been doing this for some time. It started four or five

years ago?"

Another DDA member said this would be kicking the can down the road again by delaying, suggesting 30 days tops.

"We can give them 30 days," Long said. "Sometimes that kicks people into gear."

"This started long before I became supervisor," said McNamara who is the fourth year of his term. He referred to the offers for the strips of property needed.

Director Coburn said they have to get updated appraisals on the properties now because what they have is older than 60 to 90 days.

McNamara suggested getting two appraisals and giving the owners the higher number plus 20%.

Long said he's not sure that would make sense.

Coburn was asked how much they have paid for the properties so far and she said one was \$60,000, including the consultant's fee.

She said they got three easements back after the last offer and they need 11 more. All of the yards have been staked by Wade Trim engineers to show them exactly what property is involved. She said there is an impasse with some.

Long said the property appraiser has to do more meticulous work for eminent domain than he would have to for a home mortgage because he might have to testify in court.

Coburn said with the 20% they decided to offer in addition, there is more than \$1 million in the budget for this.

DDA member Mark Laginess made the motion to move forward with the attorney at his regular rates and approve the budget amendment of \$50,000 from the budget amendment to cover costs associated with the proposal. This was seconded by Victor Deliberia and unanimously passed by the board.

Absent from the meeting were DDA vice chairperson Carol Bird and Directors Joe Baskin and Joyce Rochowiak. Secretary Brown was present by Zoom.

In other business at the 52-minute meeting on Jan. 23, the DDA:

- Approved a budget amendment to move \$740,740 from the fund balance to allocate the funds to the Belleville Road Right of Way to cover costs associated with the taking of easements. Coburn said the money was not spent in 2023 and so it is being moved back.

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# VB School Board buys six school buses, looks at fleet management

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Monday unanimously approved purchase of six, 77-passenger general education school buses for a total of \$991,554 from Hoekstra, whose bid was in the middle of the three bidders.

The district developed a bus replacement program to replace district buses every eight years. This allows it to keep its fleet in good working order, minimize the need for major repairs, and it is able to trade them in at the end of service to recoup some cost instead of disposing of them.

To maintain this program the district needs to purchase six buses a year.

James Williams, director of plant operations, said as the buses age, repairs get more expensive and the dirt roads do a lot of damage to the fleet. Trading them in and getting some good value from the trade-in is better for the district in the long run, he said.

He also introduced a Transportation Management Software program – Transfinder -- with routing, parent apps/GPS, and fleet management. It would cost \$115,000 in year one and \$40,000 and \$38,000 in the other two years of the three-year agreement. It was discussed and is expected to be voted on at the Feb. 12 meeting.

Transportation Director Elizabeth Banks said with this equipment, they would be able to inform parents easily if there would be pick up on main roads only.

“Some roads are pretty crummy,” said board Vice Chairwoman Susan Featheringill, who was presiding at the meeting in the absence of Chairwoman Amy Pearce. Also absent and excused were Treasurer Simone Pinter and board member Dionne Falconer.

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the school board:

- Approved a resolution accepting the offer from PNC Capital Markets to purchase the Series III Bonds for \$13,489,608.45 with interest of 3.93%, the lowest of eight bids. The approximate sum of \$101,111.77 shall be used to pay the cost of issuance of the bonds. Finance Director Priya Nayak said

because of the interest that is better than expected, the district will have \$1.4 million more to spend on the Series III school projects;

- Approved the resignations of teachers April Crawford after less than a year at Owen as of Jan. 16 and Sarah Taylor after 17 years from Tyler as of Jan. 26;

- Approved two first-grade teachers, with Calista Dean at Savage as of Jan. 18 and Hannah Ryan at Tyler as of Jan. 25;

- Approved the resignations of Justin Watson from the Transportation Department after less than a year of service as of Jan. 19 and Markia Clark as a paraprofessional after one year as of Jan. 26;

- Approved employment of custodians Carrie Mayer and Cassandra Taylor, both as of Jan. 16;

- Heard resident Reg Ion say he was concerned about the number of hours the School Resource Officer spends at the high school. He said they should have a SRO at the school all day, every day and anything less is not enough. He said an officer can’t be chief of police and a school resource officer at the same time, the way it is now, and something should be done before it’s too late. Supt. Kudlak said he would get the figures;

- Heard Tracy Stanley speak for herself and three other employees of the tuition program at the Early Education Center who stood with her. She said the four are the only members of the more than 500 school district employees that are not offered any kind of union and if they disagree with anything, they are told, “This is the way it is.” Stanley said they have written to EEC Principal Becky Ross and Supt. Kudlak and have not heard back. There is no wording on snow days like other employees have. She said they go into work on snow days or have to take a personal day. If they don’t they are written up. Others get pay-and-a-half for snow days;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak report that classes will be starting after Labor Day on Sept. 3 this year because of the construction at several schools. Because of the change of the teachers’ union contract moving to the fiscal rather than school year the

year’s calendar will be worked out over the summer. He said there are some common breaks through RESA that are followed across the county and they will put those on the district website so parents can see those dates;

- Went into closed-door session at the end of the meeting to consider the reinstatement of Student 23-24-002 for the 2023-24

school year. After going back into regular open session, the board voted to reinstate the student without conditions.

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## More Letters

### Belleville scouts pack lunches for hungry, homeless in Detroit

To the editor:

On the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 16, 11 Brownies and two Cadettes from Brownie Troop 77515 and leaders Jeneen Rippey and Brittany DeYoung and two Cub Scouts and

leader Jen Steffes from Cub Scout Troop 793-Wolf Den, met in the Fellowship Hall at Belleville First United Methodist Church to pack lunches for the hungry and homeless in downtown Detroit.

Pictures of Central Methodist Church at 23 E. Adams, were shared. This is the home of the NOAH Project. NOAH Project has a bag lunch program Monday through Thursday and is open to anyone.

Lunches are provided by local churches, synagogues, businesses, and civic groups. Individuals can also receive hygiene supplies, talk to a caseworker to help find shelter and

housing, and receive medical and dental care.

The children first heard the story "Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen" by Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan about a little boy and his uncle who works at a soup kitchen.

After a discussion about the story, the scouts went to tables and made, bagged, and labeled 300 sandwiches including ham and cheese, turkey and cheese, egg and tuna salad. Afterwards, the children lined up in an assembly-line fashion and filled a pre-decorated lunch bag of their making with a napkin, Capri Sun drink, a Rice Krispie treat, a bag of fruit snacks, and a bag of potato chips.

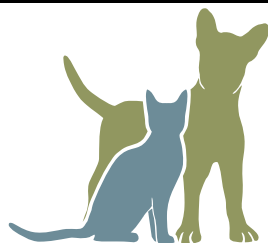
After all the lunches were boxed for delivery, they had a short tour of the Emergency Food Closet. Before leaving, the children brainstormed ideas about how their troops could help the hungry in our community.

Each child chose a dry food item from the food pantry and placed it in the Little Free Food Pantry located on Charles Street. On the frigid morning of Jan. 17, some of the scouts, troop leaders, parents, and church members drove to downtown Detroit and served the lunches to the hungry.

If any other groups are interested in participating in this activity, please call Belleville First United Methodist Church at (734) 697-9288 and leave a message for Dee Groeneweg.

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# VBT board accepts report on busy year for planning commission

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township’s director of planning and economic development Dan Power at the regular meeting of the VBT board of trustees on Jan. 16 gave a report on the many 2023 planning commission activities.

The report to a municipality on planning commission and public engagement activities is required by the Michigan Planning Act and Director Power reeled off all the township’s development activities, along with a report on public participation and master plan implementation activities by the planning commission.

He noted the planning commission held 25 public meetings in 2023, including 21 regular meetings and four special meetings, which included a workshop to discuss economic development strategies and marketing as part of Redevelopment Ready Communities certification.

There also was a joint planning commission meeting with the planning commissions of the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township to discuss planning in their communities.

He listed the large industrial and commercial projects, along with the two senior living projects and the township’s community center addition.

“It’s been a very busy, successful year for the planning commission,” Power concluded.

The board unanimously accepted the report.

Power invited those interested in keeping up on township development to go to the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)) and visit the Development and Planning Portal on the homepage to get interactive information on all the township projects.

In other business at the 34-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the supervisor’s reappointments



The bare quorum of Van Buren Township Board members present at the Jan. 16 meeting posed for a picture to welcome the newest member of the Downtown Development Authority who they had just approved. VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara had appointed Jessica Thomas to take the place of Jim Chudzinski who had just resigned because he had sold his business in the DDA district. From left are Trustees Bryon Kelley and Donald Boynton, DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn, new DDA member Thomas, Supervisor McNamara, and Trustee Kevin Martin.

of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Todd O’Neil, and Tammy Wall to the Recreation Committee;

- Approved Jessica Thomas to the Downtown Development Authority board to fulfill the remainder of the term expiring March 9, 2026. Former DDA board member James Chudzinski resigned because he recently sold his business in the DDA district. Thomas is general manager for the Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 46194 N. I-94 Service Dr.;

- Heard Trustee Kevin Martin tell of Martin Luther King, a “phenomenal human being,” and said he would like the township to do some type of event next year on Martin Luther King Day, like other communities

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

do;

- Heard Supervisor Kevin McNamara introduce Sumpter Township Treasurer Bart Patterson who was visiting the meeting. Supervisor McNamara said, “We

wish the best for Sumpter Township. As Sumpter Township goes, so goes Van Buren Township”; and

- Heard Supervisor McNamara tell of his attempts to obtain a Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network’s Mobile Response Unit in this area to assist with mental health calls to the VBT police department. He said VBT had 360 mental health calls in 2023. This emergency unit is for cases where people need help, but not a hospital or a jail, he said. He reminded the board that the township shares a crisis intervention person with two other communities.

## Speaker at Rotary: ‘Human trafficking is happening here’

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# Sumpter OKs special land use for self-serve car wash on 4-1 vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Commenting that the he did not think there was enough room for a car wash at the busy Bemis/Sumpter intersection, Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman cast the only no vote for special land use for the project at the board's regular meeting on Jan. 23.

Special land use passed 4-1, with Clerk Esther Hurst, Treasurer Bart Patterson, and Trustees Matt Oddy and Tim Rush voting yes. Trustees Peggy Morgan and Donald

LaPorte were absent and excused.

Trustee Oddy, board liaison to the planning commission, explained the project that had been sent on the board for special land use approval. He said it still has to get site plan approval and there are several concerns.

He said the site of the former Zino's Pizza place is .38 acre in size and was deemed large enough for a self-service car wash. He stressed it was not like the car wash across from Meijer that had people working there.

Some of the concerns are the sewer system is a pressurized system and Water and

Sewer Director John Danci is concerned about the sediments off the cars and the underground tanks. Oddy said Danci is concerned about the size of the pipes and that the parking lot will have to change in elevation to drain towards Bemis Road. Also, the water will have to be pushed along.

Oddy said there also is discussion about left-turn signs on Bemis for access in or out.

Clerk Hurst asked about the Zino's building and Oddy said it would be removed.

In other business at the 49-minute workshop and regular meeting combined, the board:

- Approved the draft of a long-term maintenance agreement and the Wayne County required resolution #2024-02 supporting the development of two

additional stormwater/retention ponds to be located on Carleton Farms Landfill, contingent upon the attorney's language in the draft being approved by the attorney, Township Manager Tony Burdick and Hennessey Engineers;

- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Paul Armstrong to the planning commission with a term to expire Jan. 23, 2027;

- Approved paying \$1,300 for Samantha Herman to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerk's basic class March 17-22;

- Approved entering into the interlocal agreement for the newly created Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council;

- Approved Resolution 2024-01 which authorizes use of Automated Clearing House arrangements and electronic funds

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

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

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, February 12, 2024**.

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

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for registration are:

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

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

**REPUBLICAN BALLOT** – Office of the President of the United States and Proposal  
**DEMOCRATIC BALLOT** – Office of the President of the United States and Proposal  
**NO PARTY DECLARATION BALLOT (Proposal only)** – Van Buren Public Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

Sample ballots are available in the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 or on the City's website: [www.belleville.mi.us](http://www.belleville.mi.us).

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Clerk's office: 734-697-9323, extension 7010.

Briana Hootman,  
City Clerk

Publish: February 1, 2024



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Sun. 7 am - 2 pm

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## More Letters

### Saw horses could easily solve traffic problems

To the editor:

Several months ago I was driving north on Sumpter Road when a car sped out in front of me while turning south out of Dunn Road. The only way to avoid a collision was to accelerate past the south-bound lane onto the far shoulder.

This near-accident occurred on a Monday when the "Forgotten Harvest" program was scheduled to distribute food to needy residents in the township. Although the actual distribution starts at 2:30 in the afternoon, vehicles can be seen lining up behind the community center at 9:30 in the morning, with cars eventually lined up on Dunn Road and on the paved Sumpter Road. It is an accident waiting to happen.

I learned that a suggestion was made to have a police officer directing traffic there, but I don't think putting officers in danger in all types of inclement weather is the way to manage the problem; in fact I don't think the problem should be managed, at all, but eliminated as best as it can be.

One solution would be to create a parallel lane next to the existing lane behind the community center, with a simple but sturdy sawhorse barrier blocking off access until the primary lane is almost at capacity, then turning that barrier around and moving it behind the last vehicle in the primary lane, with a simple sign attached to that side of the barrier, printed with the words "Forgotten Harvest" and an arrow pointing

to the new lane.

A couple more simple barriers separating the lanes, and one at the closest point to the distribution area, which will be removed, allowing access, when the first lane has discharged all of the vehicles in it. This

simple, and inexpensive method will take at least 20 vehicles off of Dunn and Sumpter roads, making the area much safer.

No need to spend \$5,000 on professional barriers. We have a professional crew which could build all four of them for

under two hundred bucks. No need to pay an outside consulting firm, and certainly no need to pay an attorney for his advice.

Randy Miller  
Sumpter Township

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"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

— Margaret Thatcher

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Van Buren Public Schools			Biles, Doris	\$32,455.59	\$48,937.70	Weatherspoon, Angela	\$6,407.65	\$9,953.75
2023 Transparency Report			Bodden, Donna	\$32,045.98	\$47,985.35	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE		
STUDENT WORKERS	Total		Bond, Bentonja	\$21,831.53	\$34,444.91	Bailey, Terry	\$41,359.81	\$71,490.53
	Base Pay	Compensation	Cetnarowski, Richard	\$32,503.94	\$43,765.36	Carroll, Kyron	\$1,666.02	\$2,563.45
(continued)			Conner, Darlene	\$1,290.02	\$1,992.57	Cetnarowski II, Richard	\$46,031.86	\$79,523.06
Burkheiser, Autumn	\$2,623.21	\$2,823.89	Cruse, Jacqueline	\$1,410.40	\$2,962.92	Daggett, Sheila	\$68,545.19	\$107,382.76
Drogowski, Lauren	\$2,381.67	\$2,563.86	Ellison, Sheila	\$37,116.59	\$66,090.55	Dalton, Jennifer	\$45,429.12	\$78,789.64
Edwards, Lyndia	\$2,240.20	\$2,411.57	Freeman, Bertha	\$33,628.37	\$50,894.97	Dotson, Michael	\$47,296.75	\$89,931.51
Hancock, Izabel	\$2,515.99	\$2,708.46	Hawkins, Vivian	\$24,937.05	\$38,403.93	Dubisky, Daryl	\$45,295.33	\$88,522.97
Harris, Braylon	\$1,897.03	\$2,042.16	Ibach, Marion	\$2,091.50	\$2,251.50	Engel, Nicholas	\$2,994.45	\$4,364.08
Hickman, Brooke	\$2,732.37	\$2,941.40	Jordan, Priscilla	\$30,584.30	\$46,856.96	Fahey, Anita	\$17,184.39	\$30,844.36
Jackson, Kennedy	\$1,513.48	\$1,629.27	Kindell, Daviena	\$2,443.48	\$4,071.11	Faulkner, Dewey	\$25,272.65	\$38,024.10
Jenkins, Jalen	\$2,639.65	\$2,841.58	Lange, Holly	\$30,388.09	\$47,084.77	Fisher, Danny	\$0.00	\$15,630.89
Kendrick, Krystal	\$2,663.72	\$2,867.49	Lesniak, Sharon	\$27,915.77	\$42,921.44	Goodman, Joseph	\$50,367.48	\$101,656.06
Little, Christian	\$2,789.27	\$3,002.64	Manier, Phyllis	\$15,617.11	\$24,628.96	Gravel, Ronald	\$46,052.06	\$69,911.65
Martinez, Adriana	\$2,240.26	\$2,411.64	Market, Brier	\$22,653.09	\$35,195.88	Harris, Jasmine	\$411.53	\$634.83
McKinzie, William	\$1,189.74	\$1,280.75	Rankin, Candace	\$20,261.96	\$31,219.87	Hayre, Andrea	\$45,726.90	\$78,848.83
Osborne, Carli	\$2,400.96	\$2,584.63	Rhodes, Samuel	\$14,965.78	\$23,396.21	Ihlenfeldt, Jody	\$43,693.07	\$67,582.13
Porterfield, Emma	\$1,065.16	\$1,146.64	Sandhu, Davender	\$25,387.32	\$46,815.11	Kosikowski, Jacob	\$3,208.13	\$4,948.86
Tubbs, Kaden	\$2,508.28	\$2,700.16	Serra, Richard	\$34,506.45	\$53,050.76	Lampinen, Norman	\$53,793.76	\$101,943.12
BUS DRIVERS			Sinclair, Deborah	\$34,953.42	\$53,356.19	Linton, Dawn	\$39,704.79	\$70,616.83
Adkins, Denise	\$27,310.50	\$30,767.02	Smith, Shanna	\$0.00	\$261.90	Liverance, Ashley	\$39,231.06	\$70,021.14
Anthony, James	\$9,786.78	\$15,574.99	Tharpe, Annette	\$2,768.68	\$4,276.50	Martinez, Gregory	\$29,096.62	\$53,083.75
Bailey-Ivan, Valerie	\$28,200.73	\$30,358.09	Watson, Justin	\$7,579.83	\$11,412.94	Maus, Michael	\$38,954.92	\$68,742.57
Baker, Jamie	\$42,525.56	\$89,650.47	Watson, Tracy	\$13,075.17	\$20,171.94	Mayes Jr, Deon	\$24,900.32	\$38,051.72
Bernardy, Mary	\$45,764.13	\$87,530.61	Wohlfeil, Tiffany	\$1,243.96	\$1,921.43	Mcgee, Deanca	\$41,844.79	\$72,229.01
Brown, Shannon	\$277.90	\$428.69	Wojtyna, Leonard	\$9,315.05	\$14,129.80	Mcintyre, Jessica	\$49,383.25	\$85,477.92
Calvert, Emily	\$47,934.72	\$90,856.30	SUBSTITUTE BUS AIDES			Meads, Anthony	\$12,868.22	\$19,854.00
Crimes, Devontae	\$32,757.02	\$55,512.24	Atchison, Doris	\$14,096.32	\$21,934.59	Miller, Autumn	\$40,119.38	\$65,606.42
Cummings, Heather	\$34,327.22	\$65,525.45	Campbell, Shaton	\$0.00	\$258.93	Mitchell, Eric	\$50,497.05	\$86,088.63
Desilets, Noreen	\$42,400.98	\$64,560.76	Mclaughlin, Kelsie	\$7,359.42	\$11,352.59	Morin, Felecia	\$37,387.44	\$56,165.34
Ellis, Amanda	\$9,903.85	\$14,980.17	Shauan, Tonya	\$10,860.49	\$16,817.95	Morin, Joshua	\$26,703.26	\$41,183.95
Foscolo, Kathrine	\$45,330.34	\$77,975.46	SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS			Morin, Vicky	\$35,516.91	\$55,063.81
Foster, Coretta	\$12,553.70	\$21,000.48	Beverly, Markesha	\$12,022.55	\$18,545.98	Osborne, Thomas	\$53,612.50	\$83,601.59
Frady, Bryanna	\$30,236.12	\$60,259.91	Cook, Gloria	\$13,096.79	\$20,125.83	Parsons, Jordan	\$8,410.65	\$12,785.41
Francis Jr, Larry	\$8,932.92	\$13,625.77	LUNCH ROOM SUPERVISORS			Peifer, Steven	\$44,779.41	\$78,364.07
Gohl, Susan	\$5,655.97	\$12,103.97	Hawkins, Kenneth	\$6,363.20	\$9,888.04	Porter, Anna	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grzych, Lorrie	\$38,630.24	\$77,258.05	Knowlton, Amber	\$6,485.00	\$10,003.75	Renton, Dale	\$46,723.06	\$87,325.95
Hargrove, Katina	\$34,652.82	\$52,269.29	Martin, Linda	\$3,333.00	\$5,121.83	Roberts, Joshua	\$37,950.30	\$67,486.82
Haverlock, Carrie	\$33,634.84	\$60,658.47	FOOD SERVICE			Roebuck, Austin	\$50,523.86	\$77,446.48
Hobson, Marquis	\$49,698.87	\$76,056.83	Baker, Florence	\$5,676.39	\$8,758.11	Roebuck, Bret	\$50,173.60	\$77,617.87
Hunt, Paula	\$28,766.09	\$63,131.91	Brooks, Carolyn	\$27,421.26	\$51,241.48	Rupnow, Cole	\$52,095.80	\$79,784.60
Jenkins, Rebecca	\$55,206.46	\$84,659.41	Chandler, Kaci	\$4,633.26	\$7,148.44	Satchel, Dion	\$13,814.20	\$24,077.56
Johnson, Andre	\$43,907.94	\$75,295.23	Chapin, Kayla	\$4,807.82	\$7,418.14	Sattler, Kimberly	\$62,774.69	\$105,598.04
Johnson, Chantu	\$0.00	\$3,808.10	Chartier, Diane	\$21,774.20	\$33,777.66	Schulz, David	\$49,859.21	\$94,426.39
Key, Janet	\$20,940.81	\$35,179.97	Dickens, Tildon	\$5,009.00	\$7,726.90	Severin, Harley	\$46,823.04	\$79,881.72
Keys, Franklin	\$39,198.97	\$60,756.55	Farr, Sarah	\$22,354.09	\$33,299.22	Sharp, Devin	\$11,638.55	\$21,114.11
Laginess, Deseree	\$39,135.37	\$62,395.80	Graveldinger, Cynthia	\$26,815.73	\$49,618.41	Signorelli, Michael	\$40,770.37	\$43,889.30
Lamar, Vanessa	\$42,656.52	\$64,426.60	Hanes, Gail	\$29,517.60	\$44,777.32	Streater, Antionette	\$719.96	\$1,110.61
Landoski, Terrance	\$53,108.76	\$100,412.57	Harden, Nynier	\$20,200.17	\$31,281.08	Thorn, Steven	\$38,456.67	\$67,714.74
Martin, Dana	\$48,898.92	\$74,274.45	Hochbaum, Yevonne	\$17,531.78	\$27,265.30	Wakefield, Michael	\$50,997.02	\$88,094.68
Marton, Amy	\$50,138.60	\$94,435.89	Holmes, Colleen	\$18,673.40	\$45,785.16	Wegienka, Matthew	\$9,808.99	\$15,059.75
Maschat, Cynthia	\$49,303.22	\$75,948.62	Holmes, Stephanie	\$0.00	\$14.49	Whigham, Romeo	\$23,983.64	\$37,313.27
Merrihew, Nancy	\$23,341.80	\$48,446.55	Jenkins, Edith	\$11,288.77	\$18,430.24	SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN		
Nichols, Laura	\$1,533.50	\$7,966.90	Jenson, Iris	\$6,397.37	\$9,937.89	Blankenship, Laura	\$10,129.02	\$15,590.41
Osak, Megan	\$37,976.51	\$58,912.72	Johnson, Debra	\$19,358.53	\$30,499.29	NON-AFFILIATED		
Porter, Beverly	\$34,139.45	\$70,224.88	Jones, Stephanie	\$19,272.66	\$31,379.67	Anderson, Terri	\$35,464.23	\$54,440.38
Reinhard, Dianna	\$37,750.56	\$66,738.91	Marttila, Diane	\$24,399.25	\$57,044.05	Ballard, Amy	\$16,015.57	\$24,614.44
Roberts, Sequoir	\$33,828.94	\$50,714.70	Mauro, Cheryl	\$17,848.66	\$35,765.78	Banks, Elizabeth	\$78,227.24	\$139,505.95
Seng, Amanda	\$18,819.68	\$29,025.68	Mcewen, Shelly	\$16,426.14	\$25,020.97	Barr, Mathew	\$15,296.18	\$23,404.68
Smith, Sherree	\$21,432.75	\$23,849.14	Meimaridis, Melissa	\$18,953.83	\$29,162.97	Bates, Michael	\$63,911.43	\$98,986.89
Spaleny, Debra	\$0.00	\$258.93	Moore, Alganett	\$1,535.47	\$2,313.65	Boykin, Serena	\$9,903.15	\$15,228.06
Thorn, Julia	\$43,363.76	\$75,354.49	Moorehead, Deborah	\$17,950.75	\$28,704.47	Brown, Tyan	\$28,554.05	\$43,704.13
Vannoy, Bryan	\$5,276.20	\$8,139.06	Muirhead, Jun	\$20,070.32	\$31,135.03	Cast, John	\$23,506.00	\$35,262.17
Vealey, Daniel	\$42,865.51	\$86,306.29	Olivarri, Cora	\$4,581.85	\$7,069.77	Cornell, Jennifer	\$43,189.51	\$68,308.44
Waldroop, Holly	\$47,942.38	\$96,135.31	Parris, Janet	\$19,541.82	\$30,159.11	Crowell, Jermain	\$3,440.85	\$7,412.81
Whitlock, Trevor	\$57,889.36	\$102,325.22	Ronquillo, Kathleen	\$18,790.61	\$28,700.51	Darty, Mychal	\$42,837.15	\$85,623.53
Wilson, Lawanda	\$37,600.04	\$59,025.23	Shankle, Cheryl	\$16,834.29	\$26,069.83	English, Stacy	\$8,008.00	\$12,255.66
Witcher, Anthony	\$32,700.37	\$49,712.08	Spitzley, Annette	\$20,840.89	\$32,178.04	Freda, Dominic	\$21,678.05	\$33,554.35
Works, Tammy	\$0.00	\$960.30	Stillwagon, Selina	\$2,212.91	\$3,313.53	Jones, Stephen	\$9,042.91	\$12,240.55
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$29,289.71	\$66,874.36	Suggs, Tosha	\$17,252.64	\$26,634.46	Kurek, Renea	\$83,794.92	\$153,764.85
BUS AIDES			Trussell, James	\$5,684.07	\$8,830.38	Ladouceur, Bette	\$67,200.81	\$118,361.23
Belanger, Deborah	\$31,188.46	\$55,345.68	Turner, Consuello	\$12,843.58	\$19,646.07	Mccourt, Spencer	\$13,333.36	\$20,568.00
			Walters, Michelle	\$27,499.12	\$50,676.78	(continued on page 17)		

City of Belleville 2023  
Employee Wages & Cost to City

Employee Name	Wages	Total Benefits	Total Compensation
<b>City Council</b>			
K. Voigt	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
K. Conley	\$1,500.00	\$114.75	\$1,614.75
K. Bates	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
J. Beebe	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
T. Fielder	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
<b>City Manager</b>			
S. Jones	\$66,666.61	\$12,410.32	\$79,076.93
J. Smith	\$18,846.14	\$1,441.73	\$20,287.87
<b>Clerk/Treasurer</b>			
B. Hootman	\$57,777.94	\$13,200.95	\$70,978.89
G. Cote	\$12,726.00	\$973.54	\$13,699.54
<b>Account Clerks</b>			
M. Bellingham	\$47,761.07	\$11,372.11	\$59,133.18
T. Hammons	\$41,684.86	\$17,638.96	\$59,323.82
<b>Department of Public Services</b>			
R. Rutherford	\$72,301.00	\$18,613.66	\$90,914.66
S. Adams	\$60,601.72	\$36,038.41	\$96,640.13
S. Demond	\$61,564.27	\$35,467.62	\$97,031.89
N. Demond	\$52,862.44	\$12,318.53	\$65,180.97
D. Balcom	\$3,884.00	\$297.13	\$4,181.13
J. Johnson	\$3,132.00	\$239.60	\$3,371.60
R. Michalak	\$4,578.82	\$350.28	\$4,929.10
A. Smith	\$7,271.72	\$556.29	\$7,828.01
G. Kropf	\$12,462.17	\$953.36	\$13,415.53
<b>Police Officers</b>			
C. Adam	\$67,664.49	\$25,324.00	\$92,988.49
K. Faull - Schlund	\$85,179.87	\$42,586.07	\$127,765.94
B. Devos	\$73,099.21	\$25,955.99	\$99,055.20
T. Schrecengost	\$79,875.64	\$57,147.67	\$137,023.31
M. VanDeweghe	\$73,056.79	\$28,636.69	\$101,693.48
T. Stewart	\$57,894.31	\$20,881.42	\$78,775.73
D. Robinson	\$49,400.56	\$14,050.82	\$63,451.38
J. Wickham	\$80,161.17	\$51,640.00	\$131,801.17
E. Pelker	\$23,637.54	\$7,036.04	\$30,673.58
B. Mytych	\$5,726.60	\$897.08	\$6,623.68
K. Doe	\$11,649.46	\$1,733.83	\$13,383.29
S. Maher	\$66,133.66	\$36,709.35	\$102,843.01
<b>Fire Department</b>			
R. Gay	\$12,038.34	\$920.93	\$12,959.27
M. Harper	\$979.64	\$74.94	\$1,054.58
K. Labombarbe	\$3,391.87	\$259.48	\$3,651.35
D. Moore	\$90.97	\$6.96	\$97.93
B. Loranger	\$19,707.25	\$1,507.60	\$21,214.85
R. Landskroener	\$10,303.35	\$788.21	\$11,091.56
A. Reed	\$654.66	\$50.08	\$704.74
G. Kissel	\$30,536.90	\$2,336.07	\$32,872.97
C. McClinton	\$1,359.22	\$103.98	\$1,463.20
J. Reed	\$3,461.21	\$264.78	\$3,725.99
R. Russow	\$460.30	\$35.21	\$495.51
A. Sherwood - Landskroener	\$5,979.56	\$457.44	\$6,437.00
E. Smith	\$1,328.56	\$101.63	\$1,430.19
S. Wyputa	\$2,101.35	\$160.75	\$2,262.10
A. Zehel	\$1,448.21	\$110.79	\$1,559.00
C. Zweng	\$10,591.88	\$810.28	\$11,402.16
M. Wisniewski	\$11,617.73	\$888.76	\$12,506.49
C. Armatiss	\$351.48	\$26.89	\$378.37
J. Hogg	\$197.50	\$15.11	\$212.61
T. Hugo	\$5,618.77	\$429.84	\$6,048.61
M. Vaughn	\$77.25	\$5.91	\$83.16
<b>2023 TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,809,643.90</b>
<b>2022 TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,691,009.29</b>
<b>Difference +</b>			<b>\$118,634.61</b>

2023 employee total wages & cost to city had approximately a 7.02% increase since 2022.

BHS seeks businesses to participate  
in second-annual Career Day

Last year more than 50 businesses participated in Belleville High School’s first-annual Career Day and this year they would like to double that number.

BHS wants to expose its students to all career pathways. This year, it invites individuals, businesses, and corporations to attend the second-annual Career Day from 8 to 10 a.m. on April 25, with lunch provided to all attendees afterward.

If you know of people who would be interested, share this information. To participate, contact Paula Slingerland, BHS assistant principal, at: pslinger@vanburenschools.net or call (734) 697-9133 x2011.

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Van Buren Public Schools  
2023 Transparency Report

	Base Pay	Total Compensation
<b>NON-AFFILIATED (continued)</b>		
Mcmichael, William	\$50,299.77	\$101,426.32
Munoz, Dionisia	\$80,845.06	\$124,515.90
Pierre Isaac, Sabrina	\$63,023.36	\$97,035.38
Plovie, Latrena	\$71,448.55	\$128,823.77
Pobursky, Michael	\$5,409.60	\$8,355.68
Richardson, Kim	\$34,460.39	\$52,854.76
Rogers, Dejuan	\$14,426.82	\$22,108.56
Tasi, Tiffany	\$85,294.92	\$153,386.56
Terrell, Lakeila	\$35,158.45	\$54,884.35
Voigt, Mary	\$53,498.28	\$106,791.77
Waller, Karen	\$33,999.16	\$40,582.84
Wester, Ursula	\$51,645.12	\$88,294.18
Weston, Latoyra	\$47,510.25	\$97,279.79
Williams, Reginald	\$47,353.74	\$73,153.98
<b>2023 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,608,419.17</b>	
<b>2022 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,427,682.47</b>	
<b>Difference +</b>	<b>\$9,180,736.70</b>	

2023 employee total wages had approximately a 20.21% increase since 2022.

Compiled by Diane Madigan

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for The Van Buren Township Fireworks Display at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Monday, March 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked “TOWNSHIP CLERK / FIREWORKS DISPLAY BID” and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024.

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



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 220 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### **Sunday, Jan. 21:**

0410 – parking complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0605 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0644 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.  
0852 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1043 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1120 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
xxxx – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.  
1310 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1525 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1545 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.  
1559 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1605 – animal complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1627 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service/Belleville  
1636 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty  
1942 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
1828 – assist fire dept., Leon Dr.  
2030 – 911 welfare check, Daniel Dr.  
2357 – assist fire dept., W. Huron River Dr.

### **Monday, Jan. 22:**

0059 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
0902 – misc. complaint, W. Adams  
0924 – intrusion alarm, Belmont Dr.  
1227 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1259 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1315 – intrusion alarm, Oak Ln.  
1354 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1454 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1532 – private property/property damage accident, Westlake Cir.  
1911 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1918 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
1845 – property damage accident, Richard Dr. / Milton Dr.

1849 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.

2157 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
2209 – assist other dept., Quirk Rd.  
2214 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.  
2223 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
2240 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
2249 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.  
2345 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

### **Tuesday, Jan. 23:**

0035 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Richards Run  
0002 – welfare check, Outer Dr.  
0125 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.  
0711 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd./Huron River Dr.  
0909 – assist fire dept., Westlake Cir.  
0935 – motorist assist, Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.  
0939 – assist fire dept., Martz Rd.  
1041 – assist fire dept., Robbe Rd.  
1048 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1111 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.  
1232 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Sawgrass Ct.  
1435 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1505 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.  
1711 – vehicle lockout, Brandi Dr.  
1832 – property damage accident, Pebblebrook  
Xxxx – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Westlake Cir.

2010 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2032 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
2233 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Florence Ln.  
2331 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 24:**

0222 – property check, E. Huron River Dr.  
0237 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
0441 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0838 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0958 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1122 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr./

Jackson St.

xxxx – repossession, Haggerty Rd.  
1226 – fraud, Independence Ln.  
1442 – follow up by officer, Brookstone/Edwards  
1540 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1545 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1550 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.  
1606 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1846 – civil matter, Anna Dr.  
1841 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1856 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1908 – property damage accident, Capitol Hills  
1914 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.  
1953 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2020 – family trouble, Anna Dr.  
2030 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Winding Pond Dr.  
2051 – harassment call, Fret Rd.  
2050 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.

### **Thursday, Jan. 25:**

0823 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.  
0932 – assist other dept., Hull Rd.  
0932 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1124 – fraud, Pond Ridge Dr.  
1232 – assist other dept., Parkside Dr.  
1149 – 911 welfare check, N. Adams  
1253 – civil matter, Lake Villa Dr.  
1536 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lighthouse Dr.  
1545 – welfare check, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
1610 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1704 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2054 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Blvd./W. Huron River Dr.  
2107 – assist fire dept., Beckley Rd.  
2127 – family trouble, Holly Ln.  
2240 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

### **Friday, Jan. 26:**

0432 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.  
0927 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Crowley Ave.  
0944 – civil matter, Van Buren St.  
xxxx – repossession, Gilmore St.  
1121 – parking complaint, Arlene Ln.  
1108 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Maple Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.  
1140 – prisoner transport, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court  
1152 – threat, Coca-Cola Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.  
1326 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1333 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1348 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1415 – intrusion alarm, Barnwell Dr.  
1455 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.  
1517 – intrusion alarm, Wildflower Ct.  
1534 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1646 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / We. Huron River Dr.

1646 – misc. complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

1843 – fight, Belleville Rd.  
1957 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
xxxx – threat, Bradley Dr.  
2016 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse  
2018 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2206 – assist fire dept., WB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.

### **Saturday, Jan. 27:**

0008 – family trouble, Oak Ln.  
0036 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.  
0317 – threat, Park Estates Dr.  
0800 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0815 – welfare check, Maple Dr.  
0850 – malicious destruction of property, Park Estates Dr.  
1150 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail  
1224 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.  
1254 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
1254 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
xxxx – misc. complaint, Clayton Rd.  
1315 – motorist assist, Park Estates  
1318 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1426 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.  
1458 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1553 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.

1641 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.  
1846 – domestic, Outer Dr.  
xxxx – sexual assault, Richard Run Dr.  
1910 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
2024 – family trouble, Country Ln.  
2036 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
2125 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
2138 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
2230 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2231 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
2357 – assist other dept., Lake Point Pass  
Also on this week's log are 65 traffic tops, 21 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### **Sunday, Jan. 21:**

0446 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1346 – road hazard, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
2328 – assault & battery, N. Liberty St.  
xxxx – repossession, Carmell St.

### **Monday, Jan. 22:**

0935 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk  
1237 – traffic stop, Church St./Third St.  
1301 – traffic stop, W. Wabash/South  
1317 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1328 – traffic offense, South St.  
1332 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
1649 – harassment call, Main St.  
1835 – harassment call, San Carlos St.

### **Tuesday, Jan. 23:**

0543 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.  
xxxx – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd.  
1547 – fraud, Sumpter Rd.  
1554 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.  
1724 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 24:**

1057 – family trouble, Loza Ln.  
2049 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main

### **Thursday, Jan. 25:**

0259 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2147 – property damage accident, Main/Denton  
xxxx – misc. complaint, Main St.

### **Friday, Jan. 26:**

1234 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.  
1341 – hospice death, Menlo Park  
1604 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
2220 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.  
2244 – breaking & entering, W. Waterbury Ct.

### **Saturday, Jan. 27:**

0128 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.  
0902 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1621 – fraud, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1822 – traffic stop, Main St.  
2018 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, South St.  
2355 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
There are eight traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### **Sunday, Jan. 21:**

0148 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0256 – motorist assist, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz  
0440 – noise complaint, Wayside Dr.  
1113 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West  
1134 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1243 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.  
1317 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1356 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1424 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Dale  
1607 – traffic complaint/hazard, Elwell/Willis  
1612 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1654 – fire dept. assist, Wear Rd./Karr Rd.  
2024 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### **Monday, Jan. 22:**

0017 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willow Rd. / Carleton West Rd.  
0207 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl Martinsville Rd.  
0936 – mental health call, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1126 – mental health call, Nevada St.

1238 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Bemis  
1247 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1518 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1535 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Judd  
1606 – welfare check, Rawsonville/Talladay Rd.  
1659 – property damage accident, Harris Rd. / Martinsville Rd.  
1800 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1804 – assist other agency, Wayside Dr./Rustic Ln.

### **Tuesday, Jan. 23:**

0602 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.  
0951 – assist other agency, Wayside Dr./Rustic Ln.  
1040 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1305 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.  
1342 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1435 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1500 – welfare check, Birch Dr.  
1818 – felony warrant arrest, Edgewood Dr.  
1910 – animal complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1921 – welfare check, Rawsonville/Wear  
2007 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2254 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 24:**

0307 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.  
0350 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1107 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1148 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.  
1523 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1536 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1636 – 911 hang up, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1639 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1955 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2019 – family trouble, New Mexico St.  
2127 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.

### **Thursday, Jan. 25:**

0038 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.  
0344 – family trouble, Arizona St.  
0930 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0940 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1220 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1334 – citizen assist, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1339 – animal complaint, Oregon St.  
1407 – fraud complaint, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1636 – family trouble, Arizona St.  
1822 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2055 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
2136 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
2318 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.  
2329 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

### **Friday, Jan. 26:**

0218 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
0601 – fire dept. assist, Third St.  
0902 – 911 hang up, Brookview Dr.  
0946 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1000 – death investigation, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1139 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1210 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1333 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
1355 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
1413 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis  
1422 – civil matter, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1551 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
1747 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2009 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Kozma Trl.  
2059 – fire dept. assist, Haggerty/Oakville Waltz

### **Saturday, Jan. 27:**

0024 – noise complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
0125 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0639 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0904 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1154 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
1238 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
1239 – family trouble, Arbor Ln.  
1307 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1315 – mental health call, Mulberry Dr.  
1438 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1515 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1630 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
1727 – 911 hang up, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1734 – civil matter, Maine St.  
1921 – follow-up investigation, Maine St.  
2019 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Willis  
2115 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.

2212 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
2330 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis  
Also on this week's log are 211 patrol checks, 45 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.

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## Sumpter Twp.

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transfers by Sumpter Township;

- Approved the job descriptions for Director of Public Safety/Police Chief, Township Fire Chief, Finance Director, and Director of Water, Sewer, and Public Works;

- Approved third-quarter budget amendments;

- Heard Manager Burdick say the fire millage needs to be replaced this year for the 2024 tax bill. It will be on the August or November ballot. Clerk Hurst said the fire millage now is 1 mill and the information given to the board said 1.5 mill. Burdick said they are considering whether to have one question of 1.5 mill or the renewal of 1 mill and a new millage of .5 mill;

- Heard Treasurer Bart Patterson remind board members of the cybersecurity person, David Behen of SenCy, who spoke to them last April and how a proposal to hire the firm will be on the next board agenda. Trustee Rush said the township has to have a policy. He said an interruption in township business could cost more than what they are charging, although the figure was not mentioned. "It's something we have to do to protect the township," Rush said;

- Heard Burdick say in negotiations with the COAM union a MERS retirement program was set up to help both the employee and the township prepare for retirement. He said there will be one in February and one in March and both parties elected to give 50-month notice on their leaving. He said he

will identify them at the next meeting;


- Heard Todd Blackburn of Judd Road complain about condition of the roads. He told of his frustrations of trying to deal with the county with his requests for service for the past two months. He said County Commissioner Al Haidous' employee Eric even mispronounced his road as "Jood" in taking his messages showing he didn't know anything about Sumpter. He said he knows government is corrupt and envelopes are passed around. He said he made no aspersions on the Sumpter government, but he needs their help because the roads are impassable;


- Heard Finance Director Scott Holtz give a finance report, noting all of their investments are over 5% in interest now and he has moved \$18,000 in ARPA funds interest into the capital funds project account. He said his concern is that the township seems to be spending more and more of the royalties and spending what comes in;


- Heard Water & Sewer Director John Danci report that there was a pre-construction meeting on the Rawsonville Road water line and construction should start next week. The work will take from two to two and a half weeks and the road will not be closed but barrels will be put up along the shoulder; and

- Heard Danci also explain that the water line that froze at the community center was 30-40 feet to the west of where it broke last year. He said after it got fixed they put up heat tape until it could be permanently addressed. "They're in an old building and it gets cold," he said.

## Classic Movies Series








## Shadow Of A Doubt (1943)


Thursday, February 8 @ 6:30 pm

at the Belleville Area District Library

Directed by the famous Alfred Hitchcock, this month's movie is a psychological thriller. Teenage girl Charlotte "Charlie" Newton (Teresa Wright) is so excited her favorite uncle Charlie (Joseph Cotten) is visiting their small, sleepy California town. Excitement turns to fear when Uncle Charlie's murderous secret is slowly revealed.

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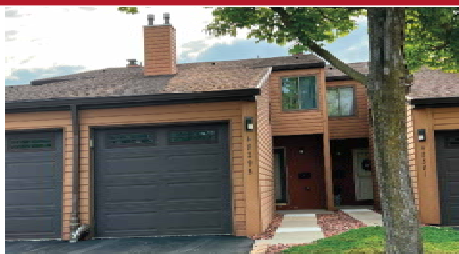
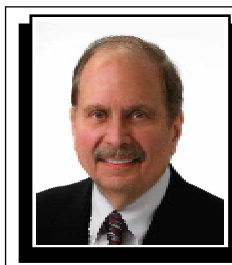
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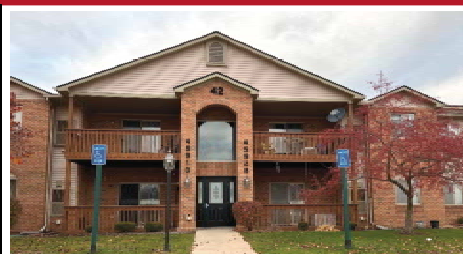
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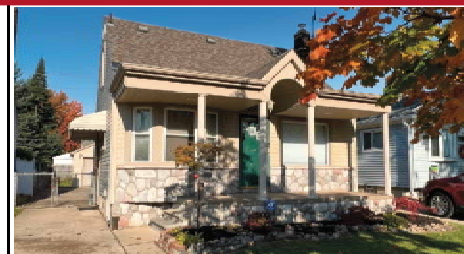
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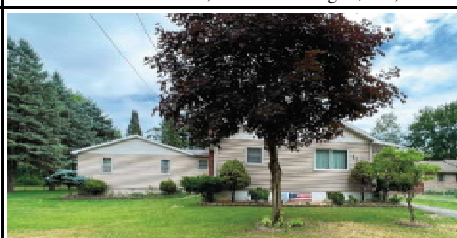
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