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FREE

City Council sells old DPW building to Burhop entity

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The old Department of Public Works building at 100 Davis St. was sold by the Belleville City Council to a company to be formed later by Sam Arndt and Leah Stempky of Burhop Collision. This was at Monday's regular council meeting.

This property is sandwiched between two properties owned by Burhop Collision and has been vacant for from 20 to 25 years due to contamination by an underground tank installed by the city.

The city accepted the \$50,000 offer to purchase the property and the company, which is to be formed later, would assume the baseline environmental responsibility.

City Manager Jason Smith recommended the sale be approved in order to remove a property the city has no interest in retaining or maintaining and return it to the tax rolls.

The agreement calls for \$5,000 earnest money deposited into an escrow account upon execution of the purchase agreement. Then the buyer has 60 days to perform due diligence and close on the property "as is" within the next ten days or terminate the agreement.

The city attorney had recommended advertising the proposed sale of property and it was advertised in the newspaper of record. Burhop was the only response, Smith said.

Burhop had been trying to purchase this property from the city over the years.

Department of Public Services Director Rick Rutherford said when state test wells were put in on the city property, a well also had to be put on the Burhop property.

Colette McClinton, a neighbor, said the alley behind the property is overgrown by brush and trees. She said Burhop has cars back there.

Mayor Ken Voigt said the alley could be

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Independent photo by James Otzman

This nine foot tall, hand-hammered stainless steel sculpture, "Balloon Dog" was installed last Friday morning on a cement pad at Lakeview Center shopping center next to the Belleville Bridge in the City of Belleville. It was commissioned nine months ago through YouFind and was just delivered from where it was made in Italy. A plaque will be installed in the future with information. It is not an original, \$1 million-plus "Balloon Dog" by artist Jeff Koons that was featured on "Sixty Minutes."

Sumpter Twp. man dies in head-on collision with truck

At about 7:05 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to Rawsonville Road, south of Martz Road reference a two-vehicle, head-on collision.

According to a news release by Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro, the preliminary investigation revealed that a blue 2006 BMW was traveling southbound on Rawsonville Road when it crossed the center line and drove into oncoming traffic.

After crossing the center line, the driver of the BMW continued to veer into traffic that

was traveling northbound on Rawsonville Road. The BMW collided with a 2019 Hino box truck in the northbound lane of Rawsonville, according to the report.

The driver of the BWM was identified as Christopher Sibley, a 23-year-old Sumpter Township resident. Sibley was fatally injured in the accident and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Hino box truck was identified as David Carpenter, a 61-year-old Ypsilanti resident. Carpenter was treated at the scene and transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for evaluation. Carpenter

was later released from the hospital with minor injuries, Lt. Floro reported.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data, and secure physical evidence. Rawsonville Road between Bemis and Marts was completely closed for several hours.

The accident remains under investigation and anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Dale Harrison or Lt. Kenneth Floro at (734) 699-8930.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville DDA approves purchase of 258 Main St. on 6-2 vote on Saturday

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After discussion on the environmental status of a parcel of land at 258 Main St., the Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted 6-2 to buy the land at a special meeting on Saturday, March 2.

Voting no were Mayor Ken Voigt and DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams.

Mayor Voigt said he felt the owner should pay for any further environmental testing, which was estimated to be from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

"We're the only buyer that makes sense to me," he said noting the DDA's proposed use of making it into a parking lot or using it for popup shops would be possible without disturbing the former gas station underground.

"I don't feel comfortable buying it," Mayor Voigt said.

Treasurer Richardson-Williams said she doesn't like the DDA just buying property and sitting on it.

Assistant City Manager Steve Jones, who also manages the DDA, gave the background on the property.

He said the purchase price for 258 Main St. was negotiated and an environment survey on the former gas station site set. He said it came back. He said Wayne County took out the tanks and there are seven to eight test wells still there.

Jones said the next step is to test the wells and file paperwork with EGLE [the state department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy].

Jones said the DDA talked about green space and a parking lot and that is something EGLE would approve. He said green space or popup shops would pull people down the street from the new shopping center at the bridge.

He said because of the timeline, the DDA has to make a decision.

When asked about whether the DDA would invest in popup shops, Jones said it would but they would be temporary structures and could be relocated.

Kelly McWilliams asked about restrooms and suggested maybe that couldn't happen because it would break the ground.

Jones said that would depend on the test wells, but, "I would say no at this point."

Treasurer Richardson-Williams asked if the purchase would be financed and Jones said the deal was for \$90,000 cash by the end of March, would be the 180 days agreed upon.

DDA Chairperson Alicia McGovern said the property was listed for \$120,000 and the DDA bid \$90,000.

DDA member Mike Gatteri said that is 20% less and asked how much more is the buyer going to give?

DDA Vice-Chairman John Winter said the parcel looks terrible now and at least parking could be put in there.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Irish-American author Terence O'Leary of Tecumseh told the story of the 1846 Irish potato famine that killed one million people and sent another million to the United States as immigrants. His presentation at the Belleville Area District Library on March 12 was titled "The Potato Famine and the Coming of the Irish to America." The wooden clipper ships that carried lumber to Great Britain were offered as transportation to the U.S. in the holds of the cargo ships. Twenty percent died during the six-week voyage on the "coffin ships." About 60% of the Irish farmers could not read or write and used ditch digging and other manual labor to feed their families once in America. O'Leary said the next generation learned of the power the Irish had and got political appointments to jobs as police officers, fire fighters, and other positions in exchange for their votes. O'Leary, who based his series of books on "Irish Crossings" on his family's experiences, signed his books after the presentation. He was presented by the library and the Belleville Area Rotary Club. His website is www.terenceoleary.com.

Gatteri said if they can take things off the market, there would be less for sale on Main Street and the property prices would rise.

"Our job is to make the site look good," said DDA Secretary Denise Baker.

The motion to purchase the property according to the agreement was made by Winter and seconded by Chris Donley and passed 6-2. DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner was absent and excused from the meeting because she was ill.

In other business at the 52-minute DDA meeting following its two-hour strategy session on March 2, the DDA:

- Heard Jones announce that the DDA is the proud owner of two properties on Main Street, noting the closing on the former hardware store closed the previous week. He said there needs to be work on the parking lot in back and changes in front. Mayor Voigt said Hennessey engineers can give the DDA information and what it would take to extend the parking lot. Winter said the wall inside needs to be fixed. Jones said he could check with the former owner on who he had lined up for that. Jones said this conversation allows him to go to Hennessey and reengage planning consultant Jill Bahm on this;
- Agreed that Jones should go out for quotes again for the LED sign at the corner of Main and High streets that is not functioning now. He said he has found how to turn it off completely and will do so in the next two days or so. DDA members showed irritation with

the continued messages from the holidays. Jones said 16 years ago when it was erected the sign was the cutting edge. He said the DDA put the sign up and Contract Welding did the enclosure. He said they don't have to redesign the shell, just get a new replacement for the LED section. He said the new sign could be cloud-based and able to be used by the public safety department for emergency announcements. Estimate so far is around \$24,000. Mayor Voigt asked that this project be fast-tracked and Jones said the call for bids would be put out this week and back by the next DDA meeting;

- Approved a grant of \$5,000 to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to help market Lake Fest and \$3,000 for Winter Fest. Gatteri said they should have something to replace the boat races that made a big splash last year and brought a lot of people. Chamber Director Martha Hanoian said they would love to have a boat show on High Street and they are working very hard to expand the festival. Hanoian said, however, that a zipline is not financially feasible, although many are in favor of having one;
- Approved a grant of \$4,300, said to be the same as last year, to the Belleville Central Business Community. The application did not designate a specific amount requested, asking the DDA to give "as much as possible," so the DDA gave the amount allocated last year. No one was present at the meeting from the CBC to discuss the application. Winter criticized

the Chamber and the CBC for not working together and Jones said the city and the Chamber have attended the CBC meetings over the last year to bridge the gap. "They are very established in their events," Jones said. He said they are trying to work together;

- Heard Mayor Voigt say he would like to keep the parking lot on High Street on the front burner for upgrades and he doesn't want the DDA to lose sight of clearing sightlines to the lake. He said he wants to turn the banner program back over to the DDA and make sure the goats are on the next agenda so the DDA can pay its share of their work at Horizon Park. He said he wants to up city maintenance this year. Also, not all of the planters were returned to Main Street after the streetscape work 12 years ago and he would like them put out. "The more flowers on Main, the better," Mayor Voigt said. Also the DDA should be working on the budget;
- Heard Donley say the Cozadd room at the library, where they were meeting, was more conducive to the DDA because at city hall there isn't enough room for all nine members to sit together. He said he would like all DDA meetings to be at the library; and
- Heard Baker say that she has started putting the budget together as chairperson of the budget committee, although McWilliams just now left on vacation. She asked DDA members to send ideas to her.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Belleville residents tell their animal stories to council

For more than an hour at Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, residents of the city and nearby townships told their animal stories. This is in response to the proposed first reading of an ordinance to restrict the number of dogs and cats at residences and outlaw most farm animals.

It all started with complaints about that darn rooster crowing on Henry Street. At one point, it was stated roosters only crow at night when there is a predator and roosters fight to protect their hens.

City Manager Jason Smith thought he could look at ordinances in other communities and base the new ordinance on them. Why reinvent the wheel? But the residents said his planned 20-page ordinance wasn't right for Belleville.

Residents wanted rabbits and ducks and hens to be left in their yards. 4-H kids raise them for the fair and then keep them as pets. Several women with foster homes for animal rescues told how they keep more dogs than would be allowed and one said she would move if she couldn't foster dogs.

The city manager reported the city attorney said they shouldn't grandfather animals, such as the rooster, and should give the owner a set number of days to get rid of it. There was lots of discussion and tears and an angry retort.

Mayor Voigt thanked them all for their comments and asked the city manager to set a public hearing on the ordinance and postpone its first reading for now.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Monday, a driver reports she saw a child trying to climb up the Balloon Dog statue that was erected on Friday at the shopping center next to the bridge in the city of Belleville. His mother was waiting to take a picture of him on the big, blue dog.

Good thing the statue is made of stainless steel. A world-famous artist, who created the Balloon Dog years ago, had made some out of ceramic. One of the smaller statues was on display at an art show and fell over and broke into pieces. They sold the pieces.

The Belleville dog is not ceramic and it won't fall over. It is pretty slippery, however. And, it is so shiny reflects you when you look at it.

"Sixty Minutes" had a segment on the original artist Jeff Koons and showed the art he had prepared to go up in a Space X rocket as the first art exhibit on the moon.

I was watching a video of a meeting wearing headphones on Friday afternoon so I missed all the activity out in the hall and in front of the building that holds our office.

It turns out an elderly man collapsed behind the wheel of his car in the parking lot and he was blocking the drive. Someone was honking, wanting to get in. Someone else who knew him thought the collapsed driver's wife might have been with him and wandered off. They called the man's home and no one answered. The man honking said only one person was in the car, so that was good.

They called the city police for help and the car was safely parked. Then, someone came into our office to warn us about the puddle of blood that was near the building's front door. She didn't want us to be scared. It



wasn't from the elderly man, however, but from a police officer who was tall enough to hit his head on the sign hanging in front of the building. Not to worry, we were told, the officer had a white cloth wrapped around his head to stop the blood, but a small trickle was running down his face.

I missed all the excitement while unwrapped in a municipal meeting on video.

At Monday's city council meeting, Police Chief Kris Faull said that Officer Bart Devos, who was injured, is doing fine. He already had Saturday off and was back on the job on Sunday. Officer Devos retired from Van Buren Township Police and will be retiring from Belleville Police in May.

For many years, Belleville city council was the only local municipal body to not have videotape or live coverage of its meetings. The board of education had live cable coverage of its meetings in the old days, but now it is on cable after the event.

Van Buren Township has live cable coverage and YouTube coverage and Zoom. Sumpter Township videotapes its meetings and puts them on YouTube a few days later or up to a week later.

Before COVID, Belleville residents had to come to the council meetings in person to know what was going on – or read the Independent. Then there was COVID and Zoom. Now, the meetings are offered on Zoom.

At Monday's meeting of the city council,

Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Bates said she liked it that a person participated in the discussion on the Animal ordinance by Zoom. She said everyone could watch the meetings by Zoom and could get the address from city hall.

She said you could just have it on in the background at your home, like a radio. Then you would hear what's going on in your community.

Now that I think about it, Keystone Charter Academy does not videotape its meetings. Now, it's the only municipal body in this area that doesn't. You have to come to a meeting to know what's going on at the meetings unless you read the Independent.

We've seen a couple of petitions in Belleville calling for signatures to support a proposal to put "Axe My Tax" on the ballot and get rid of property taxes in Michigan. At Monday's meeting of the city council, City Manager Jason Smith said this is something to keep an eye on since it is a "very, very dangerous proposal." He said it cuts \$17 billion from taxes and calls for 60% approval from voters to approve any state tax.



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Letters

Belleville traffic bottleneck is problem

To the editor:

This is in reference to the Belleville DDA looking for a strategy to attract people that are not from the tri-community area to downtown Belleville to shop at the businesses.

I believe the number one deterrent is traffic on Belleville Road; traffic needs to be alleviated. I avoid Belleville Road in the late afternoon and early evening because I am familiar with the traffic.

If I am unfamiliar with the traffic and end up in the nightmare bottleneck that is the bridge over the lake I would turn around. This would be a dinner crowd that may or may not window shop.

I am happy there are new businesses, but I believe their potential year-end net is being or will be harmed without good accessibility from NEW customers. Sustainability of the downtown investors is key to long-term development and marketing of downtown Belleville.

The only solution is to increase traffic volume southbound through 5 Points. The only idea I have which will harm other businesses is to eliminate parking on the west side of Main Street and allow two lanes of traffic through downtown and change traffic light timing.

This will certainly hurt the businesses on the west side of Main Street, and probably become a pedestrian safety issue. Just my thoughts.

Joe Dimech
Sumpter Township

Mark your calendar for May 3 court event

To the editor:

My name is Avery Taylor and I am the Director of Community Engagement for the 34th District Court. The reason that I am contacting you is to inform you that our Community Day is rapidly approaching and at the request of our Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley, we would like to invite you to our third-annual Community Day at the court on May 3.

You are more than welcome to come out and take part in this amazing event put on for all the communities that our court

serves. It also will allow you to interact with all three of our District Court Judges and our amazing court staff members.

We are dedicating the first half of our Community Day to all the fourth graders from the elementary schools within the districts we serve. The time for the fourth graders will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and lunch will be provided from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The fourth graders will also be invited to participate in art contests, scavenger hunt, and fun facts contests about things and people in our court. There will also be tours and other resources to take part in as well.

The Community Day itself will have plenty of activities and vendors that will be on hand for you to explore; such as food trucks, car show, public safety demonstrations, bomb squad (K-9 unit), Van Buren Police Department (Dive Team w/dive trailer), custom motorcycles, and more.

This amazing event is open to the public, families, and children of all ages from the communities of: Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township.

So, mark your calendar and come out and enjoy a wonderful day at the court. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

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Gavin Redden of VBT named to Dean's List at Youngstown State Univ.

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Billy Joe Donahue, Sr.

BILLY JOE DONAHUE, SR.

(March 28, 1944 – March 7, 2024)

Billy Joe Donahue, Sr. age 79, longtime Romulus resident passed away at Henry Ford Hospital in Wyandotte, MI with his family by his side. He was born March 28, 1944, to Howard and Mary Jane (Backus) Donahue in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Billy started his own business Eagles Construction and retired after 30 years. Mr. Donahue loved going to church and reading his Bible. He enjoyed fishing and being on the water, also playing solitaire on his tablet. But most of all Billy loved food, especially going out to eat with his family.

Billy is survived by his wife of 49 years Mona Donahue; children Melissa (Jason) Peters of Southgate, MI, Tammy (David) Dingess of Brownstown, MI, Donna (Steve) Payok of Warren, MI, John Michaelis of Dearborn, MI, Billy Joe, Jr. (Melanie) Donahue of Romulus, MI; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and sister Erma Steppe of Kentucky.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, daughter Christina Michaelis, brother David Donahue, and sister Susie Spizzirro.

A memorial service has been planned for Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 5 p.m. with visitation starting at 1 p.m. at Metro Baptist Church, 47100 N. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, Pastor Jimmy Humble officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Metro Baptist Church.

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LYNN CAROL CONWAY

(August 8, 1949 – March 11, 2024)

Age 74, formerly of Wayne, died in Florida. Survived by son John; daughter Rosanna; siblings Kathleen, Jerry, Diana, Deborah, Pamela, Patrick, and Jack. Visitation is March 22 and service March 23 at David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



James Russell Shrove

JAMES RUSSELL SHROVE

(January 29, 1940 – March 1, 2024)

James Russell Shrove, 84, of Willis, died March 1, 2024 of lung cancer.

He was born January 29, 1940 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Ella May Wood and Joseph John Shrove. He served as a city councilman for the City of Belleville, worked to organize the district library, and belonged to the Van Buren Eagles, where he was a trustee for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years Nancy Cronkhite Miller of Willis; five children James Jr., Cindi Nappé, Geri Swihart, Kathy Johnson, and Doris Schnath; two stepsons Richard Cronkhite and Raymond Cronkhite; 21 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a sister Nancy. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Van Buren Eagles from 1 to 4 p.m. on March 30.



JOSEPH EDWIN MARINO, JR.

(October 24, 1941 – March 7, 2024)

Served in U.S. Army, stationed in Munich, Germany. Worked for USPS and Mich-Con. Survived by brothers James and Robert. Cremation rites accorded through Brown Funeral Home. Private burial in hometown of Warren, Ohio. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MARY RODES LEMIESZ

(April 19, 1926 – November 19, 2023)

A Memorial Service for Mary Rodes Lemiesz, formerly of Belleville, who died November 19, 2023 at the age of 97, will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2024 at Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, March 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 1 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, April 8 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS
- Tuesday, April 9 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, April 15 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

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By Janet Millard
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Heads up to you parents and students who are looking for a prom dress this spring. Crafted: Modern Homemade is holding its seventh-annual Prom Dress Giveaway at the Belleville Area District Library on April 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reserve your time online at 2024 Prom Dress Giveaway-Belleville MI. Crafted is also in need of additional prom dress donations. So, if you have a dress or dresses taking up space in your closet, please call Carmen at (734) 391-8110.

The Easter Bunny will be at Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be an Easter egg hunt, games, food, prizes, Bible stories, face painting, crafts and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road is opening now for Easter week. They will have some beautiful flowers for you to select. See their ad in the paper today. After Easter, they will reopen for the season the last week of April.

Well, this week is not supposed to be as nice as last week, but as we were taught in a prior life, it is time for spring cleaning! As you are cleaning out the cupboards and closets, don't forget to get your books together for the Friends of the Library used book sale.

I have put it off for a few years, but I think I'm motivated to get them out of the house. Don't be like me and put it off and remember you can only donate three boxes at a time. Think Spring!

FREE MOVIE IN MONROE

The movie, **A Nightmare on Haunted Hill**, will be shown for **FREE** on **March 30, 5:00 pm, at River Raisin Theater, 114 S. Monroe Street, Monroe Michigan.**

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **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.

• **Friday, March 22** – Legacy Five concert at 7 p.m., Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Doors open at 6 p.m. For tickets or information call (734) 697-7456 or go to www.bethanybiblechurch.com. Tickets also available at the door.

• **Friday, March 22** -- 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 22** – Thinking of opening your home to a child through foster care? Guiding Harbor set two training sessions at its office at 525 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. The March 12 session is over, but the March 22 session is 1-3 p.m. Call (734) 412-7962 to register.

• **Friday, March 22** – Fish Fry at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, with meat raffle at 6:30

p.m. Jukebox night. Public welcome

• **Friday, March 29** – Fish Fry at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, with karaoke/DJ mix at 7:30 p.m. Public welcome

• **Saturday, March 30** – Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt and pictures with bunny from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Victory Park in Belleville. Also, Cosmic Bounce, Kiwanis refreshments and used book sale, Girl Scout cookies and Boy Scouts. Presented by Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Monday, April 1** – “Faith and Finance,” a financial planning seminar, begins at the Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 89 S. Edgemont St., Belleville, at 7 p.m. Topics include Dealing with Debt, Spending

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• **Saturday, April 6** – Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wayne County Community College campus, 9555 Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township. For all county residents.

• **Wednesday, April 10** – Drive-Through Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Pick up from 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Call orders in by 4 p.m. for faster service. Menu: four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner-style biscuits & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of pie. \$14 for carry-outs (cash or check only).



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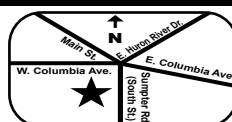
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Among those present at the March 6 open house at 34th District Court were, from left, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, 34th District Court Judges Lisa Martin and Tina Brooks Green, and 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman. Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley was absent from the event due to illness. Judge Green announced that she would not be running for reelection this November after 30 years of service. She said Dec. 31 is her last day as judge. She said she will be doing some mediation after that.



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Court News

Alexander Greene

Alexander Greene, 24, of Van Buren Township had his March 13 pretrial on a charge of domestic violence on March 1 in Van Buren Township. His final pretrial was set for March 27 and the complaining victim must appear. Bond is \$10,000 personal.

He told Judge Oakley he watched 20 YouTubes for legal advice and he didn't need a lawyer. Judge Oakley was amused and said he could run that in a loop for other defendants. Judge Oakley suggested Greene talk to court attorney Dan Bitar and he did and Bitar will represent him.

Lucile Maxine-Pickett Evans

Lucile Maxine-Pickett Evans of Van Buren Township was at court on March 13 for her pretrial on a charge of domestic violence on Feb. 7 in Van Buren Township. A pretrial was set for April 17. Personal bond is \$5,000.



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A good time was had by the Bellevillians who got together for the annual "Belleville Day in Florida" luncheon on Feb. 21 in Hernando, FL at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. Next year, the date is Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025 at the same location. For more information email the organizer, Lynn Akans Gorman at lynnanngorman@gmail.com. "We always have a great time talking about Belleville people and places with each other," said Gorman. "There is always a lot of laughter in the room. We usually get about 30 people, and we can accommodate a lot more than that, so please come! The food is very good, and we have a gift raffle." According to Gorman, the event began 46 years ago by a group of retired Belleville teachers.

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The first two attendees at the Belleville Area Museum Quilt Exhibit when it opened March 1 were Jan Recinos and Loreen Garrison. The quilt show continues through March 28.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **April 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:

- **Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism).** Proposed amendments to create definitions, review processes, and regulations for Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism) and related uses. The amendments will include modifications and additions to Section 2.102 (Definitions - Specific Terms), Section 5.102 (Development Standards for Specific Uses - Agricultural Retail Sales), Section 3.109 (Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses - AG, Agricultural and Estate District) and Section 9.102 (Parking, Loading, and Access Management - Minimum Number of Parking Spaces Required).
- **Amendments to Article 3 – Signs in the Belleville Road Mixed Use (BRMU) and Sumpter Road Mixed Use (SRMU) Zoning Districts.** Proposed amendments to clarify terminology regarding the Van Buren Township Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses and to create signage regulations for the BRMU and SRMU Districts. The amendments will include modifications and additions to Section 3.119 (Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses - BRMU, Belleville Road Mixed-Use District) and Section 3.121 (Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses - SRMU, Sumpter Road Mixed-Use District) and related and affected sections.

On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900, extension 9205.

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City Council

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vacated since it is never used. It runs east and west and each attached property would get half of the alley if it is vacated. He said this is something the city can look at.

In other business at the March 18 meeting, the council:

- After an hour of input from the audience and a lot of discussion, agreed to postpone the first reading of an amended ordinance on Animals and set a public hearing at the next meeting before proceeding;
- Agreed to postpone the first reading of an ordinance on Mobile Food Vending until the next meeting because of changes on zoning;
- Agreed to give 15-minute council interviews to the law firms that have submitted proposals for city attorney during the next meeting on April 1. This includes current attorneys Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho; along with Pentiuk, Couvreur & Kobiljak; The Kelly Firm; Pear, Sperling, Eggan & Daniels; and Meroueh & Hallman. Because there is a new council, it was determined that some contracts should be reassessed;
- Approved the fire department's "Fill the Boot for Autism" fund activity at the corner of Main and High streets from 3 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2. This is about the 10th year of the fund raiser;
- Approved recognizing the Jeremy D.

Stovall Splurge Foundation Charitable Gaming License as a nonprofit organization in the city for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license;

- Approved paying \$9,768 to VC3 for department head laptops, along with dual monitors and docking stations, and just one monitor for the city manager as he already has a new monitor. These costs will be spread among the respective departments (elections/clerk/finance, building/DPS, police, and DDA) to cover the costs;

- Approved a three-year Sky Camera Agreement with WDIV to have the television company install and maintain one remotely controlled, high-definition, point-to-point connected WDIV camera on the tower at city hall and the city will be held harmless for any claims of damage caused by its equipment. The city grants access to its internet connection with one fixed or static IP address for camera operation. When asked what would happen if the city sold or tore down city hall, City Manager Smith said the agreement can be terminated. He said he suggested to WDIV that the library roof might be a better place and was told the library was WDIV's first choice and city hall was Plan B. They found that the library roof didn't have the angle they wanted to the south end of town for the Belleville High School football field;

- Approved accounts payable of \$669,283.77 and the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: to Barnett Roofing & Siding, \$2,500 to repair cold barn roof for the DPS; to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$4,786 to repair a water main break at 145 Second St.; and to JW2 Fire Consultants, \$5,063 for grant writing for three AFG grants for the fire department;

- Heard Smith say the Notification of Necessity for Jewett Drain from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner said the city and Van Buren Township will be liable to pay a portion of the cost of this cleaning and maintenance project. He said Jewett Drain does not run through Belleville proper so he is looking into this;

- Heard Smith give a long report on bills being considered in Lansing, requests for funds he had sent to Senator Darrin Camilleri and Rep. Reggie Miller, the audit of last fiscal year started that day and will be presented in May, and a GIS project with Belleville High School and Eastern Michigan University working on plugging in information on water and sewer lines at no expense to the city;

- Heard Mayor Voigt announce the BHS Robotics team made it to the state finals. He also announced that the BYC is rehabilitating the old pump house at the corner of First and N. Liberty streets and it put in new windows and door and cleared brush on the lake side. He said the Belleville Area Garden Club has agreed to plant and maintain the area and now the Rotary's Cozadd Foundation gave a grant for landscaping between \$8,000 and \$10,000. He said the DDA will be putting a bench there and the DPW is preparing the site for landscaping. He said there will be a dedication ceremony this summer; and

- Heard McClinton say FEMA is giving funds for those whose property was damaged by the storm and tornado last summer. She said those interested have until the first week of April to respond and she has a flyer posted on the window of Garden Fantasy on Main for more information.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2024 JANITORIAL SERVICES PROPOSAL

The Charter Township of Van Buren will receive sealed bids for janitorial services for the Van Buren Community Center at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., local time. No bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on MITN, the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "Janitorial Services RFP - Community Center" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in Van Buren Township Hall.

Bidders are required to attend a walk-through meeting at the facility where the Janitorial Services will take place. The pre-bid meeting and walk-through will begin promptly at the time specified. The pre-bid meeting and walk-through is scheduled for Tuesday March 26th at 2:00 pm at the Van Buren Township Community Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Twp., MI 48111.

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

Published: 3-21-24

A Michigan Poem

It's Winter in Michigan
And the gentle breezes blow.
Seventy miles an hour,
at thirty-five below.
Oh, how I love Michigan
When the snow's up to your butt.
You take a breath of winter air
And your nose get frozen shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful
So guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Michigan
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground.

Author unknown

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CRYPT FOR SALE

TANDEM CRYPT (2 Person) at Michigan Memorial Park. \$7,000. (734) 635-1208 03/21

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– Yogi Berra

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 4, 2024 - 7:30 pm

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Voigt at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

- A. Presentations
- None
- B. Council Follow Up List

- City Manager Smith updated Council on the Follow Up List.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Linda LeBlanc
 - i. Complained that a past due water bill for the Loza Ln. community was publicized in the local paper, and does not understand why the bill is so high.
- Mike Renaud
 - i. Inquired about the DDA's plans with the two properties being purchased on Main St.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

B. Communications

- a. Fire Equipment Needs
- b. EGLE Drinking Water Testing Schedule

C. Quarterly Financial Report

D. DPS Activity Report

E. Special Events

- a. LakeFest
- b. Cut Scout Pack 793 Flower Sales

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Lexipol Grant Writing Services

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Bates approving city administration to enter into an agreement with Lexipol for grant writing services at a cost of \$7,500 a year for two years.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

B. Resolution #2B. Resolution # 24-009 – Resolution of Support for CWW Funding Request

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel approving Resolution # 24-009, supporting the Conference of Western Wayne in seeking funding for public safety radios.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

C. Schedule Budget Sessions

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe approving a schedule for the city's fiscal year 2024-25 budget sessions with formal adoption slated for the Regular Meeting of the City Council on June 17th.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

7. ACCCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

- i. City of Livonia
- ii. Crawford Door
- iii. Miss Dig Membership Fees
- iv. Metro Environmental
- v. All Season's Landscape
- vi. CMP Distributors

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Has a meeting in the morning with DTE and the Denton Road Bridge repair crew. He added that DTE is expected to begin relocation of a gas line near Doane's Landing in September, after which point the remainder of the bridge project can take place.
- Spoke with Mueller Systems regarding their pilot program for an updated meter read collection system, and determined that it would not be feasible for the city's needs. As a result, an RFP for water reading services will be produced and published.
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9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Beebe
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- Council Member Kissel
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- Thanked city staff on working to turn things around.
- Council Member Priest
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They're reading the *Independent* Everywhere

Kate and Jon Nurre of Van Buren Township read their *Independent* during their recent tour of Iceland's South Coast on Feb. 9. The stunning waterfall captured is none other than Seljalandsfoss. Jon said their trip was truly memorable, filled with awe-inspiring sights and unforgettable experiences. He said they read the *Belleville-Area Independent* every week for all the local news.

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Public invited to join BACA trip to U of M to see Orson Wells exhibit

Each month this spring, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) and the Friends of the Library are jointly sponsoring a classic movie to be seen in the library.

Judge allows change in bond to allow boxer to go to Texas for fight

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A professional heavyweight boxer known as Jared “The Real Big Baby” Anderson has been charged with fleeing from Huron Township police officers in a vehicle on I-275 and in Romulus on Feb. 29.

He was taken into custody, arraigned out-county on March 2, and given \$10,000 personal bond.

Anderson, 24, of Toledo, was present for his probable cause conference before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley on March 13 when he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for a March 27 arraignment on the information.

His attorney asked for a change in bond to allow him to be out of the state from April 9-15 for a fight he had scheduled in Corpus Christi, Texas. Personal bond of \$10,000 continues.

Later on March 13, the attorney returned to the courtroom to ask that the time out of the state be changed on the bond to March 14 to April 15 so Anderson could participate in planned training and Judge Oakley agreed.

According to police, officers attempted three separate traffic stops shortly after 1:30 p.m. Feb. 29 until Anderson ultimately crashed into the median on southbound I-275 and Huron River Drive.

He reportedly was driving an orange and black Dodge Challenger with Texas plates and at one point was clocked at going 130 mph., weaving in and out of traffic. He allegedly drove erratically from police on northbound and southbound I-275 and on Wayne and Sibley roads in Romulus.

John Edward Svoboda

John Edward Svoboda, 52, of Belleville, was video-arraigned by Judge Oakley on Feb. 28 while in custody on charges of home invasion-first degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder / strangulation, and assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on Feb. 25 in the city of Belleville.

A probable cause conference was set for March 6 and then for March 20. Bond was set at \$50,000 cash or surety and then changed to \$10,000/10%. If released he is to wear a tether, have no contact with the victim or the protected address.

For the month of April, the classic movie will be Orson Welles’ “Citizen Kane.” The movie will be shown on Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville District Library, shown free of charge. John Monaghan, former movie critic (now retired) of *The Detroit Free Press*, will introduce the movie and conduct discussion. All members of the community are invited to attend.

For additional enrichment related to the movie, BACA is also sponsoring a trip to the Orson Welles Exhibit at the University of Michigan Hatcher Library on April 4. This trip is open to the community, as well.

Those interested in attending the exhibit will meet at the Belleville Area District Library parking lot at 2 p.m. to carpool to the U of M Hatcher Library (near the campus diagonal) to see the Orson Welles exhibit.

The U of M is home to various Orson Welles archival collections and the exhibition showcases family photographs and letters his daughter Beatrice saved. Phil Hallman, Film Studies Field Librarian, will be the docent to explain the exhibit.

Those interested in the exhibit are invited to register by sending an email to Barbara Miller at: bmiller321main@comcast.net.

Alternately, text or call Barbara Miller at (734) 516-0025.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On April 2nd 2024, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2004	MERCURY	4D	2MEHM75W94X660671	24-564
1992	MERCURY	4D	2MECM75W3NX753763	24-1802
2015	GMC	PU	1GTV2UEC2FZ150545	23-12172
2007	GMC	SW	1GKFK16307J314042	23-1296
2005	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNET16S156135169	24-1447
2003	JEEP	SW	1J4GW58J13C520342	24-2198
2011	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3BC2FB9BN597289	23-8500

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2014	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3CCBBB8EN185945	24-944
2011	FORD	4D	1FAHP3GNXBW164332	24-2134
2009	DODGE	4D	2B3KA43D89H505242	24-1559
2005	FORD	SW	1FMZU73K85UA32238	24-1995
2003	DODGE	4D	1D4HR38N73F583973	24-798

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: March 21, 2024



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE SEEKING RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION



The City of Belleville is seeking nine (9) individuals to serve on a Charter Revision Commission for the purpose of revising the City Charter. Commission Members must be a resident of the city, and at least 18 years of age.

Those interested in serving on the commission will need to file an Affidavit of Identity and Nominating Petition with the City Clerk in order to be placed on the ballot for the August 2024 Election. Petitions must be signed by not less than twenty (20) nor more than forty (40) valid registered voters of the City to qualify.

These documents may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office located at the Belleville Municipal Building, 6 Main St. Both documents must be completed and submitted to the Clerk’s office **no later than April 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Please contact the City Clerk or City Manager’s offices with any questions (734) 697-9323 ext. 7010 or 7006.

Briana Hootman,
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Bowling Champs



KLAA Champs

BHS bowling teams have wonderful season under new head coach Allison

By Joseph Brodie
BHS Athletic Director

The Belleville High School Varsity Bowling team had a wonderful season under the leadership of new Head Coach Cynthia Allison.

The Varsity boys had a season record of 12-4, the Varsity Girls 8-6, and the JV Boys 10-6.

You can ask any BHS Bowler and they can tell you that bowling is not just a simple recreational activity. To be a competitive bowler, an athlete must be disciplined, display good sportsmanship, perform accuracy with hand-eye coordination, prove mental toughness, and support team cohesion or the attitude of “we-ness” over me.

Coach Allison wants to highlight the academic success of the Bowling program before anything that was done on the lanes. The Varsity boys team had an average GPA of 3.66 while the Girls Team average GPA was a 4.01.

The pursuit of academic success, mutual respect, and emotional intelligence (life

lessons) have been a focus for our bowling program. Coach treated her coaching and team as an extension of the classroom. She tried to teach her athletes to become well-rounded, great human beings as well as great bowlers.

Both the teams improved from last season by surpassing last year’s win totals. The girls were the Bowl for Burns Champions, runner-up in the Dearborn State & Regional Tune-Up Tournament, runner-up in the KLAA, and runner-up at the MHSAA Regional Tournament.

The Regional runner-up finish qualified them for the MHSAA Division 1 State Finals. Individually, Amber Spicer and Madison Thomas made All-Conference. Also, Amber Spicer ranked #2 and Erin Elwartowski ranked #7 at the MHSAA Individual Regional Tournament which qualified them for the State Finals in singles. Amber Spicer went on to make the Top 16 and earned All-State Status.

The Boys team members were Mark Voight Tournament Champions, Bowl for Burns Tournament Champions, Dearborn State and Regional Tune-Up Champions, KLAA Champions, and MHSAA Division 1 Regional 18 Champions, qualifying them for the MHSAA State Finals.

As for individuals, All-KLAA Bowlers were Andy Folks, ranked 1st, 209 average; Johnathan Hatcher, ranked 2nd, 208 average; and Carson Conley, ranked 8th, 190 average. Johnathan Hatcher performed extremely well at the MHSAA Individual tournament and became the Regional Singles Champion. Andrew Folks ranked 3rd and Carson Conley ranked 4th at Regionals which qualified them along with Johnathan for the State Finals. During league matches the Varsity Boys nearly bowled a perfect game with a 290 to put in the record books at BHS.

Coach Allison looks forward to many returning athletes next season and improving on this year’s championships and statistics. She gives many thanks to her fellow coaches, Richard Allison (Varsity Boys), Phil Roberts (Varsity Boys), and Doug Spicer (JV Boys). The team mantra will be: “Our potential is unlimited; Let’s go get it, Tigers!”



Regional Champs



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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 2nd and end Friday, April 5th**

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

New items may be displayed beginning Sunday, April 7th.

The City of Belleville maintains Hillside Cemetery,
located at 46785 Denton Road.

For additional information contact

The Department of Public Services at 734-697-9323 ext. 7026

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 323 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 10:

0348 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
0351 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0443 – civil matter, Country Walk Blvd.
0621 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0631 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1025 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1109 – animal complaint, Oak Blvd.
1124 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1142 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1226 – intrusion alarm, Greenwood Ct.
1235 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1318 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1405 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1408 – property damage accident, Belleville Manor
1722 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1846 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1835 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ash Dr.
1912 – welfare check, Coolidge St.
2309 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.

Monday, March 11:

0027 – assist other dept., Huron River Ln./Textile
0229 – personal injury accident, S. I-275/Tyler Rd.
0447 – 911 welfare check, Filmore St.
0713 – animal complaint, Hoeft Rd.
1002 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1041 – fraud, Stonebridge Dr.
1042 – harassment call, Riggs Rd.
1117 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1237 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
1207 – civil matter, Ross Pl.
1256 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Lincoln St.
1303 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1339 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1402 – assist other dept., W. Walden Dr.
1414 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1538 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1721 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Vine St./Hardwood Dr.
1727 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1745 – road hazard, Van Born/Hannan Rd.
1941 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

2017 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.
2038 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2134 – mental subject, rest area
2147 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, March 12:

0112 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0200 – assist fire dept., Rolan Meadows Dr.
0254 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.
0726 – vehicle lockout, Van Born Rd.
0733 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0954 – private property/property damage accident, W. Adams
1034 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.
1126 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – 911 welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.
1147 – assist other dept., EB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.
1203 – private property impound, Brookside Dr.
1245 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1422 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1514 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1612 – 911 welfare check, Aspen
1625 – parking complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1631 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1712 – vehicle lockout, Savage Rd.
1803 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1828 – neighbor trouble, Landmark
1812 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1934 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
2007 – juvenile complaint, Outer Dr.
2049 – assist fire dept., Van Born/Hannan Rd.

2120 – sex offender registration, Oak Ln.
2128 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
2232 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
2302 – sex offender registration, Bayshore Dr.
2330 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2346 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brookview Dr./Stoneybrook Ct.
Wednesday, March 13:
0126 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd.
0240 – hospice death, Price Rd.
0406 – assist fire dept., Mida Dr.
0414 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0615 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.
0753 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
0846 – family trouble, Fret Rd.
0909 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1106 – property damage accident, Winding Pond
1240 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1326 – intrusion alarm, Bak Rd.
1421 – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd.
1426 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1520 – fraud, Robbe Rd.
1622 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1626 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.
1815 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1909 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Denton Rd.
1937 – welfare check, Rogers Ave.
2047 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.
2122 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2123 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2337 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, March 14:

0318 – suspicious person/vehicle circumstance, S. I-94 S. Service Dr.
0554 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.
0640 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0710 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
0900 – larceny from auto, Kent Dr.
xxxx – missing person, Holly Ln.
1043 – assist other dept., Brookside Dr.
1124 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1154 – welfare check, Robbe Rd.
1217 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1238 – larceny, Old Denton Rd.
1439 – misc. complaint, McBride Ave.
1456 – assist other dept., Main St.
1458 – disorderly, Owen St.
1626 – welfare check, Hardwood Dr.
1853 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2007 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2008 – misc. complaint, Parkside Dr.
2132 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2350 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, March 15:

1001 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0917 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1005 – lost property/child, Haggerty Rd.
1053 – welfare check, Robbe Rd.
1106 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1215 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
1343 – animal complaint, Monroe Ct.
1450 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1619 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Walk
1625 – larceny, Tyler Rd.
1649 – welfare check, Fret Rd.
1721 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1731 – missing person, Holly Ln.
1802 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
1849 – threat, Brookside Dr.
1918 – civil matter, Martinsville Rd.
1927 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fay Dr.
2102 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2235 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2300 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./W. I-94 Belleville ramp
Saturday, March 16:
0007 – harassment call, Stamford Rd.
1112 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1033 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

1108 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
1156 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1248 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1256 – parking complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1412 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1407 – property check, Fay Dr.
1532 – suicidal person, Montague Ave.
1839 – intrusion alarm, Alva Dr.

Also, on this week's log are 170 traffic stops, 53 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 10:

0111 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0310 – breaking & entering, Carmell St.
0744 – traffic stop, Main St.
0806 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1153 – property check, Huron Park subdivision
1204 – property check, Butzin Lumber Yard
1227 – property check, Belle Villa townhomes
1241 – property check, Davenport Industrial Pk.
1302 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1355 – property check, Fourth St.
1422 – traffic stop, Main St.
1447 – misc. complaint, Victory Station
1508 – breaking & entering, W. Thornhill Ct.
1959 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
2004 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
2044 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
2134 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Light Point Church
2139 – welfare check, Henry St.

Monday, March 11:

0114 – property check, W. Thornhill Ct.
0214 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Davis St./South St.
1927 – misc. complaints, Main St.
2113 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.

Tuesday, March 12:

0024 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
0031 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0101 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0134 – property check, Main St.
0458 – property check, Denton Rd.
1342 – welfare check, Estrada
1656 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./Third St.
1714 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Wednesday, March 13:

0017 – property check, Owen St.
0105 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0606 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1414 – property check, downtown Belleville
1423 – property check, R.W. Clark sub.
1430 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1449 – traffic offense, Thornhill
1523 – property check, Lakeview Mobile Home Ct.
1526 – property check, Huron Park sub.
1622 – property check, Harbour Pointe sub.
1633 – property check, Fourth St.
1638 – property check, Belle Villa Mobile Home Pk.
1657 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1700 – property check, Belleville Milling Co.
1704 – property check, Victoria Commons
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.
1720 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.

1839 – property check, Sumpter corridor
1846 – traffic offense, Church St./W. Columbia
2111 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fourth St.
2214 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, March 14:

0314 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
0455 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0518 – repossession, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0516 – traffic stop, W. Liberty St./Third St.
0740 – property check, Gene & Sons ice cream parlor
0824 – assist citizen, Loza Ln.
0853 – property check, Lifepointe Church
0940 – welfare check, Astor
1029 – fraud, Main St.
1445 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.
xxxx – disorderly, Owen St.
2036 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.

2107 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2117 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe

Friday, March 15:

0025 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0902 – trespassing, Henry St.
1505 – welfare check, Main St.
1742 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.

1728 – welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.
1844 – disorderly, Main St.
2147 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
2209 – property check, Victoria Commons
2303 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
2329 – property check, Owen Intermediate School
2348 – 911 welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, March 16:

0019 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0313 – property check, Fourth St.
0331 – property check, Village Park
0404 – property check, Edgemont St.
0432 – property check, W. Davis St.
0531 – property check, Main St.
0725 – traffic stop, Harmony Ln./Belleville Rd.
0732 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.
0736 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0744 – property check, R.W. Clark sub.
0750 – traffic offense, Main St.
0801 – property check, Sumpter corridor
0829 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
0913 – traffic offense, Main St./Fifth St.
0938 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln.
1114 – animal complaint, Bedell St.
1208 – malicious destruction of property, Bay Pointe Dr.
1231 – traffic stop, Main St.
1240 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty St.

1257 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1405 – traffic offense, W. Columbia/Harbour Pointe
1410 – animal complaint, South St.
1630 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
1715 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Columbia Ave.
1723 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1745 – traffic stop, S. Edgemont/E. Huron River
1835 – traffic stop, Edison Ave.
1846 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr.
1901 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
2046 – disorderly, Main St.
2124 – property check, Main St.
2137 – property check, Third St.
2145 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
2206 – property check, Village Park
2233 – property check, Hull Rd.
2240 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
2300 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
2310 – property check, W. Davis Rd.
2316 – property check, Owen St.
2323 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
2353 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
2353 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.

There are 29 traffic stops on this week's log, along with 49 property checks.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 10:

0114 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0547 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.
0612 – suspicious person, Arizona St.
0623 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1220 – lost/missing person, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1322 – civil matter, Dakota Ct.
1529 – suspicious circumstance, 9900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1909 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear
1929 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1935 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Willis
2108 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.

Monday, March 11:

0003 – welfare check, Carriage Ln.
0106 – assist other agency, Washington/California
0127 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
0309 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0536 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
1013 – assist other agency, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1400 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1417 – felony warrant arrest, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1446 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1555 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1718 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1902 – 911 hangup, Oregon St./California St.
Tuesday, March 12:
0230 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0758 – harassment complaint, Brookview Dr.
0801 – assist other agency, Brookstone/entrance
0839 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd.
/ Willis Rd.
1151 – citizen assist, Magnolia Dr.
1235 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
1256 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1443 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1531 – recovered stolen vehicle, Rustic Ln. /
Country Club Blvd.
1713 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1749 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1802 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
1954 – L3504-detail-SU, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2030 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. /
Haggerty Rd.
2348 – suspicious vehicle, Colorado St.
Wednesday, March 13:
0006 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
0850 – family trouble, Arizona St.
0948 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willow
1122 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
1133 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1321 – prisoner transport, out of township
1555 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1612 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis
1747 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
2009 – traffic complaint/hazard, Country Club Blvd.
2127 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
Thursday, March 14:
0640 – assist other agency, Wayside Dr.
0647 – traffic stop-flee/elude, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0718 – assist other agency, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville
0748 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1148 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.
1239 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1245 – larceny, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1334 – fire dept. assist, Arbor Ln.
1629 – civil matter, Dakota Ct.
2040 – citizen assist, California St./Idaho St.
Friday, March 15:
0117 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1103 – welfare check, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1106 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1109 – alarm, Montana St.
1149 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Wear
1215 – fire dept. assist, out of township
1441 -- 911 hangup, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1552 – citizen assist, Oregon St.
1616 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Arkona Rd.
1642 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1928 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Wear
2115 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2310 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Saturday, March 16:
0423 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./California St.
1114 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
1441 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.

1555 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1937 – alarm, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
2054 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
2234 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.

Also, on this week's log are 186 patrol checks, 82 traffic stops, and 9 misc. details.

District Library to distribute free glasses to watch April 8 eclipse

The Belleville Area District Library will distribute the 500 special protective glasses it ordered so people can safely watch the April 8 solar eclipse.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said the library plans to distribute the glasses between noon and 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, while supplies last.

She said they will be given out with the residents of the city of Belleville and Sumpter and Van Buren townships getting priority, with a limit of two pairs per family. People can identify themselves with a ID card or library card, she said.

Suchy told the library board members at their March 12 meeting that the staff is gearing up for the eclipse and a watch party will be held on April 8. The eclipse also will be live-streamed in the Cozadd Room.

Once all the details of the April 8 event are worked out, the library will announce them on its website and social media.

On April 1, the library will host photographer Jessi McKenna, who will share some of her eclipse photographs as well as important tips and safety information for amateur photographers hoping to get their own photos of the big event.



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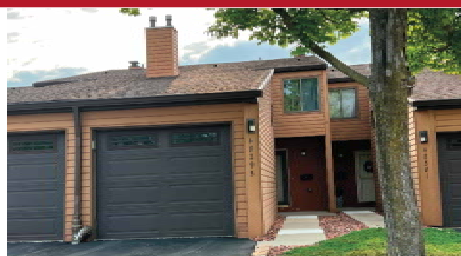
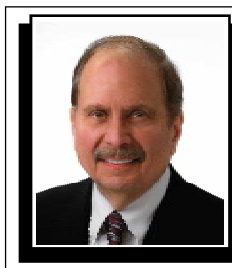
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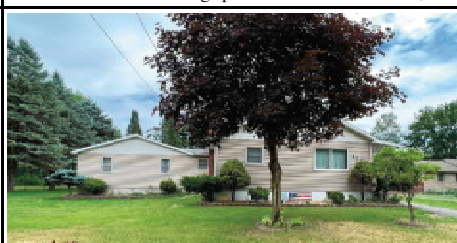
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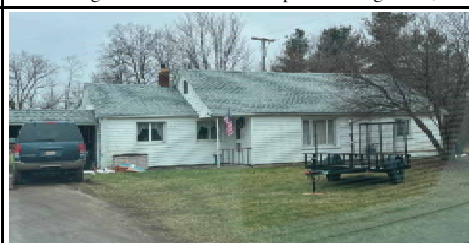
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