



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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## Boys & Girls Club to offer programs at VBT, BHS

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At Friday afternoon's special presentation at the Belleville High School Library those present were told of all the funds the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan has received in grants and the many things it will do in partnership with the Van Buren Public Schools and Van Buren Township.

The club said it now has a \$20 million budget.

Belleville High School Principal Nicole Crockett led the meeting in her school library and said when she was growing up in Detroit, Boys and Girls Club meant a safe place to go "where they have to feed us."

"They have evolved to supporting the whole child," she said.

State Senator Darrin Camilleri said he is chair of the education committee in the senate and a former teacher. He seeks the "whole development of our kids." He said after the corona virus there was a loss of connection.

He said he secured \$10 million for the Girls and Boys Club of Southeastern Michigan from the state budget.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township "threw in some ARPA dollars." He said the program has quality and sheer energy and will include sports and after-school programs.

Alicia Bell, chairperson of the Wayne County Commission, said she is on the board of the Boys and Girls Club and the county commission granted \$500,000 to the Boys and Girls Club.

Connor Sampson, a 2016 graduate of Belleville High School who was a quarterback in the NFL, is the athletic director for Boys and Girls Club. He said as a kid he used to sneak into BHS football games by walking through the woods

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Samantha Boykin displays the Imagery Award won by the Bellevillians along with other members of Team 6615.

## FIRST Robotics District tournament held at BHS

By Mark Laginess

"Three, two, one, crescendo!" This phrase was heard at the start of each match this past Friday and Saturday as Belleville High School welcomed 39 teams, including their own Bellevillians, as part of the 2024 First Robotics Competition (FRC).

The school has hosted five district robotics events since 2018, missing only the 2020 and 2021 seasons due to COVID restrictions. Teams came from as far away as Holly, Pontiac, Troy, Sterling Heights and New Haven to the north and from Adrian, Blissfield, Ottawa Lake, and Erie to the south to participate at BHS this year.

The Belleville event was one of six happening around the state of Michigan in Week 2 of the FRC season. Other locations included Escanaba, Flint, St. Joseph, Lake City, and Woodhaven. Three more weeks of district competition in Michigan are planned followed by the state competition at Saginaw Valley State University from April 4 to 6 and the world championships in Houston from April 17 to 20. In 2024, Michigan will host 27 FIRST Robotics events including the state finals, more than any other geographic region in the country or, for that matter, the world.

As with past Belleville events, the teams showed high energy and great enthusiasm. While the event is a competition, FIRST Robotics expects teams to interact with "Gracious Professionalism" and "Co-opertition," terms which reflect a spirit of cooperation and respect while competing.

Those characteristics were certainly on display throughout the matches between the three-team alliances, and many examples were also found in the pit area where teams prepare and repair their robots before and between matches, especially where the more experienced teams helped the rookie teams in attendance.

With 39 teams, 78 qualification matches were conducted to give each team the chance to play in 12 different matches. During a match, three teams form an alliance against three other teams, and the alliances change throughout the qualification round such that teams might find an alliance partner in one match to be an alliance opponent in the next. Teams scout other teams throughout the event to assess which ones are best at the various aspects of the game, an important factor in alliance selections for the playoff rounds.

At the end of the qualification matches, which were played on Friday and the first half of Saturday, the host Team 6615, the Bellevillians, found themselves with the highest overall ranking, meaning that they would get to choose first in the alliance selections for the playoff matches.

In the playoffs, alliances do not change, so selection of partners is important and depends heavily on the scouting reports done during qualification matches. The Bellevillians chose Team 1481, The Riveters from Farmington, as their first selection, and Team 94, The TechnoJays from Southfield, as their other alliance

partner. Ironically, the TechnoJays represent Southfield A&T, the school Belleville played for the state football championship in 2023.

The alliance of Teams 6615 / 1481 / 94 lost its first match in the double-elimination playoffs, meaning they needed to work their way through the losers bracket to compete for the finals. After winning their next two matches, they lost to the alliance of Teams 8373, 51, and 6538 from Blissfield, Pontiac, and Ypsilanti who emerged from the losers bracket and went on to defeat the alliance of Teams 3707, 8179, and 226 from Brighton, Dearborn, and Troy in a best two-of-three showdown, claiming the district title.

The Bellevillians performance was the best-ever in qualification matches since the team was formed in the 2016-17 school year, and it represented the first time that the team was an alliance captain. The Bellevillians also received the Imagery Award which recognized the team's on-field persona including tall black top hats and black suits. While not carrying their qualification round success into the playoffs in this event on their home turf, the Belleville team does have one district win in its history, that coming in the 2018 event at St. Joseph.

The Bellevillians are coached by BHS teachers Aaron Lang, Aaron Watkins, and Kaylee Haisma. The team will next compete at the district event at Ann Arbor Skyline High School on Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17.



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By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on March 5 unanimously gave final approval to amend two ordinances to put township ordinances in alignment with state ordinances on underage drinking and smoking and vaping.

This allows the cases to be handled by the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court instead of going up to circuit court and keeps the local young people in the community.

Clerk Leon Wright was absent and excused from the meeting.

The ordinances had first readings at the last township board meeting on Feb. 20. After approval, the ordinances are to be printed in full in the newspaper of record and become effective upon publication. [They both are printed in full in today's *Independent*.]

Police Chief Jason Wright said the state law had limited smoking to those 18 years of age and older and now it is 21, so the local ordinance is now in alliance with state law.

**Boys and Girls Club**

In other business having to do with youth, the board signed an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan to offer programs through March 4, 2026 at the new community center.

In the agreement, programs include Pistons Basketball Camp in July 2024, BGC Tigers Contact Football & Cheer in June 2024, Girls and Boys Flag Football for September 2024, 7 v 7, Esports, Sports Sampling (pickleball, lacrosse, tennis, etc.) in 2025, and Behavioral Health-Sports Psychology, Behavioral Health Workshops, Positive Coaches Training in 2024 and/or 2025.

Gregory A. McPherson, the club's vice president of foundations and institutional relations, was present and said that in 2020 the Boys and Girls Club closed its services locally.

He said they are back now with reimagined services and, "We're better than ever."

Supervisor Kevin McNally said they plan to have a Pistons Camp for a week and will bring the mascot and professionals to teach basketball to ages 6-17. There will be fields trips as well, along with the club upgrading the soccer field, he said.

McPherson talked about flag football, paid internships, and other programs.

"We're bringing in all the funding," he said. "We have coaches and referees."

He introduced Tom Deasfernandes, who will be the Van Buren Township program's athletic director and have an office in the township community center.

McPherson invited everyone to a 2 p.m. March 8 announcement by Boys and Girls Club at the Belleville High School library when they will tell of "a whole bunch of wonderful stuff" they will be doing in the community.

Trustee Kevin Martin said he is so excited to hear the club is coming back to Van Buren Township.

"That's the reason we built the community center," Trustee Martin said.

In other business at the 25-minute meeting on March 5, the board:

- Approved the purchase of a 2024 Cab/Chassis for \$59,015 to be paid from the Water and Sewer Department. Director Kevin Lawrence said this will replace the 2007 GMC 3500 truck. The township had purchased a stainless steel dump body in the past that didn't work and it will be put on the new cab. He said the truck will be worth \$100,000 with the stainless steel dump portion. Retrofitting was estimated at from \$5,000 to \$10,000;

- Approve a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$48,648.76 to be paid with an adjustment of the fund balance to the Police Capital Outlay line item. Director Larry Luckett said this is a 2023 F150 pickup for the police department that replaces the 2006 pickup that is not running. He said Atchinson Ford was able to find this one in Cincinnati. He said some of the things it will be used for is special events, such as fireworks and fairs, air show, evidence collection, major floods, and taking barricades around. Supervisor McNamara said of the truck being replaced, "It's the worst truck we have"; and

- Was advised of a letter from Plante Moran asking for input as it begins work on the annual financial audit. Also, Supervisor McNamara said Livonia Mayor Maureen Brosnan recently toured the township's senior center, to get ideas for work Livonia is planning.

## Van Buren Twp. project included in Dingell's \$12,833,163 package

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-06, announced on March 6 that the partial FY2024 government appropriations package passed by the House includes \$12,833,163 for community projects in Michigan's 6<sup>th</sup> District, including one in Van Buren Township.

It includes \$500,000 for reconstruction and improvements to Belleville Road in Van Buren Township.

This is a \$6 million project is the Belleville Road Corridor Project, between Tyler and Ecorse roads.

According to VBT's request, "The funding would allow for the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority to reconstruct a portion of Belleville Road, add sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, and improved intersection alignment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve traffic flow, improve pedestrian safety, and increase the infrastructure needed for the growing economic sector of Van Buren Township."

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said this amount goes into a growing pot of money for this project.

"Congresswoman Dingell has been very good to Van Buren and I just wanted to make sure this news got out," he said.

Dingell said the money will go directly to the 14 projects that improve local water treatment facilities and infrastructure, repair and upgrade roadways and sidewalks, develop and improve public spaces and more.

Sumpter Township

Unofficial Voting Results - February 2024 Presidential Primary

Precincts Reported: 4 of 4 (100.00%)

Voters Cast: 1,767 of 9,169 (19.27%)

President of the United States DEM (Vote for 1) DEM

Precincts Reported: 4 of 4 (100.00%)

		Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Times Cast		33	154	453	640 / 0 N/A	

Candidate	Party	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	DEM	27	116	388		83.36%
Dean Phillips	DEM	2	7	17	26	4.08%
Marianne Williamson	DEM	1	2	8	11	1.73%
Uncommitted	DEM	3	29	36	68	10.68%
Write-in		0	0	1	1	0.16%
Total Votes		33	154	450		

President of the United States REP (Vote for 1) REP

Precincts Reported: 4 of 4 (100.00%)

		Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Times Cast		101	614	386	1,101 / 0 N/A	

Candidate	Party	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Ryan L. Binkley	REP	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Chris Christie	REP	0	0	1	1	0.09%
Ron DeSantis	REP	0	3	0	3	0.27%
Nikki Haley	REP	10	63	75		13.48%
Asa Hutchinson	REP	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Vivek Ramaswamy	REP	0	3	2	5	0.46%
Donald J. Trump	REP	90	537	289		83.42%
Uncommitted	REP	1	7	14	22	2.00%
Write-in		0	1	2	3	0.27%
Total Votes		101	614	383		

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Precincts Reported: 2 of 2 (100.00%)

		Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Times Cast		85	442	543	1,070 / 4,674 22.89%	

Candidate	Party	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Yes		35	164	275	474	46.52%
No		45	258	242	545	53.48%
Total Votes		80	422	517	1,019	



# OPINIONS

## Guest Editorial

## Michigan remains cloudy during Sunshine Week

By John T. Elchert, President  
Michigan Press Association

For the past ten years, The Michigan Press Association has given the Rep. Peter Petallia Memorial Sunshine Award to public servants that strive to promote and protect transparency in government. The award is named after former State Representative Peter Pettalia of Presque Isle who embodied all good things in governing especially support of the citizens in his community and an understanding of the importance of keeping them informed through a transparent government.

This year, we are sad to report that there are no Sunshine Awards being given. Michigan continues to linger in the basement statistically on matters of openness when compared to other states. Despite this fact truly little has been done to shine the sun on government activity in our state.

Government transparency is essential to maintaining the public's trust and ensuring accountability. Transparency allows citizens to understand how their government operates, how their tax dollars are being spent, and how decisions are made on their behalf.

From township-level government to big cities and counties all the way up to the state Capitol transparency is treated as a burden and a thing to be avoided by government officials. Exceedingly prohibitive costs, lengthy delays and complete exemptions foster this attitude.

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## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Under Michigan law, public notices carried by newspapers are to be loaded onto the Michigan Public Notice website so people can have access to them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This includes notices about municipal meetings and hearings, advertisements for bids, financial reports, adoption of ordinances, property tax defaults, property foreclosures, estate and guardianships, and other activities legally requiring notice in the State of Michigan.

The *Independent* has been following this law since it was enacted last year and you can find the city of Belleville and Van Buren Township notices by clicking onto *mipublicnotices.com*.

The law specifically requires a qualified newspaper must print public notices and retain the newspaper archive, place the notice online within 72 hours of receipt from originator, and upload all notices to its website and the statewide website, [mipublicnotices.com](http://mipublicnotices.com).

Every year, some legislators try to pass legislation in Michigan to allow public notices to be published online on governmental websites only, to save the municipalities printing charges. The law still requires them to be in print. So far, the legislation hasn't been passed.

That makes me nervous since some of the governmental websites are not kept up to date and some even crash and burn. They can be hacked and changed, as well.

We believe it's important for public notices to be printed in paper newspapers. This provides a permanence of legal record of actions government officials at every level are taking and this can't be changed by hacking. The "archivability" means



newspapers and libraries across the state retain copies of these records in perpetuity. Also, newspapers provide an independent source that serves as a watchdog of governmental activities.

Giving the public notice of what's going on in their governing bodies allows the public to be an active participant in a democratic society.

Welcome to Sunshine Week.

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My son Jim and I were delivering *Independents* at Augusta Woods last Thursday. He said he wouldn't think it was spring until he saw the ducks. He referred to the mallards who nest all over this area in the spring.

Then, he looked up and saw a male mallard next to one of the manufactured homes, in the garden area. Then the duck walked over to the steps to the house and walked up them. It was amazing. It was like he was going to ring the doorbell and say, "I'm back! Bring out the bread crumbs."

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We've been informed that Sheetz with a 24-hour convenience store, restaurant, and gas station, will break ground at 1:30 p.m. today, March 14, at 33380 Wick Rd. in Romulus. This will be the first Sheetz store in the Detroit area and the family owned and operated business plans to have 50 to 60 in the Detroit area within the next five years. The company already operates more than 710 stores in other mid-Atlantic states.

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**...By Rosemary K. Otzman**

over 30 years, Sheetz supports their mission through food donations, volunteer events, financial support and more. Through their Made-to-Share program, Sheetz also works to provide hunger relief through weekly food donations to local food banks, financial assistance and more.

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A reader came in with pictures he took March 5 of Mott Road between Denton and Dellor in the far northwestern side of Van Buren Township that showed piles of junk along the roadside for about an eighth of

a mile. He said he told a man he ran into at a coffee shop about it and the man went out and picked up a washing machine and other things to recycle.

Our reader said he alerted the township and was told they don't have the manpower to pick up the trash. He said he has pictures of township trucks with logos on the side parked in a nearby parking lot with the drivers resting. He said he's also seen police cars parked there at length. He said he doesn't buy the "no manpower" excuse.

He said he took the pictures over to the supervisor's office and left them. Hope things get cleaned up. He does sound persistent. Didn't leave his name. He said he knew there would be repercussions, if he did.

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**Editorial**  
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Government transparency is not just a matter of ethics, but also of efficiency and effectiveness. When government officials operate in secrecy, it becomes more difficult for citizens to participate in the decision-making process and provide valuable input. Transparency allows for greater collaboration between government and the public, leading to better policies and outcomes for all.

To improve government transparency in Michigan, several steps can be taken. Primarily, the state's FOIA laws must be revised to lower costs and speed up response and production of FOIA requests. We must also press lawmakers to remove the exemptions in the law for the legislature and the Governor.

Government transparency is a fundamental component of a functioning democracy. In Michigan, it is crucial that legislators move to increase transparency and ensure that government officials are held accountable to the people they serve. By improving transparency, we can strengthen democracy, build trust in government, and create a more just and equitable society for all.

The Michigan Press Association urges you to contact your state legislators and let them know you want FOIA to be considered an essential service...not a burden.

*John T. Elchert is president of the Michigan Press Association and publisher of the Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, MI. Michigan Sunshine Week is March 10-16 with the theme "Open government is good government."*

**Letters**

**Look up information on the April 8 eclipse**

To the editor:

I want to urge everyone to look up information about the April 8 eclipse of the sun and share it with children and grandchildren. If possible, consider traveling to an area of totality. If the sky is clear, you will have a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

I hold great memories of viewing the total eclipse of 2012 in Australia. To see the corona suddenly pop out around the black shadow of the moon is too awesome

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Dee Crowe  
 Van Buren Township

**Don't put restrictions on whole town for 1 rooster**

To the editor:

I am writing to voice my opinion about an animal/pet ordinance that will be discussed at the Belleville City Council meeting on March 18. My understanding is that this all came about because of a complaint that was made about a rooster on Henry Street.

It is discouraging to hear about this because if it is implemented we will have new regulations and restrictions imposed on all of us. As a small community, I believe that we have been reasonable and mindful of our neighbors, enjoyed our pets, and enjoyed living our lives as we have wanted, without the restrictions of living in an HOA community. If this ordinance is passed, we will no longer be able to do this.

I believe that the ordinance being proposed is too extreme and frankly unnecessary in our small community. For example, in the new ordinance people will no longer be able to have a pet rabbit because they are listed as "farm animals." Rabbits are wonderful pets and a great 4-H project for any youth who wants to participate in the 4-H fair (which happens to be located right in our community) and engage in an educational extra-curricular over the summer. Similarly, ducks will no longer be allowed and hens will be limited to three. We have had two ducks and two hens for years without bothering any of our neighbors. These are also great projects for youth and a way to have fresh eggs every morning. Most people in Belleville have enough land for multiple hens, at least a minimum of four.

In addition to this, cats and dogs are limited to a total of three. As a lifelong pet owner, we always have had at least two of each. They benefit having a same-species companion as well as their human bonds. There are nearly 1,000 cats within 25 miles of Belleville that need homes. If someone wants to adopt an extra cat, and help reduce the number that need a home, and keep them inside, why is that no longer allowed?

I would encourage you to think deeply about what is being banned. It is not only the animals, but it is preventing community members from fostering a human-animal bond that has been proven to be beneficial to the mental, physical, and social health of people.

We don't need to do what other communities do and follow suit with their ordinances. We should do what's best for our community. If there is a problem with a rooster, then write an ordinance to ban roosters. It's very reasonable not to allow a rooster, cow, sheep, pig, or goat in the city. But as far as chicken, ducks, rabbits,

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## More Letters

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dogs and cats are concerned – I’m opposed to any restrictions. If the Henry Street rooster is creating a problem, then please deal with that person. I do not think it is reasonable to impose restrictions on the whole community who have not caused any problems.

Pauline Iwao  
Belleville

## Used book donations sought for May 4-5 sale

To the editor:

Spring cleaning time is here. The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library would appreciate used book donations for their coming book sale on May 4 and 5.

Adult, teen and children’s fiction in hardcover and paperback are currently in short supply. Romance and fantasy/ sci-fi novels are needed the most. Also wanted are DVD’s, Blu-ray discs and audio books. All donations should be in good condition. Not accepted are encyclopedias, VHS video tapes or Reader’s Digest condensed books.

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


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## Obituaries



Scott Patrick Marshall

### SCOTT PATRICK MARSHALL

(January 27, 1976 – March 3, 2024)

Scott Patrick Marshall, age 48, died from complications from Multiple Sclerosis on March 3, 2024. He was born on January 27, 1976 and was a lifelong resident of Belleville and a 1995 graduate of Belleville High School. "Scottie" grew up apprenticing at Pat's Collision, working in his father's garage fixing cars with his dad and friends. Scott and his dad loved to attend car shows together and race their 1970s Chevy Gold Nova. You could find them both playing Euchre in the garage every Wednesday night. Scottie grew up in a very close-knit family with annual trips to Hilton Head Island and Devil's Lake. He told his sister, "I had the best childhood anyone could ask for; I was so lucky." Despite being 6'5", he was known to his family as "Little Scottie." He was preceded in death by his father Patrick Marshall, his beloved mother Deborah (Traskos) Stambaugh, his brother-in-law Joseph Conlin and his grandparents Henry and Ervina "Beanie" Traskos, as well as his close friend Misty Fabrizio and his companion of many years, his dog Boston.

Scottie is survived by his sister Amy Conlin (Colin Wood); stepfather William Stambaugh (Rowena Zimmerman); grandmother Pearlene Stambaugh; nieces Connor Conlin, Ellie Wood, Kathryn Kuehn, Leah Maroney, Bailey Etherton, Megan, Kelsey, Ray Lynn and Madison Maroney; nephews Henry Wood, Edward Kuehn, Kenneth Scott LaPorte, William Maroney and Tyler Etherton. He is also survived by his aunts and uncles Gloria "Aunt Babs" and Robert Coppock, Larry and Faye Traskos and Ronald Traskos; as well as his cousins Greg, Dina, Tracy and Wendy Traskos, Megan and Kyle Coppock and Eric Schrader.

Scott was a lovable person with a great sense of humor. He was a big kid at heart and generous, often trying to help others. He loved poker nights with his friends and seemed to know someone anywhere he went. Scottie's "chosen family" of Wendy Kuehn, Kenneth LaPorte, Jason and Stacie Etherton, Willie and Colleen Maroney, Van Buren Maroney, Mark and Penny Young and Adam Young, Donna and Earl Young, Rodney and Amanda Akers and Jayme West were with Scott in good times and were there for him as his health deteriorated.

Scott's final wishes were to be cremated and placed with his mother. No funeral or celebration of life will be held per Scott's wishes.

### FERNE MAY STRAUSS

(September 6, 1960 – March 3, 2024)

Age 63, of Belleville. Survived by husband Michael; children James Cribbett and Tyler Heitzman; siblings Daniel Cribbett and Jolie King; grandchildren Conlan and Maverick. Service was March 11 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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

• **Thursday, March 14** – Classic Movie Night Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. 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.

• **Friday, March 15** -- St. Aloysius Lenten Fish Fry Cod Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m. Curbside pickup (313) 439-0864. Credit and debit cards accepted. Baked or fried, \$14; kids meals, \$8; pizza, \$6. Church is at 37200 Neville St., Romulus.

• **Friday, March 15** -- Fish Fry at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, with karaoke at 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

• **Saturday, March 16** – Wayne County Fair Association presents Corned Beef Dinner at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. \$15 per dinner, \$8 kids eight and under. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the Wayne County Fairgrounds, a non-profit organization.

• **Sunday, March 17** – Saint Patrick's Day dinner at 3 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Cost: \$17. Menu: Corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, onions, carrots, rutabagas, dessert. Also, 50/50s, Chinese auctions. Public welcome.

• **Thursday, March 21** – Vietnam War Commemoration, 5-7 p.m., Belleville High School Auditorium, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. All veterans invited to attend.

• **Friday, March 22** – Taco Margarita Night from 5 to 7 p.m. (or until they run out) at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Proceeds support the Building Fund.

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## More Letters

### Faith-based movie available to watch free

To the editor:

The feature-length, faith-based movie produced by Alan and Shaun Maki of Sun and Paw Films, LLC, premiered at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts on Sept. 9 with a double showing for an audience of 400 people.

On Jan. 9, the film began streaming on Prime Video for purchase or rent. Now, beginning March 1, Prime Video was joined by the streaming platforms of YouTube, Encourage TV, Tubi TV, and The Roku Channel, where viewers can watch the movie for free. Outside of the United States, international viewers can see the movie on Hoopla.

Since the Sept. 9 premiere at the TCA, many awards have been given to "Fly Old Bird: Escape to the Ark," including Best Feature Film at the Emerald Coast Film Festival in Florida, Best Actor at the Great Lakes Christian Film Festival in Buffalo, NY, and Best Director Gold Award, Best Drama Silver Award and Best Cinematography at the Salty Earth Film Festival in Wisconsin, among several others.

People can see the trailers and keep track of the movie at [www.flyoldbird.com](http://www.flyoldbird.com) and also view the film at any of the above-named streaming sites.

Much of the 2-1/2-hour movie was filmed in Tecumseh, MI, with additional scenes shot in Adrian, Onsted, Tipton, and area backroad locations.

A couple of scenes were shot in Ohio and a few critical scenes were filmed at the Ark Encounter theme park in Williamstown, KY.

The Belleville High School graduates who had acting roles in the film include Alan Maki (class of 1968), Dennis McComas (class of 1973), Sharon Henry (class of 1974), and Alison Taylor (class of 1999).

The screenplay was written by Maki, who was inducted into the Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate Hall of Fame in 2000, and the movie was directed by Shaun Maki who also acted and served as cinematographer and editor.

Worldwide distribution is being handled by Twin Engines Global/Bridgestone Multimedia Group.

Alan Maki  
Sun and Paw Films, LLC  
[alanmaki2001@yahoo.com](mailto:alanmaki2001@yahoo.com)

### St. Jude's Novena answered my prayer

To the editor:

If you say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised when you receive what you've been asking for.

St. Jude's Novena

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Now promise him that you will make his name known and cause him to be interceded by putting his prayer in print. It can be on the internet, newspaper, post card in the store, etc.

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J.I., Van Buren Township

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# VBPS to add new classes in Cosmetology program at Belleville High School

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

A new Belleville Cosmetology School is expected to be added to the Belleville High School class schedule for the 2024-25 school year.

The program was discussed at length at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and is expected to be voted upon at the next board meeting on April 8. There is no meeting on March 25 because of the district's spring break.

The cosmetology program will include setting up a salon certified by the state and offering services by the students to the community at set prices. Classes will be offered in cosmetology, manicuring, natural hair, and esthetics (skin care and spa treatments).

At Monday's meeting, Director of Instruction Jeff Moore told the board that the cost to convert a science classroom into a salon is estimated at from \$85,023.01 to \$154,086.91, depending on whether they get low-cost or high-cost furniture. A science classroom will be used because it already has water service and it will be near an outside doorway so the public can have access.

By the third year of the school he said they expect to bring in from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for services to make it self-sustaining.

He said Cosmetology is a state-certified program that covers two to three years of comprehensive and involved instruction. The Michigan State Board of Cosmetology approves the curriculum.

Moore said, among the many services, they expect to charge \$15-25 for a cut and

style, \$30 to \$35 for basic color, \$10 for a basic facial and \$15 for a mask, \$15 to \$20 for makeup and \$10 for strip eyelashes. It would be \$10-\$12 for waxing per area and \$10 for a basic manicure.

BHS principal Nicole Crockett said people have been asking for a cosmetology program for several years. She said they plan to have 40 to 60 students to begin.

"It's similar to ROTC," she said. "When they put on their uniforms, they walk different, stand taller," Crockett said.

Moore said when they are certified by the state they can graduate from high school and walk into a job in any salon next day. He said those with certification are in high demand.

Crockett said she just received word that CTE has included cosmetology in the top classes and Moore said that means the district can get money for the class starting next year.

In other business at the March 11 meeting, the board:

- Approved a Belleville High School Cross Country Summer Field Trip on July 15-18 to Van Buren State Park in South Haven. This is for from 15 to 25 students in grades 9-12 and they will get to the camp

by car. It is self-financed at a cost of \$100-\$125 per student;

- Approved the retirements of Stacy Buhro from McBride after 34 years of teaching as of June 7 and Suzanne Kacpala from Owen after 24 years of teaching as of Dec. 31;

- Approved the resignation of paraprofessional Carol Maclean after 29 years of service as of March 4 and the hiring of Anita Fahey as a custodian in Building and Grounds department as of Feb. 28;

- Heard Special Education Director Julien Frazier say the district will be partnering with Growth Works, joining 27 to 28 other communities in Wayne County. He said his department has created a sensory room to aid special needs students. He said more will be done to the room over spring break and RESA is fully funding the project; and

- Heard board members and administrators praise the work of parents and mentors that went into last weekend's robotics tournament at BHS for 39 schools. Parent Angela Mears said the BHS Robotics team will compete again at Ann Arbor Skyline High School this weekend and probably go to the state finals in April.

## Parent: 'I think parents should know about what goes on at school'

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

A fight in the hallway at Belleville High School that injured a teacher on March 1 brought a comment from parent Angela Mears at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Mears said she found out that her son pulled a person back from that fight in which a teacher was assaulted.

"I was not contacted about it ... and I think parents should know about what goes on at school," she said during the audience-participation part of the meeting.

There was no response from the board or the superintendent.

A student witness to the fight relayed to the *Independent* that a white female student called a black female student the "N" word and the black student attacked the white student. The female teacher tried to break up the fight and the black student's sister got on the teacher's back to keep her

from restraining her sister.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak told the *Independent* the teacher hit her head on the floor when she fell while trying to restrain the fighters, but she was not seriously injured or transported to the hospital.

He said reports that the teacher was taken to the hospital in an ambulance is incorrect. He said an ambulance was called to BHS later that day but it was for something else.

Belleville Police Chief Kris Faull told the *Independent* there was no police report on the assault and she knew nothing about it. Chief Faull also is school resource officer at BHS.

### Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, March 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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# Jacob Losen to sing as part of Legacy Five quartet on March 22

Jacob Losen, who serves as minister of music at Bethany Bible Church in Belleville, is a part of the the Legacy Five quartet and will be performing at the March 22 concert at his church.

The Cathedrals, perhaps the best-known Southern Gospel singers, began as a trio in 1963. They became a quartet of vocalists and soon included their pianist and it became a five-person group. They were considered a quartet because of their four-part harmony. They continued to travel the country giving concerts until 1999, when age and poor health meant the end of The Cathedrals.

This resulted in a new group being organized by vocalist Scott Fowler and pianist Roger Bennett, two members who had been in The Cathedrals for several years. Thus was the birth of Legacy Five, now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

After all this time, as of last May they finally have a Michigan vocalist and he's from Belleville.

Baritone vocalist Jacob Losen, 33, has a bit of history with the leader of the group, Scott Fowler. Jacob's parents, Kevin and Cherie Losen of Van Buren Township, began taking him and his sisters to concerts around Michigan when Jake was about four years old, during the time of The Cathedrals.

After attending preschool or Kindergarten at Bethany Day Care, he would often come home and pop in a CD of The Cathedrals to listen to and sing with them. The songs were lively and he learned to appreciate harmony.

Jacob and his family lived in the same home, within the Van Buren Public Schools district, throughout his educational years, joining the marching band and playing trumpet. He was a nationally awarded trumpet player at Belleville High School.

He went on to Wayne State University

and graduated with his degree in Music Business.

When Jacob was a third-grade student at Haggerty Elementary School, his teacher asked the students to come to school on a particular day dressed as "a famous person" that they admired. Jacob's choice was Scott Fowler who had often played a blue bass guitar with The Cathedrals. Someone helped Jacob make that guitar out of cardboard and colored it blue and he carried it to school that day.

"Legacy Five has been my dream job pretty much since they became a group," Jacob said.

"When I started going with my family to see The Cathedrals as a kid, Scott quickly became my favorite. Every time I would go to a concert, he would take time to come out from behind the table and talk – just me and him."

He said over the years, Scott took him under his wing and really invested in him personally.

"I've had the privilege of becoming friends with the rest of the guys in the group as well over the years and I don't believe there's a better bunch in the world to travel with," he said. "The fact that the music, the message, and the quality are extraordinary with Legacy Five is just an added bonus."

Jacob and his wife Elizabeth (Hoppe) live in Romulus and have three children, ages four and under. His grandparents are Vesta Losen and the late John Losen and Ron and Mary Kobish. Jacob works full time for the Ford Motor Company.

The Legacy Five concert is set for 7 p.m., March 22, at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.itickets.com/events/476793> For information, call (734) 697-7456.

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Belleville High School students who were among the 2,500 students who attended the recent statewide student council conference in Grand Rapids were honored by the school board at Monday's meeting. Ivana Goff, at right, was named to the board of delegates of the conference and, in back from left, Karla Rivera and Kennedy Robinson were part of the Michigan Leader Showcase and presented the real voting for student council officers the student council sponsors with voting machines supplied by Van Buren Township. They said other schools indicated they wished to replicate what BHS does for voting.

Ellie Kerrigan of Belleville High School was given the statewide "2024 Yes I Can Self-Advocacy Award" by the Michigan Council of Exceptional Children and addressed the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday's meeting. Special Education teacher Connie Testorelli said Ellie is strong-willed and determined and has been throughout her school years, not letting her wheelchair keep her from participating fully in whatever she set out to do. She has a driver's license and drives to her job as a receptionist at a hair salon. She is a member of the BHS Marching Band and will be going to the University of Arizona. "Where there's a will, there's a way. You can make things happen," she told the board.

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On Friday, the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan held a press conference at the Belleville High School library. Among those taking part were, from left, Sean Wilson, president and CEO of Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan; BHS Principal Nicole Crockett; Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, State Senator Darrin Camilleri, and Wayne County Commission chairperson Alicia Bell.

## Boys & Girls

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with his friends from his home in Harbour Pointe subdivision.

Sean Wilson, president and CEO of Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, said he took over the position in 2018. He said the club was on a downward spiral and membership was going down. He said they

needed to reimagine the organization.

He said they went from 11 sites and now are in four with Van Buren Township/Belleville being the fifth site.

Wilson said there now are 7,000 regular members and an operating budget of \$20 million.

He thanked John Juriga of Belleville, who brought the Boys and Girls Club to Belleville in 2008 where it operated until the corona virus in 2020 when it closed. The crowd applauded Juriga's work.

BHS football quarterback Bryce Underwood said via video that he trains three to four times a week in the Boys and Girls Club facility in the 3C Sports program in Detroit.

He said at the moment he was at Louisiana State University, where he has signed to play football, and couldn't be present. Principal Crockett said he would not be marked absent from his BHS classes.

Underwood earned a \$1,000 award for being named Gatorade 2024 Quarterback of the Year and he donated that to BHS and the club gave another \$3,000 so they have a total of \$4,000 for the first-ever Underwood Quarterback Camp in Belleville this year.

After all the speeches were done, the undefeated 12 and under club's sports team was brought forward for a picture. The team practices at McBride Middle School and plays its games at the club's Tireman Avenue location in Detroit.

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# Editorial page cartoonist Kathryn Wood of VBT introduces herself

Kathryn Wood of Van Buren Township became the new editorial page cartoonist for the *Independent* shortly after the death of former cartoonist Bob Mytych on Aug. 19.



Wood

Kathryn said she inherited an interest in the newspaper business dating back to the 1930s. Her father could write and draw from the time he could hold a pencil. She said he was a very talented man. "I remember in the early 1960s going to downtown Detroit with him on a Sunday to a big, old building. No one else was around. I couldn't tell you now where it was or what publication, but there was this big open room with a huge machine that ran off copies of newspapers.

"To my recollection, and I was very young, he was there checking on something. He has many writing positions, mostly in Detroit and Dearborn, as well as in World War II. I treasure some drawings he did while stationed in New Guinea. His political cartoons were as good as in any New York paper."

Kathryn's mother was the switchboard operator at the old *Wayne Eagle* office in the 1940s. Her stepdad co-owned the *Belleville Enterprise* back in the day.

She said her brother got the journalist gene and was involved with the John Glenn High School newspaper and yearbook and later as a teacher, writing and contributing articles for the Wayne/Westland School District newsletters and papers.

"I leaned more towards music and art," Kathryn said. She said she started band in sixth grade and continued through high school. She also played in the orchestra at Western Michigan University. But, art was her favorite subject.

High school offered art classes and she took as many as time allowed.

"I was *always* going to be an art teacher," she said, but one year into the art program at WMU, she learned Michigan was cutting back on gymnastics, music, and art

teachers.

"With blinders on and no one to really guide me and say, 'Hey, Stupid... get your degree anyway and you can do anything in the arts!' I abandoned the college scene and life went on."

Kathryn said in later years she became a certified activity director working in nursing homes and assisted livings in Ann Arbor – and they all had memory care.

"I could write so many wonderful stories about residents I've had the pleasure to assist," she said.

"Providing art and music of all kinds was not only an enlightening experience for me but it keeps people in that setting engaged and socializing."

She also was a longtime member of the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter and a Family Support group facilitator.

She currently serves as recording secretary for the Belleville Council for the Arts and is active in the group's activities.

Kathryn said she has never let go of what she loves, which is mostly painting in oils and watercolors.

"I like to enter shows and have sold a few pieces over the years, but it's really for my own amusement," she said.

"I am very grateful for this opportunity to contribute in the *Independent*."



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### CITY OF BELLEVILLE ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP NOTICE

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring clean-up of Hillside Cemetery.

**2024 Cemetery Spring clean-up will begin  
on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and end Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Items placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items, and other similar objects will be discarded if not removed by Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

New items may be displayed beginning Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The City of Belleville maintains Hillside Cemetery,  
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For additional information contact

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## Musings

By Janet Millard  
Independent  
Advertising Director



Did someone say Southern Gospel music? The community is certainly in for a treat when Legacy 5 performs live at Bethany Bible Church on Friday, March 22. For years, Bethany has brought the group to perform, and many look forward to attending every time. Tickets are available by going on Bethany's website: [bethanybiblechurch.com](http://bethanybiblechurch.com), calling (734) 697-7456 or, if you must, get them at the door. You can thank me later!

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Generally, by now I see notices that some of our area churches are having the bunny for egg hunts, but I must be missing them. The Belleville Central Business Community has invited Flop E Bunny back to the community on Saturday, March 30, to Victory Park. They will start taking pictures a half hour early at 11:30 a.m. for special needs, both children and adults, similar to what they do during Photos with Santa in December.

The pictures with Flop E will continue for everyone from noon to 2 p.m. The candy hunt begins at 12:15 p.m. by age groups so watch for the ad in the March 28 issue. There will also be food, bouncy house, Girl Scout Cookies, used book sale, Boy Scout meat sticks and, of course, the fire truck.

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The CBC is also hosting the first-ever Memorial Day Parade on May 27 at 10 a.m. prior to the Annual Ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street. Entry forms are available on their website: [www.bellevillecentralbusinesscommunity.com](http://www.bellevillecentralbusinesscommunity.com) or email [jfayemillard@att.net](mailto:jfayemillard@att.net).

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- MARCH 5, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Public Services Lockett, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Police Chief Wright, Facilities Coordinator Harvey and an audience of five.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the

items appearing on the agenda.

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

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024, Prepaid List of February 22, 2024, Prepaid List of February 29, 2024, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Worker Payroll and Voucher List of March 5, 2024. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** Plante Moran announced the start of the FY2023 financial audit and Livonia mayor Brosnan visited Van Buren Township to tour the progress of the Community Center to gain ideas for Livonia's upcoming Senior Center renovation project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the purchase of a 2024 F-550 Cab/Chassis in the amount of \$59,015 to be paid from Water and Sewer 592-536-971-000/592-537-971-000 Capital Outlay Vehicle and Equipment. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$48,648.76 to be paid from an adjustment of the fund balance to Police Capital Outlay Line Item 101-301-971. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-20-24(1) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Article I (In General) of Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Liquors) to amend Sec. 6-7. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Boynton, Martin, Kelley, Frazier, Budd and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2-20-24(2) to

discuss an approval of the amendment of Article VIII (Offenses Concerning Underage Persons) of Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) to amend Sec. 58-361 to 58-363. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Boynton, Martin, Kelley, Frazier, Budd and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the agreement between Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan and Van Buren Township and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved; Kelley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Published: March 14, 2024



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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan

### Ordinance No.: 2-20-24(1)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 5th day of March, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees Kelley, Frazier, Boynton, Martin, Treasurer Budd and Supervisor McNamara

ABSENT: Clerk Wright

It was moved by Treasurer Budd and supported by Trustee Martin the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 6-7 of Article I (In General) of Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Liquors) to read as follows:

**The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Section 6-7 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:**

Sec. 6-7. Purchasing, consumption, and possession by persons under 21.

(a) *Fines and penalties.* A person less than 21 years of age shall not purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor, consume or attempt to consume alcoholic liquor, possess or attempt to possess alcoholic liquor, or have any bodily alcohol content, except as provided in this section. A person less than 21 years of age who violates this subsection is responsible for a civil infraction or guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by the following fines and sanctions:

1. For the first violation, a person less than 21 years of age is responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00. A court may order a person less than 21 years of age under this subdivision to participate in substance abuse prevention services or substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services as defined in section 6107 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6107, and designated by the administrator of the office of substance abuse services, and may order that minor to perform community service and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (e). A person less than 21 years of age may be found responsible or admit responsibility only once under this subsection.
2. If a violation of this subsection occurs after one prior judgement, a person less than 21 years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days but only if the court finds that the person less than 21 years of age violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening, or community service ordered by the court, or failed to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, by a fine of not more than \$200.00, or both. A court may order a person less than 21 years of age under this subdivision to participate in substance abuse prevention services or substance

abuse treatment and rehabilitation services as defined in section 6107 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6107, and designated by the administrator of the office of substance abuse services, to perform community service, and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (e).

3. If a violation of this subsection occurs after two or more prior judgments, a person less than 21 years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 60 days but only if the court finds that the person less than 21 years of age violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening, or community service ordered by the court, or failed to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both. A court may order a person less than 21 years of age under this subdivision to participate in substance abuse prevention services or substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services as defined in section 6107 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6107, and designated by the administrator of the office of substance abuse services, to perform community service, and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (e).
- (b) *Discharge of individual and dismissal of proceedings.* If an individual who pleads guilty to a misdemeanor violation of subsection (a)(2) or offers a plea of admission in a juvenile delinquency proceeding for a misdemeanor violation of subsection (a)(2), the court, without entering a judgment of guilt in a criminal proceeding or a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the juvenile has committed the offense and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place the individual on probation. The terms and conditions of that probation include, but are not limited to, the sanctions set forth in subsection (a)(3), payment of the costs including minimum state cost as provided for in section 18m of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.18m, and section 1j of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.1j, and the costs of probation as prescribed in section 3 of chapter XI of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 771.3. If a court finds that an individual violated a term or condition of probation or that the individual is utilizing this subsection in another court, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt, or a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the individual has committed the offense, and proceed as otherwise provided by law. If an individual fulfills the terms and conditions of probation, the court shall discharge the individual and dismiss the proceedings. A discharge and dismissal under this section is without adjudication of guilt or without a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the individual has committed the offense and is not a conviction or juvenile adjudication for purposes of

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disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law on conviction of a crime. An individual may obtain only 1 discharge and dismissal under this subsection. The court shall maintain a nonpublic record of the matter while proceedings are deferred and the individual is on probation and if there is a discharge and dismissal under this subsection. The secretary of state shall retain a nonpublic record of a plea and of the discharge and dismissal under this subsection. These records shall be furnished to any of the following:

1. To a court, prosecutor, or police agency on request for the purpose of determining if an individual has already used this subsection.
  2. To the department of corrections, a prosecutor, or a law enforcement agency, on the department's, a prosecutor's, or a law enforcement agency's request, subject to all of the following conditions:
    - (i) At the time of the request, the individual is an employee of the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency, or an applicant for employment with the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency.
    - (ii) The record is used by the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency only to determine whether an employee has violated his or her conditions of employment or whether an applicant meets criteria for employment.
- (c) *Prior violation.* A violation of subsection (1) successfully deferred, discharged, and dismissed under (b) of this ordinance and/or MCL 436.1703(3) is considered a prior violation for the purposes of subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this ordinance.
- (d) *Suspension of Operator's or Chauffeur's License.* The Secretary of State shall suspend the operator's or chauffeur's license of an individual convicted of violating subsection (a) (2) or (a)(3) of this ordinance as provided in section 319 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL § 257.319.
- (e) *Substance abuse screening and assessment.* A court may order an individual convicted of violating subsection (a) to undergo screening and assessment by a person or agency as designated by the substance abuse coordinating agency as defined in section 6103 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL § 333.6103, in order to determine whether the individual is likely to benefit from rehabilitative services, including alcohol or drug education and alcohol or drug treatment programs. A court may order an individual subject to a conviction or juvenile adjudication of, or placed on probation regarding, a violation of subsection (a) to submit to a random or regular preliminary chemical breath analysis. The parent, guardian, or custodian of a person less than 18 years of age not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, may request a random or regular preliminary chemical breath analysis as part of the probation.
- (f) *Furnishing or using fraudulent identification as a misdemeanor.* A person who furnishes fraudulent identification to a person less than 21 years of age, or a person less than 21 years of age who uses fraudulent

identification to purchase alcoholic liquor, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.

- (g) *Possession of alcoholic liquor by person less than 21 years of age.* This section does not prohibit a person less than 21 years of age from possessing alcoholic liquor during regular working hours and in the course of his or her employment if employed by a person licensed by this chapter, by the state liquor control commission, or by an agent of the state liquor control commission, if the alcoholic liquor is not possessed for his or her personal consumption
- (h) *Construction of section; no limitation on vendor's liability.* This section does not limit the civil or criminal liability of the vendor or the vendor's clerk, servant, agent, or employee for a violation of this chapter.
- (i) *Consumption of alcoholic liquor by person less than 21 years of age for educational or religious purposes.* The consumption of alcoholic liquor by a person less than 21 years of age who is enrolled in a course offered by an accredited post-secondary educational institution in an academic building of the institution under the supervision of a faculty member if the purpose is solely educational and a necessary ingredient of the course or the consumption of sacramental wine by a person less than 21 years of age in connection with religious services at a church, synagogue, temple, or other house of worship shall not be prohibited by this ordinance.
- (j) *Preliminary breath test by peace officer.* A peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe a minor has consumed alcoholic liquor or has any bodily alcohol content may require that individual to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis. A peace officer may arrest an individual based in whole or in part upon the results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis. The results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis or other acceptable blood alcohol test are admissible in a criminal prosecution to determine whether the minor has consumed or possessed alcoholic liquor or had any bodily alcohol content.
- (k) *Notification of parent or guardian.* A law enforcement agency, upon determining that an individual less than 18 years of age who is not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, allegedly consumed, possessed, purchased alcoholic liquor, attempted to consume, possess, or purchase alcoholic liquor, or had any bodily alcohol content in violation of subsection (a) shall, within 48 hours, notify the parent or parents, custodian, or guardian of the individual as to the nature of the violation if the name of a parent, guardian, or custodian is reasonably ascertainable by the law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency may notify the parent, guardian, or custodian by any means reasonably calculated to give prompt actual notice including, but not limited to, notice in person, by telephone, or by first-class mail. If an individual less than 17 years of age is incarcerated for violating subsection (a), his or her parents or legal guardian shall be notified immediately as provided in this subsection.
- (l) *Voluntary presentation to health facility, health agency, peace officer, or emergency medical personnel.* The following

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# VBT Police move forward with ‘Hope Not Handcuffs’ program

Thanks to a new partnership between Families Against Narcotics (FAN) and the Van Buren Township Police Department, people who are seeking treatment for a drug or alcohol addiction will now have a convenient, local option for accessing the help they need. A news release from FAN, a Macomb County-based nonprofit that assists individuals and families affected by substance use disorder, said FAN is excited to announce that its “Hope Not Handcuffs” initiative is now up and running at the Van Buren Township PD. One of FAN’s most successful programs, “Hope Not Handcuffs,” is designed to give people who are struggling with substance

abuse disorder a safe and easy way to access help: by visiting their local police station. The program’s concept is simple: Any person who is battling a substance use disorder can go to a participating agency and say they want help. They will be greeted with support, compassion, and respect, and one of FAN’s trained volunteer “Angels” will be dispatched to meet them. The Angel will then contact FAN’s call center and work with them to get the individual placed into treatment. In addition, program participants will be connected with peer support services, and their families will be offered family support services. Since its inception in February of 2017, “Hope Not Handcuffs” has been implemented at 140 law enforcement agencies and community partners across Michigan, and has connected people to addiction treatment

resources more than 11,800 times, the news release said. Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said he is looking forward to a successful collaboration with “Hope Not Handcuffs” in his community. “Our department is always watching for innovative partnerships that further the quality of life for our residents and ‘Hope Not Handcuffs’ is a great fit,” Wright said. “Together we can make a difference in someone’s life. Compassion and forward-thinking can pave the way to positive change. I support ‘Hope Not Handcuffs’ and the valuable resources they provide.” FAN’s “Hope Not Handcuffs” program, which depends on volunteer Angels to help it run smoothly, is looking for people in the Van Buren Township area to fill that role. “Our volunteer Angels are such an integral

part of the ‘Hope Not Handcuffs’ initiative,” program director Kim Baffo said. “By volunteering as an Angel, people can assist fellow community members who are struggling with a drug or alcohol addiction find recovery and get a fresh start on life. This makes the community as a whole healthier. By working together, we can also help reduce the stigma associated with the disease of addiction and facilitate positive change,” she said. Baffo noted that the schedule for volunteer Angels is “extremely flexible” and the work is “incredibly rewarding.” For more information on becoming a volunteer Angel, or to register for an upcoming virtual or in-person training session, go to [familiesagainstnarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs-angel](https://familiesagainstnarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs-angel), email [hnh@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:hnh@familiesagainstnarcotics.org), or call 833-202-HOPE (4673).

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individuals are not considered to be in violation of subsection (a):

1. A person less than 21 years of age who has consumed alcoholic liquor and who voluntarily presents himself or herself to a health facility or agency for treatment or for observation including, but not limited to, medical examination and treatment for any condition arising from a violation of sections 520b to 520g of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520b to 750.520g, committed against a minor.
2. A minor who accompanies an individual who meets both of the following criteria:
  - i. Has consumed alcoholic liquor and
  - ii. Voluntarily presents himself or herself to a health facility or agency for treatment or for observation including, but not limited to, medical examination and treatment for any condition arising from a violation of sections 520b to 520g of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520b to 750.520g, committed against a minor or
  - iii. A minor who initiates contact with a peace officer or emergency medical services personnel for the purpose of obtaining medical assistance for a legitimate health care concern.
3. If a minor who is less than 18 years of age and who is not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, voluntarily presents himself or herself to a health facility or agency for treatment or for observation as provided under subsection (l), the health facility or agency shall notify the parent or parents, guardian, or custodian of the individual as to the nature of the treatment or observation if the name of a parent, guardian, or custodian is reasonably ascertainable by the health facility or agency.

(m) **Affirmative defense.** In a criminal prosecution for the violation of subsection (a) concerning a minor having any bodily alcohol content, it is an affirmative defense that the minor consumed the alcoholic liquor in a venue or location where that consumption is legal.

(n) **Definitions.** As used in this ordinance:

1. “Any bodily alcohol content” means either of the

following:

- i. An alcohol content of 0.02 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.
  - ii. Any presence of alcohol within a person’s body resulting from the consumption of alcoholic liquor, other than the consumption of alcoholic liquor as part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.
2. “Emergency medical services personnel” means that term as defined in section 20904 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL §333.20904.
  3. “Health facility or agency” means that term as defined in section 20106 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL §333.20106.

### Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 5th day of March, 2024.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): Kelley, Frazier, Boynton, Martin, Budd and McNamara

NAYS (opposed to amendment): None

ABSENT: Wright

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,  
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,  
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: March 5, 2024  
Published: March 14, 2024  
Effective: March 14, 2024



# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan

### Ordinance No.: 2-20-24(2)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 5th day of March, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees Kelley, Frazier, Boynton, Martin, Treasurer Budd and Supervisor McNamara

ABSENT: Clerk Wright

It was moved by Trustee Kelley and supported by Trustee Boynton the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 58-361 to 58-363 of Article VIII (Offenses Concerning Underage Persons) of Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) to read as follows:

### **The Charter Township of Van Buren hereby ordains that Section 58-361 to 58-363 of the Township General Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:**

Sec. 58-361. - Prohibited conduct by minor for tobacco products, vapor products, or alternative nicotine products; violation and penalties; participation in health promotion and risk reduction assessment program; costs; community service; exceptions; other violations.

(a) Subject to subsection (f), a minor shall not do any of the following:

1. Purchase or attempt to purchase a tobacco product.
2. Possess or attempt to possess a tobacco product.
3. Use a tobacco product in a public place.
4. Present or offer to an individual a purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own proof of age for the purpose of purchasing, attempting to purchase, possessing, or attempting to possess a tobacco product.

(b) An individual who violates subsection (1) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each violation. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may also require an individual who violates subsection (1) to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. In addition, an individual who violates subsection (1) is subject to the following:

1. For the first violation, the court may order the individual to do 1 of the following:
  - i. Perform not more than 16 hours of community service.
  - ii. Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program.
2. For a second violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, the court may order the individual to perform not more than 32 hours of community service.
3. For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, the court may order the individual to perform not more than 48 hours of community service.

(c) Subject to subsection (f), a minor shall not do any of the following:

1. Purchase or attempt to purchase a vapor product or alternative nicotine product.
2. Possess or attempt to possess a vapor product or alternative nicotine product.
3. Use a vapor product or alternative nicotine product in a public place.
4. Present or offer to an individual a purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own proof of age for the purpose of purchasing, attempting to purchase, possessing, or attempting to possess a vapor product or alternative nicotine product.

(d) An individual who violates subsection (c) is responsible for a municipal civil infraction or guilty of a misdemeanor as follows:

1. For the first violation, the individual is responsible for a state civil infraction and shall be fined not more than \$50.00. The court may order the individual to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. In addition, the court may order the individual to perform not more than 16 hours of community service.
2. For the second violation, the individual is responsible for a state civil infraction and shall be fined not more than \$50.00. The court may order the individual to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. In addition, the court may order the individual to perform not more than 32 hours of community service.
3. If a violation of subsection (3) occurs after 2 or more prior judgments, the individual is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each violation. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may also require the individual to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. In addition, the court may order the individual to perform not more than 48 hours of community service.

(e) An individual who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program under subsection (b) or (d) is responsible for the costs of participating in the program.

(f) Subsections (a) and (c) do not apply to a minor participating in any of the following:

1. An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product under the direction of the minor's employer and with the prior approval of the local prosecutor's office as part of an employer-sponsored internal enforcement action.
2. An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product under the direction of the state police or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action, unless the initial or contemporaneous purchase or receipt of the tobacco

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# Keystone graduates invited to apply for two scholarships

High school seniors who graduated from the eighth grade at Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township are invited to apply for two, \$1,000 scholarships to a post-high school educational institution. The scholarship will be offered to two

high school seniors no matter where they are graduating, as long as they completed eighth grade at Keystone and were a student for at least two years. Deadline for application for the scholarships offered by Keystone Academy and the Parent-Teacher Organization is April 16. The application is partially based on a one- to two-page essay on perseverance and the writer's strengths that helped get them through high school. The application form also calls for a Grade

Point Average, school counselor's name, and student's address and phone number. Also the applicant should list extra-curricular activities and school and community services the applicant was involved in at Keystone and the current high school or home school. Information will be sent to Belleville High School and Lincoln High School for posting as these are where most Keystone graduates attend. They also plan to alert Keystone graduates at Arbor Prep, Canton

Prep, Milan High School, ECA (Early College Alliance) and other schools. For more information, go to [keystoneacademypto@gmail.com](mailto:keystoneacademypto@gmail.com) or the Keystone PTO Facebook page. The winning applicants will be invited to this year's eighth-grade graduation ceremony where they will be given a certificate to be redeemed once the student is enrolled at a post-high school educational institution.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product by the minor was not under the direction of the state police or the local police agency and was not part of the undercover operation.

3. Compliance checks in which the minor attempts to purchase tobacco products for the purpose of satisfying federal substance abuse block grant youth tobacco access requirements, if the compliance checks are conducted under the direction of a substance use disorder coordinating agency and with the prior approval of the state police or a local police agency.

- (g) Subsections (a) and (c) do not apply to the handling or transportation of a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product by a minor under the terms of the minor's employment.
- (h) This section does not prohibit an individual from being charged with, convicted of, or sentenced for any other violation of law that arises out of the violation of subsection (a) or (c).

Sec. 58-362. - Noninterference with right of parent or guardian.

Sec. 58-361 does not interfere with the right of a parent or legal guardian in the rearing and management of his or her minor children or wards within the bounds of his or her own private premises.

Sec. 58-363. - Definitions.

As used in Sec. 58-361:

- (a) "Alternative nicotine product" means a noncombustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. Alternative nicotine product does not include a tobacco product, a vapor product, food, or a product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under 21 USC 351 to 360fff-7.
- (b) "Minor" means an individual who is less than 21 years of age.
- (c) "Public place" means a public street, sidewalk, or park or any area open to the general public in a publicly owned or operated building or public place of business.
- (d) "Tobacco product" means a product that contains tobacco and is intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, noncigarette smoking tobacco, or smokeless tobacco, as those terms are defined in section 2 of the tobacco products tax act, 1993 PA 327, MCL

205.422, and a cigar.

- (e) "Use a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product" means to smoke, chew, suck, inhale, or otherwise consume a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product.
- (f) "Vapor product" means a noncombustible product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or any other substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. Vapor product includes an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and a vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine or other substance in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. Vapor product does not include a product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under 21 USC 351 to 360fff-7.

Sec. 58-364 to 58-385. – Reserved.

### Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 5th day of March, 2024.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): Kelley, Frazier, Boynton, Martin, Budd and McNamara

NAYS (opposed to amendment): None

ABSENT: Wright

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,  
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,  
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: March 5, 2024  
Published: March 14, 2024  
Effective: March 14, 2024



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 333 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, March 3:

0011 – noise complaint, Pebblebrook Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0112 – misc. complaint, Rose Blvd.  
0205 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0247 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
0256 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0318 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0503 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Lenmoore Ave.  
0530 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
0535 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0729 – 911 welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.  
0837 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
0930 – animal complaint, Denton Rd./Cross St.  
0955 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.  
1043 – assist other dept., Carmell St.  
1055 – larceny from auto, Hardwood Dr.  
1108 – malicious destruction, Hardwood Dr.  
1144 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1207 – disorderly, Forestdale Dr.  
1252 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1329 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1347 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1355 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.  
1422 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.  
1501 – private property/property damage accident, Marina Dr.

1505 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1657 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1700 – disorderly, rest area  
1717 – lost property/child, Lancaster Dr.  
1836 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1926 – neighbor trouble, Vernon St.  
1957 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2039 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
2108 – family trouble, Castell Blvd.  
2153 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2235 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2316 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2327 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.

### Monday, March 4:

0009 – breaking & entering, Burtrig St.  
0707 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0817 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
0948 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.  
xxxx – background investigation, Denton Rd.  
xxxx – background investigation, Renton Rd.  
1203 – suicidal person, Haggerty Rd.  
1207 – animal complaint, Ecorse Service B Dr.  
1223 – holdup alarm, Landmark  
1302 – lost property/child, Colony Ln.  
1321 – mental subject, Oak Ln.  
1311 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1324 – background investigation, Westlake Cir.  
1331 – trespassing, Van Born Rd.  
1505 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
1531 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1630 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1638 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

1652 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
1716 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1842 – juvenile complaint, Jeremy Rd.  
1923 – larceny, Martz Rd.  
1842 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.  
1852 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.  
2226 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2254 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.  
2341 – threat, Belleville Rd.  
2317 – family trouble, Arthur St.  
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Villa Dr.

### Tuesday, March 5:

0029 – fight, Aspen Ln.  
0127 – 911 welfare check, Riggs Rd.  
0346 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
xxxx – private property/property damage accident, High St./W. Columbia Ave.  
0810 – assist other dept., Willow Run Airport  
0837 – animal complaint, Arlene Ln.  
0837 – misc. complaint, Sheldon Rd.  
0913 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.  
0950 – assault & battery, Park Estates Dr.

0956 – civil matter, Arthur St.  
1055 – welfare check, Martinsville Rd.  
1231 – welfare check, Sandalwood  
xxxx – repossession, Village Center Dr.  
1309 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1324 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.  
1320 – sex offender registration, Castell Blvd.  
1329 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1421 – warrant arrest, Taylor PD  
1428 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.  
1546 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.  
1624 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1652 – sex offender registration, Vine St.  
1705 – misc. complaint, McBride Ave.  
xxxx – animal complaint, Lohr Rd.  
1709 – misc. complaint, Arthur St.  
1726 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1733 – assist other dept., Savage Rd.  
1826 – parking complaint, Purple Sage Ct.  
1839 – larceny from auto, Prairie Ct.  
2032 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martz Rd.

2120 – assist fire dept., Riggs Rd.  
2142 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2230 – 911 welfare check, Aspen  
2257 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

### Wednesday, March 6:

0736 – threat, Rose Blvd.  
0854 – civil matter, Beckley Rd.  
0949 – sex offender registration, Outer Dr.  
0955 – sex offender registration, Outer Dr.  
1001 – sex offender registration, Sylvia Dr.  
1012 – welfare check, Martinsville Rd.  
1010 – sex offender registration, Maurice Dr.  
1014 – sex offender registration, Maurice Dr.  
1017 – larceny, Holly Ln.  
1101 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1133 – sex offender registration, Hull Rd.  
1140 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1302 – misc. complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1337 – animal complaint, Castell Blvd.  
1350 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Castell Blvd.

1412 – property damage accident, Haggerty/I-94  
1458 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis  
1527 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler  
1602 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1616 – mental subject, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1651 – civil matter, Hannan Rd./Van Born Rd.  
1842 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1826 – follow up by officer, Peachtree Ln.  
1838 – sex offender registration, Rose Blvd.  
1849 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1850 – sex offender registration, Rose Blvd.  
1903 – sex offender registration, Borgman Ave.  
1912 – sex offender registration, Renton Rd.  
1920 – sex offender registration, Anna Dr.  
1959 – sex offender registration, Maurice Dr.  
2114 – sex offender registration, Dellor St.  
2119 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2317 – breaking & entering, Aspen

### Thursday, March 7:

0115 -- welfare check, Aspen Ln.  
0734 – 911 welfare check, Edgedale Dr.  
0837 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
0953 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
1031 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.  
1051 – ordinance violation-all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.  
1053 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1124 – intrusion alarm, Thornwood Dr.  
1123 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lancaster Dr./Stratford Dr.  
1132 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1229 – welfare check, Brookside Dr.  
1309 – disorderly, Clayton Rd./Ayres Ave.  
1309 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sage Cir./Wheatgrass Ln.  
1331 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1347 – abandoned auto, Brookview Dr.  
1446 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Daisy Blvd.  
1531 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Riggs Rd.  
1559 – malicious destruction of property, Hamilton  
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arthur St.  
1803 – threat, Montague Ave.  
1907 – sex offender registration, Sadie Ln.

1912 – sex offender registration, Linda Vista Ct.  
1924 – sex offender registration, Belleville Rd.  
1928 – sex offender registration, Elwell Rd.  
1952 – sex offender registration, Briarwood Dr.  
2225 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

**Friday, March 8:**  
0024 – fight, Belleville Rd.  
0449 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0636 – suicidal person, Daniel Dr.  
0806 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0836 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – family trouble, Oak Ln.  
1450 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
1556 – assist other dept., E. Spencer  
1617 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.  
1653 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1712 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.  
xxxx – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.  
1722 – 911 welfare check, Park Estates Dr.  
1729 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1851 – welfare check, Martz Rd.  
2050 – warrant arrest, Hogback  
2249 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
**Saturday, March 9:**  
0005 – welfare check, Meadows Cir.  
0030 – harassment call, W. Archwood Dr.  
0937 – sex offender registration, N. Cumberland  
0939 – sex offender registration, Sumpter Rd.  
0950 – sex offender registration, Martinsville Rd.  
0956 – sex offender registration, Outer Dr.  
0957 – sex offender registration, E. Huron River  
1013 – welfare check, Lauren Ct.  
1016 – sex offender registration, Ross  
1033 – sex offender registration, Belleville Rd.  
1044 – sex offender registration, Robbe Rd.  
1046 – sex offender registration, Purple Sage Ct.  
1119 – welfare check, Tyler Rd.  
1202 – welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.  
1212 – sex offender registration, Greenwood Dr.  
1254 – larceny from auto, Oak In.  
1304 – domestic, Walden Blvd.  
1344 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1519 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1553 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Richmond  
1554 – sex offender registration, Michigan Ave.  
1834 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Tyler  
2028 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2042 – vehicle lockout, Westlake  
2054 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
2128 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
2210 – shooting, Stonebridge Dr.  
2329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.

2341 – 911 welfare check, Samuel Barton Dr.  
Also, on this week's log are 123 traffic stops, 40 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also are 31 physical verifications of registered sex offenders that reside in the township to ensure compliance with the Sex Offender Registry.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, March 3:

0014 – property check, E. Columbia Ave.  
0122 – assist other dept., Carmell St.  
1043 – assault & battery, Carmell St.  
1338 – mental subject, Carmell St.  
2023 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
2210 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.

### Monday, March 4:

0042 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
0241 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
0407 – property check, Tuscan Manor  
0519 – property check, Industrial Dr.  
0914 – domestic, E. Thornhill Ct.  
1158 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.  
1537 – civil matter, Anaheim St.  
1728 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, San Carlos St.  
1814 – welfare check, Carmell St.  
1837 – mental subject, Carmell St.  
1939 – welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave.

2001 – welfare check, Carmell St.  
2107 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.  
2234 – traffic stop, Main St.

### Tuesday, March 5:

0255 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.  
0306 – traffic offense, Main St.  
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Thornhill Ct.  
0411 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln.  
0806 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
0902 – fight, E. Huron River Dr.  
xxxx – civil matter, Main St.  
1356 – parking complaint, W. Columbia/Edison  
1616 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1957 – threat, Fourth St.  
1956 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.  
2001 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2039 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

### Wednesday, March 6:

0011 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.  
0052 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0156 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.  
0320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.  
1251 – ordinance violation-all 7300 MICR codes, Robbe St.  
1352 – welfare check, San Carlos St.  
1642 – private property/property damage accident, San Carlos St.  
2030 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.  
2312 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

### Thursday, March 7:

1016 – malicious destruction of property, Henry  
1108 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1747 – animal complaint, Roys St./Church St.  
2200 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.  
2242 – motorist assist, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs Ave.

### Friday, March 8:

0047 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0301 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
0316 – property check, Main St.  
0324 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
0329 – property check, Fourth St.  
0339 – property check, S. Edgemont St.  
0420 – property check, W. Davis St.  
0507 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
0821 – misc. complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.  
0840 – misc. complaint, Freeport Ct.  
1420 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.  
1438 – property check, Fourth St.  
1556 – juvenile complaint, E. Spencer  
1611 – property check, Henry P. Smith subdivision  
1738 – property check, Davis Addition subdivision  
1813 – property check, Victorian Commons  
1828 – property check, Highlands subdivision  
1831 – property check, St. Anthony Academy  
1834 – property check, Randall Park subdivision  
1836 – property check, R.W. Clark subdivision  
1840 – property check, Loza Lane trailer park  
1927 – misc. complaint, Sequoia Dr.  
2034 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.  
2234 – suicidal person, Carmell St.

### Saturday, March 9:

0210 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
0437 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.  
0744 – property check, Harbour Pointe subdivision  
0747 – property check, Highlands subdivision  
0803 – property check, Victoria Commons  
0934 – traffic stop, High St.  
0949 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1418 – traffic stop, High St.  
1452 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.  
1542 – traffic stop, High St.  
1707 – juvenile complaint, Anaheim St.  
2007 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

2228 – property check, Main St./Denton Rd.  
There are 18 traffic stops on this week's log, along with 25 property checks.

“I am reminded of the professor who, in his declining hours, was asked by his devoted pupils for his final counsel. He replied, ‘Verify your quotations.’”  
– Sir Winston Churchill

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, March 3:

0011 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
0549 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.  
1102 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
1154 – civil matter, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1243 – suspicious circumstance, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1256 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis  
1315 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1505 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.  
1528 – ORV complaint, Martinsville/Willow  
1604 – civil matter, Arkona Rd./Sherwood Rd.  
1723 – ORV complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1756 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

1823 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1909 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willis  
2007 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.  
2015 – property damage accident, Willow/Karr  
2042 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.  
2133 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.  
2143 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2233 – follow up investigation, Magnolia Dr.  
2316 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

### Monday, March 4:

0442 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.  
0523 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
0854 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
0914 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0954 – family trouble, Montana St.  
1029 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Arkona Rd.  
1110 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1134 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
1150 – civil matter, Knollwood Dr.

1216 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1348 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.  
1438 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.  
1738 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Wear  
1739 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.  
1805 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1904 – suspicious person, Texas St.  
2111 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2356 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

### Tuesday, March 5:

0842 – animal complaint, 8600 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.  
0907 – assist other agency, out of township  
1034 – recovered stolen vehicle, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Clark Rd.  
1203 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.  
1503 – 911 hang up, Hampshire Dr.  
1704 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1756 – neighbor dispute, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

### Wednesday, March 6:

0109 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0310 – death investigation, California St.  
0737 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
0809 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
0937 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.  
1005 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1018 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1035 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1117 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1123 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1143 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis  
1218 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1427 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1432 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter rd.  
1455 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.  
1528 – juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.  
1625 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Wear  
1823 – misuse of 911, Arizona St.  
1955 – family trouble, Arizona St.  
2047 – suspicious person, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2343 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

### Thursday, March 7:

0742 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1040 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1408 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1425 – welfare check, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1603 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.  
1651 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1715 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1925 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sherwood  
1953 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2040 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.

### Friday, March 8:

0105 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.  
0330 – suspicious vehicle, Magnolia Dr.  
0904 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0944 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.  
1156 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1201 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.  
1334 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.  
1349 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.  
1526 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

1550 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1623 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1827 – animal complaint, Wayside Dr.  
1918 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2121 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter

### Saturday, March 9:

0106 – alarm, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0519 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
0821 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1029 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1041 – follow-up investigation, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.

1114 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1543 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.  
1547 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1732 – 911 hang up, California St./E. Arizona St.  
1741 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
1747 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2106 – animal complaint, 5700 bl. Oakville Waltz  
2143 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 247 patrol checks, 71 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

## WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY QUILTING GUILD & THE BELLEVILLE AREA MUSEUM PRESENTS

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Open Friday, March 1st through Thursday, March 28th

Tuesdays: 4pm - 7pm

Wednesdays - Saturdays: 12 - 4pm

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Saturday, March 9th



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WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY QUILT GUILD



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## Early Childhood Center raising funds with family-to-family sale

The Early Childhood Center of the Van Buren Public Schools will host a family-to-family sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 13, 501 W. Columbia Ave., at the Belleville High School Cafeteria.

People are encouraged to sign up to sell items at tables, donate items, and shop. The event is like a mom-to-mom sale and gently-used children's clothing, toys, books, baby items, sports equipment, household items and more are being accepted.

This is a fund-raising event, cash-only please, and all the proceeds will go toward the playground project at the Early Childhood Center.

Entry to the event is \$2 each, with children free. For more information email [SCEnglish@vanburenschools.net](mailto:SCEnglish@vanburenschools.net).





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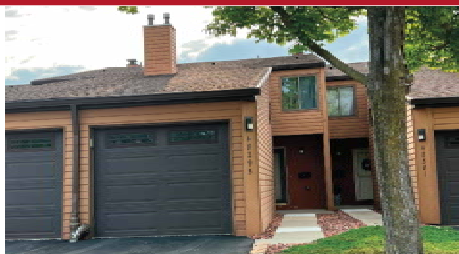
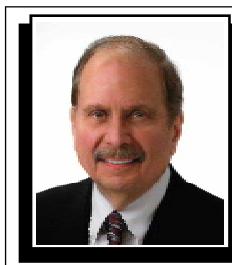
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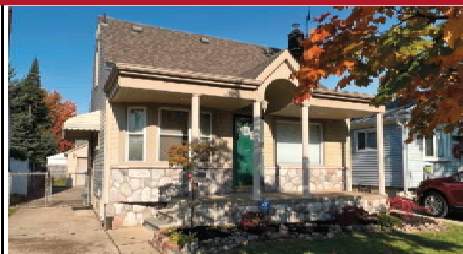
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