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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
State Representative Reggie Miller and State Senator Darrin Camilleri addressed a crowd at the Jan. 30 meeting at the Belleville Area District Library. As the meeting progressed, chairs were brought in to seat the newcomers.

State Rep. Miller says she has \$7 million for bridge

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

State Representative Reggie Miller told a gathering of more than 60 people on Monday that she had a commitment of \$7 million to build the Denton Road Bridge.

She and State Senator Darrin Camilleri hosted an hour-long session on state affairs at the Belleville Area District Library. Many present said they came to address the bridge that was suddenly closed and was to be closed until after construction in 2025 or 2026.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara told the crowd that he was upset when the *Independent* said he claimed he could always get money for projects he wanted. He said he couldn't get \$6-7 million for the estimated cost of the bridge.

He said the community would be lucky if the bridge only took three years to reconstruct.

Supervisor McNamara said he called Rep. Miller, who until the November election had served on his township board. He said the only way to get that money would be with a supplemental bill.

He said Miller started calling people to get money for the bridge, saying it was a priority because of safety for the people on the other side. She called everyone she could think of, he said.

The next day he got a call from Miller who told him Joe Tate, Speaker of the House, said Miller was driving him crazy. McNamara said Speaker Tate told her, "We're going to get you the \$7 million."

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Van Buren Public Schools 2022 Transparency Report

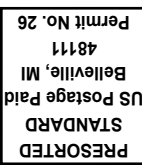
	Base Pay	Total Compensation
ADMINISTRATORS		
Kudlak, Peter	\$147,933.48	\$222,144.37
Moore, Jeffrey	\$104,663.37	\$164,060.05
Williams, James	\$109,669.46	\$157,040.68
Johnston, Karen	\$104,059.12	\$149,433.20
Cortese, Sara	\$77,341.53	\$117,908.57
Madyun, Abdul	\$63,484.41	\$89,472.33
ADMIN. ASSISTANTS		
Duncan, Brandice	\$52,029.43	\$87,802.16
Kadri, Joumana	\$45,789.79	\$68,963.53
Leedy, Deborah	\$52,021.08	\$87,206.92
McWilliams, Debra	\$62,432.91	\$105,544.26
PRINCIPALS		
Abel, Fredrick	\$104,369.25	\$144,307.55
Causey-Bryant, Tracy	\$104,541.71	\$144,515.87
Crockett, Nicole	\$111,197.57	\$153,790.13
Leroy, John	\$104,123.26	\$162,591.49
Pitt, Aleisa	\$103,194.25	\$156,389.68
Preuss, Lisa	\$95,551.37	\$146,159.95
Ross, Rebecca	\$101,755.31	\$154,821.16
Salhaney, Jason	\$99,874.86	\$156,397.81
Wilsey, Scott	\$100,467.88	\$152,881.32
ASSIST. PRINCIPALS		
Green, Falisadoll	\$104,428.64	\$162,624.18
Maher, Laura	\$98,303.95	\$142,516.42
Roberson, Brian	\$95,750.95	\$150,956.85
Slingerland, Paula	\$103,582.73	\$141,533.08
Smith, Jean	\$89,652.58	\$124,331.07
Turner, David	\$75,352.55	\$118,862.15
Wright, Howard	\$112,985.73	\$174,328.17
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR		
Brodie, Joseph	\$99,138.65	\$155,404.50
BOARD MEMBERS		
Falconer, Dionne	\$690.00	\$742.79
Featheringill, Susan	\$840.00	\$904.26
Hawkins, Calvin	\$660.00	\$710.49
Loyer Gerick, Darlene	\$780.00	\$839.67
Owen, Kelly	\$600.00	\$645.90
Pearce, Amy	\$750.00	\$807.38
Pinter, Simone	\$750.00	\$807.38
SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL		
Carter, Tina	\$25,381.38	\$41,990.32
Cichowski, Jamie	\$31,327.22	\$62,859.29
Colwell, Melissa	\$26,531.83	\$43,232.47
Cornell, Jennifer	\$35,006.02	\$50,041.87
Doty, Kelly	\$792.91	\$1,084.33
Eaton, Janice	\$31,132.20	\$48,971.25
Floro, Jaclyn	\$39,329.64	\$55,491.77

Harris, Tammie	\$32,037.48	\$45,519.56
Johnson, Theresa	\$37,751.75	\$52,625.13
Kaba, Jessica	\$21,339.80	\$29,793.22
Kennedy, Marcia	\$31,827.56	\$59,395.07
Kiessel, Diane	\$32,191.92	\$60,496.14
Kulhanek, Patricia	\$21,288.10	\$30,875.40
Larocque, Kristine	\$33,804.36	\$48,388.40
Loechli, Michelle	\$40,184.50	\$55,952.05
Mahdi, Felicia	\$40,559.04	\$56,595.61
Mastrogiacomo, Erin	\$23,354.49	\$47,961.59
O'Keefe, Nicole	\$23,293.24	\$33,550.07
Richards, Norma	\$32,982.24	\$62,167.87
Spicer, Beverly	\$17,456.86	\$26,103.68
Spillman, Kristine	\$32,752.89	\$51,775.57
Sykes, Lenore	\$26,206.94	\$36,490.54
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$35,554.97	\$64,386.44

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Albulov, Anna	\$40,172.16	\$71,173.67
Ali, Aminah	\$49,424.40	\$73,483.90
Altenbernt, Lauren	\$81,301.83	\$119,472.22
Aumiller, Whitney	\$49,116.56	\$73,682.88
Baker, Laura	\$79,556.02	\$125,659.03
Barnes, Alexandra	\$15,638.36	\$21,519.66
Bateman, Nancy	\$83,854.28	\$133,275.28
Bechtel, Joshua	\$16,469.92	\$26,533.19
Belloni, Cristen	\$83,081.35	\$131,759.58
Bianchi, Pauline	\$76,751.40	\$114,420.91
Bias, Jennifer	\$66,424.65	\$96,645.19
Binert, Jill	\$77,922.84	\$126,219.48
Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$92,519.02	\$128,299.99
Bongiorno, Zachary	\$13,954.56	\$25,132.28
Borowicz, Inthira	\$3,541.69	\$5,868.18
Bos, Tania	\$54,923.52	\$78,403.36
Boykin, Walter	\$8,280.82	\$11,249.33
Bradley, Pamela	\$87,907.76	\$127,804.61
Brashear, Kristina	\$34,266.49	\$58,442.99
Bugescu, Cristina	\$45,425.56	\$71,540.01
Burch, Sandra	\$46,685.44	\$74,252.41
Burton, Deondra	\$19,079.60	\$31,711.91
Byrd, Tauna	\$83,829.38	\$116,427.76
Byrum, Sofia	\$11,263.68	\$15,522.49
Cagney, Kristine	\$42,132.83	\$60,100.16
Carlin, Sabrina	\$45,206.47	\$68,295.53
Coleman, Jennifer	\$14,670.64	\$25,532.01
Conger Fettes, Jewelyane	\$14,317.16	\$21,932.22
Cook, Sara	\$86,597.62	\$137,870.00
Courter, Katharine	\$71,909.92	\$114,199.56
Crump, Jessica	\$19,467.60	\$26,553.39
Csendes, Stephanie	\$73,837.11	\$116,076.56
Cumbo, Jordan	\$14,159.68	\$21,201.91
Cunningham, Deborah	\$52,297.72	\$89,884.10
Dagenais, Madison	\$52,565.04	\$72,850.23
Dobek, Julie	\$63,550.98	\$88,696.38
Dolan, Cynthia	\$75,786.47	\$120,055.75
Duey, Carly	\$46,423.76	\$70,400.79
Dybicki, Kimberley	\$85,226.50	\$118,326.96
Elgas, Jaime	\$11,135.47	\$15,968.79

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Van Buren Public Schools			Palmer, Heather	\$69,141.14	\$100,287.89	Culver, Sarah	\$40,162.76	\$73,695.15
2022 Transparency Report			Parcha, James	\$76,464.90	\$125,875.64	Davis, Cynthia	\$80,991.25	\$111,906.09
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS	Base Pay	Total Compensation	Patterson, Krisite	\$18,573.01	\$25,690.33	Dillard Biggs, Kareen	\$48,000.25	\$66,072.80
	(continued)		Pettway, Shandra	\$41,836.68	\$66,894.00	Dronsejko, Catherine	\$54,056.22	\$80,791.51
Elsner, Vickie	\$79,548.11	\$128,141.57	Przydzial, Karen	\$80,282.08	\$116,981.74	Dudley, Tavis	\$33,876.28	\$47,071.74
Emerson, Joelle	\$80,106.81	\$128,719.89	Puma, Lori	\$55,567.90	\$95,667.23	Epperson, Ann	\$76,061.69	\$125,266.16
Falk, Virginia	\$78,780.85	\$124,968.78	Purcell, Thomas	\$52,003.98	\$89,339.98	Flaim, Sarah	\$46,888.83	\$72,171.71
Fidh, Janice	\$45,117.16	\$62,815.32	Rafail, Melinda	\$71,107.90	\$118,448.85	Foster, Misty	\$48,358.32	\$66,371.02
Fitzsimmons, Shelby	\$45,532.85	\$69,268.84	Richardson, Alexandra	\$48,168.38	\$84,498.83	Fryske, Katie	\$60,880.97	\$102,754.91
Fleming, Laura	\$38,602.09	\$53,661.74	Roberson, Kim	\$20,876.50	\$28,301.97	Gaines, Joseph	\$53,028.92	\$72,659.22
Flisher, Robert	\$22,677.72	\$49,412.65	Rohloff, Steven	\$83,479.45	\$134,257.39	Gerst, Debbie	\$77,024.86	\$121,244.29
Flynn, Stacy	\$62,646.71	\$85,762.51	Roperti, Christine	\$74,735.14	\$123,299.02	Ghanem, Heba	\$39,943.55	\$55,210.83
Frederick, Felecia	\$60,003.94	\$101,985.31	Runyan, Jennifer	\$70,411.85	\$117,739.48	Hammond, Colleen	\$74,372.31	\$123,334.65
Gandolfo Sherman, Nicole	\$53,211.87	\$80,320.06	Rupnow, Elinor	\$85,044.87	\$116,024.33	Harple, Meghan	\$33,959.11	\$50,563.95
Garden, Laurie	\$60,511.37	\$102,836.02	Russell, Staci	\$25,792.64	\$35,544.81	Hernandez Lopez, Jessica	\$10,444.67	\$19,409.64
Gillsey, Michele	\$69,608.26	\$114,257.74	Ryan, Jessica	\$45,483.42	\$68,866.38	Hura, Sadie	\$47,759.44	\$80,582.31
Glime, Kimberly	\$60,373.63	\$101,612.24	Sadvery, Taura	\$4,260.20	\$5,755.52	Jasman, Neva	\$47,833.48	\$84,182.45
Grant, Joanne	\$47,580.00	\$76,466.74	Safieddine, Kari	\$4,425.30	\$7,535.98	Johnson, Deborah	\$56,644.56	\$80,859.46
Gyulveszi, Dena	\$64,162.80	\$88,179.43	Scroggie, Angela	\$86,623.57	\$120,237.79	Jordan, Cindy	\$84,336.76	\$116,303.80
Harding, Angela	\$82,600.14	\$114,746.69	Sheko, Teresa	\$53,670.34	\$73,609.18	Kennedy Nelson, Jackie	\$15,764.85	\$22,163.01
Harding, John	\$74,286.72	\$121,243.60	Sheridan, Jennifer	\$78,013.43	\$125,938.99	Lapp, Sarah	\$50,521.94	\$69,763.02
Held, Brent	\$89,855.32	\$123,894.95	Slayton, Alyssa	\$61,696.18	\$85,418.31	Lasenby, Felicia	\$81,827.06	\$131,517.57
Henning, Cynthia	\$76,282.53	\$124,013.58	Smith, Christine	\$85,628.62	\$126,000.73	Miller, Blake	\$48,009.90	\$72,580.28
Hickson, Kristy	\$66,392.93	\$92,831.68	St Cyr, Michelle	\$42,961.24	\$64,714.74	Neff, Karl	\$62,798.40	\$92,363.37
Horchem, Kristin	\$68,371.41	\$113,528.07	Stanko, Brittany	\$12,870.96	\$19,991.43	Palmer, Andrew	\$53,274.12	\$78,474.87
Hoskins, Keyon	\$54,656.67	\$82,591.18	Stiles, Sarah	\$70,392.74	\$103,293.42	Parker, Maliya	\$83,613.24	\$132,353.80
Isbell, Brooklyn	\$17,105.07	\$25,285.80	Stipe, Karen	\$91,267.24	\$126,867.65	Phillips, Carey	\$80,989.58	\$118,152.69
Jablinsky, David	\$14,117.57	\$20,693.06	Stremmer, Lisa	\$69,143.84	\$93,953.72	Reeves, Amy	\$74,788.95	\$124,452.89
Jackson, Quran	\$44,715.03	\$62,852.36	Sullivan, Holly	\$81,178.44	\$118,570.73	Rogers, Dejuan	\$18,761.36	\$25,817.86
Jesue, Kelly	\$61,928.22	\$86,550.79	Sullivan, Maureen	\$58,828.81	\$86,696.85	Rybicki, Tiffany	\$75,235.69	\$122,438.76
Johnson, Erica	\$48,149.33	\$71,410.60	Sutton, Rebecca	\$62,651.67	\$105,807.90	Schwartz-Olma, Jessica	\$61,498.89	\$103,925.87
Jones, Margaret	\$50,860.83	\$76,973.00	Swingle, Lisa	\$67,091.45	\$107,266.79	Short, Kyle	\$57,305.62	\$88,104.23
Kapcia, Suzanne	\$88,291.03	\$128,601.07	Szafranski, Lauren	\$54,532.17	\$83,039.91	Simon, Rebecca	\$66,507.63	\$106,394.70
Karaba, Melanie	\$75,960.31	\$125,157.05	Tanana, Samantha	\$60,139.68	\$83,752.76	Smith, Antoinette	\$42,968.46	\$60,296.54
Kehoe, Carrie	\$70,123.79	\$117,713.51	Taylor, Sarah	\$72,827.91	\$99,322.44	Swisher, Jackie	\$58,919.39	\$100,001.42
Kiser, Jessica	\$43,067.54	\$60,826.01	Tenbroeck, Jane	\$91,613.46	\$126,237.46	Testorelli, Constance	\$86,589.09	\$119,564.61
Kitchen, Jennifer	\$64,627.24	\$89,195.09	Tenbroeck, Peter	\$78,247.46	\$128,495.36	Wizinsky, Donna	\$75,935.75	\$111,595.71
Knight, Chavella	\$43,944.61	\$60,305.67	Tennis, Rebecca	\$81,247.87	\$130,594.89	SPECIAL ED. PARAPROS		
Komaromi, Michelle	\$56,119.03	\$77,327.18	Thompson, Fatima	\$3,046.16	\$9,747.74	Ashford, Angela	\$24,271.03	\$41,146.25
Kunz, Laurie	\$55,017.48	\$87,056.72	Tibbs, Kathleen	\$77,346.86	\$125,274.42	Babik, Abby	\$25,877.68	\$53,905.47
Kurash, Antoinette	\$63,131.14	\$86,050.06	Vago, Mary	\$83,670.57	\$130,911.76	Battle, Stephanie	\$22,964.08	\$39,727.88
Labor, Cynthia	\$49,039.00	\$67,317.60	Van'T Hof, Stacey	\$61,143.59	\$108,396.66	Beyer, Kimberley	\$6,615.60	\$9,047.05
Lang, Sarah	\$73,597.92	\$102,749.43	Waugaman Leonard, Jennifer	\$15,344.41	\$27,204.41	Borgdorff, Marcia	\$14,202.91	\$19,308.95
Lauer, Lisa	\$72,919.98	\$121,901.10	Wegehaupt, Melissa	\$33,651.72	\$50,346.71	Brown, Paula	\$26,885.63	\$44,437.49
Leake, Carol	\$52,764.05	\$81,974.54	Wiese, Jami	\$71,937.43	\$117,753.11	Brown, Tyan	\$5,486.22	\$7,589.66
Leaym, Jillian	\$15,931.46	\$25,493.60	Willoughby, Denise	\$76,234.57	\$118,877.98	Browning, Sherry	\$18,057.92	\$47,351.75
Lee, Colbie	\$44,078.60	\$75,645.62	Wilson, Matthew	\$38,024.86	\$55,708.10	Cavins Mason, Danika	\$19,514.67	\$35,451.59
Ley, Janet	\$75,145.67	\$122,228.94	Wright, Amanda	\$50,808.90	\$76,578.72	Clark, Markiea	\$1,536.88	\$2,117.97
Love, Tisha	\$30,721.37	\$50,429.78	Yurcak, Margaret	\$59,153.01	\$80,953.56	Coakley, Cassandra	\$4,696.22	\$6,462.49
Mallon, Yvonne	\$77,900.26	\$108,357.64	GSRP TEACHERS			Colwell, Roseanne	\$27,709.17	\$45,796.18
Marchello, Anthony	\$1,855.00	\$2,556.38	Baugh, Taylor	\$12,691.13	\$19,649.97	Cox, Tierra	\$3,016.71	\$4,105.21
Marino, Joseph	\$56,189.89	\$83,075.53	Frederick, Kelsey	\$12,808.89	\$17,585.96	Dau, Loni	\$15,003.30	\$20,863.15
Mastie, Vivian	\$80,861.40	\$118,172.55	Hern, Sarah	\$30,370.28	\$48,588.03	Daughterity, Naautumn	\$662.54	\$913.06
Mccraight, Nicole	\$65,326.90	\$91,124.97	Karbon, Carrie	\$14,399.85	\$19,692.23	Dehn, Cheri	\$24,074.80	\$33,246.88
Meeker, Samantha	\$37,875.11	\$72,089.76	Newman, Marcia	\$5,823.42	\$8,228.02	Dornier, Alice	\$21,956.80	\$51,647.56
Miloser, Kristine	\$88,950.25	\$123,719.17	Nystrom, Meagan	\$42,017.78	\$64,436.39	Dossey, Amy	\$15,469.00	\$33,097.69
Moore, Jessica	\$67,081.33	\$98,681.34	Taylor, Renee	\$19,939.36	\$27,514.27	Drogowski, Jennifer	\$15,452.88	\$43,258.78
Moore, Marissa	\$48,066.25	\$65,806.28	Williams, Danielle	\$11,997.76	\$22,202.95	Fisher, Randall	\$30,693.53	\$50,328.93
Mounsey, Deborah	\$83,082.83	\$120,695.45	GSRP PARAS			Franklin, Ethel	\$15,210.85	\$25,034.24
Myers, Kimberly	\$49,423.21	\$74,695.25	Mcinchak, Patricia	\$14,175.61	\$27,194.70	Frazier, William	\$24,300.20	\$41,332.32
Nadrowski, Emily	\$51,630.99	\$78,367.25	Sarnovsky, Paula	\$5,557.18	\$8,009.55	Frederick, Alissa	\$25,774.01	\$37,021.69
Nelson, Barbara	\$70,024.81	\$115,028.31	SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS			Gordillo, Patricia	\$7,155.83	\$12,448.41
Niedert, Ashley	\$31,317.45	\$49,333.07	Bliss, Laura	\$10,482.98	\$18,867.95	Guido, Rosanna	\$18,987.17	\$34,242.55
Nofs, Kathleen	\$82,044.48	\$127,911.29	Bonham, Audrey	\$57,643.17	\$86,177.56	Hall, Shawn	\$18,594.32	\$42,190.31
Norman, Anita	\$80,954.96	\$112,737.49	Boulas, Erica	\$20,666.19	\$28,859.05	Hamilton, Desiree	\$741.00	\$1,021.17
Orlich, Carmen	\$51,172.75	\$70,588.38	Chie, Elizabeth	\$77,364.07	\$125,790.45	Hanson, Johanna	\$17,461.90	\$46,676.25
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			Conn, Joselyn	\$80,171.53	\$124,963.38	(continued on page 15)		

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

It's time for annual salary reports for local taxpayers

About the first of each year for the past two decades we have been reporting on how much taxpayers are spending to pay employees in their local governments.

Each year we issue a Freedom of Information Act request to the school district, charter school, district library, city, and two townships.

Diane Madigan and her husband Dr. Carl Johnson, who used to live on Bak Road in Van Buren Township and were active in township affairs, work on getting the numbers ready for printing. They now live in Tennessee, but with the internet that's just next door.

We appreciate their help a lot.

Diane likes to show taxpayers how much the salaries have increased each year, so she computes that and puts it at the bottom of the lists. It's always interesting to see.

This is a service to our readers who care about their local government and what's going on.

We've received all of the salaries requested, except those from the two townships which are scheduled to arrive next week. The others will wait until we have space to publish them.

Some of our readers say they keep the papers each year to show to residents of other communities so salaries can be compared. Others save the papers for their own purposes. One former official we knew died with stacks of *Independents* in his bedroom next to his dresser. Good man.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Former Van Buren Township Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery was elected clerk of Norman Township in Manistee County, where she and her husband moved after they sold their house here. Joanne had knee surgery here in December of 2021 and then retired in March of 2022.

She said her non-partisan, part-time position as Norman Township clerk ends with the 2024 election. She ran to fill a vacancy. She said the population of Norman Township is 16,000. The township office is in Wellston, 20 miles east of Manistee, where a lot of people go to fish for steelhead and salmon.

She said the township used to have fire works and then removed them from the budget. She said she helped form a non-profit to bring back the fireworks and they raised \$10,000 in seven months.

Saturday night we saw a story on Channel 4 News about Egan's Pub in Belleville. Last Thursday, somebody took a 1980s Hamm's beer can from a display. John Winter said when his grandfather died he and his father drove to Florida and they stopped in each state for his father to collect a beer can. The collection went to John when his father died and after he and his wife opened the pub, it was displayed in a case over the entrance to the men's room.

John showed the reporter how someone had broken the case to grab the Hamm's can. A call went out on social media and people have brought in other, even older Hamm's cans, but it's not the same. He just wants his father's special collection back intact.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



We've been informed about the story of Charles Jaeger who in the early 1930s lived on Elwell Road in Belleville and built cars he designed. We Googled it and found out about this amazing man who invented and constructed all kinds of equipment and vehicles, including travel trailers and fire trucks. The story said he invented packaging for the C.F. Smith Co. so they didn't have to sell their lard and other things by dipping them out of buckets but could store packages on the shelves. He made just nine or ten cars on order and he and his wife drove one of them to New York City without a problem. He was the first one to come up with coil springs to make the ride more comfortable. The story said that today none of his cars can be found. Maybe someone in the Belleville area has one stashed away in his garage.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak announced at Monday's school board meeting that three people will be brought into the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame during half-time ceremonies at the basketball game on Friday, Feb. 10, in the main gym.

At Monday's school board meeting, board secretary Darlene Gerick said on the Jan. 25 snow day at school, she was coming home at 2:05 p.m. and saw that Rawsonville Road had been closed because it was too icy and vehicles couldn't get up the hill by McDonalds.

She said parents complained that it shouldn't have been a snow day, but they didn't see Rawsonville Road conditions.

Supt. Kudlak said some of the side roads were in such bad condition two vehicles couldn't pass. They all agreed that was a snow day that needed to be called.

The crowd that filled the meeting room at the Belleville Area District Library at 5:30 p.m. on Monday represented many different community groups. They were all there to hear what their representatives in Lansing had to say – especially about the Denton Road Bridge.

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees was all there except for Trustee Sherry Frazier. Members of the library board were present and the city manager and project manager from the city of Belleville were present. Sumpter Township's manager was present and many men wearing the BYC logo on their jackets. Many individuals came, as well.

At the end of the meeting, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township would be hosting a town hall on the Denton Road Bridge at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9. He said the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Joe Tate would be present.



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Letters

Gross negligence: 140' dock into Belleville Lake

An Open Letter to VBT Decision Makers:

I am a professional engineer licensed by multiple states, which requires proof of advanced education (I have a master's degree in biomedical engineering), successfully passing of a rigorous two-day test of engineering, and five years of professional experience.

I am an automotive safety engineer who has worked for over four decades to reduce traffic accident deaths and injuries. I retired from one of Detroit's "Big Three" as Chief Engineer for Vehicle Safety. I also have been a boater on Belleville Lake for 25 years and have had the privilege of living on the lake for the past decade.

I also was a member of the committee that wrote the 2016 Lake Ordinance that established the 40' limit for docks projecting into the lake. We specifically choose that limit as a reasonable compromise to provide lakefront property owners with reasonable dock space and lake access while limiting obstructions for the safety of boat traffic on our narrow lake.

Belleville Lake between Belleville Road and Sunset Lane has the highest boat traffic on the lake. The BYC is located at the narrowest and busiest spot on this two-mile stretch. Like the location of the BYC, my residence is on the inside of a bend in the Lake. Despite being on a much wider part of the lake, boaters regularly "cut the inside of the curve" at speed coming within 50' of my 12' long dock. It is safer for kids to play in the street than swim off my dock.

Every weekend day, these boaters encounter boats coming around the bend cruising the wrong way around the lake and must take last-minute evasive actions. The inside of a bend in a narrow part of the lake is the most dangerous location for a long dock. And impacting a fixed object is the most dangerous type of boating accident. Boats do not have brakes or precise steering like an automobile; neither do they have seat belts, air bags, or energy-absorbing structures.

How would you defend your decision to exempt an exclusionary men's drinking club (yes, their logo is a martini) from a safety ordinance, after children riding a tube swinging outside the wake of a tow boat slam into a dock that is three-and-one-half-times the maximum length that your ordinance considers safe? What would you say to the families of these children or to a courtroom jury? Governmental immunity is not a defense for gross negligence of your duty to protect the general public. There is no other description of this 140' obstruction other than "GROSS".

Jack B. Ridenour, P.E.

Van Buren Township

Thanks to all who help Samaritan's Purse

To the editor:

I am writing to thank Belleville-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project "Operation Christmas Child." Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes -- packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items -- Belleville-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received.

Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse delivered its milestone 200 millionth shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across Michigan, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanaspurse.org/occ or by calling (937) 374-0761.

Although local drop-off locations for gifts are closed until Nov. 13-20, 2023, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Casey Goodwin

Operation Christmas Child

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Editor's Note: This letter is submitted on behalf of local, year-round volunteer efforts, including those of Detlor Insurance, 38 Fifth St., Belleville, who fill 80 shoeboxes every year for Samaritan's Purse, as well as take part in other projects to help children.

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Obituaries



John Osborne

JOHN OSBORNE

(January 28, 1953 – January 28, 2023)

John Osborne, age 70 of Canton, Michigan, passed away suddenly Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He was born January 28, 1953 in McDowell, Kentucky, the son of Dent and Jewel (Mosley) Osborne.

He married Deborah Collins September 17, 1972 at Old Regular Baptist Church in Ypsilanti. She preceded him in death on November 3, 2014. John enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to car shows and tinkering with cars, trucks, and tractors. He was an active member of Old Regular Baptist Church and you could call him a jack of all trades.

John is survived by his children Jeremy (Jessica), Melinda (Jason), John (Krisha) and Jason (Jennifer); grandchildren Katie, Marisa, Dakota, Jacie, Ariel, Jerick, Jeremy and Chase; great-grandchildren, Layluh, Addie, Logan, Maverick, Reagan, Isabelle and Weston; sisters Lucille (Rob) and Loretta (Gerard); and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, wife and sister Valeria. Visitation will be held 2-8 p.m. Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church, 5668 Denton Rd., Canton with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. The funeral will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 3, 2023 with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Knollwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church. www.starkfuneral.com

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Feb. 4** – Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., is holding a Valentine's dinner and dance to raise money for U.M. Pediatric Diabetes at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Doors open

at 5 and dinner is at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Dinner is mostaccioli, chicken alfredo, salad, bread/butter and dessert. DJ is Rocking Ricky. For tickets and donations: Lisa Ochalek, (734) 732-3809 or ochalek67@icould.com.

• **Sunday, Feb. 5** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in the city of Belleville. The brief ceremony

honors all veterans, living and dead, with a pledge to the flag, National Anthem, and Taps. Everyone welcome.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 8** – "Introduction to Internet Searching" is set for 6 p.m. at the Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. Learn how to perform basic, effective internet searches using popular search engines. Participants must be proficient using a mouse and keyboard. Registration required.

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Obituaries



Donald Wayne Sluder

DONALD WAYNE SLUDER
(December 8, 1953 – January 27, 2023)
Donald Wayne Sluder, age 69, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Friday, January 27, 2023, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born December 8, 1953, in Garden City, MI, son of Donald William & Doris Luverne (McMullen) Sluder. He graduated from John Glen High School, Westland, MI. He retired from Stock Building & Supply, formerly Erb Lumber. He enjoyed driving a school bus for the last 8 years, for Wayne-Westland Schools. Don enjoyed boating, golf, and was a big sports fan, and was known to place a bet or two. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always kidding around. He will be deeply missed.

Mr. Sluder is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Sonja Gale (Rowe) Sluder, son Chuck (Cathy) Sluder, daughter Evette (David) Hughes, all of Belleville, MI; 6 grandchildren: Jessica Anderson, Kyle (Emily) Sluder, Paige Hughes, Preslie Hughes, Drake Sluder, and Kenedee Sluder; 6 great-grandchildren; his father Donald William Sluder of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas; five siblings: Sue (Gobel) Ratliff of Belleville, MI, Linda Rowe of Westland, MI, Karen Howard, Kenneth (Jutta) Sluder, and Kathleen Lassiter, all of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas; a sister-in-law Connie Sluder; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Doris Sluder, son Donald A. Sluder, grandson David Wayne Hughes, two brothers Dan and Keith Sluder, also a brother-in-law Charles Rowe. Visitation was 12-8 PM Tuesday, and 10-11 AM Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, with an 11 AM Funeral. Pastor Joe Singleton officiated. Interment followed in Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

BHS at-home games

• **Friday, Feb. 3** – Boys & Girls Bowling vs. Franklin, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes; Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Stevenson, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Stevenson, 7 p.m.

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

Go, Tigers!

Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary



Donna Jean Richard

DONNA JEAN RICHARD

(August 2, 1930 – January 22, 2023)

Donna Jean Richard, age 92, resident of Belleville and previously of Howell, MI, passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, MI. She was born on August 2, 1930, in Saginaw, MI, to Emil and Elsie Schultz. She graduated from Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw and went on to become a mother and homemaker, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Donna was a great cook and enjoyed spending time at home with her family. She adored her dog, "Stosh," her faithful companion.

Donna is survived by her children: Tom (Debbie) Colwell of Rockwood, TN, Leigh (Larry) Ammon of Belleville, MI, Chris Colwell of Ooltewah, TN, and Lore (Joe) Maddalena of Sterling Heights, MI; her brother-in-law Harry Johns of TN; and grandchildren: Travis Colwell, Stephanie (Nick) Hanchett, Lindsey Jennifer (Josiah) Julagay, Brett (Holly) Ammon, Stacey (Chris) Vanover, and Holly (Mike) Morrison; and 5 great-grandchildren, as well as other steps, nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents Emil and Elsie Schultz, husband Leonard V. Richard, a sister Dorey Johns, her previous husband Bud Colwell, and his wife Joan.

To honor her wishes dignified cremation has taken place and a memorial for Donna will be arranged at a future date. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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VBT Police arrest man they believe shot another man in vehicle Monday

On Monday at 6:45 a.m. the Van Buren Police Department responded to the area of Rawsonville and Grove roads following a report of a subject firing shots into a vehicle.

Deputy Chief Joshua Monte said responding officers discovered a victim shot multiple times seated inside his vehicle. Officers were able to provide first aid to the victim who was transported to a local hospital.

The suspect, a 35-year-old male from Monroe County, was taken into custody a short-time later at his residence by Van Buren officers assisted by deputies from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

The victim, a 31-year-old male from Van Buren Township, was hospitalized in stable condition.

Deputy Chief Monte said the victim, who was specifically targeted, was familiar with this suspect.

The suspect was lodged at the Van Buren Township Police lockup pending further investigation and the authorization of charges from the Wayne County Prosecutors Office.

Deputy Chief Monte said there is no threat to the public as this was an isolated incident.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident is asked to call the Van Buren Police Department at (734) 699-8930.

Parent: Don't allow Owen, Moore to hand out diplomas this year

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A parent addressed the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday's meeting, asking the board to not allow Board Trustee Kelly Owen and Director of Curriculum Jeff Moore to attend this year's graduation and hand out diplomas.

Michelle Hill, a Van Buren Township resident, said they should not be handing out diplomas to this year's seniors who were at Savage Elementary School when the false charges of cheating were brought against their teachers by the administration.

She said some of the students, who now are graduating, watched the administration take teachers from their classrooms and walk them out of the building on false charges.

Hill said there have been no apologies so far from those administrators and the students are graduating now and the two shouldn't be a part of the graduation.

Trustee Owen was at Monday's meeting, but she did not comment. Director Moore was not at the meeting.

Hill said she had had a conversation with present School Supt. Pete Kudlak on the issue.

In January of 2016, then School Supt. Michael Van Tassel claimed that teachers had cheated when giving the 2015 M-Step test. Four teachers were taken from their classrooms and were walked out of the building. Another who was absent that day, was taken out when he returned.

Students were interviewed without their parents' permission at the school by administrators who tried to get evidence against the teachers, according to the law suit that followed. There was picketing by parents who supported the teachers. A social media site was set up to get Van Tassel fired.

In October of 2017 the school board settled a federal civil rights case on behalf of four teachers, along with an employment discrimination case. School Supt. Van Tassel was removed.

At the time Sherry Frazier was on the school board. She supported the teachers and had not been named in the suit, but Owen and Moore were named. Settlement

details were not released, but Frazier, who now serves as a Van Buren Township Trustee, at the time said the school district paid \$500,000 in attorney fees to fight the suits.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Heard a presentation on attendance and truancy by John Leroy, director of human resources, Aleisa Pitt, Tyler Elementary School principal, and the team that had been set up to bring all of the schools in the district "on the same page" for handling truancy;

- Approved Board of Education Operating Procedures with amendments. The procedures were presented at the last school board meeting for review;

- Approved the BHS band field trip to Disney World in Orlando, FL on Nov. 8-12. There are about 200 students involved, grades 9-12, and cost is \$2,000 per student which the students will pay. Fund raisers also will help. Travel is by air. Director Nicholas Taylor said every four years the Marching Band students are rewarded with this trip opportunity for their hard work and dedication to the band and program. The band will participate in Disney performances and workshops;

- Approved the BHS Cross Country Summer 2023 Camp at Van Buren State Park in South Haven, July 24-27. From 20 to 30 students in grades 9-12 will be involved at a cost of \$100 to \$175 each. It will be self-financed along with team funds from the BHS Cross Country Program. The trip is by car with coach/chaperone drivers. The goal is to provide an opportunity to connect with teammates and coaches through running and other outdoor activities, along with promoting leadership and communication skills;

- Approved the resignation of BHS math teacher Aaron Bradley, who had less than one year of service, as of Feb. 3;

- Approved the employment of Brianna Yncian as an Early Childhood Center GSRP teacher as of Jan. 23;

- Approved the termination of building and grounds employee Kyron Carroll, who had less than one year of service, as of Jan. 9;

- Approved the hiring of non-instructional employees: Tayler Babik as a paraprofessional in the Early Childhood Center as of Jan. 12; Jasmine Harris and Felecia Morin as custodians in Building and Grounds as of Jan. 17; Selina Stillwagon as a food service worker as of Jan. 17;

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- Celebrated School Board Appreciation Month. Supt. Kudlak passed out certificates that contained a picture to each school board member and thanked them for their service; and

- Met in closed-door session, per the guardian's request, to discuss potential reinstatement of Student 21-22-058 for the 2022-23 school year. The student was expelled during the 2021-22 school year and came before the Reinstatement committee for consideration of reinstatement after the expiration of the expulsion period. After coming back into open session, the board voted to reinstate the student with conditions.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Monday shortly after 9 a.m., the school board and some staff members and friends gathered to cut the ribbon to officially open the medical clinic / pharmacy at McBride Middle School. School Supt. Pete Kudlak, who did the cutting, said the clinic was three to four years in the making and takes advantage of the district's self-insurance to have more control of the cost of health care. Supt. Kudlak said they pay monthly for employees who are participating and no insurance money is used, so it costs the district less. He said the savings snowball as more people use the clinic, which is at the side door next to the school parking lot. Greg Gray of SET SEG (School Employees Trust/School Employers Group) is agent for the district and helped to set up the program. A former classroom was converted into the clinic. Kudlak said this service helps in attraction and retention of employees.

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Belleville planners give nod to Davenport apartment complex

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Rezoning and site plan approval are still needed for Davenport Brothers Construction to start building its proposed apartment complex at 515 Sumpter Rd., but on Jan. 12 the Belleville Planning Commission got the project started by setting a Feb. 9 public hearing on the rezoning and will consider the site plan at the same meeting.

The site, just north of the Belleville Co-Op apartments for seniors, is zoned IP and needs to be rezoned R-M. There will be 15 apartments in the Belleville site.

Plymouth architect D. Scott Wright explained that the complex will be constructed in three phases. Phase I is in Belleville and will be built first. The connecting Phases II and III will be in a U-shape around the Animal Medical Center of Van Buren veterinarian's office on the adjoining Van Buren Township site.

Building Official Rick Rutherford said that evening's proposal was strictly a presentation to get everything started.

Rutherford said Davenport Brothers' proposed residential development presently is zoned IP – industrial. He said the zoning is multiple dwelling next door at the Co-Op and R-2 in Victoria Commons in the rear. Part of the development is in Van Buren Township.



Courtesy of D. Scott Wright, architect
This is a drawing of the new Davenport apartments proposed for construction at 515 Sumpter Rd. in the city of Belleville.

Rutherford said he feels it would suit the needs of the city and the commission could set a public hearing.

"They want to go at this aggressively and to meet the next building season," Rutherford said, adding that they want to know if this project is something that could be approved because they would hold off on spending money on the architect and

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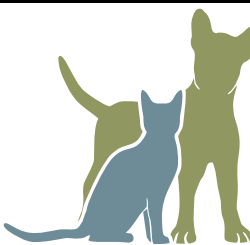
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engineers if it wouldn't be approved. Rutherford said the site had an old farmhouse and a barn before the site was cleared. He said it never had industrial use. Architect Wright said a portion of the project is in Van Buren Township and they will work with the township on that part. He said they would construct two-to three-bedroom one-story homes with a large living/dining area. The homes will be laid out in pairs with attached two-car garages. They will be 1,200-square-feet,

not counting the garage, and would be slab on grade. The apartments will be rented with Davenport retaining ownership. Wright said this is the fourth apartment project he has been hired to do and in Southeast Michigan apartments are in huge demand. He said the rezoning is necessary in Belleville. Van Buren Township has its property master planned as multi-use which will not be a problem. "Steve is anxious to keep the project moving forward," Wright said, referring to Davenport who sat silently behind him in the meeting room.

He said Davenport is looking for preliminary approval so he can have Wright and civil engineers working. He said other communities have taken rezoning and site plan approval going along together. Commissioner Mike Renaud said this site is within 1,000 feet of Owen Intermediate School and marijuana facilities are not allowed to be there, so this is a good use of the property. Commissioner Renaud asked if they had asked the veterinarian about this because they are changing the zoning. City Project Manager Steve Jones said the vet can read

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about it in the legal notice on the public hearing required to be published in the newspaper of record.

Commissioner John Juriga addressed Councilman Tom Fielder, who was seated in the audience, asking him to tell the history of why the property along Sumpter Road is so mixed up, with some properties in the city and some in the township.

Councilman Fielder said in 1964, Van Buren Public Schools came to the city of Belleville with a proposal to build what was then South Middle School, but it needed water and sewer and Van Buren Township had none in that area.

The school asked the city to run a line down Owen to the school and that line eventually served the mall and Belle Villa as well. He said in those days the law allowed anyone to have their property annexed by just asking the city and so everyone on the east side of Sumpter Road was asked if they wanted to become part of the city. Some did and some didn't, Fielder said.

He noted that Dr. Alford did the same with his property and that became Harbour Pointe subdivision.

Fielder said now the law is changed and you can't do annexations that way. Three entities have to be involved in annexations now, he said.

Davenport said Wright has talked to Van Buren Township's Dan Power, director of building and economic development, and, "Van Buren is on board with it."

The public hearing on the rezoning was set for 7 p.m., Feb. 9, and the site plan review will follow at the same meeting. The rezoning recommendation will have to go to the city council for final approval. "Rezoning and site plan. Is this appropriate at the same meeting?" Renaud asked.

"Is that a problem?" asked Commission chairman Michael Hawkins and Renaud replied it was because he hasn't had time to review the site plan. He said the commission has been told there will be a "bunch of apartments," but what kind of people would they appeal to? He later explained he wondered if the apartments would be for senior citizens, since they

are single-story, and would they have an age limit and whether children would be allowed.

"We can't do that," Jones replied, regarding questioning who would live there.

Wright said Davenport will do background checks on tenants to make sure they can pay the rent.

"Anyone not comfortable with the rezoning?" chairman Hawkins asked the commission and no one expressed a problem. "I didn't think so," Hawkins said. "Who would object?" asked Commissioner Randy Priest.

Hawkins said Rutherford would do the rest in making sure things are done correctly.

Commissioner Becky Hasen had a question on the road and the utilities, such as water lines, and who would own them.

Rutherford said they'll run their mains and it would be a private system.

Commission vice chairman Matthew Wagner arrived at 7:40 p.m. for the 7 p.m. meeting. Wright was explaining how the bioswale system would drain the site and that would eventually go to the lake.

Fielder said he had talked to Steve Davenport about the project.

"Steve just wants to get going," Fielder said. "It needs to be rezoned," he said, noting the industrial zoning doesn't conform to the master plan and rezoning would make the land more valuable to any developer.

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Woman complains of livestock slaughter next door to Sumpter home

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A woman who moved into her Sumpter Township residence at 43350 Willow Rd. last July for a peaceful home for her and her family has found the horror of live animals being slaughtered right next door.

She spoke to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Jan. 10 because she said state officials have told her she has to go higher up the ladder to get action. Her small children were with her at the meeting.

She said she's been working with the ordinance department and the police, but the slaughters continue.

She said a lamb escaped and would not leave her front door. She said she called ordinance, but that department was closed, so she had to call police. The people next door got hit with a citation for animal at large, she said.

She said she has been furnishing videotapes and descriptions of the slaughter, the body parts, and the blood. She said they pump out the septic tank onto the ground and that substance contains not only blood, but

human waste from the workers.

The building next door is the closed Summers Brothers commercial property that is being rented out. The mother said she learned her home was once part of the Summers' land.

The mother said they have five-gallon buckets they dump the animals' contents into and blood and whatever else and that was put in the dumpster in July and the smell was atrocious.

"I taped a goat being dragged by a leg across the yard to the slaughterhouse," the mother said, adding the township tells her they need more information, more tapes, more neighbors to complain.

She said it's simple to her. They should be red-tagged, she said.

She said she and her husband spoke to the owner and she's elderly and can't afford to do the things needed to be compliant as a slaughterhouse.

She said the ordinance department had the time to do what it had to do. She spoke to the Health Department, PETA, the Agriculture Department, and others, and that was in October.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke told the board they've been working on it and have been in contact with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), USDA, and others on how to get it back to court. He said there's a religious aspect to it. "I won't go into that," he said, adding the problem can't be solved overnight and it's not a two-or-three-month deal.

"I feel bad for her," Director Luke said, noting there will be something presented to the prosecutor soon.

Township attorney Rob Young said they've had every agency out to look at this and, while some people exaggerate a problem, this is not an exaggeration. He said he dropped a transcript off that day to the ordinance officer.

"We could red-tag the property," the mother said.

Young said her pictures showed it definitely was a slaughterhouse and, "I understand your frustration."

Young said constitutional issues were involved. He said he can't talk of the legal

plan publicly now, but they are moving forward. He said he doesn't work on this case every day and, "She's the one who had to live with it."

In other business at the Jan. 10 meeting, the board:

- Approved a six-month medical leave for Fire Fighter Don LaPorte as of Jan. 5, since he is unable to do that activity because of doctor's orders. When asked if Trustee LaPorte would be able to attend board meetings, Trustee Peggy Morgan was told LaPorte is already up and walking around;

- Approved the annual MedMutual Life/AD&D policy renewal package effective Jan. 1, with changes as discussed;

- Approved the Delta Dental renewal benefits package effective Feb. 1 as proposed by Burnham & Flower;

- Approved the annual Small Group renewal benefits package effective Feb. 1 proposed by Burham & Flower at a total premium cost of \$468,611.88;

- Approved Township Manager Anthony Burdick's attendance of the Michigan Township Association's conference April 17-20 at Grand Traverse at a cost not to exceed \$1,850;

- Approved modification to the MERS 457 plan agreements, allowing the township to choose to participate in contributions to employee accounts, as approved by the township board;

- Set the public hearing for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 6 p.m., Jan. 24. Township Manager Burdick said a number of grants require an updated Master Plan by Feb. 1. Action on this master plan at that meeting will make the township eligible for grants this year;

- Approved moving employee status for Ashley Harris of the treasurer's department from part time to full time as of Jan. 9;

- Heard Trustee Morgan ask about the email she got from the treasurer saying the person who the board approved to buy the township property on Sumpter Road had withdrawn his offer. She was told this was true;

- Heard Burdick propose the board drop workshop meetings and install a consent agenda that would put items that need no discussion to be approved with one motion. He said regular board meeting packets could be posted to the website for the public to review ahead of the meeting and be made available in printed form at the clerk's office. "When do the residents chime in?" asked Trustee Morgan. "The

workshop was designed for the residents. We work for the taxpayers. For us to eliminate them is wrong," Trustee Morgan said. Mary Ban said people aren't going to be bothered to pick up a bit of paper. Many have no internet. "People will be living in ignorance," she said; and

- Heard Burdick reply to a question by Ban on the museum, saying Van Buren Township is scheduling an open public meeting on the museum, but it is not published yet. Ban said the township said the same thing before and then had a meeting with no officials to answer questions and having people write comments on sticky notes. She said the museum has been closed almost three years and now they want a party center back there.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 6 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Feb. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Town Hall, 5:30 p.m., to discuss Denton Road Bridge. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m., to consider request to rezone from R-2 to C-1 the parcel at 45476 Harris Rd., the former PNA Hall/Moose Lodge.

- Monday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Feb. 15 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

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Classic Movie Night at the Belleville Area District Library is coming up on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. featuring the 1944 film "Double Indemnity," starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray and directed by Billy Wilder. *Detroit Free Press* retired film critic John Monaghan will lead a discussion after showtime, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group on Main Street will be holding a free Homebuyer Seminar and Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 8, starting at 6 p.m. Topics include the home buying and mortgage process, how to qualify for loans and grants and how to get pre-approved. Pre-registration is required. Visit www.movingthemitten.com/Seminar.

The Rotary Club of Belleville is organizing a mid-year school supply drive to replenish the supply closets within the Van Buren Public School District. From now through Feb. 28, supplies such as felt tip markers, erasers, disinfecting wipes, 1" binders, crayons, clear sheet protectors, No. 2 pencils, tissue/paper towel, scissors, notebooks, glue sticks, and fidget toys are needed. There are two drop off locations: the Belleville Area District Library and The Art Factory on Main Street, during regular business hours.

Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road will be holding a euchre tournament to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter Township on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6 until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Pizza will be provided and a cash bar available. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.friendsofmichigan.org and click on events/calendar/February 25. Cash prizes will be available.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020.

Rep. Reggie Miller named chair of House Agriculture Committee

Michigan House of Representatives Speaker Joe Tate, D-Detroit, announced on

Jan. 26 the chairpersons for all committees and subcommittees that will be meeting in the 2023-24 legislative session.

Rep. Tate appointed state Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, as the chairperson of the House Agriculture Committee. As chair of this committee,

Rep. Miller will oversee which bills are brought up in committee and make it to the House Floor. In addition to being the chair, Miller will serve as a member of the committees on Economic Development and Small Business, Health Policy, and Transportation.

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Franks, Ryan	\$59,341.34	\$82,133.16	Tucker, Andrew	\$25,148.25	\$40,111.93
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Fransen, Mark	\$50,694.10	\$76,368.85	Turner, Savannah	\$20,409.68	\$27,937.34
Garland, Jennifer	\$91,851.10	\$127,393.25	Victor, Jonathan	\$49,510.50	\$85,394.57

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Van Buren Public Schools			Ibach, Marion	\$25,366.61	\$27,567.68	Gravel, Ronald	\$40,844.45	\$56,206.01
2022 Transparency Report			Jordan, Priscilla	\$21,861.42	\$30,357.50	Hayre, Andrea	\$40,610.71	\$63,225.76
STUDENT WORKERS	Total		Kindell, Daviena	\$9,335.84	\$19,498.52	Ihlenfeldt, Jody	\$46,754.08	\$72,261.39
	Base Pay	Compensation	Lange, Holly	\$28,026.28	\$38,875.96	Johnson, Charles	\$24,587.68	\$33,835.10
(continued)			Lesniak, Sharon	\$28,487.54	\$39,064.97	Ladouceur, Bette	\$49,133.20	\$84,620.45
Martinez, Adriana	\$1,544.15	\$1,662.28	Lindsey, Bobby	\$5,651.35	\$7,793.10	Lampinen, Norman	\$48,226.28	\$83,396.11
Rambus, Kayla	\$314.45	\$338.51	Loggie, Amy	\$242.90	\$334.25	Linton, Dawn	\$33,759.72	\$54,715.95
Rose, Mackenzie	\$2,297.54	\$2,473.30	Manier, Phyllis	\$14,920.82	\$21,806.05	Liverance, Ashley	\$38,441.56	\$61,720.58
Selma, Crystal	\$227.28	\$244.67	Market, Brier	\$5,540.10	\$8,210.16	Long, Kurt	\$18,506.29	\$29,427.48
Simmons, Aviana	\$2,763.62	\$2,975.03	Rankin, Candace	\$19,286.80	\$26,329.10	Martinez, Gregory	\$14,544.95	\$20,485.02
Stuckey, Morgan	\$3,222.37	\$3,468.88	Sandhu, Davender	\$6,013.12	\$8,275.03	Maus, Micahel	\$6,367.37	\$10,840.61
Ward, Ryane	\$2,427.41	\$2,613.11	Serra, Richard	\$27,199.76	\$37,783.67	Mcbride, Lenoye	\$12,668.80	\$17,436.72
BUS DRIVERS			Sinclair, Deborah	\$36,134.75	\$49,273.07	Mcdonald, Stephanie	\$591.25	\$813.62
Adkins, Denise	\$22,728.06	\$27,918.52	Smith, Shanna	\$51.22	\$913.17	Mcgee, Deanca	\$9,077.90	\$12,510.26
Bailey-Ivan, Valerie	\$23,076.97	\$27,834.44	Springs, Farren	\$53.20	\$73.20	Mcintyre, Jessica	\$46,765.74	\$72,697.04
Baker, Jamie	\$46,524.88	\$86,627.66	Steele, Jacqueline	\$730.36	\$1,005.05	Miller, Autumn	\$41,369.60	\$61,870.96
Bernardy, Mary	\$40,496.67	\$73,180.17	Wojtyna, Leonard	\$26,935.29	\$37,337.30	Mitchell, Eric	\$42,603.95	\$65,883.18
Boone, Dawn	\$3,453.51	\$4,722.79	SUBSTITUTE BUS AIDES			Osborne, Thomas	\$53,875.90	\$75,027.44
Caldwell, Peggy	\$14,598.90	\$20,861.97	Campbell, Shaton	\$5,127.42	\$7,594.85	Peifer, Steven	\$8,867.74	\$14,393.83
Calvert, Emily	\$47,011.60	\$67,949.88	Shauan, Tonya	\$10,582.52	\$14,431.94	Pinder, Christopher	\$17,939.10	\$24,685.98
Crimes, Devontae	\$19,200.14	\$26,421.34	SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS			Pipok, Bradley	\$40,877.48	\$56,570.55
Cummings, Heather	\$35,174.19	\$63,851.84	Cook, Gloria	\$2,327.99	\$3,189.82	Price, Kyle	\$22,429.39	\$34,696.08
Desilets, Noreen	\$44,307.21	\$61,311.57	Cyganski, Ann	\$376.96	\$478.29	Renton, Dale	\$44,012.24	\$75,214.92
Ellis, Amanda	\$7,691.91	\$10,492.75	LUNCH ROOM SUPERVISORS			Roberts, Joshua	\$13,735.19	\$18,783.29
Foscolo, Kathrine	\$42,828.36	\$66,883.24	Hawkins, Kenneth	\$4,486.24	\$6,135.08	Roebuck, Austin	\$45,926.22	\$62,919.05
Frady, Bryanna	\$32,677.23	\$44,887.04	Knowlton, Amber	\$6,520.25	\$8,972.57	Roebuck, Bret	\$47,692.81	\$65,900.27
Graham, Gregory	\$9,373.20	\$14,432.73	Martin, Linda	\$5,161.75	\$7,072.62	Rupnow, Cole	\$47,973.19	\$65,752.44
Grzych, Lorrie	\$34,563.80	\$64,676.80	Parks, Nancy	\$4,482.70	\$5,895.88	Sattler, Kimberly	\$54,153.31	\$83,029.27
Hargrove, Katina	\$22,814.62	\$30,935.37	FOOD SERVICE			Schulz, David	\$44,486.91	\$77,264.52
Haverlock, Carrie	\$11,609.21	\$19,678.55	Bodenham, Lisa	\$7,223.34	\$10,488.31	Severin, Harley	\$44,500.58	\$62,456.85
Hobson, Marquis	\$34,530.50	\$47,568.86	Brooks, Carolyn	\$25,310.28	\$41,796.99	Signorelli, Michael	\$23,229.61	\$25,006.68
Hunt, Paula	\$31,394.28	\$65,209.09	Chartier, Diane	\$19,827.71	\$27,932.33	Stoll, Sheila	\$63,407.68	\$88,003.16
Jenkins, Rebecca	\$43,095.35	\$59,361.41	Dickens, Tildon	\$8,450.33	\$11,586.57	Tate, Francine	\$6,781.75	\$9,140.04
Johnson, Andre	\$31,918.86	\$52,330.20	Farr, Sarah	\$20,205.00	\$26,856.24	Tefertiller, Ryan	\$9,852.39	\$13,567.40
Johnson, Chantu	\$5,077.25	\$9,929.03	Graveldinger, Cynthia	\$23,892.22	\$39,207.03	Thorn, Steven	\$31,903.15	\$45,258.83
Key, Janet	\$33,439.31	\$54,229.50	Hanes, Gail	\$25,945.23	\$34,937.84	Tomlin, Tiffany	\$3,529.65	\$10,491.76
Keys, Franklin	\$23,250.65	\$33,179.34	Harden, Nynier	\$20,295.40	\$27,837.53	Wakefield, Michael	\$44,464.41	\$70,063.78
Lamar, Vanessa	\$38,546.88	\$51,926.29	Hochbaum, Yevonne	\$13,676.18	\$19,035.07	Zunk, Sherry	\$32,166.73	\$47,318.65
Landoski, Terrance	\$61,587.96	\$103,939.85	Holmes, Colleen	\$23,095.22	\$46,959.09	Blankenship, Laura	\$11,940.69	\$16,329.24
Lyos, Karen	\$6,045.91	\$8,535.07	Holmes, Stephanie	\$15,264.34	\$21,021.33	NON-AFFILIATED		
Martin, Dana	\$40,572.30	\$54,705.56	Jenkins, Edith	\$12,591.86	\$18,394.31	Anderson, Terri	\$10,773.00	\$14,807.64
Marton, Amy	\$13,649.19	\$18,665.69	Johnson, Debra	\$16,108.49	\$22,822.24	Ballard, Amy	\$16,324.68	\$22,454.96
Maschat, Cynthia	\$35,639.64	\$49,338.46	Jones, Stephanie	\$12,928.46	\$19,410.72	Banks, Elizabeth	\$73,825.54	\$120,822.55
Merrihew, Nancy	\$24,149.16	\$51,273.52	Kuclo, Jacquelyn	\$9,805.99	\$13,033.62	Barr, Mathew	\$47,822.61	\$65,778.96
Nichols, Laura	\$21,501.05	\$52,327.13	Marttila, Diane	\$20,889.26	\$43,942.39	Cast, John	\$21,425.08	\$28,302.53
Osak, Megan	\$33,254.20	\$46,433.96	Mauro, Cheryl	\$19,070.55	\$26,298.29	Cavazos, Brandy	\$15,897.04	\$28,118.77
Osborne, Angela	\$8,721.40	\$12,065.33	Mcewen, Shelly	\$1,512.96	\$1,995.11	Cobbs, Amber	\$45,945.55	\$70,266.11
Perault, Estate Of Cheri M	\$5,883.47	\$8,677.04	Meimaridis, Melissa	\$12,896.45	\$17,704.87	Crowell, Jermain	\$34,185.42	\$53,662.50
Porter, Beverly	\$26,608.10	\$53,510.86	Moorehead, Deborah	\$13,539.41	\$19,565.91	Darty, Mychal	\$39,647.56	\$68,723.02
Reinhard, Dianna	\$31,533.02	\$51,777.97	Morin, Vicky	\$17,553.05	\$23,816.86	Gunter, Opal	\$28,831.46	\$39,915.67
Roberts, Sequoir	\$22,162.56	\$30,202.14	Muirhead, Jun	\$15,161.88	\$21,055.92	Jones, Stephen	\$55,591.58	\$81,640.01
Seng, Amanda	\$18,961.82	\$26,453.86	Parris, Janet	\$17,074.07	\$23,550.89	Kurek, Renea	\$83,109.29	\$133,834.27
Sigal-Schroeder, Jill	\$13,861.40	\$23,749.19	Pittman, Sara	\$8,926.34	\$13,194.54	Mcmichael, William	\$44,756.70	\$81,236.30
Smith, Sherree	\$15,822.60	\$18,405.73	Ronquillo, Kathleen	\$15,287.40	\$20,701.60	Munoz, Dionisia	\$77,912.62	\$108,971.71
Spaleny, Debra	\$32,975.22	\$45,301.29	Shankle, Cheryl	\$5,813.23	\$8,221.04	Nayak, Priya	\$19,575.94	\$26,365.60
Thorn, Julia	\$36,569.25	\$70,705.28	Spitzley, Annette	\$5,679.67	\$7,775.02	Pierre Isaac, Sabrina	\$78,100.03	\$109,211.53
Vealey, Daniel	\$14,179.88	\$40,739.13	Suggs, Tosha	\$3,576.10	\$4,898.21	Plovie, Latrena	\$16,684.71	\$28,148.79
Waldroop, Holly	\$42,731.50	\$80,911.09	Walters, Michelle	\$22,777.91	\$37,696.86	Richardson, Kim	\$9,693.60	\$13,402.62
Whitlock, Trevor	\$54,535.31	\$88,065.81	Washington, Katherine	\$21,583.17	\$48,936.16	Tasi, Tiffany	\$85,558.73	\$128,771.62
Wilson, Lawanda	\$27,903.07	\$39,953.51	Goodson, Doris	\$1,500.25	\$2,064.50	Voigt, Mary	\$52,168.62	\$91,660.34
Witcher, Anthony	\$26,647.03	\$36,705.42	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE			Waller, Karen	\$61,124.33	\$72,216.50
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$25,711.51	\$56,920.86	Bailey, Terry	\$7,500.38	\$10,336.27	Wester, Ursula	\$53,121.82	\$83,094.76
BUS AIDES			Cadeau, Lawrence	\$0.00	\$638.50	Weston, Latoyra	\$44,784.67	\$82,090.84
Belanger, Deborah	\$24,988.83	\$42,036.99	Cadeau, Nicholas	\$18,845.51	\$28,049.39	Williams, Reginald	\$40,527.95	\$57,915.63
Bielski, Amanda	\$26,911.62	\$37,801.19	Carroll, Kyron	\$3,274.50	\$4,512.59	2022 TOTAL \$45,427,682.47		
Biles, Doris	\$8,087.84	\$11,131.89	Cetnarowski Ii, Richard	\$38,393.83	\$61,028.17	2021 TOTAL \$39,962,533.06		
Bodden, Donna	\$7,537.51	\$10,307.76	Clemons, Estate Of Jesse	\$32,618.45	\$50,527.38	Difference + \$5,465,149.41		
Bond, Bentonja	\$19,418.35	\$27,615.88	Dalton, Jennifer	\$41,216.32	\$64,175.41	2022 employee total wages had approximately a 13.68% increase since 2021.		
Cetnarowski, Richard	\$23,306.79	\$32,391.58	Dotson, Michael	\$32,145.80	\$67,400.55			
Cruse, Jacqueline	\$17,409.63	\$24,535.34	Dubisky, Daryl	\$45,399.10	\$79,651.50	Compiled by Diane Madigan		
Ellison, Sheila	\$28,201.89	\$49,437.26	Engel, Nicholas	\$40,474.42	\$62,967.15			
Fisher, Kayla	\$13,822.57	\$23,249.24	Faison, Diane	\$725.70	\$998.63			
Freeman, Bertha	\$25,396.25	\$34,410.99	Faulkner, Dewey	\$47,273.53	\$72,971.74			
			Fisher, Danny	\$2,480.42	\$19,141.19			

**City of Belleville 2022
Employee Wages & Cost to City**

Employee Name	Wages	Total Benefits	Total Compensation
City Council			
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
A. Henry	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
S. Jones	\$1,000.00	\$76.50	\$1,076.50
City Manager			
T. McLean	\$57,045.13	\$16,946.75	\$73,991.88
D. Robinson	\$93,803.20	\$12,175.94	\$105,979.14
Clerk/Treasurer			
B. Hootman	\$52,302.40	\$11,981.63	\$64,284.03
Account Clerks			
M. Bellingham	\$30,543.61	\$6,474.82	\$37,018.43
A. Plummer	\$11,470.17	\$1,275.35	\$12,745.52
T. Hammons	\$37,655.47	\$15,888.20	\$53,543.67
Department of Public Services			
R. Rutherford	\$71,612.50	\$21,356.29	\$92,968.79
S. Adams	\$55,099.57	\$39,919.47	\$95,019.04
S. Demond	\$59,514.91	\$46,045.63	\$105,560.54
N. Demond	\$47,980.10	\$11,058.59	\$59,038.69
A. Smith	\$6,062.00	\$463.74	\$6,525.74
P. Gentz	\$4,056.00	\$310.28	\$4,366.28
J. Stack	\$3,892.00	\$297.74	\$4,189.74
G. Kropf	\$15,233.37	\$1,165.35	\$16,398.72
Police Officers			
C. Adam	\$62,398.16	\$24,631.25	\$87,029.41
K. Faull-Schlund	\$78,138.34	\$40,349.47	\$118,487.81
B. Devos	\$62,227.67	\$22,714.97	\$84,942.64
T. Schrecengost	\$74,772.32	\$54,039.98	\$128,812.30
M. VanDeweghe	\$67,966.50	\$27,819.58	\$95,786.08
T. Robinson	\$4,263.00	\$1,290.92	\$5,553.92
T. Stewart	\$2,373.00	\$718.59	\$3,091.59
J. Wickham	\$73,198.74	\$48,678.92	\$121,877.66
A. Rossignol	\$15,591.06	\$7,279.83	\$22,870.89
M. Papin	\$38,827.84	\$16,053.72	\$54,881.56
E. Pelker	\$34,781.21	\$10,162.26	\$44,943.47
S. Maher	\$65,042.42	\$36,324.26	\$101,366.68
Fire Department			
A. Reed	\$5,951.31	\$455.28	\$6,406.59
J. Reed	\$2,110.03	\$161.42	\$2,271.45
J. Beaumont	\$4,178.28	\$319.64	\$4,497.92
D. Deyoung	\$4,669.15	\$357.19	\$5,026.34
B. Loranger	\$13,692.42	\$1,047.47	\$14,739.89
R. Landskroener	\$5,598.53	\$428.29	\$6,026.82
R. Russow	\$1,418.13	\$108.49	\$1,526.62
G. Kissel	\$13,394.16	\$1,024.65	\$14,418.81
C. McClinton	\$970.67	\$74.26	\$1,044.93
K. Rix	\$112.43	\$8.60	\$121.03
E. Smith	\$7,197.09	\$550.58	\$7,747.67
S. Wyputa	\$3,417.67	\$261.45	\$3,679.12
A. Zehel	\$1,076.03	\$82.32	\$1,158.35
C. Zweng	\$6,558.79	\$501.75	\$7,060.54
C. Armatis	\$914.25	\$69.94	\$984.19
J. Hogg	\$2,148.03	\$164.32	\$2,312.35
T. Hugo	\$3,887.68	\$297.41	\$4,185.09
M. Vaughn	\$137.50	\$10.52	\$148.02
Senior Transportation Driver			
P. Howard	\$426.00	\$32.59	\$458.59
2022 TOTAL			\$1,691,009.29
2021 TOTAL			\$1,110,306.16
Difference +			\$580,703.13

2022 employee total wages & cost to city had approximately a 52.30% increase since 2021.

Sheena Barnes arraigned on Supervisor Bowman's complaint

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sheena Devina Green, 63, of Sumpter Township, better known by her maiden name of Sheena Barnes, is set for her pre-trial exam on March 9 at 34th District Court on a charge of malicious use of a telephone, a misdemeanor.

The charge is based on a complaint from Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman and a phone call he received on his home phone from Barnes on Aug. 19. After investigation by Sumpter Police, the charges were filed on Dec. 15.

She was arraigned in person by 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley on Jan. 12. Personal bond was set at \$1,000 and a motion hearing for Jan. 30. That date was later adjourned to March 9 for a pretrial exam, at a request of the defendant.

Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young is Sumpter's prosecutor and to avoid a conflict of interest the case was turned over

to Van Buren Township Prosecutor Angela Mannarino to prosecute.

Barnes, who served as trustee for the township board and unsuccessfully ran for township treasurer as a Democrat in November, has criticized township officials with letters in the *Independent*.

Supervisor Bowman reportedly told the *Eagle* online publication that he was "shocked by the vulgarity of the language [in the phone call], along with racial epithets, sexual references, and threats of physical violence."

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed proposals for Curbside Cart Collection Services for Residential Trash and Yard Waste and Curbside Cart Collection and Management Services for Residential Recyclables. Proposals must be sealed and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on February 27, 2023. Proposals will be opened publicly at 3:01 p.m. on February 27, 2023. Any questions concerning the RFP documents shall be submitted in writing by February 13, 2023 to the Township Clerks Office at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. A response will be issued by the Township to any question by February 20, 2023 and posted on the Township website.

Specifications may be obtained online at www.vanburen-mi.org or from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Normal business hours are Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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.

Please contact the Municipal Services Director Ron Akers at 734-699-8913 or by email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org with any questions regarding this notice.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 288 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Jan 22:

0122 – family trouble, McKinley St.
0227 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Timberview
0331 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Walden Dr.
0411 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0839 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0900 – welfare check, Fret Rd.
0943 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1003 – property damage accident, Winding Pond
1055 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1119 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1151 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1156 – animal complaint, Hamilton Ct.
1205 – larceny, Old Rawsonville
1246 – parking complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
1336 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1405 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
1435 – threat, Oak Ln.
1452 – juvenile complaint, America
1459 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1502 – retail fraud, Michigan Ave.
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
1833 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2030 – fireworks, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville
2032 – property damage accident, W. I-94/I-275
2124 – property damage accident, E. I-94/ Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.

2127 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.

Monday, Jan. 23:

0043 – overdose, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0110 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
0156 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0500 – assist other dept., W. I-94/N. Belleville I-94 ramp W.
0523 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
0623 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0629 – road hazard, Rawsonville/N. I-94 Service
0654 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd. / W. I-94 Belleville ramp
0719 – noise complaint, Greenbriar Ct.
0757 – property damage accident, Michigan/Dellor
0841 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0844 – larceny from auto, Richard Run Dr.
0848 – property check, Belleville Rd.
0907 – parking complaint, Van Born
1055 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1105 – assist citizen, Bemis Rd.
1124 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1202 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.

1301 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1317 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1334 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1356 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bemis Rd.

1421 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1538 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1649 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
1649 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse
1705 – fraud, Chatsworth Dr.
1723 – larceny from auto, Edwards Rd.
1734 – breaking & entering, N. Woodbury Dr.
1736 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1741 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1807 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1845 – assist citizen, Oak Ln.
2237 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2311 – assist other dept., Belle Villa

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

0104 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0215 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
0654 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr./Water's Edge Ln.
0730 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0750 – property check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0801 – unauthorized driving away of auto, rest area
1043 – shooting, Maple Dr.
1051 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.

1131 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1247 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1356 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1402 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1403 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1421 – larceny from auto, Marina Dr.
1434 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1439 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1448 – parking complaint, McBride Ave.
1451 – suspicious person/vehicle, Purple Sage Ct.
1600 – intrusion alarm, E. Walden Dr.
1623 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.

1630 – 911 welfare check, Victoria St.
1745 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1805 – assist fire dept., Christina Ln.
1817 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1919 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2023 – road hazard, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2043 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Ln.
2138 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
2149 – sexual assault, Martinsville Rd.
2237 – assault & battery, Fret Rd.
2253 – domestic, Paloma Dr.
2258 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Sadie Ln.
2339 – domestic, Fret Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

0012 – assist citizen, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0252 – road hazard, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0752 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1028 – trespassing, N. I94 Service Dr.
1121 – vehicle lockout, E. Schooner Dr.
1230 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1241 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1247 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1326 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.
1331 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
1344 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1346 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1349 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1408 – assist citizen, Lake Point Blvd.
1415 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
1437 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1508 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
1515 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1518 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1556 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1601 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1602 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1635 – private property/property damage accident, Sheldon Rd.

1635 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1700 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1713 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1733 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1754 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1810 – family trouble, Edwards Rd.
1914 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2004 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2028 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2142 – animal complaint, Capitol Dr.
2206 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
2256 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2356 – overdose, Oak Ln.

Thursday, Jan. 26:

0049 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0838 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren St.
0851 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0918 – civil matter, Harmony Ln.
1026 – parking complaint, Lakeview Ct.
1106 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1121 – 911 welfare check, Florence Ln.
1202 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
1212 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1308 – civil matter, Brookside Dr.
1408 – property damage accident, W Michigan Ave. / bypass

1440 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.

1617 – domestic, Marina Dr.
1724 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1747 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1831 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1909 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.
2000 – domestic, Daisy Blvd.

2019 – civil matter, Berkdale Dr.
2045 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2137 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2139 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Beck
2319 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
Friday, Jan. 27:
0007 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0009 – suicidal person, Arthur St.
0109 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0440 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0831 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0945 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.
1131 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
1156 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
1255 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr./Maurice Dr.
1334 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1348 – family trouble, country Walk Blvd.
1353 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Beck Rd.

1412 – juvenile complaint, Brookside Dr.
1455 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1504 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1536 – property damage accident, Deanna Dr.
1544 – misc. complaint, Fret Rd.
1607 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
1614 – threat, Oak Ln.
1618 – civil matter, Brookside Dr.
1830 – domestic, Denton rd.
1831 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Riggs Rd.
1922 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1934 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1957 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2103 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2316 – domestic, Victoria St.

Saturday, Jan. 28:

0005 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
0015 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
0042 – civil matter, Wildbrook Dr.
0104 – threat, Denton Rd.
0624 – overdose, Pond Bluff Dr.
0910 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1104 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1156 – assist fire dept., Village Green Ln.
1338 – trespassing, Capitol Dr.
1400 – larceny, McKinley St.
1516 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1552 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

1608 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1835 – property damage accident, Thornhill
2018 – intrusion alarm, Harbor Ln.
2114 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.
2220 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2223 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2228 – property damage accident, Pond Ridge Dr.
2252 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 288 traffic stops, two of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 22:

0024 – traffic stop, South St.
0142 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Wexford
1127 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1239 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1333 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1642 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1759 – 911 welfare check, Carmell

Monday, Jan. 23:

0128 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
0706 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1604 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.
1637 – traffic offense, Main St.
1732 – harassment call, E. Columbia Ave.
1916 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
2154 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
2254 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

0817 – property damage accident, South/Wabash
1411 – found property/child, Main St.
1839 – property damage accident, Main/Denton
2054 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
2115 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2352 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

2308 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.

Thursday, Jan. 26:

1124 – trespassing, Main St.
1209 – assist citizen, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1341 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1431 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1432 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1434 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1643 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1927 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.
2010 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2020 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
2211 – threat, Menlo Park Dr.

Friday, Jan. 27:

1337 – civil matter, Menlo park Dr.
1456 – traffic stop, Madelon/E. Columbia Ave.
1721 – traffic stop, Main St.
1743 – larceny, W. Waterbury Ct.
2030 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria Commons
2309 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

Saturday, Jan. 28:

1249 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/S. Liberty St.
1525 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1534 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
1555 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
1807 – welfare check, Main St.

There were 16 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 22:

0652 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0840 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0848 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Clark Rd.
1031 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1102 – mental health call, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1346 – shots fired, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1724 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2117 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2322 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

2326 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd

Monday, Jan. 23:

0410 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0722 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Capernall
0803 – missing person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0834 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Sumpter
1104 – 911 hang up, Nevada St.
1139 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1301 – misc. investigation, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1335 – ordinance violation, 8100 Rawsonville Rd.
1338 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1442 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd./Savage
1611 – property damage accident, 17000 bl.

Sumpter Rd.

1646 – disorderly person, Redwood St.
1818 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1845 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
1924 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
1949 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sumpter
2110 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sumpter

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

0040 – motorist assist, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
0135 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
0203 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
0721 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
0822 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz
0926 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1117 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
1307 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1332 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1428 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
1513 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
1532 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1947 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
2252 – property damage accident, Texas St.

Wednesday, Jan. 25:

0416 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1011 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1431 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd./Sumpter
1450 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
1455 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1556 – assist other agency, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
1615 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1746 – ORV complaint, Judd Rd./Clark Rd.
1834 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1847 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1911 – harassment, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2204 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2335 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2349 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 26:

0258 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0806 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
1140 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1219 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1231 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1336 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.
1842 – suspicious circumstance, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1928 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2035 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2351 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.

Friday, Jan. 27:

0207 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd/Rawsonville
0939 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
0953 – follow-up investigation, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1244 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
1451 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
1528 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1716 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1731 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1932 – subpoena service, out of township
2039 – traffic complaint/hazard, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2045 – weapons offense, Idaho St.

Saturday, Jan. 28:

0209 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0215 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis
0358 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0651 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0908 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell
0958 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
1110 – welfare check, Creekside Dr.

1302 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1518 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
1551 – misc. investigation, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1644 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1709 – animal complaint, New Mexico St.
1721 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1941 – suspicious circumstance, Third St.
2056 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2222 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville/Judd
2301 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2347 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log are 122 patrol check, 42 traffic stops, and 10 misc. details.

Public Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT – FAMILY DIVISION WASHTENAW COUNTY PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE

CASE # 23-136-NC

Washtenaw County Trial Court, 101 E.
Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 222-3270

In the matter of the name change
of Camdyn Grace Crowley
TO ALL PERSONS whose address
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matter may be barred or affected by the
following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on
March 7, 2023 at 9 a.m. via Zoom before
Judge Owdziej to change the name of
Camdyn Grace Crowley to Camdyn
Grace Kay Desgranges.

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Rep. Miller

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McNamara said if politicians lie and the people find out, “your career is over.”

He said Tate told Miller, “I give you my word there will be \$7 million in this budget.”

“I couldn’t have done this without Darrin Camilleri,” Miller said.

“Reggie just got \$7 million in commitments for this bridge,” Sen. Camilleri said. He said the new Democratic majority is working and, “When we ask for something, we get it.” He said they have yet to put the budget together, but they have the commitment.

“When you’ve got money, things happen,” Miller said, referring to the bridge getting rebuilt faster than previously planned.

Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said they still have to deal with state regulators, who delay projects.

McNamara agreed, saying they had been given an estimate of two years for engineering design and they need to get it down to six months.

Camilleri said EGLE (the state department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) delayed another project he had been working on with what he called a “fiasco.”

“I’m working as hard as I can,” Miller said. “Public safety is the real issue. That bothers me. That’s the top issue.”

McNamara asked her if she was going to get Van Buren Township money for the Iron Belle Trail as well and Miller replied, “I got that, too.” She said she had the \$1.8 million for the trail promised for a place in

the budget.

When asked by Camilleri if he got 151 petitions on the Denton Road Bridge, McNamara replied he got more than he ever got in his life.

Camilleri said the petitions scared Miller more than anything and Miller replied, “I’m not scared.”

Miller said she has been in office for three weeks and represents four counties in District 31.

“I’ll work as hard as I can for you,” she said.

Camilleri also discussed six senate bills that have been sponsored by Democrats. He is one of the co-sponsors of the repeal of the “Right to Work” law.

McNamara announced Van Buren Township would be holding a town hall on the Denton Road Bridge at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, and House Speaker Tate will be there.

Birthdays

Feb. 2 – Denise Bukis
Feb. 4 – Keith Johnston
Feb. 5 – John Losen, Jr.
Feb. 6 – Chad Klavinger
Feb. 17 – Dave Rehahn-Bonior
Feb. 18 – Slare Delgado
Feb. 21 – Ivy Wood
Feb. 27 – Hailey Wood

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

DENTON ROAD BRIDGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING – THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AT VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be holding a public informational meeting on **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information regarding the closure of the Denton Road Bridge and to hear questions and concerns that the public may have. Expected attendees include: Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Joe Tate, State Representative Reggie Miller, State Senator Darrin Camilleri, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, and other Wayne County and Township Officials.

Please contact Municipal Services Director Ron Akers at 734-699-8913 or by email at raakers@vanburen-mi.org with any questions regarding this informational meeting.

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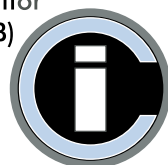
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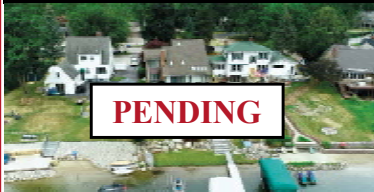
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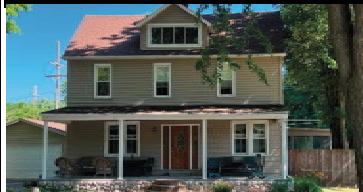
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