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McBride Middle School to present 'Murder on the 518' March 14-16

McBride Middle School students will present this year's play, "Murder on the 518," on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15 at 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 16 at noon.

Tickets go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m., respectively, and the PTO will be offering concessions. Tickets are \$6

for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Children three and under are free.

The play is directed by Tracy Delfuoco and Amy Chrisner.

Red-eye travelers on the Westbound 518 are in for a surprise when first one passenger, and then another, mysteriously drop dead right before their eyes -- and

just as the train is halted by a rock slide in an isolated canyon. Because the pair appears to have been poisoned, anyone and everyone in the train dining car is a suspect.

Unable to call for help, the eccentric passengers -- including two newlyweds, an astronomy professor, a sports recruiter, a CEO, a movie star, an aspiring musician,

and others -- try to work together with the waitstaff to find the murderer before they reach their destination and the killer escapes for good. But, not everything (or everyone) is as it seems.

This family-friendly mystery will keep the audience guessing right up until the train pulls into the station.

WM landfill receives preliminary approval for VBT gas recovery plant

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Waste Management's Woodland Meadows landfill received preliminary site plan approval from the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on Feb. 28 on WM's plan to build a methane gas recovery plant at the landfill at 39670 Ecorse Rd.

Kyle Robbins of Ameresco, on behalf of Waste Management, said they want to construct a facility that will receive landfill gas from the landfill which will be processed into high-Btu renewable natural gas and delivered to the Detroit Edison Gas (DTE) remote metering station for

injection into a natural gas pipeline.

The facility and accessory site improvements will include a 12,652-square-foot compressor building, a 2,754-square-foot electrical building, compressors, tanks, process vessels, flares, process coolers, and wastewater treatment.

The site is a 4.41-acre lease parcel on the west side of Hannan Road, north of Ecorse Road.

Discussion on the project was more than an hour in length.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power said the host community agreement says Waste

Management must present a site plan to the host and get approval, even though the landfill is overseen by the state. He said the proposed facility is a permitted use in this part of the site.

After the preliminary site plan is approved, the project will go on to electrical review and others before coming back for final site

plan approval.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said the site will have access from Hannan Road. It will have one to two staff daily, one supervisor weekly and other staff on occasion. They have allowed for four paved parking

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VB T Plan

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spaces.

She said they have designed a green belt buffer on the east, south, and north sides of the site, with no greenbelt on the west where it abuts the landfill. There will be a berm with trees on it along the front of the site that will be noise deadening and sound barrier. There also is a mechanical equipment screening wall that will provide visual relief to the utilitarian building. She said the applicant agreed to an industrial building to face the Romulus mobile home park across the street, instead of the prefabricated metal build proposed.

Krishnan said a six-foot, chain-link wire fence is required and the gatee will be solid vinyl to shield the site from view. A noise study has been done to find out how much sound is going across to the residential units in Romulus.

Her recommendation was to grant preliminary site plan approval with eight conditions.

The Fishbeck engineer Mike Leppeck said they had a question on what kind of discharge there would be into the wasterwater that would go to the GLWA treatment plant. The facility is to eliminate stormwater into a ditch that is yet to be constructed.

He recommended granting the preliminary site plan and be sure they get started talking to Wayne County on stormwater management.

Director Power said the fire marshal/ deputy fire chief said the gravel road around the site needs to be strong enough to support a 75,000-pound fire apparatus, but he had no objection to moving forward.

Applicant Robbins said Waste Management has a methane gas recovery plant on the north end of the landfill and now they want to have one on the south end because that part of the landfill is expanding and will have more gas.

He said the landfill gas will be processed to go into the natural gas pipeline. He said they had a drawing of estimated noise mitigating. He said it meets the zoning requirement for sound.

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission as board liaison, said she didn't like the white fence in the drawing of the facility entrance because it was too stark.

Krishnan said it could be brown or something else to blend in. It was approved if it used earth tones.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked about the cell tower in the picture of the site and was told it was pre-existing. He asked if they had checked to make sure its fall zone wouldn't be into the new buildings.

Krishnan said a new tower is designed to fall into itself, instead of the old way. Robbins said they didn't look into that, but would.

"Get corroborating information on that," Commissioner Jahr said. "We don't want it crashing into a natural gas plant."

Commissioner Bernie Grant voiced concerns about the people who live across the street in Romulus. He was told the berm proposed is eight-feet tall and they will have six-to-eight-foot trees on top. Krishnan said the branches would grow together in five years.

Commissioner Grant said if the community is higher than the berm residents could see over it. But it could be lower which would be better for them.

When asked about the duration of the sound, he said the sound is the same and

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Charter Township of Van Buren						
Unofficial Voting Results - February 2024 Presidential Primary						
Voters Cast: 5,106 of 25,070 (20.37%)						
President of the United States DEM (Vote for 1) DEM						
	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total		
Times Cast	122	797	1,873	2,792 / 0	N/A	
Candidate	Party	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	DEM	96	631	1,598	2,325	83.36%
Dean Phillips	DEM	3	19	62	84	3.01%
Marianne Williamson	DEM	3	22	57	82	2.94%
Uncommitted	DEM	19	124	145	288	10.33%
Write-in		1	1	8	10	0.36%
Total Votes	122	797	1,870	2,789		
President of the United States REP (Vote for 1) REP						
	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total		
Times Cast	123	871	1,132	2,126 / 0	N/A	
Candidate	Party	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Ryan L. Binkley	REP	0	1	3	4	0.19%
Chris Christie	REP	0	1	8	9	0.42%
Ron DeSantis	REP	2	8	12	22	1.04%
Nikki Haley	REP	33	162	290	485	22.82%
Asa Hutchinson	REP	0	1	2	3	0.14%
Vivek Ramaswamy	REP	0	4	2	6	0.28%
Donald J. Trump	REP	87	687	746	1,520	71.53%
Uncommitted	REP	1	7	67	75	3.53%
Write-in		0	0	1	1	0.05%
Total Votes	123	871	1,131	2,125		
Operating Millage Renewal Proposal - Van Buren Public Schools (Vote for 1)						
	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total		
Times Cast	248	1,623	3,018	4,889 / 23,504	20.80%	
Candidate	Party	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total	
Yes		159	1,034	1,791	2,984	63.84%
No		77	529	1,084	1,690	36.16%
Total Votes		236	1,563	2,875	4,674	

City of Belleville				
Unofficial Voting Results - February 2024 Presidential Primary				
	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee Counting Board	Total Votes
Democratic				
Joe Biden	11	73	177	261
Marianne Williamson	1	9	7	17
Dean Phillips	0	3	9	12
Un-Committed	2	24	19	45
Write-In (Not Valid)	0	1	0	1
Write-In (Valid)	0	0	0	0
Total Votes:	14	110	212	336
Republican				
Ryan Binkley	0	0	0	0
Ron DeSantis	1	1	0	2
Nikki Haley	7	30	33	70
Donald Trump	14	138	70	222
Chris Christie	0	1	0	1
Asa Hutchinson	0	0	0	0
Vivek Ramaswamy	0	1	0	1
Uncommitted	0	3	7	10
Write-In (Not Valid)	0	1	0	1
Write-In (Valid)	0	0	0	0
Total Votes:	22	175	110	307
Van Buren Public Schools Millage				
Yes	27	176	238	441
No	9	92	99	200
Total Votes:	36	268	337	641

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

City gets lesson on local government

On Monday, Christopher J. Johnson, general counsel of the Michigan Municipal League, was present at city hall for an hour-and-a-half lesson on "Essentials of Local Government" for representatives of the Belleville City Council, Planning Commission, and Downtown Development Authority.

Five members of the DDA were absent, probably because they had already spent three hours in meetings on Saturday as part of their strategy session workshop and then special meeting of the DDA.

But Monday's session was not about planning, but about the legal aspects of the positions those volunteers have agreed to take.

He pointed out the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act have their rules printed out, but there also is additional case law that clarifies what the court thinks about what the rules are.

He warned about the use of emails or private phones to discuss public business with other councilmembers or committee members towards a decision and how their private phones could end up being the subject of a FOIA request.

He warned them that if they talk about what went on in a closed-door meeting, the OMA provides for criminal penalties (90 days and \$1,000 fine for the first offense). The state Attorney General said she will act on such offenses locally.

We applaud city officials for inviting the attorney to inform them of important laws they need to know.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Prentis and Joann Howell, owners of the two buildings at 430 Main St. called Antiques on Main, have decided to close the store and sell the building after 30 years of operation at the site.

They plan to close the store on May 31 and continue to sell some of the small items in his store on eBay, those that can be shipped.

These two stores, which historically were Moss Brothers and Kureth's, are two doors down from the vacant CVS pharmacy and three doors down from the vacant hardware store which has made that area of Main Street look pretty dead.

The store in between, Enrica's Golden Needle at 436 Main St., also has been in operation more than 30 years and also has considered closing. But Enrica recently said she has too much work to close now.

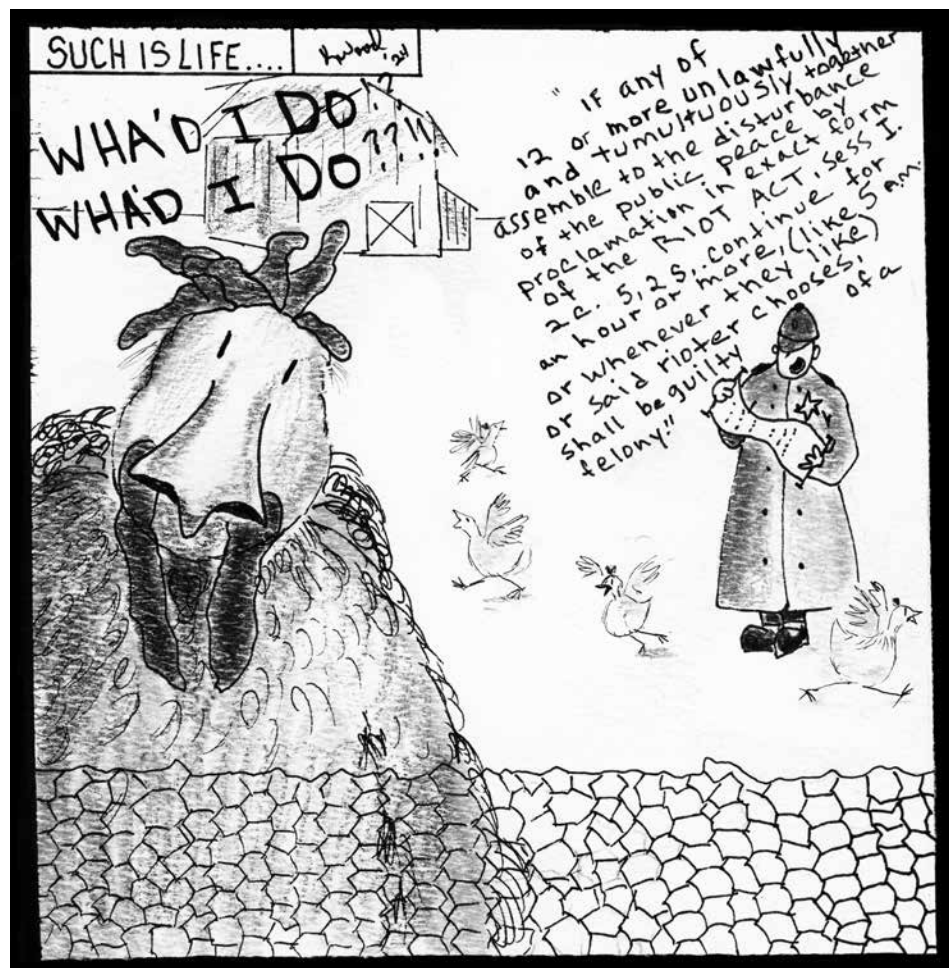
At the front of the shop, Enrica's houses family members who do custom leather work as Split Second Tacticals for customers all over the country.

On Sunday at Bugles Across America at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville, Geof Bush and his wife Lori Day sang the National Anthem as part of the ceremony. Geof and Lori sing almost every month – rain or shine -- and everyone appreciates their talent and their willingness to be there. The brief, but meaningful, Bugles event is at 7:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month at the memorial.

But last Sunday, after the ceremony ended and before anyone headed for home, it was noted that it was Lori's birthday, so everyone present for Bugles sang a rousing "Happy Birthday to You" to Lori. It was fun.

Those attending said they think it may be

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



daylight for the April Bugles event.

On Monday, before the regular city council meeting, Christopher J. Johnson, general counsel for the Michigan Municipal League, gave a presentation in "Essentials of Local Government." He began by explaining how much government there is in Michigan. He named all the different political subdivisions of state government.

That included 83 counties, 1,240 townships (138 of those charter townships), 252 villages, 281 cities, 500 school districts, along with Intermediate School Districts, District Libraries, and more.

He asked how many people had been to every one of the 83 counties in the state and he raised his hand, assuming he was the only one in the room who had visited them all. Then, Belleville's new city manager, Jason Smith, raised his hand. He, too, has been to every county in the state.

At Monday's city council meeting, City Manager Jason Smith said he attended a meeting that morning with DTE and the crew planning the Denton Road bridge. He said DTE has to relocate a gas line and will do a directional bore at Doane's Lansing, starting in September. He said after that is done, then they can start on the bridge. He said they are having meetings every two weeks on the bridge.

At the two-hour strategy session held

Saturday by the Belleville DDA, DDA members were talking about marketing downtown businesses. The session's consultant Samantha Harkins said you could survey people who attend festivals and other events to find out what their priorities are. A QR code could be used.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern said in other meetings they had talked about using a service that pings their phones to find out where people are from.

"You mean, they're tracking us?" asked Mayor Ken Voigt, feigning horror. McGovern joked, "Especially you."

Harkins said a survey is a good tool.

DDA vice-chairperson John Winter said people need reasons to go south across the bridge into Belleville. He said with the Iron Belle Trail coming through the city, businesses can attract cyclists.

Chris Donley said they want the businesses to come into town, but they look at the foot traffic first.

Winter said that Belleville was the first city in Michigan and his bar, Egan's, was the first bar in the state to have a social district.

Mike Gatteri said he doesn't think they're ready to market the city yet.

Winter said people are not coming over the bridge.



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Letters

Oppose the regulation of homeschooling

To the editor:

The state of Michigan is currently crafting a proposed bill for the regulation of homeschooling in the State of Michigan. The current form of the bill proposes to register all homeschooled students on a central registry. There are many reasons to oppose this bill.

According to state representative Matt Koleszar (House Education Chair), the proposed first step is to register all homeschooled students in the state, with further steps to be revealed later. This may seem innocuous. However, state regulation poses a greater threat than merely the inconvenience of registration and herein lies the problem.

There is a basic disagreement about who is qualified to school (and direct the upbringing) of a child. There are many people in government and academia who believe that children are a product of the state, some even stating out loud that children belong to the state. They wish to have every child learn a uniform ideology enforced by uniform state-specified standards in universal education. However, this is not only an erroneous idea but also a very dangerous one. Uniform ideology leads to uniform allegiance. Such allegiance centralizes power in the hands of a few, creating an environment ripe for abuse.

The state doesn't know what is best for children. We as parents need to remind ourselves of the following:

The state doesn't have a right to know what happens in your home. The state doesn't have the right to influence or manipulate your child. The state may not determine what values your child learns. The state doesn't have a right to know what your child believes or what their political perspectives are. Not all children need to learn uniform material. Parents are responsible to protect the privacy of their own children. The state does not have a prior right to direct the upbringing of your children. You are not the junior partner in the raising of your children. The professional educator does not know what is best for your child. Children do not belong to the government. Government experts are not better at training your child than you are. Parents know what is best for

their own children.

However, parents will no longer have these rights if they surrender them to the state.

Whether you homeschool, send your children to public school or to a private school, for the sake of freedom for all families, I urge you to oppose the regulation of homeschooling.

Wayde Hoppe
Van Buren Township

Thank you for coming when he called for help

To the editor:

On Sunday, my husband fell on the driveway in front of our house. I found this out when a young lady came to the front door to get me. Two teens, walking by the house, heard him calling for help. We are both VERY thankful that they were passing by when Rick needed help.

We consider them "Angels" for stopping to help him and for alerting me that he had fallen. In the intensity of the situation, neither of us thought to ask them their names.

Again, THANK YOU for stopping to help. Your parents must be very proud of you. We are forever grateful for your kindness.

Mary Jane & Rick Dawson
Belleville

5 Points: Leave our little town as it is

To the editor:

I have been reading people want to change 5 Points.

A roundabout, flashing lights, a stop sign. All that is needed at 5 Points is patience. Patience costs nothing. People need to slow down and relax.

Leave our little town as it is.

Steve Ford
Belleville

Small-town attitude of kindness lives here

To the editor:

Courtesy abounds in Belleville's thoughtful people. I witnessed it on Sunday, Feb. 25, while shopping at the local Dollar Store.

A lovely young family with a waving one year old paid my bill.

Since it was mostly cat food kibbles – honey and Mr. Wiggles, two felines like in dry nutrition, I say, "Thank you and Meow," to their kindness.

We still have that small-town attitude of kindness. May it never go away.

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Maundy Thurs., Good Friday at Faith Denton

To the editor:

Praying all is well with you and your loved ones.

We are having two events this month at Faith Denton. On March 28 at 6 p.m. we are having Maundy Thursday service. Our Pastor will deliver a short homily followed by foot washing, a meal similar to the passover meal and communion. All are welcome. Please call the church phone and leave a message if you wish to attend. We are requesting this information so we can prepare adequate food for this occasion.

On March 29 we will be having Good Friday service starting at noon. Our certified Lay Servants will give a short homily on one of the Seven last words of Christ from the cross. After the service, we will serve light refreshments. We welcome one and all. Thanks so much.

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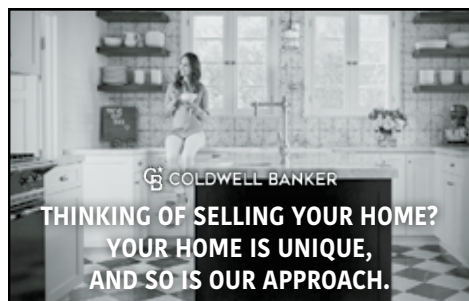
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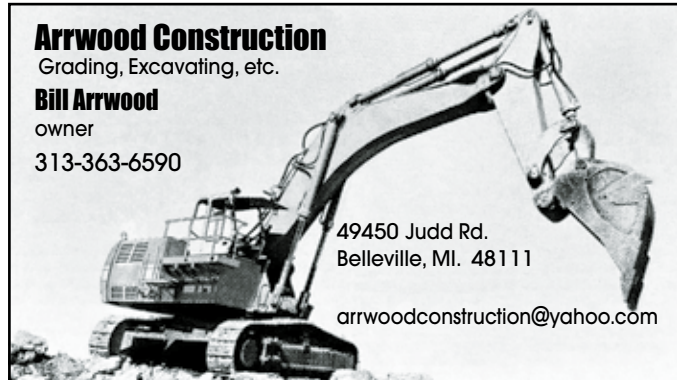
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Obituaries



Tom Edward Keller

TOM EDWARD KELLER

(September 13, 1954 – February 27, 2024)

Tom Edward Keller, age 69, a lifelong resident of Sumpter Township, MI passed away peacefully February 27, 2024 at his home surrounded by family. Tom was born in Detroit, MI to Jim and Edith (Caldwell) Keller on September 13, 1954. Tom was a baker his entire life, learning the trade from his parents at a very early age. He was co-owner of Keller's Farm Bakery on Haggerty Road in Sumpter Township where he was an excellent baker and took pride in his work. He enjoyed working alongside his brother and co-owner Joe for the majority of their lives. Tom had a deep appreciation of the outdoors and loved to hunt and trap whenever he had the opportunity. Because of his knowledge of trapping many knew him simply as "Trapper". Tom loved to meet and talk to new people over his CB radio where he used the handle Muddy Water Trapper. In his later years Tom enjoyed raising homing pigeons. He really enjoyed planting a garden and was hoping to do so again this spring.

Tom came from an extremely close family; his bond with his siblings was something to be admired. Tom was loved beyond measure and will be remembered forever by those that knew him as the type of person that would always be there for you, showed deep concern for those he loved, and was extremely thoughtful. He knew when to crack a well-timed joke and was a plethora of knowledge when it came to fixing things, growing things, and baking things. Tom is survived by his brothers Joe (Nellie) Keller, Jack Keller, Jim (Denise) Keller; his sisters Delores (Bud) Joye, Denise (Kenny) Mills, Dian (Ed) Memering; a sister-in-law Jean Smith; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Edith Keller and two brothers Gene Keller and Leroy Smith.

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date. His final resting place will be Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock, MI alongside his parents and brother Gene.



Constance Valeria
Drobot

CONSTANCE VALERIA DROBOT

Drobot, Constance V., age 90, of Van Buren Township, February 29, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Frank Drobot. Loving mother of Clara (Albert) Dancho, Norma Jean Miller, Mary (James) Wagner, Dolores Schell, Shirley (Jerry) Barker, and Suzanne (Christina) Smith. Dearest grandmother of Albert Jr, Constance, Jeffrey, Crystal, Melissa, Charles (Brandy), Jessica (Anthony), Jason (Jessica), Jeremy (Andrea), Tiffany, Derek, Ryan, Bryan, Brandon, Brianna, and great-grandmother of 11. She is preceded in death by her parents Aloizy and Clara Wierzbicki. Constance loved to bowl, play cards, and gambling. She was a member of Moose and the Eagles. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society. Her cremation will take place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

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Ronald J. Lipinski

RONALD J. LIPINSKI

Ronald J. Lipinski, 86, died February 22, 2024. Son of Frank Lipinski and Adelaide (Merecki). Beloved brother of Robert, Shirley, and Sr. Pat Lipinski. Mr. Lipinski was a lifelong resident of Belleville.

He graduated from Belleville High School in 1955. His favorite activity was marching band. He had been involved with the "all year" class reunion at BHS for years. Ron went on to GMI in Flint and earned a degree in engineering. He retired from GM Hydromatic in Ypsilanti. He was a long-time member of St. Anthony church in Belleville. He loved sports, especially the Tigers and Lions.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Robert. He is survived by his sister Shirley (Jim Needham) in CA and another sister, Sr. Pat Lipinski of CA, along with nieces Stacy, Shawn, Shannon, Sandi, and nephew Jim, all who adored him. Cremation has already occurred, and no memorial services are planned at this time.

MARY E. HOFF

(September 5, 1937 – February 26, 2024)

Age 86, longtime Belleville resident and longtime member of First United Methodist Church. Served as social worker in the Van Buren Schools. Privately interred with husband Edwin in Hillside Cemetery.

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Birth announcement



Kash Michael Jamnick

Gabrielle Cook and Justin Jamnick of Belleville announce the Feb. 22 birth of their son Kash Michael Jamnick at 5:41 a.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. He weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces, and measured 20.5 inches long.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, March 7, to Saturday, March 9** – FIRST in Michigan district competition at Belleville High School, presented by the Belleville Yacht Club. About 40 teams expected including the Belleville High School team, the Bellevillains. Open to the public without charge.

• **Friday, March 8** -- 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 8** – 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., Red Cup Party (Toby Keith Tribute) at 7:30 p.m. Public welcome

• **Friday, March 8** – Family Feud at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus (734) 941-3030. Doors open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. Teams of up to six players, \$5 per player. Bring snacks to share at your table. Payout determined by the number of players. Must be 18 or older to play;

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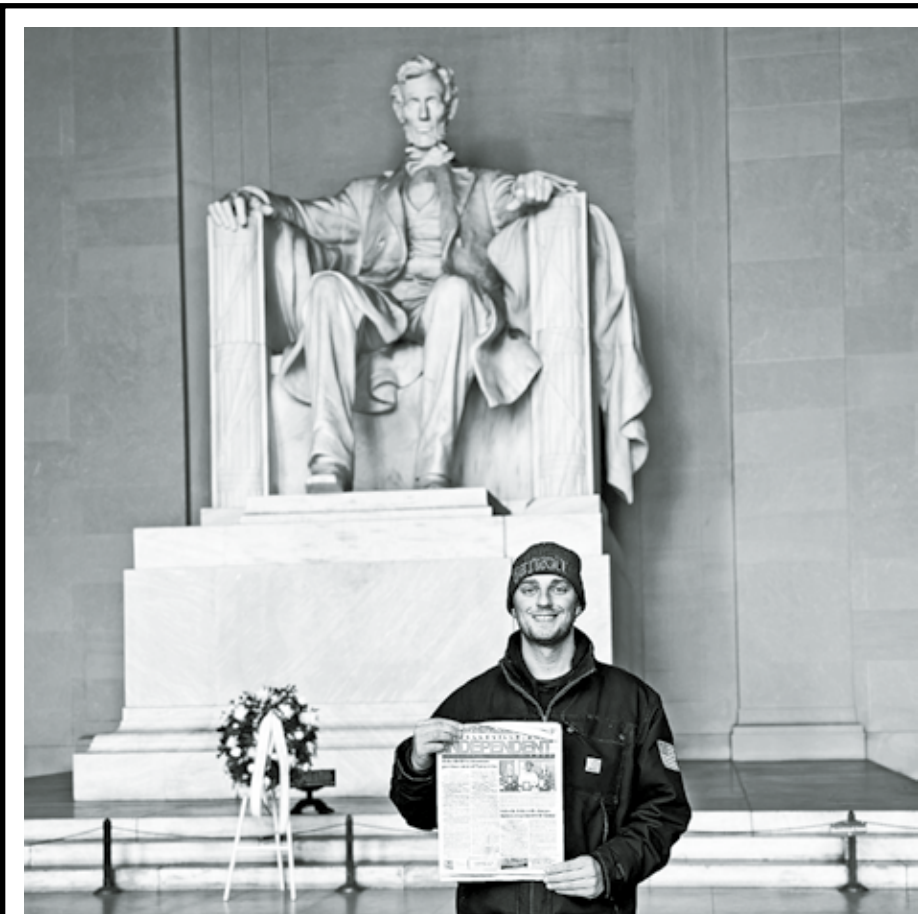


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The Belleville Downtown Development Authority spent two hours on Saturday in the Cozadd Room at the Belleville Area District Library in a strategy session. From left are City Manager Jason Smith, Assistant City Manager Steve Jones, DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams, Mayor Ken Voigt, DDA Chair Alicia McGovern, Kelly McWilliams, Chris Donley, Mike Gatteri, DDA Secretary Denise Baker, and DDA Vice Chair John Winter. Leading the session, at right standing, was Samantha Harkins of Hundred Place Consulting of Lansing and, seated, planning consultant Jill Bahm of Giffels Webster in Ann Arbor.

Belleville DDA spends two hours planning for the future of its district

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority gathered on Saturday for a two-hour strategic planning session with Samantha Harkins of Hundred Place Consulting of Lansing leading the

discussion, assisted by planning consultant Jill Bahm of Giffels Webster in Ann Arbor.

Harkins presented a written report about her last session with them in 2022. The group talked about plans for the DDA district and Harkins said she would send them a written report on this session by Monday.

Bahm discussed planning suggestions with the DDA and suggested having a high school student on the board. It was noted that students are required to have community service.

"Nobody understands how government works," Bahm said, adding the student could bring back that information to her class.

Assistant City Manager Steve Jones pointed out that DDA chairwoman Alicia McGovern said, "This isn't a one and done for the year." He said Harkins will be back in the summer to see where the DDA is with its projects and to renew its enthusiasm.

They also plan to work with Bahm on present DDA projects.



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Hidden Treasures Gift Shop

vendors to cut prices prior to move

In anticipation of the closing of the Hidden Treasures Gift Shop at Haggerty School before moving back to the facilities at the new Van Buren Township Community Center, vendors are marking down their items.

Instead of taking their hand-made items home to wait for the new community center location to open and then bring them back, they will make them available to the public now at reduced prices, said Renee Hughes, one of the managers of the gift shop and a retired school teacher.

She expects the shop to be closed for about two months as Haggerty School is emptied out and cleaned up and the new community center readied. She said the shelving at the gift shop is from the township and the shelves are expected to be moved back to township hall and painted before being put in the new shop.

Hughes said the new community center possibly may open in April and there is sure to be a grand opening and other celebrations to mark the event.

The Gift Shop, which has been temporarily at Haggerty School, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Haggerty School is located at 13770 Haggerty Rd., between E. Huron River Drive and Savage Road in Van Buren Township.

To find the shop, those interested need to push the buzzer at the front door of the school to be let in and then walk down and around the long school hallways to get to the shop.

There is no telephone line in the Gift Shop at Haggerty, but for information those interested may call (734) 699-8918.

Items that are reasonably priced to begin will be cut in price. This may include toys, matted and framed photos, therapeutic rice packs, kitchen towels, hand-made greeting cards, and many crocheted, knitted, and sewn items.

The seniors receive the money for their items that are sold and money they pay to rent the display shelves goes to help support the senior center, Hughes said.

She said the seniors usually price their hand-made items so other seniors can afford them.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Tuesday, March 12** – “The Potato Famine and the Coming of the Irish to America” at 6 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Author and storyteller Terence O’Lear will share the heartbreaking stories of the Irish during the five long years of the potato Famine, when more than one million Irish died and more than one million fled to America and survived.

• **Tuesday, March 12** – Thinking of opening your home to a child through foster care? Guiding Harbor will hold two training sessions at its office at 525 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. The March 12 session is 6-8 p.m. The March 22 session is 1-3 p.m. Call (734) 412-7962 to register.

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More Letters

Belleville Yacht Club a beehive of fun activities

To the editor:

The Van Buren Public Schools Education

Foundation held its annual Winter Wonderland Celebration on Feb. 24 and it was a resounding success! The theme was Roaring '20s and featured free games of skill and luck, Vegas-style. It was hosted by the Belleville Yacht Club and raised a record-setting amount for its 501c which uses all proceeds to benefit VBPS teachers and students.

It's been an amazing couple of weeks at the BYC as they hosted the 2024 Michigan Special Olympics Polar Plunge just the previous Saturday. Records were also shattered for that charity as they raised close to \$74,000 and set a BYC jumper team record of over \$6,000.

That BYC sure is a beehive of fun activities and charitable events lately! Keep up the great community work!

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Robinson talks of Sumpter Twp. ‘corruption, mismanagement’ on TV

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Ronald Barrington Robinson of Sumpter Township, who used to have a regular podcast in Flint, returned to that show on Saturday to discuss what he called “the corruption and mismanagement of public resources in Sumpter.”

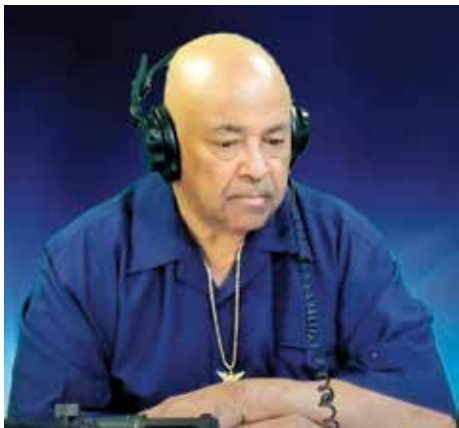
The “In My Opinion Show” devoted an hour to Robinson’s discussion on “What is Happening in Sumpter Township?” The show is available on YouTube.

He provided photographs of things that he found wrong in Sumpter and urged people, “If you hear something that is not legal, say something” to an agency that can do something about it.

He urged residents of Sumpter Township not to vote for any of the present board members ever again because of their alleged activities.

Robinson recounted how the township made him move his travel trailer from his property because he doesn’t have a house on that property where he kept horses and a garden. He said he has pictures of many others in the township with trailers on property without houses that have not been cited. Some pictures were shown, along with blighted properties.

He said it all began when he told the previous township supervisor to clean up his own “raggedy property.” The township



Robinson

then told him to move his trailer and he moved it to a storage yard. He said he went to 34th District Court to fight the ordinance citation. He said he lost under the “disgraced” Judge David Parrott, who is no longer on the bench, and then took it to a higher court where the judge went along with the lower court.

Robinson alleges that two or three months later, his attorney told him he had been contacted by township attorney Rob Young who said if Robinson would stop writing letters to the *Independent* and getting them published, he could put his camper back on his property.

“I told my lawyer it was a scam,” Robinson

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Robinson

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said. "I said to tell him to go to hell and I wouldn't go along with the bribe."

John Wilson, who interviewed Robinson on the program, said that Robinson's attorney should report that because the attorney is an officer of the court. "It's egregious to me, hearing it," he said.

"I got screwed, bottom line," Robinson said. "I'm still angry."

Robinson listed many complaints he had against the township and the condition of the roads and the overgrown shoulders of the roads with grass hiding fire hydrants. "It makes you think you're living in a third-world country."

He said, "We pay our taxes ... and the seven trustees do as they please and if you don't go along, you'll get retaliated against."

He asked other Sumpter residents to share their experiences with him by email at: inmyopinionrbr@att.net.

Wilson encouraged people to step forward because there is safety in numbers and codes allegedly are being arbitrarily enforced. He said the law should be uniformly enforced.

"All I want is integrity by our so-called leaders," Robinson said. "Their friends can do anything and they look the other way and they get away with it. I ask anybody, whether you live in Sumpter Township or anywhere, to report what you see. These people work for you."

Robinson said he is an elected precinct delegate in Sumpter and he talks to other people.

"There's a climate of fear in Sumpter Township," he said. "That's what gives

them the power. If they can cower you and beat you down, then they win."

Wilson urged people to document everything by recording on their cellphones and take video if they have to. He said to record meetings with technology.

"Sumpter Township is a poor community," Robinson said. "Many people would starve to death without Forgotten Harvest... Many are at a subsistence level."

He alleged one township official had used a SMART van, intended to transport seniors, to distribute campaign signs, which Robinson said is a violation of campaign laws. He said he had a picture of that happening.

"They do not scare me," Robinson said when Wilson said Robinson would be open to retaliation. "That's their way of shutting people up," Robinson said.

Wilson told Robinson that if he has any reprisals for discussing Sumpter on this program to bring it up and they'll have another show. "It will make it juicier," he said, adding, "Watch your back."

Wilson said he and Steve Myers own the studio which presented this show. The studio is called Omni Orbis Church and AllpointsTV. He said this and other podcasts can be viewed both on Rumble and on YouTube.

Court Watching

John Edward Svoboda

John Edward Svoboda, 52, of Belleville, was video-arraigned by 34th District Court Judge Brian 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. Bond is \$50,000 cash or surety.

Eric James Comstock

Eric James Comstock, 34, of Van Buren Township was arraigned while in custody at Van Buren Township Police Department on Feb. 14 on four charges of criminal sexual contact-first degree (relationship) on Feb. 8 in Van Buren Township. Magistrate Al Hindman set cash bond of \$100,000. He is to have no contact with the victim. On Feb. 28 he was present by zoom for his probable cause conference from the Wayne County Jail and waited an hour in vain for the prosecutor to arrive. Judge Martin said she did not want to hold the jail up by keeping the prisoner on camera any longer and so the preliminary exam was set for March 19.

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- Tuesday, March 12 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, March 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

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never stops. Operating hours are 24/7. Different sounds were associated with what they would hear, such as a vacuum cleaner running all the time or an air conditioner or washing machine. Jahr said the loudest times would be when

they are on emergency power, but even that is in compliance with the ordinance. He said it was on a par or less noisy than traffic. Grant said traffic was not 24/7 and if its running all the time it could be a problem. Jahr said he would like to know if when the sound reflects off the landfill, as it grows higher, it increases. He was informed the soil in the landfill absorbs sounds and so

it would be quieter. Grant asked about the flares now used. "What normally happens to landfill gas?" Jahr asked. Robbins said it is burned on site in flares. Jahr agreed the recycling was a better use for it. When asked about odors, he was told there is no odor when burning.

Krishnan said harvesting the methane gas keeps it from going into the atmosphere. Chairperson Brian Cullin said having a greenbelt at the side that faces the landfill is a waste of money. Cullin asks what happens to the hydrogen sulfide, H₂S, that is waste and he was told it was sent back into the landfill.

In other business at the two-hour-and-35-minute meeting, the commission: • Held a public hearing during which there was no comment on the Cobblestone Creek Phase III Revision. The commission then approved recommending special land use approval to the township board of trustees with the revision which contained slightly

fewer side-entry garages; • Approved recommendation of a amended preliminary Planned Residential Development and Agreement for Cobblestone Creek Phase III Revision; • Approved a recommendation to grant a temporary land use permit to conduct a outdoor fireworks tent sale at Lakewood Shopping Plaza from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 21 to July 4 by Phantom Fireworks. This is the 12th time Phantom will be at this site for fireworks sales; • Approved an amendment to the Belle Pointe Estates Subdivision site plan to include a slightly different design for one home. The subdivision is on the east side of Belleville Road, north of Ecorse Road; • Heard Treasurer Budd announce that Wendy's is going to reopen soon. She said she saw trucks taking junk out of the site; • Heard Director Power say that the township is dealing with the main Camping World office and they have a final adjustment to the floorplan and are wanting to move forward soon.

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City council agrees to hire Lexipol grant writing service

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council at Monday's regular meeting unanimously approved the city manager's recommendation to hire Lexipol grant writing service to write the larger grant requests that take more time to complete.

For \$7,500 annually, for two years, Lexipol will write one big grant a year, doing 85% of the work, with the city taking pictures and doing 15%. He said the consultant will give a grant-writing session, as well, and give assistance and discounts for other grant writing.

Lexipol is located in Frisco, TX.

City Manager Jason Smith said the bigger grants need a grant writer, especially if you want it to be done right. He said the city doesn't have enough manpower to spend the amount of time necessary for this.

"We left a lot of money on the table," said Mayor Ken Voigt, referring to past chances to get grants. He said he's been pushing for a grant writer for three or four years.

When Councilmember Julie Kissel asked which line item the payment will come from, financial consultant Kelly Howey of Plante Moran, said they can take it out of the general fund first and then from whatever department it benefits.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said the fire department has a grant writer that has written grants for his department and got them a lot of equipment.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe said he doesn't have a problem with a grant writer, but he preferred the writer getting a percentage of the grant received rather than being fee-based. He said the city spends \$7,500 and there's only one option. He asked if local communities had suggestions for other grant writers.

Mayor Voigt said the city manager checked with surrounding communities. He said time is of the essence since the deadline for a park grant is April 1.

City Manager Smith said he started on Oct. 16 looking for a grant writer. There is a tight window for the park grant, he said.

Assistant City Manager Steve Jones said the amount of money this company will make off the city isn't much.

Smith said they will ask for \$1.5 million for parks and about \$50,000 for Safe Streets for All.

"There's a lot of money out there," said Smith. "The little ones I can handle."

It was noted that Lexipol claims a 40% success rate, double what other firms have.

Councilman Randy Priest asked if the city was working with SEMCOG and Smith said yes and that's how he found Lexipol.

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

- Approved a resolution of support for the Council of Western Wayne's funding request for public safety radios for communities within the CWW area.

Police Chief Kris Faull said that with the encrypted communication channels put in place by the state and on the new police radios, the reserve officers do not have functioning radios. She said the request is for 12 radios so all the full-time and reserve officers will have functioning radios;

- Heard Howey report in the Quarterly Financial Report that the finances are

behind a little because of the computer system crash, but they are working on it;

- Scheduled budget preparation meetings for 6 p.m. May 2, which is a special meeting for police and fire budgets; 6 p.m. May 20 for DPW and administration budgets; 6 p.m. June 3, if necessary; and the regular 7:30 p.m. June 17 meeting for budget adoption. The city manager said the

budget has to be approved before July 1;

- Approved assignments of council members to meet with specific departments to gather budget information: Voigt and Kissel, DPW; Beebe and Priest, fire department; Kissel and Bates, police; and Voigt and Bates, administration;
- Received a list of fire department needs

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

**2024 Cemetery Spring cleaning will begin
Monday, March 11th and end Friday, March 22nd**

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not removed by Easter Sunday

New items may be displayed beginning April 1st.

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:

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Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)

Otisville - 41875 Riggs Road

For additional information contact
The Department of Public Services 734.699.8925

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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for the new truck totalling \$55,548.62. The new truck replaces a 1989 model. Fire Chief Loranger said the fire auxiliary had a fund raiser that raised \$31,000 and that will be used to pay for some of the equipment;

- Received the EGLE Drinking Water Testing Schedule and DPS Activity Report;
- Approved special event requests for Lake Fest, June 21-23, and Cub Scout Pack 793 flower sale of six-inch potted flowers for spring and Easter at Fourth Street Square, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 24;
- Approved accounts payable of \$73,548.09 and the following departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: to CMP Distributors, \$599.50 for police duty ammunition; to City of Livonia, \$1,500 for Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force Team Annual Membership for police; to Crawford Door, \$750 for repair of DPW garage door; to Miss Dig, \$1,296.15 for Miss Dig Membership Fees; to Metro Environmental, \$2,142.50 for repair of

clogged sewer main; and to All Seasons landscape, \$863.65 for repair of mower;

• Heard planning commission member Mike Renaud ask about the Downtown Development Authority buying property that will be taken off the tax roles. Mayor Voigt said last Saturday's DDA vote on buying 258 Main St. will have to be retaken because it was placed on the agenda wrong. He said the city had a serious problem with the absentee landlord at 258 Main and they didn't want that to happen again. He said the former hardware store was purchased with property on Fifth Street and the city parking lot will be extended there. He said the DDA will try to re-sell the store;

• Heard Linda LeBlanc say her husband owns the trailer park on Loza Lane and she manages it. She said their \$41,000 water bill was on the front page of the *Independent* as going to be put on their property tax and she had many questions. She said two years ago the city manager who was also police chief told her she had this \$41,000 bill. She said her inlaws owned the park in the '50s and they passed it on to their son.

"We made an agreement to pay \$1,000 a month," she said. She said she talked to Rena, the manager of Belle Villa mobile home park, Monday afternoon, who told her their bill had been \$440,000 and they also had an agreement with Dave Robinson to pay that bill. LeBlanc said Robinson said the high bill was the result of an employee that worked at the city. "I talked with my lawyer and he told me to pay it," she said. She asked why Loza Lane was on the list to have it put on the taxes and not Belle Villa? She said she's been married for 52 years and, "Why wasn't this brought up to us before? We always paid our bill." She said they are not a large corporation. She said she talked to the city manager about this and hopes to get some answers; and

• Heard Matthew Pinneau say he and Christina Davis tried to attend the meeting by zoom, but got cut off so they came in person. He said he won't speak to the validity of the complaints (about the animals on Davis' property), but he said he spoke to the city manager about the grey area of noise and nuisance rather

than a blanket ordinance against animals, that he thinks is being prepared. Mayor Voigt said the intent is not to outlaw all animals, but it is not uncommon to limit animals and require a kennel if you have many. City Manager Smith said the proposed ordinance is 60% done and will be presented at the next meeting. He said no livestock such as pigs, horses, or water fowl. Maurena Williams, who lives next door to Davis, said roosters bring mice and rats with the food on the ground. She said one mouse in one season can have 78 babies. She said the rooster crowed 28 times on Christmas day beginning at 5:30 a.m., and she has that recorded. She talked about a pit bull beating up a beagle at 2 o'clock in the morning. She told of two pitbulls that ripped another dog apart. "There's no other place in the city like 100 Henry," said Dr. Kenneth Williams, who said he believes the rabbit enclosure was on the cold ground all winter. A raccoon got to the rabbits and he heard them screaming, he said.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 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
- Police Department 2023 Yearly Report
 - i. Chief Faull presented the yearly report.
 - ii. Mayor Pro-Tem Bates inquired about revenue for the department.
 - iii. Council Member Priest inquired about patrols and ordinance violations.
 - B. Council Follow Up List
 - City Manager Smith updated Council on the Follow Up List.
 - C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
 - No comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest 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 5, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures
- a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Departmental Expenditures
- C. Communications
- a. MMRMA Monthly Acknowledgement
 - b. January 2024 Police Department Stats
- D. Special Events
- a. Egan's Pub Car Show

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel approving the consent agenda items 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.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hearing of Confirmation – Special Assessment Roll No. 0001 – Delinquent Utility Bills.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to open the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

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.

• Discussion took place among residents, Council Members, and City Administration regarding the transfer of delinquent utility bills to the tax roll.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to close the Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m.

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. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

• None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Resolution # 24-006 – Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll No. 00001 – Delinquent Utility Bills.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe approving **Resolution # 24-006**, allowing for the transfer of delinquent utility bills to the tax roll.

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. Past-Due Utility Shutoff Discussion

• City Manager Smith explained the history of utility shut-offs in the City.

• Reviewed other communities' shut-off/re-connect policies.

C. Resolution # 24-007 – Appointment of Belleville Representatives for DUWA

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe approving Rick Rutherford as the primary delegate, and Jason Smith as the alternate delegate for the

DUWA Board.

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.

D. Police Chief Contract

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Bates approving the contract for Police Chief Faull.

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.

E. Priority Waste Curbside Junk Pickup Day Discussion

• Council determined that it would be best to explore the pickup day again around budget time, and suggested that the City advertise bulk trash pickup.

F. Resolution # 24-008 – Authorization for the City Manager and Director of public Services to sign the MDOT Category B Grant.

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Beebe approving **Resolution # 24-008**, authorizing the City Manager and Director of Public Services to sign the MDOT Category B Grant.

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.

G. Food Truck Ordinance Discussion

• City Administration will check with the Michigan Municipal League to locate a model ordinance.

H. Chickens/Animals Discussion

• City Administration will research to find ideas from other communities.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Interviews for the Department of Public Services position have been scheduled. Out of the 82 applicants, 13 have been contacted. Out of the 13 individuals contacted, 2 have already been interviewed, 6 additional interviews have been scheduled for dates between this week and next week.

• The City is now on BidNet, which allows them to cast a wide net for all RFPs. There is no cost for this service.

• Administration is currently exploring new software that would allow DPS to track work orders in real-

time and locate DPS assets.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Beebe
 - Noted that Early Voting for the Presidential Primary is currently taking place.
 - Thanked City Manager Smith for updating the council Follow-Up List.
 - Curious how the GPS tracking system has been working with the City vehicles.
- Council Member Kissel
 - Appreciate the software updates for DPS, noting that she would like to see a monthly report from the department in writing.
 - Mentioned that budget reports should be coming soon.
 - Would like to see a follow up with DTE regarding electrical issues occurring on Robbe.
 - Noted that she would be around City Hall to help with cleaning and purging.
- Council Member Priest
 - Noted that he would like to see forward progress in regards to the Senior Transportation program.
 - Would like to see the sidewalks cleared better by residents.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Bates
 - Noted that there is an extra day in February this year due to the leap year.
 - Stated that March 1st is Employee Appreciation Day.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Thanked Representative Reggie Miller for speaking with people at CVS about placing the abandoned location on Main St. up for lease.
- Stated that the goats have tentatively been scheduled for this year to clear the banks along Horizon Park.
- Thanked the State and Federal officials for stepping up on behalf of the City.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Chris Zweng
 - Inquired as to where Veteran banners should be picked up.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- Scheduling of dates for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget..

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman

City Clerk/Treasurer

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 266 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Feb. 25:

0302 – warrant arrest, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0843 – malicious destruction of property, S. Woodbury Dr.
0955 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1028 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1332 – domestic, Oak Blvd.
1544 – assault & battery, Beck Rd.
1607 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.
1615 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1644 – domestic, Riggs Rd.
1720 – vehicle lockout, Brandi Dr.
1731 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1842 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1842 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1844 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2102 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2255 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2355 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Feb. 26:
0715 – property damage accident, S. I-275/Van Born Rd.
0740 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.
0816 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0831 – misc. complaint, McBride Ave.
0836 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0941 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Dewitt Rd.
1112 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.
1248 – domestic, Edgedale Dr.
1334 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
1330 – animal complaint, Venetian Ave.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1413 – abandoned auto, Stonebridge Dr. / N. Timberview Dr.
1419 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
1439 – animal complaint, Castell Blvd.
xxxx – repossession, Van Born Rd.
1530 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Alba Ct.
1535 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk
1600 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1555 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
1602 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bradley Dr.
1643 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1706 – disorderly, McBride Ave.
1813 – missing person, McBride Ave.
1813 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1813 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1822 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1921 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
2021 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2204 – malicious destruction of property, S. Bellridge Dr.
2315 – welfare check, Denton Rd.

Tuesday, Feb. 27:

0218 – assist fire dept., Lake Point Blvd.
0451 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
0918 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
0947 – disorderly, Water's Edge Ln.
1118 – misc. complaint, Meadows Cir.
1245 – warrant arrest, Oakland County Jail
1431 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1447 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.
1611 – juvenile complaint, Riggs Rd.
1912 – private property/property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.
1912 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr.
1854 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1936 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2013 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Sylvia Dr.
2026 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2131 – larceny, Martz Rd./Hoefd Rd.
2344 – threat, E. Archwood Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2352 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
Wednesday, Feb. 28:
0716 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0731 – road hazard, Van Born/Haggerty Rd.
0737 – intrusion alarm, Stratford Dr.
0752 – larceny from auto, Vernon St.
0824 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Doree Ave.
0901 – malicious destruction of property, Richard Run Dr.
1104 – mental subject, McBride Ave.
1219 – misc. complaint, Sylvia Dr.
1234 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1253 – larceny from auto, Vernon St.
1334 – animal complaint, Rose
1440 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1457 – vehicle lockout, Michigan Ave.
1514 – found property/child, Rawsonville Rd.
1516 – civil matter, Madison Dr.
1606 – assist citizen, Quirk Rd.
1627 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1709 – harassment call, Pebblebrook Dr.
1818 – suicidal person, Water's Edge Ln.
1900 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
2033 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
Thursday, Feb. 29:
0144 – domestic, Christina Ln.
0236 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0530 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Richard Run Dr.
0736 – hospice death, Water's Edge Ln.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0921 – welfare check, Chandler
1010 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar
1019 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Parkwood Dr.
1100 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1223 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1307 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
xxxx – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1534 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1536 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lindsey Dr./Fay Dr.
1708 – assist other dept., Main St.
xxxx – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1736 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1742 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1851 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1828 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Manor
1844 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1841 – civil matter, Pond Bluff Dr.
1928 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1953 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
2017 – welfare check, Martinsville Rd.
2024 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Beck
2309 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
Friday, March 1:
0218 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0740 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.
0743 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.
0756 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.
0820 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1000 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Archwood Dr.
1226 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1301 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1409 – motorist assist, Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd.
1500 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, EB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.
1501 – assist fire dept., Stamford Rd.
1533 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1540 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1614 – missing person, Arthur St.
1628 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1639 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1759 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1805 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1837 – family trouble, Sondra Dr.

1822 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1859 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
1857 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1926 – felony assault, N. Woodbury Dr.
2035 – motorist assist, Martz Rd./Lohr Dr.
2050 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2154 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2326 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
Saturday, March 2:
0114 – threat, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
0323 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0550 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0605 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
xxxx – repossession, N. Woodbury Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Richard Run DR.
0935 – threat, Denton Rd.
0950 – assist citizen, Martz Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1253 – property damage accident, Greenbriar Dr.
1320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Elwell Rd.
1316 – shooting, Edison Lk.
1349 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
1444 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1457 – private property impound, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1456 – assist other dept., Belle Pointe Dr.
1506 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1532 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd./Savage Rd.
1545 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, McBride Ave.
1613 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1623 – found property/child, Denton Rd.
1628 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1636 – civil matter, Redwood Dr.
xxxx – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1839 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
1939 – harassment call, America
2050 – welfare check, Arthur St.
2108 – civil matter, Beacon Trl.
2204 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
2231 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
Also, on this week's log are 89 traffic stops, 20 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 25:

0029 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
0215 – traffic stop, Water Works
0227 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0503 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0541 – family trouble, Charles Ct.
0733 – property check, Denton Rd.
1627 – harassment call, S. Biggs Ave.
1713 – parking complaint, Main St.
1740 – property check, Davis Addition Sub.
1830 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2026 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
2122 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2123 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2135 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Park
2252 – assault & battery, N. Liberty St.
Monday, Feb. 26:
0125 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0202 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
0434 – traffic stop, Henry St.
1142 – mental subject, San Carlos St.
1633 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Main St.
2014 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
Tuesday, Feb. 27:
0530 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0727 – disorderly, South St.
0944 – civil matter, W. Davis St.
2304 – welfare check, Main St.
Wednesday, Feb. 28:
0726 – larceny, N. Liberty St.
1115 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1758 – property check, Huron Park subdivision
1801 – parking complaint, Wexford Ave.
1839 – property check, R.W. Clark subdivision
1840 – property check, Randall Park subdivision
1842 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1847 – property check, Highlands subdivision
1850 – property check, downtown Belleville

1912 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
2154 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
2155 – property check, Owen St.
2227 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

Thursday, Feb 29:

0126 – property check, Hull Rd.
0210 – property check, Main St.
0408 – assist fire dept., High St.
0830 – property check, Lifepointe Church
0832 – property check, Sumpter corridor
0839 – dumping complaint, Owen Intermediate School
0901 – property check, Water Works
0903 – property check, Davenport Industrial Park
0913 – property check, Norfolk Southern Railway
0956 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1001 – property check, Huron Park subdivision
1212 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1253 – misc. complaint, Loza Lane mobile home park

1432 – fight, South St.
1531 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave./Edison
1609 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1737 – abandoned auto, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1809 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Henry St.
1930 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1934 – sexual assault, Main St.
2123 – traffic stop, Third St./N. Liberty St.
2127 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.
2316 – assist fire dept., Madelon St.

Friday, March 1:

0154 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0210 – traffic stop, Water Works
1639 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1859 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2219 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
Saturday, March 2:
0358 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0410 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0438 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
0519 – property check, Main St.
1049 – disorderly, N. Edgemont Ave.
1251 – welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave.
1418 – vehicle lockout, South St.
1921 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.

2321 – property check, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2328 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
2335 – property check, W. Davis St.
2357 – property check, Main St.

There are 18 traffic stops on this week's log, along with 23 property checks.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 25:

0241 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0558 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
1137 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Lohr
1240 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1336 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1351 – fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1531 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1813 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
2001 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2112 – assist other agency, Sumpter Rd./Bemis
2145 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Wear
2222 – assault, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
2338 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Willis
2348 – property damage accident, Judd Rd./Clark
Monday, Feb. 26:
0630 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0817 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1405 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1656 – lost property, Willis Rd./California Blvd.
1841 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
1939 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
2131 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.
2203 – traffic complaint/hazard, Edgewood Dr.
2253 – animal complaint, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz

Tuesday, Feb. 27:

0035 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0421 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
0514 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0831 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0903 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
1440 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1505 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1524 – property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1654 – juvenile matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1705 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1854 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1927 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.

2201 – 911 hang up, Arizona St.
2355 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
Wednesday, Feb. 28:
0758 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
0846 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0936 – traffic complaint/hazard, 42000 bl. Willis
1005 – traffic complaint/hazard, Wilmot/Judd
1011 – harassment complaint, 25000 bl. Haggerty
1043 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1045 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell
1213 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1436 – traffic complaint/hazard, 43000 bl. Judd
1630 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1902 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.
1914 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2041 – 911 hang up, New Mexico St.
2106 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2222 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
Thursday, Feb 29:
0927 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell

1309 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.
1332 – traffic complaint/hazard, Arkona/Haggerty
1436 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter Rd./Harris Rd.
1602 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
1724 – subpoena service, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1834 – disorderly person, Carriage Ln.
2034 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Wear
2053 – citizen assist, California St.
2221 – welfare check, Bemis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
2307 – drove with expired ops, Bemis/Lohr
2354 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
Friday, March 1:
0009 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0059 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0240 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0622 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0648 – assist citizen, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0832 – 911 hang up, Timberlane/Rustic Ln.
0925 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1000 – family trouble, Washington St.

1110 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1121 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1342 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1351 – 911 hang up, Magnolia Dr./Butternut Dr.
1403 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
1600 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1623 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1740 – 911 hang up, Willis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1918 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2027 – ORV complaint, Elwell Rd./Willow Rd.
2134 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, March 2:

0020 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0311 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
0416 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd.
Oakville Waltz Rd.
0853 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1247 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1401 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1737 – juvenile matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1812 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Bemis
1821 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
2020 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2124 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.

Also, on this week's log are 207 patrol checks, 80 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY QUILTING GUILD & THE BELLEVILLE AREA MUSEUM PRESENTS

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director



The Belleville Fire Department is offering two financial aid awards of \$750 each. Applications are available and due by April 30, 2024. Go to <https://rb.gy/62s1rb> for instructions.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will also be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship for an outstanding senior in visual arts. BACA is accepting applications for the 2024 Senior Art Scholarship until May 1. Eligible applicants must be high school seniors, or home school equivalent, residing in the City of Belleville, Sumpter Township or Van Buren Township. For more information, visit website: www.bacaart.org.

An additional scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding high school sophomore or junior in the performing arts. This opportunity will enable a drama student to attend a summer school session in Musical Theater in Stratford, Ontario. Visit the BACA website for additional information.

The annual BHS band concert at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor could not be arranged this year, so the Belleville High Schools bands will have a special concert in the BHS auditorium on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

So, I like sun in the morning and in the evening. I am looking forward to springing forward on Sunday, but what I don't look forward to is losing an hour of sleep! Every year it seems they talk about staying on daylight savings time, and I wouldn't mind. However, I want my hour back!

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



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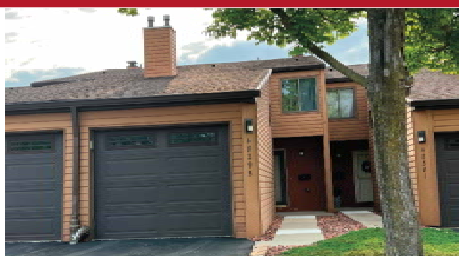
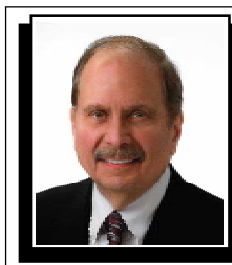
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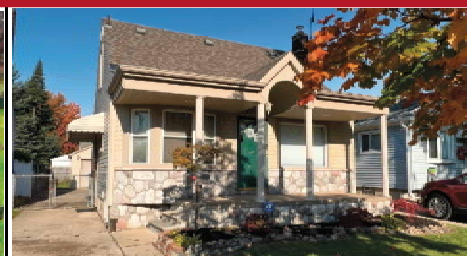
20330 MARTINSVILLE, SUMPTER TWP

COMING SOON - 4 Bedroom 2 Full & 2 Half Bath 2,900 sq ft home Attached indoor Greenhouse plus walkout to Deck & Pool. 4 Car Garage plus Barn. 16 Acres \$469,500



12755 RAWSONVILLE, SUMPTER TWP

Spacious and Updated 4 bedroom Cape Cod on Paved Street with 3.4 Acres. Newer 95% Furnace and Central Air, Fenced Yard + Huge 54x40 Pole Barn set up for farming. \$475,000



18275 HARMAN., MELVINDALE

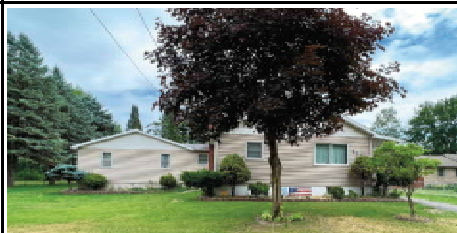
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49241 BEMIS, SUMPTER TWP

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HAGGERTY 1.5 AC VAN BUREN \$70,000

WILLIS RD 1 AC SEWER & WATER \$60,000

HURON TWP VAC CLARK .74 AC \$29,500

HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$29,900

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