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VBT donates rights of way on Denton Road bridge

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on March 19, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to donate 10 feet of right of way on each side of the Denton Road Bridge to help with the underground directional borings.

A three-inch, high-pressure gas line will be added on the north side of the bridge and an AT&T fibreline is going in on the south side. This will carry those lines that are now on the bridge.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said they needed more space so the utilities could be farther apart as they drill directionally under the lake. The EGLE permit already is in hand.

Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said the township formally submitted drawings of the bridge to the county earlier that day and the county will review them. He said the township designed the bridge and got all the permits.

He said renderings of the bridge will be shared with the community when they are ready.

Director Akers said no definitive timeline has been set for the utilities to do their work. AT&T said it will begin by July and DTE will do its drilling in late summer and complete by the end of the year.

Supervisor McNamara said those involved from the township, city, and county have been meeting every two weeks to stay on top of things. He predicted the county's review of the plans will be the shortest in history since they know everything about the plans through the meetings every two weeks

He said they are trying to get DTE nailed down to specifics.

In other business at the March 19 meeting, the board:

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• Was informed by Clerk Leon Wright (continued on page 16)



Independent photo by Janet Millard

Representatives from the Tri-community participated in the annual Vietnam War Commemoration held in the Belleville High School Auditorium on March 21. From left are Jeremiah Beebe, Belleville City Council; Anthony Burdick, Sumpter Township Manager; Bart Patterson, Sumpter Township Treasurer; Leon Wright, Van Buren Township Clerk; Leroy Paige, organizer of the event; Pete Kudlak, Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools; Brian Roberson, BHS Assistant Principal; Pastor Eddie Marcum, River of Life Church; and Pastor Robert White, Grace Baptist Church. Also taking part in the ceremony was Janet Millard, *Independent* Advertising Manager, who took the picture. Presenting the colors were the NJROTC Cadets from Belleville High School.

Sumpter to seek up to 2 mills tax on August ballot for fire protection

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At its regular meeting March 12, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ask voters to approve up to 2 mills of taxes for four years on the August ballot for fire protection.

This would be levied on the Winter 2024 tax bill. That amounts to \$900,000 of taxes the first year it is levied.

Trustee Peggy Morgan was absent and excused from the meeting.

The most recent tax of 1 mill for fire protection has expired.

Township attorney Rob Young said the township doesn't have to levy the full two mills and needs just 1.5 mills.

Trustee Don LaPorte, who is on medical leave from the fire department, said the department has more than 1,000 calls a year, with 90%-plus being medical in nature. He said prices are up everywhere

and the fire department put up curtains so as not to heat the fire engine bays and keep the heat in the office area. He said the department pays \$400 to \$600 a month for gas and that doesn't even count electricity.

Trustee LaPorte said there are labor costs and the department is competitive with the wages. "We need people who can show up within that 5-minute time frame," he said.

He said there is a lot of paperwork to the state of Michigan and the chief is there all day long.

"We need more than the 1 mill we have now," he said and when Young said by law he can't be advocating for the millage, LaPorte added, "I'm not advocating for this."

Treasurer Bart Patterson said the ballot will ask for an increase of 2 mills, but that is because the original 1 mill has expired. He explained other aspects of the millage and ended with, "I am not advocating for

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In other business at the one hour and 57 minute meeting, the board:

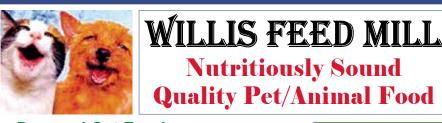
- Held a 43-minute public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 budget, with Financial Director Scott Holtz, seated at the board, explaining how he set up the budget and what's in it. He said his concern was the fire millage. He said he needs to plan for the worst-case scenerio if it doesn't pass this year. He said in polls, 69% say local property taxes are too high and another high percentage say they are unfair. There is a movement to eliminate property taxes and this is very dangerous, Holtz said. He asked those wanting to know more about the property taxes to come see him and he is in his office every workday;
- Approved the promotion of Police Sergeant Joseph Balowski to the rank of lieutenant effective immediately and

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The Denton Road bridge has been closed by Wayne County for 543 days as of today.

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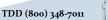
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Belleville DDA attorney gives lesson on legal aspects of DDAs

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Kevin Kilby, who serves as attorney for the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, gave a lesson in Development and the Tax Increment Financing Plan at the DDA's regular meeting on March 20.

Kilby has been Belleville DDA attorney for the past 10 years and he said he has given this presentation in the past. He said there are several newer members who have not heard it, so he was invited to do it again.

He is with the McGraw Morris lawfirm in Troy and has been practicing since 2005. TIFs are his specialty and he only practices municipal law.

It was noted the Belleville DDA currently gets \$915,000 income through TIF.

Kilby told of the newer reporting requirements that requires the DDA to have a site on the city's website, if the city has a website. The DDA is required to post all contracts, minutes, list revenues, and other documents, and to hold informational meetings for stakeholders twice a year.

Kilby said usually no one comes to these informational meetings, but they are

He said if the DDA is in violation of the rules, it can lose its tax increment funding.

Kilby said under the new law, the DDA can only spend money within the DDA

He said DDA members with questions may call Assistant City Manager Steve Jones and Jones will assemble them and relay them to the attorney. Kilby said other DDAs had individuals calling separately with questions, which gets out of hand since he bills for each call.

In other business at the March 20 meeting,

- Gathered outside to view samples of two companies' LED signs that the DDA is considering to replace the LED part of the sign at High and Main streets, which has failed. The person who originally installed the LED sign 16 years ago was present for the demonstration. He promised to turn off the failed sign on his way out of town, and he did. The DDA will discuss the signs at the next meeting and select the sign they prefer:
- Voted to replace on the check signing list the name of Kelly McWilliams, who stepped down as vice chairperson, and replace it with Mike Gatteri. Secretary Denise Baker said she was called by the bank about official check-signers and learned that the names of people no longer on the DDA or deceased were still on the

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Legacy Five performed at Bethany Bible Church on Friday. From left are members Lee Black, tenor vocalist and songwriter; Scott Fowler, founder, owner, and lead vocalist of the group; Jake Losen, baritone vocalist; and Matt Fouch, bass vocalist. Tim Parton, the fifth member, accompanied the quartet on the piano and had some numbers solo. The group was celebrating its 25th anniversary.

District Library Board updates Art Committee Members Policy

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At its March 12 meeting, the Belleville Area District Library unanimously approved the amended Art Committee Members Policy that strikes out a paragraph.

The paragraph reads: "Voting members terms of service will be staggered on a 3-year rotating schedule; except for the Director who will always be a voting member of this committee."

Michele Montour, chairperson of the committee, said the wording caused everyone's term to be over in January and this staggering of terms is not necessary any more.

It was put in place when the committee was being formed. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said the groups that appoint their representatives can decide who they want

Montour also reported that photos by Gary Washington are now on display in the library, along with art in the glass case by Cheryl Martin until the end of April.

The next exhibit will be art by students in eighth through twelfth grades for April through June, then art by Steve Paulsen and Kim Ensch, followed by pieces from the Belleville Area Council for the Arts art show until the end of the year;

In other business at the 36-minute

meeting on March 12 the board:

- · Discussed the library calendar and room booking software that had been bid out and had a committee studying the eight bidders, that it narrowed down to three and then selected Springshare. Suchy said the cost came in under \$5,000, so board action was not required. She said the cost for both softwares totaled \$2,500;
- Heard Suchy report that during the last week of February, the electrician came out to replace the flagpole light, but was unable to remove the light casin. He plans to return with Dean Kikkales from Oneal Construction to complete the work;
- · Learned the library's Seed Library will have its grand opening on April 20. Farmer and CSA owner Alex Ball will give a talk on local food and starting your own garden at 11 a.m. The seed collection itself will be available for patrons at the end of the event. More information on the grand opening will be posted;
- Was informed Torrea Williams has been hired as a library monitor;
- · Heard a report on the library's first Stuffy Sleepover. Sixteen children attended storytime and then left their stuffed animals for overnight fun. When the children picked up their animals in the morning each stuffy had a photo collage showing the fun they had doing different

things overnight;

- Heard Suchy announce a free "Memory Café" at 11 a.m., Friday, April 26, in the Cozadd Room where people with memory difficulties and their caregivers can join in for a relaxed and informal event. They can connect with others, remember times past, enjoy some goodies, and make a craft. A diagnosis is not required to attend. Registration is appreciated but not required; and
- Heard board chairperson Sharon Peters praise the "fantastic work" Hilary Savage did filling in for Director Suchy when she was on her trip to Hawaii. Peters said Savage has the marks of a great leader. Peters also thanked Debbie and John Juriga who provided flowers in the library for the week of the library's fourth birthday of the new building. She called the Jurigas "a truly class act"; and
- Heard Juriga say that his son Jessie and his husband who live in New York have a surrogate mother and she will be giving birth to Juriga's fourth grandchild soon. Due date is March 25. He said she is a girl.

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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Editorial

Easter Sunday is very special day

After the dark weekend of bereavement for Christians, marking the Good Friday death of Jesus on the cross and his burial in the tomb over Saturday, Easter Sunday is a day of rejoicing.

Many families, who are of the Christian faith, spend the weekend in meditation and prayer before awaking on Sunday to the joy of Jesus' miraculous rising.

That's when the celebrations should begin, with egg rolling and games for the kids and special meals for families.

The faith has lost followers over the years, but many who continue are enthusiastic and steadfast in their love for Jesus and God. They sing and praise the Lord with

That was the spirit at Bethany Bible Church on March 22 with the spirited concert by Legacy 5 who have been to this area several times over its 25 years. Now, one of Belleville's own is a part of that quartet and the community turned out to support him with gusto.

Families of all ages came out to join together for this pre-Palm Sunday event. Old people suffering from dementia waved their hands in time to the music. Teenagers carried young toddlers around as they both enjoyed laughing interactions with others. Hugs were the norm. This is an example of all the many churches in our area. Christianity is alive and well in the Belleville area and we are the better for it. This wholesome atmosphere and respect for each other is so needed in our society. Happy Easter.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

There was a great turnout for Friday's Legacy 5 concert at Bethany Bible Church in Van Buren Township. Jacob Losen, who grew up in Belleville and graduated from BHS, is now part of the quartet-plus-one that travels throughout the Midwest and south with its music. Legacy 5 is celebrating its 25th season.

The local crowd made a big fuss over Jacob, who was performing here for the first time as a permanent member of the group. He is minister of music at Bethany, his home church, and works full time at Ford Motor Co.

Jacob's father, Kevin of Van Buren Township, who retired from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, has worked for the city of Romulus as Human Resource Director for several years. Several people from Romulus City Hall were present for the concert.

The quartet, with four-part harmony, performs original songs. Many people in the audience were wearing black T-shirts with words from one of the songs: "Love the people God gives you, because he's going to take them back."

That thought really sticks with a person.

Many of the local residents who weren't at the concert on Friday were in front of their television sets watching a two-hour program from Dateline NBC that retold the 2017 murder of Egypt Covington in Van Buren Township and its conclusion.

The *Independent* covered the investigation as it unfolded and reported in detail on the preliminary exam of the accused before Judge Tina Brooks Green so there was little new information that we saw. Michigan

State Police Det./Sgt. James Plummer, who testified at the exam, was interviewed in the television report along with MSP Detective

It was great to see and hear a video of Egypt singing.

Sean Street.

The two Michigan State Police detectives said that the reason the VBT police didn't use the "geofence" technology to find the cell phones of who was at the murder scene was because that technology wasn't available when they first got the cellphone evidence. Also, the DNA of one of the accused on the Christmas lights that bound her wrists was unable to be completely processed at first.

Technology had progressed from the 2017 murder to the time the MSP took over in 2022 and again processed the evidence that immediately led to the three arrests.

There never was a trial. The suspect from Sumpter pled guilty and was set to testify against the other two from Ohio, so they pled guilty, as well. They all were sentenced to lengthy terms.

According to the report, one man directed the other two to the other residence in the duplex that Egypt occupied to get some marijuana and they went in the wrong door.

The aerial shots of downtown Belleville for the Dateline NBC report were old, taken before the new shopping center was built at the bridge. Since Channel 4 recently got permission from the city to put its camera

on the tower at city hall, the television channel should get a lot of current city shots in the future.

Some residents are concerned their privacy might be invaded by the high-definition cameras that can see all over town and the lake. Channel 4 said the city hall tower gave it better shots of the football field than the library roof, which it also considered for its camera location. Makes you wonder. Pull down your shades.

It looks like work on the Denton Road bridge won't begin until after AT&T and DTE move their lines from the current bridge, that has been closed for 543 days as of today. DTE has told local officials it

will begin near the end of the year.

Both AT&T and DTE will be directionally boring under the lake on opposite sides of the bridge to get their lines out of the way for construction.

34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green has announced she will not be running for reelection as judge this fall. Also, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, who represents the tri-community, said he will be retiring at the end of this year, as well. This means we'll be seeing others in those positions as of Jan. 1.



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Letters

Thank you, Mr. Frazier, for lovely Easter dinner

To the editor:

I wanted to let you know of a wonderful experience that my husband and I shared with several of our Sumpter Township residents this past Saturday, March 23.

Mr. James Frazier, a long-time Sumpter resident, invited seniors in the community for a lovely Easter dinner!

The food was delicious and plentiful, served up by Mr. Frazier's friends and family. The Sumpter Township Senior Center was nicely decorated in a full Easter theme.

The highlight for many was Elvis! He worked the crowd perfectly and had folks up and dancing! So much fun! Thank you, Mr. Frazier, for the opportunity to meet "neighbors" that we otherwise might not have ever known. Your kindness and generosity to your neighbors will not be forgotten.

Kelly Boelter Sumpter Township

Democrats to meet to discuss clean energy

To the editor:

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to our March Membership Meeting this Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Dining Hall.

Our guest speaker is Peter Sinclair, an environmental activist from the Midland, MI area. Peter has been working with and interviewing farmers around our state who wish to site clean energy on their land, to save their farms for future generations, and keep them in the family.

Peter has put together a presentation to give us a brief update on the deeply concerning impacts of climate change in Michigan, the importance of Governor Whitmer's energy initiative, and the fossil fuel organized pushback that will be directed at vulnerable representatives in

Hope you will join us Thursday evening at 7 p.m. for an informative presentation along with some good fellowship. All are welcome.



Best wishes and happy spring, Debbie Chamberlain Correspondence Secretary Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club

Things to do in the Belleville area...

Wayne (County) Democratic Club's March Membership Meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dining hall. • Friday, March 29 – Fish Fry at 5 p.m.

• Thursday, March 28 - The Southwestern

- 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
- 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 Plans, Retirement, Saving/Investing, Estate Planning, and more. Financial stability is possible and it starts now!
- Tuesday, April 2 The Michigan Department of Transportation is hosting a public open house on the CAV corridor project being installed on I-94 in Van Buren Township. Open house is 3-7 p.m. at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Community Room M-15, Dearborn. Info: (517) 335-4381.
- 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).
- Thursday, April 11 Classic Movie Night Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Tonight it is Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane." 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
- Saturday, April 13 Family-to-Family Sale to benefit the Van Buren Public Schools Early Childhood Center will run from 9 a.m. to noon at the Belleville High School Cafeteria, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. This is a fund-raising event, cash only, like a mom-to-mom sale, and all proceeds will go toward the playground project at the Early Childhood Center. Information at: <u>SCEnglish@</u> vanburenschools.net.

Obituaries





Elliott Brown Karo

ELLIOTT BROWN KARO

(February 10, 1936 – March 14, 2024) Elliott Brown Karo, age 88, died after a long illness on March 14, 2024. He was born on February 10, 1936 in Kewanee, Mississippi. Moved to Michigan in 1943. He was a veteran serving from 1955-1959 in the U.S. Navy. In 1959 he married the love of his life, Elaine Brown. Three children came out of that union. In March 1991, he retired from the U.S. Government after 37 years of faithful service. He was pastor of Bethlehem Temple of Belleville Church from April 1998 to July 2016. Funeral service will be March 30. Family hour at 10 a.m., funeral at 11 a.m., at Bethlehem Temple of Belleville, 45100 Willow Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 64 years Elaine, 3 children, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grands, and a host of relatives and

Annual indoor flea market set for April 25, **26, 27 at St. Paul's**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, will hold its annual indoor flea market on April 25, 26, 27. On Thursday and Friday, it will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Saturday it will be open 9 a.m. to noon.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale including antiques, collectibles, and furniture. For information, call (734) 753-

The flea market is sponsored by the St. Paul's Ladies Aid and Men's Club.

BHS at-home games

- Monday, April 1 Girls JV Soccer vs. Northville HS, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Stevenson HS, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2 Boys & Girls Track & Field vs. Fordson HS, 3:30 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Pioneer HS, doubleheader, 4
- Wednesday, April 2 Varsity Softball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, doubleheader, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Edsel Ford HS, 4 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 4:30 p.m.

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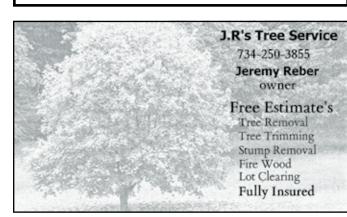
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bituaries





Gordon E. Wortley

(March 3, 1940 – March 17, 2024)

Gordon E. Wortley of Van Buren Township, MI, age 84, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at home.

He was born in Ypsilanti, MI on March 3, 1940. He is the son of Gordon Ervin Wortley and Helen Louise James Wortley. He is survived by his wife, Karen; his daughter, Lindsey (Christopher) Jemison; and step-grandson, Thomas Lewis. His parents, sister Helen Wortley, and stepdaughter Kyriann Lewis, predeceased him.

Gordon served in the United States Air Force for 4 years, during which time he worked as a firefighter in Kokomo, IN and Greenland. After working at Michigan Bell for 33 years, he retired in 1999. He enjoyed his retirement years spending time with family and friends, and having fun whenever he could. He loved a freshly mown lawn, good music, and good company. The memories of his good nature, humor, and storytelling continue to honor his

Burial took place in his family plot in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to your local animal shelter, local hospice organization, or the Alzheimer's Association.

The family is hosting a memorial at the Sidetrack Bar and Grille in Depot Town, Ypsilanti, MI on March 30, 2024 from 12:30PM-3:30PM.

KIMBERLY JO MILLS

(March 16, 1956 - March 20, 2024)

Age 68, of Van Buren Township. Survived by children Tobin Mills of Van Buren Township and Candace Mason of Houston, TX; two siblings; four grandchildren; one greatgrandchild. Cremation rites accorded. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Carl Sidney McClanahan,

CARL SIDNEY McCLANAHAN, JR.

(February 1, 1947 – March 14, 2024)

Carl Sidney McClanahan, Jr., who served as interim and then permanent Van Buren Township Public Safety Director from 2009 to 2013, died March 14, 2024 at the age of 77.

He retired from the Detroit Police Department after 25 years of service. He held a master's degree in public administration.

Visitation at Jeter Funeral Home, 8436 W. Chicago Blvd., in Detroit, is 4 to 8 p.m. on March 28, 2024. Family Hour will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. March 29, 2024 at New Hope Baptist Church, 33640 Michigan Ave., Westland.

Burial will be at the cemetery on Willow Road in Sumpter Township.



Sandra K. Daroci

SANDRA K. DAROCI

(November 25, 1953 – March 20, 2024)

Sandra K. Daroci, 70, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Allouez Parkside Village, Green Bay, Wisconsin. She was born on November 25, 1953, in Wausau to the late Edwin and Lucille (Barden) Pergolski. Sandra worked at Walmart for almost 25 years and was proud to have worked until she was 69 years old. She loved to cook and to share some of the things she made with others, in particular her krispy bars and seasoned pretzels. Like her mother, she also enjoyed sewing plastic canvas pieces, making beaded jewelry and other crafts. She is survived by her daughter, Rachel (fiancé, Brent Krajewski) Beck; grandsons Adrian Smith and Logan Krajewski; siblings Colleen (John) Stillwell, Joanne (Jerry) Lang, Tina Walters, Robert (Bonnie) Pergolski and George (Liz) Pergolski; sisters-in-law Darlene Pergolski. Katie Pergolski and Diane Pergolski; brothersin-law, Terry Luedtke and Ralph Henry; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Greg Daroci; brothers Edwin "Buddy", Richard, Donald, James and John Pergolski; her sisters, infant Louise, Lois "Punky" Luedtke, Margaret "Peggy" Bartz, Patricia Pergolski and Mary Henry; and brotherin-law Wayne Walters.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 13. 2024, at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St., Green Bay, WI from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sharing of memories will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www. prokowall.com.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a memorial fund will be established.

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watched Clerk Esther Hurst swear him into his new office and Lt. Balowski's wife pin his new badge on his uniform;

- Unanimously approved Holtz's recommendation to write off \$4,567.33 in utility billing accounts for fiscal year 2023-24. Holtz said these are from 5-15 years old and are from Augusta and Exeter townships;
- · Unanimously approved Holtz's recommendation to write off \$14,242.82 in miscellaneous receivable accounts for fiscal year 2023-24. He explained this was from two accidents in 2020 when a young man hit a hydrant and died seven months later in another accident. His insurance company denied coverage;
- Unanimously approved the planning commission's recommendation to approve Chapter 174. Open Burning, with no explanation;
- Unanimously approved the contract with Oakland County's CLEMIS for the fire department's records management at \$5,625 per year;
- Unanimously approved Deputy Erica Campbell to attend the MMTA Basic Institute Certification Class, with a cost not to exceed \$1,400;
- Unanimously approved a fuel system replacement upgrade for the DPW area fuel system at a total price of \$17,999;
- Unanimously approved directing the township manager and attorney to review the current employment agreement for Finance Director Scott Holtz and provide recommendations at the March 26 meeting;
- Heard Leroy Paige invite the board to the Vietnam War Recognition Day from 5-7 p.m., March 21, at Belleville High School Auditorium, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. He said there will be a Department of Defense script and each board member present can read a part. He said this event will honor all veterans;

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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.

- Heard Mary Ban say people have asked her about the possible paving of Judd Road that has been mentioned in the past. Supervisor Tim Bowman said that would probably be from Bohn Road to Rawsonville Road, but Township Manager Tony Burdick would know. Burdick did not offer any information; and
- Heard attorney Young say when his report is approved, the board will be approving a form to be used for direct payment to vendors instead of going through writing checks. He also spent 34 minutes complaining about the *Independent*.

Camilleri introduces 'Library in Every School' legislation

Citing the need for more school libraries and librarians to help improve literacy outcomes for Michigan students, Sens. Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, and Rosemary Bayer, D-West Bloomfield, on March 5 introduced a package of bills that would require a library staffed by a certified school librarian in every school district in

"This is an issue I've been working on for years, and equity for school libraries and librarians remains an issue in our state," said Sen. Camilleri, a former teacher in a school that did not have a library available

"Michigan is 46th in the nation in

school library staffing and our reading scores remain low. If we want to help improve literacy outcomes, we need to help all students have the resources they need to succeed. including gradelevel-aligned texts and knowledgeable, accessible school librarians -- no matter what school they go to or where they live."

"Librarians play a vital role in our education

system," said Sen. Bayer. "This legislation will ensure every student has access to the valuable services and information our school librarians provide.

"In today's age of digital misinformation, our librarians help students ascertain fact from fiction and the importance of checking sources. They are providing our students with skills they will use every day," she said.

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Brothers James Farr, Kenneth Farr both make Eagle Scout rank

James Harley Farr and Kenneth Raymond Farr are Van Buren Township brothers who both made the highest rank in Boy Scouting, the Eagle rank.

James earned his Eagle rank on March 8, 2023 with Boy Scout Troop #231 which meets at Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road. He is a graduate of Belleville High School, class of 2023, and at this time he plans to go into auto mechanics.

Kenneth earned his Eagle rank on March 9, 2024, with Boy Scout Troop #793 which meets at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building on Bemis Road. He is a student at Belleville High School and will soon graduate with the class of 2024. He plans to seek more schooling in Culinary Arts -

Parents are Kevin and Sarah Farr of Van Buren Township. Grandparents are Jim and Kathy Farr of Sumpter Township and Lillian Cole and the late Kenneth T. Cole of Canton Township.

The parents said that many people don't know that to reach this rank a scout must do a service project.

"With that being said, we would like to give out a big, huge thank you to the Huron Sportsman Association in New Boston and president John Lyp for working with James on his project and another big, huge thank you to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and Tracy Bryant, principal of Rawsonville Elementary School, for working with Kenneth on his project," they



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Wigginton continues climbing tallest building in each state for charity

On Sunday, March 24, Jim Wigginton, of Van Buren Township climbed the Columbia Center Tower, in Seattle, the tallest building in the state of Washington, as part of his goal to set a record for climbing the staircase of the tallest building in every state.

That was following his March 9 climb, when reporters from three news stations in Indianapolis separately interviewed him as he was getting ready to climb the tallest building in Indiana. He told them this was his 15th tall building.

He said his goal of climbing the tallest buildings in each state is being done to raise awareness and contributions for Folds of Honor, which provides scholarships to the families of fallen or disabled veterans and first responders, and Legacy Expeditions, raising money for specialoperation veterans dealing with servicerelated issues. He also is promoting a thyroid cancer foundation at the University of Michigan.

In the last 17 years, Folds of Honor has provided over 53,000 scholarships, he said.

Legacy Expeditions is a veteran-founded and run organization that organizes extreme expeditions in memory of fallen special operations veterans.

"Our last expedition in 2023 was skydiving on all seven continents," Wigginton said. "This resulted in four world records, including fastest time to jump on all seven continents (six days, six hours), and on six continents (four days, 10 hours).

Wigginton holds the current world record for the fastest time to climb or descend one million stairs.

He said on March 24 he did three laps of the 147 floors, 3,200 stairs, in less than

"I didn't see the final standings, but I finished first of anyone over 60, and probably in the middle of the 25 that

climbed more than one lap, and ahead of the 500 other people that climbed just one lap," he said.

He also is earning funds for the Punya Thyroid Cancer Foundation, named after his late wife, which has supported two thyroid cancer doctors at the University of Michigan - Dr. Megan Haymart and Dr. Francis Worden. Their work over the last ten years, has been able to increase the life expectancy of more than 5,000 stage-four thyroid cancer patients by five times while substantially increasing their quality of life, he said.

People who want to learn more about these charities, or donate, can go to Foldsofhonor.org, Legacyexpeditions.net, http://giving.umich.edu/give/cancer-punya

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VBT, Belleville, Sumpter battle Bemis Road barn fire

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Acetyline tanks exploded, sounding like a bomb, shortly after 4 p.m. on March 19 as firefighters worked at putting out a barn fire on Bemis Road between Haggerty and Riggs roads in Van Buren Township.

Fire Chief Dave McInally said the fire spread to the travel trailer next to the 30'x40' barn and to the grass. He said three VBT police officers used brooms from the fire trucks to brush flames off the grass.

Chief McInally said the homeowner was cutting with a torch in his barn and left to go to another building and when he returned the barn was on fire.

He said Deputy Chief Andy Lenaghan was knocking the fire down with a hose. Once the water was accessed the fire was contained, he said.

The dispatch call to the fire department was at 4:16 p.m. Van Buren Township was assisted by Belleville and Sumpter Township fire departments. The barn and travel trailer were complete losses, he said.

Chief McInally said after the fire as the

firefighters were returning to the station, they got a call from Haggerty Road just around the corner from the Bemis Road fire. He said the homeowner on Haggerty found his gas meter on fire, but he turned off the gas, and the fire went out.

City of Belleville officially joins Bidnet's regional e-procurement

The City of Belleville has officially joined the MITN Purchasing Group, one of Bidnet Direct's regional e-procurement solutions, providing vendors throughout Michigan online access to its upcoming solicitations, according to a news release.

The regional purchasing group connects local public agencies with vendors looking to do business with the government.

Registered vendors of the MITN Purchasing Group can gain access to a variety of bid opportunities throughout Michigan in one location.

By posting upcoming bids and requests for proposals on the MITN Purchasing Group, Belleville ensures a community of vendors can view its solicitation, download documents, and receive notification of addenda, helping to streamline their procurement process.

Registered vendors can access bids, related documents, addendum, and award information.

"As one of many public agencies looking to procure a variety of different goods and services, utilizing the MITN Purchasing Group allows us to find more vendors, increasing participation and creates more competition, which is a plus for us because it gives us more opportunities to choose reliable businesses to work with and guarantees we can get what we need at a fair price," said Jason Smith, Belleville city manager, according to the news release.

"It also allows us to get to support local businesses and gives the vendors a chance to grow their business," he said.

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Court Watching:

Ayden Clark bound over to circuit court for methamphetamine

By Rosemary K. Otzman **Independent** Editor

After a lengthy preliminary exam on Feb. 21 before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin, Ayden Tyeler Clark, 29, of Van Buren Township was bound over to circuit court on a charge of possession of

methamphetamine on Dec. 30, 2021 in the city of Belleville.

His arraignment on the information was March 6 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. A calendar conference was set for March 27.

First witness at the exam was Belleville Police Sgt. Todd Schrecengost who testified he was out on patrol alone at 2 a.m. when he saw a car with headlights on running while parked in the 300 block of Main Street with what appeared to be a person slumped over the wheel.

He said he went around the block and came up behind the car to check it out. He said the Impala had tinted windows, but he could see the individual was hunched over to the right and wasn't moving. He said he knocked on the window and shined the flashlight inside through the side window and windshield but could get no response.

Sgt. Schrecengost said the city had had some drug overdoses over the past few years and he didn't know if the individual was sleeping, intoxicated, or overdosed. He radioed two other officers on duty for backup and they came and one picked up a Slim Jim to open the driver's door. They found a man in the driver's seat in a hoodie sweatshirt, sleeping or unconscious.

Sgt. Schrecengost said he yelled "Hey, hey" and shook the man's shoulder and he didn't wake up so he testified that he suspected an overdose of some type. He said the man, later identified as defendant Clark, finally mumbled, "I'm good. Come on, honey,"

When he awoke in the cold night air, he was lethargic, disoriented, and confused, Sgt. Schrecengost said, adding it was 10 degrees that night. Sgt. Schrecengost testified he said to him, "It's the police" and Clark replied, "Aw, shit." He testified he got him out of the car and detained him in the back seat of his patrol car in handcuffs.

Clark's car was searched because it was going to be towed and Sgt. Schrecengost

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Deadline April 8: Apply for FEMA grants for 2023 tornadoes, storms

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Applications must go to FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration in one of four ways:

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov .
- Use the FEMA mobile app.
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Multilingual operators are available. If you use video

relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that

• Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For

locations and hours, go online to fema.gov/ Disaster Recovery Centers are currently

open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday. In Wayne County, centers are open at

Gibraltar City Hall, 29450 Munro St., Gibraltar 48173; and Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Rd., Taylor 48180 (This center closes at 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.)

In Detroit recovery centers are at the Kemeny Recreation Center, 2260 S. Fort St. and Butzel Family Recreation Center, 7737 Kercheval Ave. Centers are also open in Kent and Macomb counties.

FEMA and the SBA specialists at the recovery centers can help applicants upload documents, answer their questions and provide information on available resources. The centers serve as one-stop

shops for survivors who need one-on-one help. Survivors can visit any center for assistance.

Residents affected by the August storms with uninsured or under-insured losses are encouraged to apply for federal assistance before the April 8 deadline, if they haven't done so already.

For more information about the disaster recovery operation in Michigan, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4757.



March 24 - Mary Fitzpatrick March 30 - Kaitlyn Beals

April 1 - John Smolinski

April 3 - Carol Bird

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Upcoming Meetings

- 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.,
- Tuesday, April 9 Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30
- Wednesday, April 10 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.



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MDOT sets open house April 2 on proposed CAV corridor on I-94

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will host a public open house from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, on the proposed connected and automated vehicle (CAV) corridor project on I-94 in Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

This public open house will offer surrounding communities the opportunity to discuss the future of the pilot with MDOT and its private partner, Cavnue.

MDOT invites interested residents and commuters and community leaders to meet with MDOT, Cavnue, and consultant staff members.

The meeting will be held at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn in the Community Room.

Attendees who require mobility, visual, hearing, written or other assistance for effective participation should contact Orlando Curry at (517) 241-7462 or CurryO@Michigan.gov, preferably at least five business days prior to the scheduled meeting. Forms are located on the Title VI webpage. Requests made after this timeframe will be evaluated and honored to the extent possible.

The proposed CAV corridor project is a partnership between MDOT and Cavnue. The proposed project envisions repurposing an existing travel lane into a technology-enabled express lane along each direction of I-94 between Ann Arbor and Detroit and will accommodate a mix of traditional personal vehicles, CAVs, transit, and shared mobility services.

The proposed project will involve installing technology to enhance safety and efficiency for all users of the corridor. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, MDOT is undertaking an Environmental Assessment to identify potential project impacts.

Comments and input can also be submitted online or by contacting Monica Monsma, MDOT Environmental Services Section, 425 W. Ottawa St., P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909, Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 335-4381.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES RESCHEDULED

THIS IS PUBLIC NOTICE that the City of Belleville City Council has rescheduled its regular meeting dates of April 1, 2024 to April 2, 2024.

Briana Hootman Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** MINUTES **MARCH 19, 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, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Hubbard, 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 Human Resources Sumpter, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Police Chief Wright, Deputy Police Chief Monte, DDA Director Coburn, Facilities Coordinator Harvey and an audience of seven.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF **AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024, Prepaid List of March 7, 2024, Prepaid List of March 14, 2024, Voucher List of March 19, 2024, Approval of the appointment of Stacy English and Mark Woodson to the Recreation Committee with the terms to expire February 1, 2025, Approval of the appointment of Gina Dorazio to the LDFA with a term to expire August 1, 2025 and Approval of the redesignation of Charles Larocque's appointment to the BZA from alternate to standard at-large with a term to expire December 1, 2025. Motion

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Treasurer Budd announced that SHUVA received a grant for \$959,752 for improvements for the Huron Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant and installation of new pump stations, gates and some interior equipment; and Clerk Wright announced the passing of Former Van Buren Police Chief Carl McClanahan and sent his condolences to the family.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and **New Business):** A resident expressed concern regarding Cobblestone Creek Development's

current drainage issue with the retention pond. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Van Buren Township Community Center (VBC) Member and Guest Policy Handbook. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Van Buren Township Community Center (VBC) Employee Manual. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve Resolution 2024-03: Updated 2024 Van Buren Community Center (VBC) Fee Schedule.

Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2024-02: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Van Buren Park Picnic Table Program 2025. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of Vin-Con incorporated for the Van Buren Park Structure Demolition Project for \$22,800. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve William Miner's Personal Service Agreement for the position of Superintendent of Water and Sewer and to authorize Supervisor McNamara and Clerk Wright to execute the agreement.

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve an agreement between Van Buren Township and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) for the award of a Housing Readiness incentive grant. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve of the donation of road right of way to Wayne County for the Denton Road Bridge Project. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Preliminary Plan and Special Land Use approval for a revision to the Cobblestone Creek Planned Residential Development (PRD) by David Straub of M/I Homes of Michigan LLC. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

trivia competition.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor McNamara congratulated a group of Township seniors for winning a local

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk Kevin McNamara, Supervisor Published: March 28, 2024

Musings

By Janet Millard Independent Advertising Director

In preparation for the April 8 solar eclipse, the Belleville Area District Library will be distributing special protective glasses on March 30 from noon to 5 p.m. Tri-community residents will be given priority. Bring your ID. There is a watch party scheduled on April 8 at the library and if you can't be there, it will also be live-streamed.

Don't forget that the Belleville Firefighters will be at the corner of Main and High streets on Tuesday, April 2, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. with their annual "Fill the Boot for Autism" fundraiser.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will be hosting a visit to the Orson Welles' exhibit at the U of M Hatcher Library on

April 4. All interested should meet at 2 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library to carpool to Ann Arbor.

Growth Works, which has served our families and children since 1971, has a fund raiser coming up on April 20. The Murder Mystery Co. presents "Midnight at the Masquerade." It is being held from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth. This is a masquerade murder mystery dinner, and tickets are available at Google: growthworksmurdermystery

Do you have a business item you would like to share? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020 or write to her at <u>ifayemillard@</u> att.net.

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Steve Stoltz of Van Buren Township, BHS class of 1957, read his Independent during his recent trip which included this spot in Antarctica. He and Trudy Paelke of Canton started their three-week cruise in Santiago, Chile, then went through the Great Passage on a calm day. They cruised for several days in the area due west, including the Falkland Islands, which Stoltz found very interesting because of the invasion of those islands by Argentina in 1982 after which the United Kingdom responded and a lot of lives were lost. The islands were a British Overseas Territory and Argentina claimed it was theirs. Stoltz knew a soldier who fought in that war. Then the cruise was on to Montevideo, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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of the March 14 death of former Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan. His viewing will be at the Jeter Funeral Home in Detroit on March 28 and the funeral at New Hope Church in Wayne on March 29. He will be buried in the cemetery on Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Supervisor McNamara said McClanahan had the pulse of the community and he and his wife were a power couple in the community. They left the community to go to Florida, he said;

- Approved three documents having to do with the community center: the Member and Guest Policy Handbook, the Employee Manual, and the Fee Schedule. Supervisor McNamara said he read the lengthy documents "until my eyes bleed." Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services, said they are planning a June grand opening of the community center. She said the community center hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- Approved a resolution supporting a Passport Grant of \$63,000 (with \$16,600 match of that from the township) from the Michigan DNR for the Van Buren Park Picnic Table Program for 2025. The township already has a \$46,800 grant for picnic tables for 2024 for Quirk Park;
- Approved the selection of Vin-Con Inc., second-lowest of 13 bidders, for the Van Buren Park Structure Demolition Project at a cost of \$22,800. Parks Director Locke said this is to clean up the park of old trash, including the trash bin behind the building, an old concession building, an unusable storage garage, a former electrical service panel, and poles and other parts of a former camp near the beachhouse;
- Approved William Miner's personal service agreement for the position of Water and Sewer Superintendent. He just retired as deputy director at Allen Park, where he had worked for 25 years. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He said he is not ready to retire. He has his S-3 certificate and eventually will get his S-1 certificate;
- Approved an agreement between the township the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for the award of a Housing Readiness incentive grant. Director Akers said in January they submitted a request for a grant to find the housing needs in the township. It is for \$45,000 with the township paying \$5,000. Trustee Kevin Martin said housing is a problem throughout the country and he appreciates this grant. Supervisor McNamara said, "We need this grant to get more money";
- Approved the Preliminary Plan and Special Land Use approval for a revision to the Cobblestone Creek Planned Residential Development by David Straub of M/I Homes of Michigan, who is completing a subdivision that was started 20 years ago. There was much discussion on the water drainage, since one of the Cobblestone homeowners' associations petitioned the

county for the cleanout and maintenance of Jewett Drain. This petition was approved at a recent hearing;

- Heard a resident of Hull Road speak during public comment at both the beginning and end of the meeting. It is his contention that the retention ponds in Cobblestone subdivisions need to be enlarged to keep the land along the Jewett Drain from flooding. A long discussion on drains ensued. One of the Homeowners Association at Cobblestone petitioned the county for cleanup and maintenance of the Jewett Drain and after a recent public hearing, the county approved the project. Property owners along the drain in Van Buren Township and Belleville will be billed on their property taxes for the cleanup. Treasurer Sharry Budd said when the Cobblestone development was approved, township engineers approved the drainage system. She said, "Wayne County hasn't cleaned in years. People are paying for drains that aren't being cleaned";
- Approved the supervisor's appointments of Stacy English and Mark Woodson to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire Feb. 1, 2025;
- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Gina Dorazio to the Local Development Funding Authority with a term to expire Aug. 1, 2025; and
- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Charles Larocque as a standard, at-large member of the Board of Zoning Appeals instead of the former alternate status with a term to expire Dec. 1, 2025.





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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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City of Belleville Public Notice



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

The City of Belleville's City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed changes to Section 10 (Animals) of the Code of Ordinances.

The City Council will conduct its public hearing on April 2, 2024, at 7:30 PM, during the regular City of Belleville City Council meeting, at the Municipal Council Chambers located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Copies of the draft language will be available for inspection by the public at the Office of the City Clerk, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan. Written comments will be received until the hearing record is closed on April 2, 2024. Written comments should be sent to the City of Belleville's City Manager, Jason Smith, at 6 Main St, Belleville, MI, 48111.

Briana Hootman Clerk/Treasurer

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Belleville DDA

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- Discussed briefly the new budget that is being put together. Baker had asked for suggestions for line items for committees Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams asked for \$20,000 for the art committee. Chris Donley, chairman of the marketing committee, asked for \$50,000 so they could hire a professional firm to help with a five-year plan;
- Heard Valerie Kelley-Bonner say she knew nothing about what Donley was describing and so she announced she was relinquishing her membership on the marketing committee. She asked for better communication in the future;
- Approved \$3,000 as a grant to the free Music Lakeside concert series, now in its 15th season. The Van Buren Township DDA agreed to match up to \$3,000 of what the Belleville DDA granted the concert series. The request for the grant was from Ken Voigt, the city's mayor who sits on the DDA as liaison from the city. Mayor

Voigt was not present in person at the DDA meeting, but was attending by Zoom;

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- Heard chairperson Alicia McGovern announce that the next meeting, and those thereafter, will be held at the Belleville Area District Library. She said she would not be present for the next meeting on April 17. Treasurer Richardson-Williams also announced she could not attend that meeting;
- Heard DDA member Kelley-Bonner urged everyone to "love on each other." She said the recent shooting murder at a bar in Romulus was her family;
- Heard Richardson-Williams say she was on the team that picked out the art that will be leased to the city for a year, starting in May. She said the committee felt moved to compete with the new Balloon Dog sculpture next to the bridge. They have selected statues of animals: a giraffe, gorilla, and goats at the Secretary of State;
- · Heard a suggestion from the audience from Dinara Strikis that if they are going to have a goat day this year, they could have a community GOAT award: Greatest of All
- · Was informed by Jones that the agenda sent to them of six items of General Business was reduced to just three because splitting the cost of the goats trimming the brush at Horizon Park with the city could be handled internally, as could the aeration and weed and feed of Horizon Park. The decision on the LED sign would be made at the next meeting. Jones also said the plan to revote to clarify the address of which parcel was purchased at the last meeting was not necessary, because the attorney said it was clarified before the meeting ended. In addition the request for a grant from Music Lakeside was added at the last minute



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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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Court Watching

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said he watched Officer Chad Adam remove a jar of marijuana from an Ann Arbor dispensary and a small Tupperware container with a white crystalline substance inside, which Sgt. Schrecengost testified he believed to be methamphetamine.

The officers picked up a preliminary drug test kit from the police department and conveyed it to the scene and the substance registered methamphetamine.

The results of a test at the Michigan State Police lab later confirmed it to be methamphetamine.

Under cross-examination from defense attorney Parisa Sadrnia, Sgt. Schrecengost testified that when he was talking with the suspect, Clark told him he was extremely tired because he'd been through a lot and his mother was ill. "He was crying and he asked us not to arrest him," Sgt. Schrecengost said, noting he didn't want to lose his license because he's a semi-driver for Pepsi-Cola.

Sgt. Schrecengost testified there was no smell of alcohol on his breath or person.

The defense attorney said her client

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Belleville Area Independent/March 28, 2024

Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

There were 235 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following. Sunday, March 17:

0102 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

0154 - assist other dept., Merriman Rd.

0852 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

0959 - animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1021 - vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.

1026 - larceny, Belleville Rd.

1028 - family trouble, Outer Dr.

1335 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1419 - unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94

1500 - assist other dept., DNR boat launch / Rawsonville Rd.

1504 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1510 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1609 - welfare check, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd. 1748 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

W. Huron River Dr.

1820 - intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.

1953 - motorist assist, Belleville Rd.

2214 - private property impound, Belleville Rd.

2242 - property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

Monday, March 18:

0345 - motorist assist, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd. 0509 - assault & battery, S. Cumberland Dr.

0630 - parking complaint, McBride Rd.

0700 - vehicle lockout, N. Ponderosa Trl.

0708 – neighbor trouble, Harmony Ln.

0727 - unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.

0830 - civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0857 - traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

0923 - Belleville Lake complaint, Tyler Rd.

xxxx - misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.

1040 - ordinance violation, all 7300 MICR codes,

Robson Rd./Belleville Rd.

1142 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake

1216 - malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.

1309 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.

1435 - larceny, Oak Ln.

1441 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N.

-94 Service Dr./Dewitt Rd.

1528 - welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.

1542 – 911 welfare check, Aspen Ln.

1553 - shooting, Rawsonville Rd.

1652 - threat, McBride Ave.

1837 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.

1813 - assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.

1840 - civil matter, Redwood Dr.

1827 - animal complaint, Dorchester Dr.

1840 - misc. complaint, Mida Dr.

1939 - domestic, S. Cumberland Dr.

2003 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Rd.

2020 - operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville

2046 - intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.

2052 - trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2112 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

2158 - welfare check, Redwood Dr.

Tuesday, March 19:

0010 – domestic, Marlowe Ave.

0021 - intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

0035 - civil matter, Arthur St.

0642 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

0736 - animal complaint, Holly Ln.

0850 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

Xxxx - assault & battery, Maple Dr.

1827 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1044 - domestic, Martz Rd. 1147 - disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1438 – domestic, Outer Dr.

1523 - vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd. 1523 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Timberview Ct. 1538 - disorderly, Parkwood Dr.

1616 - welfare check, Parkwood Dr. 1606 – assist fire dept. Bemis Rd.

1714 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.

1840 - harassment call, Belleville Rd.

2041 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

2012 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2312 - assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, March 20:

0241 - mental subject, Outer Dr.

0241 - intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0705 – abandoned auto, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd. 0943 - unattended death, Kirkridge Park Dr.

 $0952-private\ property/property\ damage\ accident,$

Belleville Rd. 1110 - property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /

Denton Rd. 1125 - family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1210 - private property impound, Haggerty Rd.

1529 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville

1552 - welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1705 - property damage accident, Haggerty/Alden

xxxx - warrant arrest, E. Main St.

1930 - assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.

2030 - vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

2122 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

2154 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Heatherfield Blvd./Morton Taylor Rd.

2202 - intrusion alarm Belleville Rd. 2221 - civil matter, Richard Run Dr.

2333 - neighbor trouble, Meadows Cir.

2347 - family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, March 21:

0353 - 911 welfare check, Aspen Ln.

1132 - property check, Rose Blvd.

0838 - private property/property damage accident, Samuel Barton Dr.

0902 - welfare check, Belleville Rd. 0914 - assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.

1000 - welfare check, Sylvia Dr.

1101 - intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1210 - larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.

1230 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lighthouse Dr.

1354 - civil matter, N. Woodbury Dr.

1729 - unattended death, Evelyn Ct.

1733 - intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd. 1758 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx - repossession, Van Buren Ln.

xxxx - private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1946 - suicidal person, Arthur St. 2040 - intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.

2049 - welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.

2115 - vehicle lockout, Old Michigan Rd. 2119 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N.

I-94 Service Dr.

2203 - road hazard, Belleville Rd.

2329 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Parkwood Dr.

Friday, March 22: 0325 - larceny, Westlake Cir.

0702 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0742 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

0914 - 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./ Denton Rd.

xxxx - animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr./ Denton Rd.

 $0924-trespassing, Parkwood\ Dr.$

1008 - welfare check, Archwood Dr.

1034 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cambridge Ct.

1158 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.

1201 - property damage accident, Maple Leaf South

1249 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.

1400 - malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1446 - harassment call, Park Estates

1507 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx - civil matter, McBride

1522 - welfare check, Bentley Dr.

1626 - motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service

1702 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1706 - trespassing, Belleville Rd. 1808 - welfare check, Meadows Cir.

1816 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr. 2008 - intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.

2025 - property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Independence Ln.

2052 - disorderly, Belleville Rd.

2112 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2140 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

2214 - assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.

2337 - noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, March 23:

xxxx - civil matter, Hull Rd.

1248 - domestic, Outer Dr.

1400 - leaving the scene of property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

1505 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.

xxxx - sexual assault, Elwell Rd.

1624 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.

1642 - domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1723 - trespassing, Belleville Rd. 1849 - parking complaint, Village Green Ln.

1824 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Deanna Dr.

1826 - malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

1837 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

1947 - sex offender registration, Fret Rd.

2032 - intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr. 2219 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2242 - misc, complaint, Van Born Rd. 2319 - civil matter Maple Dr.

2355 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 94 traffic stops, 30 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 17:

0012 - assist citizen, Potter Dr.

0028 - intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

0146 - property check, Hull Rd.

0038 - threat, Carmell St.

0303 - property check, Denton Rd. 0332 - property check, Main St.

0351 - property check, S. Edgemont Ave.

0400 - property check, E. Columbia Ave. 0407 - property check, Victoria Commons

0410 - property check, Main St. 0440 - property check, W. Davis St.

0445 - property check, Main St. 0448 - property check, S. Industrial Pk. Dr.

0504 - property check, South St. 0522 - property check, Main St.

0543 - property check, Sumpter Rd. 0556 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

0604 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.

1905 - disorderly, Main St. 1914 - property damage accident, N. Liberty St. /

E. Huron River Dr.

2022 - fight, Main St.

2035 - traffic stop, Main St./High St. 2058 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

2253 - property check, Main St.

2306 - property check, Village Park

2318 – property check, Loza Ln.

Monday, March 18: 0036 - property check, S. Edgemont Ave.

0102 - property check, E. Columbia Ave.

0113 - property check, Victoria Commons 0125 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

0128 - property check, S. Edgemont Ave. 0152 - property check, Main St.

0230 - intrusion alarm, Main St. 0529 - property check, Sumpter Rd.

0542 - property check, Sumpter Rd. 0553 - property check, Sumpter Rd.

0611 - property check, S. Industrial Pk. Dr. 0611 - property check, S. Industrial Pk. Dr. 0807 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln./Thornhill Ct.

0954 - missing person, Main St. 1148 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.

1300 - follow up by officer, Main St.

1756 - domestic, Carmell St.

0403 - property check, Sumpter Rd.

1458 - traffic offense, Victorian Ln./Thornhill 1725 - property check, Lifepointe Church

1731 - property check, Belle Villa mobile home park 1747 - property check, Lakeview mobile home park

2300 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St. Tuesday, March 19:

0422 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave. xxxx - intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.

1211 - domestic, Robbe St.

1501 - domestic, Robbe St.

1946 - traffic stop, Menlo Park

Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.

2157 - traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.

Davenport Plaza

0133 - property check, Charles St.

0439 - property check, Fourth St.

1146 - intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.

1750 - warrant arrest, Main St.

2323 - property check, E. Columbia Ave.

2355 - property check, Village Park

Thursday, March 21: 0102 - property check, E. Columbia Ave.

1733 - domestic, Henry St.

2316 - property check, Tuscan Manor

2340 - property check, Harbour Pointe 2344 - property check, Village Park 2353 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

0003 - property check, Sumpter Rd. 0018 - property check, Sumpter Rd.

0027 - property check, E. Columbia Ave.

0121 - property check, Sumpter Rd. 0139 - property check, Victoria Commons

0255 - property check, Main St.

0256 - property check, S. Edgemont Ave.

1132 - property damage accident, Owen St.

2216 - assist citizen, Main St.

0826 - domestic, Carmell St.

0937 - traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.

1151 - traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave. 1157 - traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.

1239 - traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour

1246 - traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

Pointe Dr. 1607 - juvenile complaint, Savage/tracks

1649 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave. 1658 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E.

Columbia Ave./Madelon 1706 - traffic stop, Main St./South St. 2040 - traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.

There are 19 traffic stops on this week's log, along with 60 property checks.

Sumpter Township

Sunday, March 17:

 $1735-911\ hang\ up,\ 19000\ bl.$ Elwell Rd.

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1234 - ordinance violation-all 7300, Bedell St.

1353 - intrusion alarm, Main St.

1359 - civil matter, San Carlos St.

1931 - traffic stop, Main St./First St.

2137 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance.

2219 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance

Wednesday, March 20:

0210 - property check, Fourth St.

2246 - property check, Main St.

2255 - property check, Main St.

2334 - property check, Tuscan Manor

2344 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

2359 - property check, Victoria Commons

0426 - intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

2301 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

2326 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, March 22:

0034 - property check, Owen St. 0056 - property check, Sumpter Rd.

0244 - property check, S. Industrial Pk. Dr.

0819 - disorderly, Owen St.

0804 - disorderly, Edgemont Elementary School 0815 - disorderly, W. Davis St.

1417 - traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave. 1849 - harassment call, South St.

Saturday, March 23: 0204 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance Main St./First St.

0948 - civil matter, Carmell St.

1224 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

1303 - traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave. 1320 - traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

1618 - traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr. 1641 - traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon

1358 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bay

2121 - traffic stop, S. Edgemont Ave. 2150 - traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Police Dispatch Log

0456 – mental health call, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd. 0851 - animal complaint, Judd Rd./Clark Rd.

1940 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.



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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2017 - fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2100 - animal complaint, Mulberry Dr.

2332 - operating while intoxicated arrest, Rustic Ln.

Monday, March 18:

0028 - fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.

0040 - family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

0735 - citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

1150 - suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1217 - welfare check, Elwell Rd./Independence Dr.

1241 - 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

1246 - family trouble, Arizona St.

1343 – civil matter, Carriage Ln. 1414 - citizen assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

1655 - warrant arrest, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1701 - fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.

1743 - suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr.

1745 - fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd. 1930 - suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Harris

2115 - welfare check, Pecan St.

2311 - assist other agency, Rustic Ln.

2325 - welfare check, Arizona St.

Tuesday, March 19:

0021 - fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0701 - fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.

0710 - civil matter, Arizona St.

0830 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.

0847 - mental health call 19000 bl. Martinsville

1004 - alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1153 - animal complaint, Rustic Ln.

1549 - suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.

2113 - fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

2202 - assault, Utah Ct.

Wednesday, March 20:

0629 - suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.

0920 - fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

1320 - follow-up investigation, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1355 - fire dept. assist, Colorado St.

1548 - fire dept. assist, Second St.

1630 - iuvenile matter, Idaho St. 1904 - family trouble, Arizona St.

2324 - follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood

Thursday, March 21:

0728 - animal complaint, Willow Rd./Carleton West

0834 - mental health call, Florida St.

0910 - malicious destruction of property, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

1145 - family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1201 - fire dept. assist, Oregon St.

1429 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

1713 - animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

1810 - fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

2001 – 911 hang up, Arizona St.

2151 - civil matter, Mulberry Dr.

Friday, March 22:

0143 - personal injury accident, Willow/Sherwood

0902 - traffic complaint/hazard, Arkona/Sherwood

0907 - follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

1252 - juvenile matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1434 - fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1610 - unauthorized driving away of auto, 43000

1656 - suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1815 - citizen assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

1939 - fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.

2024 - 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.

2029 - recovered stolen vehicle, Idaho/California

2132 - operating while intoxicated arrest, 48000

2137 - suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 2207 - operating while intoxicated arrest, 18000 bl.

Sumpter Rd.

2322 - family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.

Saturday, March 23:

0346 - fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.

0410 - fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd. 0735 – suspicious circumstance, Judd/Martinsville

0851 - fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.

1149 - animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1155 - 911 hang up, Colorado St.

1250 - welfare check, Arbor Ln.

1310 - suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

1523 - 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.

1641 - mental health call, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

2035 - civil matter Colorado St.

2332 - noise complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 217 patrol checks, 100 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

Court Watching

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said "no sir" when he was asked if police could search his vehicle. She played the body video and wanted to go on for 45 minutes, but Judge Martin said that was not appropriate since this is a preliminary exam set in half-hour blocks. It appeared there was consent for the search.

Officer Chad Adam was the second witness and, though there had been an order for those going to testify to leave the courtroom, he had remained in the courtroom with Officer in Charge Schrecengost. When this was pointed out, he was allowed to testify anyway.

Officer Adam said he searched the vehicle and found a marijuana smoking pipe, jar of marijuana, and a Tupperware container with crystalline content.

Prosecutor Mohamad Mohamad said the defendant kept hitting his head or forehead on the steering wheel.

Judge Martin said the people had met their burden and Clark was bound over to circuit court.

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