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School Board OKs Robotics Club trip to Houston for world finals

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The agenda before the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Monday was changed at the last minute to include the field trip of the Belleville High School Robotics Club to Houston, Texas for the world finals of FIRST Robotics.

This was unanimously approved by the board.

The BHS Robotics Club participated in the state finals and finished as runner-up, which meant they could compete in the worldwide contest April 16-21 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

At the time the field trip request was filled out, it was estimated there would be about 16 students taking part from grades 9-12 and cost about \$2,000 per student.

Aaron Lang said the club never expected to be going to the world competition and that they qualified was a big surprise and set a lot of emergency planning in motion.

He said the team was 50 down in points at the state meet in Saginaw and then, "We caught fire." He said BHS won the highly prestigious blue banner and, "We were the rookie team," never having been to the state contest before.

"We got home late Saturday night and got on the phone Sunday," Lang said, noting teachers and mentors were to meet with the parents at 9 p.m. Monday, after the school board meeting.

Lang said according to preliminary plans one group will fly to Houston on Tuesday night to get the pits off the trucks for the competition. On Wednesday morning, the rest of the team will fly to Houston.

He said a gentleman is driving a 12-passenger transport van with all of the luggage to save the students money. He also will pick the students up at the airport.

Lang said there is at least one GoFundMe account on the internet and some benefactors in the community to try to

bring the costs down for the students.

Parent Angie Mears gave a detailed account of how the team got to the world championships.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he likes the words Lang used in a statement on the club: "We don't use kids to build robots. We use robots to build kids."

Lang said 31 countries are involved in the world robotics competition and the BHS students will be working with some kids who don't speak English.

Michigan reportedly has the most robotics groups in the country, with 514 teams.

In other business at Monday's 90-minute meeting, the board:

- Honored student athletes and coaches in winter sports and K-12 students with recognition in music;

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VBT accepts \$200,000 grant to clean up tanks on Denton Rd. property

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its April 2 meeting, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved accepting a grant for \$200,000 from the Wayne County Land Bank for environmental assessment and demolition at 6530 Denton Rd. in Denton Village.

Ron Akers, director of municipal services, reported to the board that in November of 2023 the township submitted a grant application to the Land Bank to clean up the blighted property. In January 2024 the township was awarded the grant.

He said in late 2022 the county Land Bank transferred ownership of the property to the township. There are several large, above-ground storage tanks on the site and it appears that the property has been

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Independent photo by James Otzman

Monday's eclipse of the sun had Belleville in its "partial" area. This was as much of the sun as was covered as people all over the area looked skyward through special eclipse glasses. The sky darkened slightly as the major part of the sun was cut off and the headlights on vehicles automatically switched on. The temperature dropped slightly and a cool wind blew, as predicted.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Visitors to the Belleville Area District Library gazed skyward Monday afternoon outside its front door. The library gave away 500 pairs of safety glasses over the week end and loaned pairs to those wishing to look up for a few minutes on Monday. In the darkened Cozadd Room inside the library, they were live-streaming the eclipse as it traveled across the country. There also were free cookies that sort of looked like eclipses.

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School Board

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- Approved the proposed Cosmetology Program at BHS to begin the 2024-25 school year as presented at the last school board meeting. Courses will include Cosmetology, Esthetics, Natural Hair, and Manicuring and a former science lab will be transformed into a salon and classroom;
- Was given information by James Williamson and Justin Frazier on a new medical/behavioral clinic at BHS in partnership with University of Michigan Medicine. There are state grants involved. The RAHS Clinic would start during the next school year. It would transform an existing 1,200-square-foot storage room and the 280-square-foot Media Center office to provide health services to BHS and the surrounding community. Projected project cost is \$400,000. Integrated Design Solutions will work on the construction plan.
- Approved the retirements of instructional staff members: Alison Brooks of BHS after 25 years of service; Derek Phillips of BHS after 30 years; Aleisa Pitt of Tyler after 47 years; and Lisa Preuss of Savage after 30 years;
- Approved the resignations of the following instructional staff members: Jessica Ryan of Savage as of March 24 after three years of service; Robert Flisher of Owen as of March 18 after 25 years; Robert Buckley of Owen as of March 21 after 3.5 years; Raquel Searle of BHS as of June 6 after 1.5 years; Carrie Karbon of Early Childhood Center as of June 21 after 2 years; and Faith Miller of McBride as of April 5 after less than one year;
- Approved the retirement of Joseph Weick in maintenance after 25 years as of April 1; the resignations of Cassandra Taylor, custodian, as of March 15 and Bryan Wallace, paraprofessional, as of March 19, both with less than one year of service; and the terminations of custodians Carrie Mayer as of March 11 and Romeo Whigham as of March 12, both after less than one year of service;
- Approved hiring Antione Jordan as a College Readiness Coach at BHS as of April 1; and Jose Aguilar as a custodian at Buildings & Grounds as of April 2;
- Was informed about a Male Mentoring program at BHS that meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday to help a student be a man in the real world. Young men are afraid to talk about how they feel. This will help to put off fights and arguments that lead to expulsion. They are looking at starting up a program for young women, as well;
- Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore recognize Katharine Courter, music director at Owen, for "planting the seeds" of music for the students who come in with

very little skills when they start with her and, "We see the result when she is done." He said she instills the passion for bands that grows in the district;

- Heard Moore say he asked the Wayne Westland principal about the problems the district was having and whether it would impact the BHS students in the William B. Ford school. He said she said the problems would not impact that program and Moore said he would keep an eye on it. Grandparent Reg Ion had asked about the Westland program at a previous board meeting;

- Heard Moore say the Michigan Association of School Administrators came to video two strong math teachers in the district so their teaching could be model lessons for teachers across the state. He said the teachers are Mrs. Runyan at Owen and Miss Mastie at Edgemont;

- Heard Frazier say Growthworks is coming inside the district to provide support services, which is something Growthworks hasn't done before; and

- Heard board president Pearce say her daughter was among the 35 students who went on a trip to Greece, Italy and Germany over spring break. She thanked the teachers and BHS for making the trip possible.

VBT Board

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abandoned for 50 or more years.

Director Akers said the scope of work for the grant is to perform an environmental assessment of the site, remove the storage tanks and associated equipment and structures, remove vegetation, and replace the existing fencing.

He said once the township accepts the grant, the township will solicit a company to complete the phase 1 and phase 2 site assessments to determine if there is any environmental conditions that need to be addressed. After getting that information, the township will solicit bids to clean up contaminated materials, if present, and clear the site.

Under the agreement, the township is responsible for costs that exceed \$200,000 and for abatement of contamination.

Akers said work is expected to take 12 to 18 months.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said it is believed the facility closed in the 1950s and went to the county for back taxes. He said it went back and forth as it was sold and the contamination discovered and then abandoned. It went back to the county for taxes each time. He said that's how the township got it.

He said it is an environmental disaster on a railroad line. He said the township hoped to make it into a park, but being on a railroad line makes it unsuitable for that.

Supervisor McNamara said Denton Village is such a nice area with nice people and it deserves some kind of park.

"We need to get rid of the blight for them," McNamara said.

Iron Belle Trail

The board also approved the apparent low bid of \$694,875 from Davenport Brothers for construction of Sections J and K of the Iron Belle Trail. With a 10% contingency the total is \$764,362.50. The contingency will go back into the budget if not needed for overruns.

The project is fully funded by a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services, said the new part of the trail will be from west of the railroad track on E. Huron River Drive to the entrance to Lower Huron Metropark. She said 98% of the walk is seven-foot-wide concrete, with a 10-foot-wide asphalt entry to the park. An existing sidewalk is less than seven feet wide, she said.

The path will be on the south side of E. Huron River Drive from the railroad track to Haggerty Road and then over to the north side along Huron Valley Steel and over the bridge to the other side and then back across E. Huron River Drive to the park entrance.

In other business at the 29-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved an agreement with Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airports for township dispatch to receive 911 calls on behalf of the Wayne County Airport Authority as a temporary remedy in the event of an emergency. Police Chief Jason Wright said that is exactly the way they operate right now, but the airports needed to have it in writing. "We're their backup," Chief Wright said. "They can come here if they need to." He said the township uses Canton Township in emergencies;

- Approved changes to the Board of Zoning Appeals Rules and Procedures including changes to membership, administrative duties, meetings, and powers of the BZA. This was recommended by the BZA at its March 12 meeting;

- Presented a proclamation celebrating the 54th anniversary of Earth Day;

- Heard McNamara thank the Downtown Development Authority for allocating \$110,000 for the Viper 911 System for dispatch. He also said Clerk Leon Wright and Trustee Kevin Martin are military veterans and he presented them with ribbons provided by Leroy Paige who put on a recent program to mark the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam conflict. McNamara also presented a pin to Clerk Wright for those serving in Vietnam or their families. Wright had lost his oldest brother who had served in Vietnam;

- Heard Trustee Martin say he served in the U.S. Navy and "had the honor and privilege to serve." He said veterans are

underappreciated and, "We need to do more";

- Heard Treasurer Sharry Budd announce that her deputy treasurer Sean Bellingham recently was recertified as Certified Public Finance Administrator and the certification expires June 1, 2029. She said he has to keep up training to recertify. Treasurer Budd said she really appreciates his work;

- Heard McNamara announce that the financial audit has begun and he has been informed that the township has no lawsuits against it. He said the body cams, car cams, and training, maybe, are paying off. Clerk Wright said he doesn't wish to burst his bubble, but he believes a small suit could be coming on a water/sewer issue. It is yet to be filed, Wright said; and

- Heard a township resident invite everyone to the Dr. Jasmin Stephens and I.M.A.G.E. Counseling Services mental health event on May 24 at Ford Performing Arts building in Dearborn. She also was looking for donations and McNamara referred her to the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network which spends a billion dollars on mental health in Wayne County. McNamara said he is vice chairman of the group.

Man accused of killing mother, daughter in VBT heads for jury trial

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A jury trial has been set for Oct. 7 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John C. Gillis in the two first-degree murder charges against Lionel Lamont Vincent of Pontiac.

He is charged with murdering a mother and daughter on July 25, 2021 in Van Buren Township. His preliminary exam was held June 15, 2022 before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green. She bound him over to circuit court. The case was reassigned to different judges twice and final pretrials were held in March, 2024 and a motion hearing held April 4. The jury trial was then scheduled.

Vincent, 50, is charged with two homicide counts for allegedly killing Yachanda Snipes, 45, and her daughter Dacara Leatherberry, 14, in their home in the 46000 block of Lake Villa Dr. within the Belleville Pointe apartment complex.

The two reportedly died of multiple injuries. Van Buren Township Police Detective Mike Long said Vincent was the suspect from the beginning and the victim was an Uber driver at the time they met. Det. Long said the state held Vincent for possible parole violation because of the VBT police investigation.

He was wearing his GPS ankle monitor, required for his parole, at the time of the killings, police said.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections was paroled Sept. 22, 2020 after serving 27 years in prison for an Aug. 25, 1994 kidnapping and rape, using a weapon to commit a felony, and various other weapons charges in Oakland County. He was convicted in a jury trial.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Are schools going the right way with teaching space?

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the school board was presented with the most recent plan for using the school facilities for social services.

This time it's with a project budget of \$400,000 to change part of the media center into a medical clinic for students and staff.

Officials said it had state funds involved, so it wouldn't cost so much, and it was in league with University of Michigan Medical. But to use the media center for this seems wrong.

Our Michigan Senator Camilleri has a law he is trying to pass in Lansing that would require a media center and certified librarian in each school in the state. His bill is based on what he's seen at the Van Buren schools, where the media center is closed. We're using up the media center space for a medical center? Whatever happened to a school nurse in every school?

This clinic plan is in addition to the project to change a science lab into a beauty salon so students will have a job right out of high school and won't have to be trained in a school that will cost them money. The project was approved by the school board on Monday and it will be implemented soon. We think the science lab should be filled with science students filling their minds, not students doing hair and nails.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

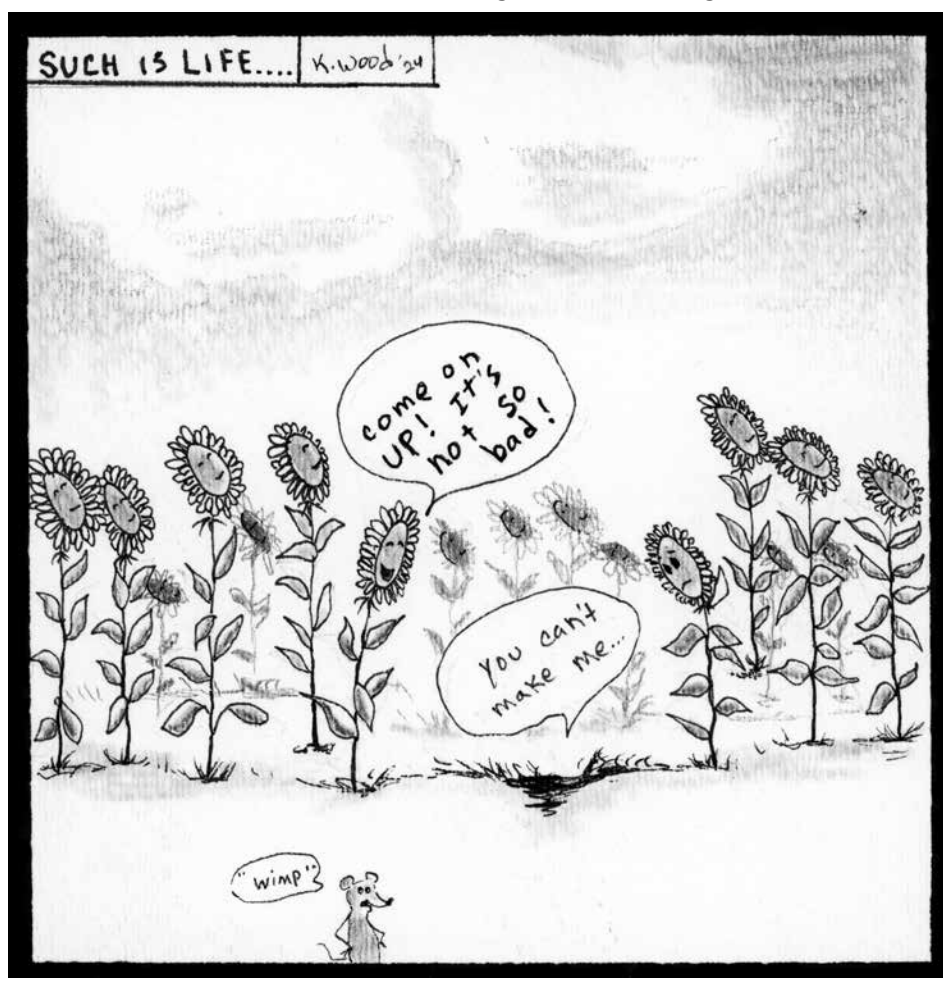
I like to admire the changing decorations 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin puts in a corner of her courtroom desk, near the statue of Justice. She said it's kind of boring in that corner, so she spruces it up with seasonal objects.

Recently she put up a little statue on what seems to be a square of green felt that looked like a silver pig to me. At Sunday's Bugles Across America in Belleville I asked her if that's what it is. She said actually it is a black sheep. She said the light reflects from it so maybe it looked silver.

I watch her courtroom live on YouTube every time she has the court's felony docket. Each judge has the felonies for two weeks and then are off for three weeks on other assignments. The other two judges have stopped going live on YouTube, but they can be accessed by Zoom. You've got to ask permission to join Zoom and if you have to leave for a minute, you have to ask permission again.

In the olden days, before COVID and before the new courthouse opened, I would go to court every Wednesday and witness the whole felony docket in person. I tried doing that again after the new courthouse opened and found the felony judge that day was at home doing the session on Zoom and the courtroom was dark. So I went back to the office.

Now, many of the defendants for the court sessions are on Zoom and it's easier to hear them off the computer in my office than on the courtroom computer. Chief Judge Oakley requires everything in person, but defendants can get special permission to attend by Zoom if they've got a good reason.



Our newspapers now get delivered early by the printer, so being in court before noon on Wednesdays is no longer an option. Since Bob Mytych died, I have to help unload the papers and help load them into the vehicles that will be delivering them to our drops. The papers are being delivered to us around 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday these days.

Some papers are delivered on Wednesdays now but most of them are still delivered on Thursdays.

Jim Wigginton sent us an email on Tuesday that he had climbed the tallest buildings in Louisiana and Mississippi on Monday. It was the Place St. Charles in New Orleans and the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, numbers 17 and 18 on his list of tallest buildings climbed in each state. He said he was going on to Alabama on Wednesday.

Our newspaper delivery person Bernard Belanger of Sumpter Township was involved in a motorcycle accident on Monday when a man turned in front of him and sent him flying.

The older man was turning into the Huron Valley Steel on E. Huron River Drive and probably was turning into the wrong place when the collision occurred.

This is all to say he won't be out delivering this week in his regular locations on Wednesday. He's got a plan to get the papers delivered even though he can't do it himself and we hope he works it out.

He's got 32 bundles with 50 papers in each bundle that he delivers all over the place.

Our best wishes to Bernard as his wounds heal.

When they were talking about the Band-o-Rama held at BHS last Saturday with students from grades 5 through 12 performing, the crowd was described as standing room only. Then, the crowd left to go home. It was gridlock. With all those people leaving at once it was a mess.

Board president Amy Pearce said next time such a crowd is gathered, they need to call the Belleville police and get some help.

Back when the new school was constructed, there were those who thought the district should pay for a traffic signal at that point where the driveway hits W. Columbia Ave. It didn't happen.

Have you ever tried to drive by the school when the school empties out each afternoon? I've seen people out there trying to control traffic and, again, gridlock.

When she was mayor, Kerreen Conley would say the residents of Harbour Pointe, next door to the school, were held captive by the egress of drivers. She didn't mention the teenage drivers, but I will. Tires screeching. A traffic signal could sort things out.



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Letters

Democratic Club Chili Cook-Off is April 25

To the editor:
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Debbie Chamberlain
 Correspondence Secretary
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I see the brain trust in Lansing is at it again

To the editor:
 I see the brain trust in Lansing is at it again ... you serve your country ... come home, get a job, get married ... work hard ... raise your kids, then as they say, life happens ... you retire and bad things happen ... illness, death. Divorce ... you get your monthly check and must decide ... food to stay alive ... medicine so you wouldn't die ... rent so you wouldn't have to live in a cardboard box ... so what does grench do for you ... she cuts income tax from 4.25 to 4.05 ... which on \$20,000 saves you ... you may want to sit down for this ... \$40 a YEAR ... but ... she has a lot of Joe's cash in the back room .., so she gives illegal aliens or as Joe calls them ... newcomers ... \$500 a month for rent, you who worked hard ... did the right thing ... and she rewards those fine folks who are ILLEGAL aliens ... makes ya glad she's our leader. Speaking of leaders? Am I

the only one who didn't get a \$500 check from Reggie Miller? Promised if she were elected we would all get one.

Vic Franzoi
 Van Buren Township
 Ya'll be safe out there.

Thanks to all who have helped me

To the editor:
 For those that know me a stroke has left me with some challenges and I want to thank all who have helped me at Tim Horton's - too many to name. But thank you from Linda and me.

Mickey Widener
 Van Buren Township

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:
 This is a new St. Jude Prayer.
 You say it seven days in a row and be specific in what miracles you are asking for.

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracles, near kinsman to Jesus Christ, Faithful Intercessor to those who invite your prayer. To you I have come from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power, to come to my urgent and needed petition.

Say three Our Father's, three Hail Mary's and three Glory Be's. At this point, ask St. Jude for your needed miracle. Now promise him to intercede by putting his prayer in print. It can be on the internet, newspaper, post card in the store, etc.

This prayer has come through for myself, family and friends. I hope you try it and it comes through for you, too.

It really works.
 S.H., Sumpter Township, God Bless You

We need help to get to world competition in TX

To the editor:
 This letter serves as a thank you, an explanation of FIRST Robotics, and a plea for aid.

On the weekend of March 8, Belleville High School hosted our fifth Robotics event at Belleville High School. The overwhelming support received to aid this program amidst all the chaos has been truly heartening. This year, our list of sponsors exceeded all expectations, and we extend our sincere gratitude to them for their support of the team and the event.

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Obituaries



Terry Mark Schoenith

TERRY MARK SCHOENITH

(November 26, 1940 – April 7, 2024)
Terry Mark Schoenith, age 83, a longtime resident of Bellville, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Corewell Health in Wayne, MI, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 26, 1940, in Detroit, MI to Mark and Agnes (Nowicki) Schoenith. After high school, Terry attended Michigan State University and later served our country in the National Guard. He then married the love of his life, Barbara, and started his family. Terry became a master electrician and worked as an electrical engineer. Terry retired from Albridge Aldinger in 2006 where he worked as a project manager for over 25 years. He loved sailing with his family and friends, especially on Lake St. Clair. Terry also enjoyed Nascar and his two favorite sports cars. Terry was also passionate about building and fixing computers and built custom computers for family and friends. After retiring, Terry and Barb moved to Belleville and became active members of the St. Anthony parish. Terry became a member of St. Vincent de Paul and served as president for many years.

His passion for helping those less fortunate was an inspiration to his family and friends. Terry loved animals, especially his dogs. He loved his children and grandchildren dearly and he was so proud of them.
Terry is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Barbara Schoenith, of Belleville, MI; his children, Kristen Alyce (Jay) Dean of Hillman, MI, Marcus Terence Schoenith of Belleville, MI, and Kathryn (James) King of Huron Twp., MI; his sister Sharolyn (Tom) Haldane of Orlando, FL; and his grandchildren, Devon, Shelby (Shaun), Alex, Grace, and Anna; his great-grandchildren, Caden and Ashton; and his beloved dog, Remi, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents.
A funeral Mass with visitation one hour prior to the Funeral Mass has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with Father Bryan Shackett as Celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Vincent DePaul would be appreciated in Terry's memory.
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KATHERINE ALLISON TOMCHEFF

(June 11, 1961 – March 30, 2024)
Age 61, of Wayne, formerly of Belleville and Detroit. BHS class of 1980. Survived by son Steven, mother Leona Hoggarth, five siblings, two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law. Funeral April 5 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Obituaries



Edward George Dubisky

EDWARD GEORGE DUBISKY

(July 27, 1936 – March 8, 2024)

Edward George Dubisky, age 87 years of Onsted, formerly of Belleville, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. He was born on July 27, 1936, in Belleville, the son of Charles J. and Dorothy O. (Sutton) Dubisky.

Ed graduated from Belleville High School in 1954. He married Sharon L. Merillat, the love of his life, on September 3, 1960 in Belleville. She preceded him in death on October 12, 2019.

Ed worked at Consumers Energy in Livonia for 36 years, retiring in 1990. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, and fishing. Ed was a member of St. Rita's Catholic Church in Clark Lake.

Surviving Ed are his three sons, Lloyd Dubisky of Baldwin, David (Terry) Dubisky and Dan Dubisky all of Belleville; five grandchildren, Thomas Dubisky, Emily Dubisky, Brandon Dillon, Britney (James) Potter and Rai Miller; four great-grandchildren, Chyanne, Evelyn, Harlow and Finley; two brothers, Gary (Sandra) Dubisky of Southfield and William (Sharon) Dubisky of Belleville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; a sister Shirley Ray; and three brothers, Donald Dubisky, Charles Dubisky and David Dubisky. Cremation has taken place. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 19, 2024 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville with Rev. Bryan Shackett officiating. Family and friends can gather at the church from 10:00-10:45 A.M. prior to the service. Private interment will take place at a later date at Somerset Center Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home in Hudson. Condolences and words of comfort can be left at: www.brownvanhemert.com.

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Michael Peter Welt

MICHAEL PETER WELT

(April 28, 1945 – March 31, 2024)

Michael Peter Welt, age 78, of Grayling, MI passed away peacefully at home on March 31, 2024. He was born to Everett and Shirley (Poet) Welt on April 28, 1945 in Wayne, MI. Mike started his career at Welt Oil Company in Belleville. Later he was employed by Wayne County Road Commission as a mechanic and worked on the plow trucks. In the later part of his career, he was a Supervisor for the Wayne County parks of Elizabeth Park and Crosswinds Marsh. One of his favorite events at Elizabeth Park every year was the Easter Marshmallow Drop. Michael was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a NASCAR lover, too but spent most of his time outdoors. He also loved to watch Western movies. He was the life of the party. He truly enjoyed and had a passion for riding his Harley Davidson.

Michael is survived by his children, Marion "Mimi" Welt-Smith, Kimberly (Kevin) Lauterwasser, Donald (Beverly) Jeffries, Ronald Jeffries, Timothy (Melissa) Jeffries, Michael (Kerry) Welt, Tina Jeffries, Vicki (Ronald) Wygonik; 22 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife Marion, recently passed-away wife Marie Welt, grandson James Dylan Lauterwasser, brother Dan, and sister Sue. A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-2951.

Condolences may be shared at sorensonlockwood@gmail.com. Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

CLINTON BAILEY, JR.

(August 25, 1925 – March 16, 2024)

Age 98, passed away in Belleville. Survivors are five sons, three daughters, three sisters, grandchildren. Funeral service March 25 at Stark Funeral Professionals, Ypsilanti. Burial in United Memorial Gardens, Superior Twp.

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, April 11** – Girls JV Tennis vs. Franklin HS, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Ypsilanti HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt HS, 4:30 p.m.; Girls JV Soccer vs. Dearborn HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Dearborn HS, 7 p.m.

- **Friday, April 12** – Boys & Girls Track & Field Tiger Relays, 3:30 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Melvindale HS, 4:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, April 13** – JV Softball vs. Southgate Anderson HS, 11 a.m., doubleheader

- **Monday, April 15** – Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Fordson HS, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Plymouth HS, 4 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. John Glenn HS, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Northville HS, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Plymouth HS, 5:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, April 16** – Boys & Girls Track & Field vs. Churchill HS, 3:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Tennis vs. John Glenn HS, 4 p.m.

- **Wednesday, April 17** – JV Baseball vs. John Glenn HS, 4 p.m.; JV Softball vs. John Glenn HS, 4 p.m., doubleheader

Obituaries



Catherine Jeanette Day

CATHERINE JEANETTE DAY

(March 4, 1930 – March 31, 2024)

Catherine Jeanette Day, age 94, of Westland, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born March 4, 1930, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Lawrence Wilfred & Ethel Lovena (Taylor) McKeen. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1948, where she was the lead drum major in the marching band for all four years. Catherine married Frank Day on July 7, 1951, and enjoyed raising her family in her hometown. Frank and Catherine were former members of First United Methodist Church, Belleville, for many years. She went to work in 1980, in the cafeteria for several of the Van Buren Public Schools, for over 35 years. She loved being the head of the Jigsaw Puzzle group while she lived in Columbia Court. She also enjoyed playing Bunco and Euchre, and more recently Bingo, twice a week.

Mrs. Day is survived by 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Ethel, husband Frank, and brother Calvin McKeen.

A private interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Homestead Home Healthcare #115, 21800 Haggerty Rd., Northville, MI 48167.

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KATHERINE ANNE LUND

(August 17, 1968 – March 28, 2024)

Age 55, of Roseville. Survived by son Max of Westland; parents Joan and George Swistock of Belleville; and siblings Robert, David, Suzy. Cremation planned and a memorial will be held in the future. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, April 11 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m.
- Monday, April 15 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 17 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., at the Belleville Area District Library
- Monday, April 22 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS



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• **Friday, April 12** – The Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, invite the public to a Country Style Rib Dinner at 5 p.m., with a meat raffle at 6:30 p.m. DJ Anthony Richendollar is at 7:30 p.m.

• **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: SCEnglish@vanburenschools.net.

• **Saturday, April 13** – The Western Wayne County Quilting Guild invites visitors to join them from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cozadd room at the Belleville Area

District Library. It is a Sit & Stitch day, so bring something to work on and supplies. There will be a guest presenter after 10:30 a.m. She will show quilts and how to fix quilts in disrepair.

• **Friday, April 19** – The Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, invites the public to a Polish Dinner at 5 p.m., Pull Tab Bingo followed by Karaoke at 7:30 p.m.

• **Saturday, April 20** – Earth Day 2024 at Wayne County Community College, Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Partnered with National Wildlife Refuge System. Open to the public at no cost. Educational presentations, indoor/outdoor inflatable archery, backyard bass game, hands-on planting activity, arts and crafts, snacks available. Information: Amanda Consiglio, (734) 699-7008.

• **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25, 26, 27** – Annual Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul's Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, (734) 753-9048. Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, and more.

• **Thursday, April 25** – Chili Cook-off at the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club membership meeting at 6 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township.

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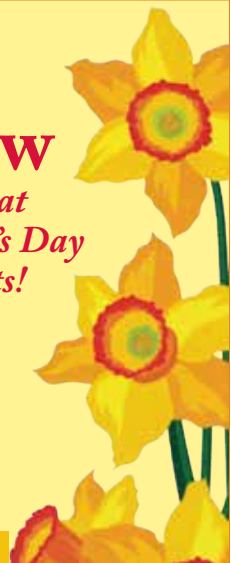
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Sumpter raises financial director salary from \$85,200 to \$94,500

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On a 6-1 vote the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees raised the annual salary of Financial Director Scott Holtz from \$85,200 to \$94,500 as of the beginning of his new contract on April 1. This was at the board's regular meeting on March 26.

Trustee Peggy Morgan cast the only no vote, saying she thinks he should have a raise, but, "That's a bit much of a raise."

Treasurer Bart Patterson said they had given 30-40 hours of discussion to his pay and this is believed to be fairer, looking at what other communities pay for that position.

"Call it employee retention," said Trustee Tim Rush. "Headhunters are out and around." He also noted Holtz had been very "loyal."

Trustee Morgan said Holtz was rehired by the board in January 2022 at \$80,000 and then immediately got the 4% raise that other employees got on April 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

She said in 2023 his salary was \$85,200 plus the 4% and now it's \$94,500. She asked if the 4% raise was included in this figure and she was told it was.

At the Jan. 11, 2022 regular meeting of the Sumpter board, Holtz was rehired and was scheduled to begin work the next day. The board directed township attorney Rob Young to draw up a one-year contract.

Trustee Morgan also voted against the motion to rehire Holtz at that time. Holtz had resigned

with one week's notice in April 2019 to take a job with Lenawee County at an office a few blocks from his home in Adrian.

At the time of his resignation, Trustee Morgan, who was former treasurer, said she was so happy Holtz was leaving. She said he messed up her retirement benefits and he kept postponing things that needed to be done.

In 2022, Holtz replaced Michelle Cole, who resigned Nov. 29, 2021 with one week's notice. When he first was hired on Oct. 16, 2017 he replaced the retiring Jim Glahn, CPA.

The hiring was not on the Jan. 11, 2022 agenda and was discussed at the workshop and then added to the agenda at the regular meeting that followed. Clerk Esther Hurst said Holtz was no longer at his previous job and maybe he could be financial director for Sumpter.

Trustee Morgan was surprised because this had never been discussed publicly. Then she said she realizes everyone else on the board knew, but they didn't tell her.

She suggested having Plante Moran handle that position and Clerk Hurst said she would prefer having someone inside the office being finance director. Trustee Matt Oddy said they discussed it at the

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Top Ten students of BHS class of 2024 announced Monday

- Here is the list of the Top Ten students in the Belleville High School graduating class of 2024, as announced by School Supt. Pete Kudlak at Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.
- Valedictorian - Parker Mears
 - Salutatorian - Thomas Okubo
 - 3 - Madison Leads
 - 4 - Kelly Montgomery
 - 5 - Eli Jeng
 - 6 - Ariana Smith
 - 7 - Logan Peterman
 - 8 - Isabelle Porzondek
 - 9 - Ellee Kloian
 - 10 - Ekene Duru

Therese Antonelli to be on 'House Hunters' on HGTV April 16

Therese Antonelli, a Belleville native and founder of Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group, will appear on the popular television series "House Hunters," airing on HGTV at 10:30 p.m. EST, on Tuesday, April 16.

"House Hunters," known for providing viewers with a behind-the-scenes look at the highs and lows of the home-buying process, follows Antonelli and her client, Tarek Uddin, as they navigate the competitive housing market in Metro Detroit.

In the upcoming episode, viewers will join Antonelli and Uddin as they tour several homes in the Metro Detroit area, weighing the pros and cons of each property in the quest to find the perfect fit.

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committee level and raised the salary to attract a candidate.

In other business at the one-hour-and-23-minute combined workshop and regular meeting on March 26, the board:

- Approved the 2024-25 operating budget plan presented by Holtz during the March 12 public hearing. Also approved were the Quarter 4 budget amendments for fiscal year 2023-24, with a slight amendment;

- Approved the planning commission recommendation for special exception use at 51356 Willis Rd. for used auto sales and reconditioned batteries;

- Approved, with regrets, the resignation of fire fighter Allison Reed, effective March 31;

- Approved Burnham & Flower MTPP Liability-Related Insurance Coverage effective April 1 at an annual cost of \$152,498, including terrorism and cyber coverage;

- Approved the Constellation Energy 24-month renewal rate of \$3.77/dth effective in April;

- Approved hiring a temporary, part-time employee for the clerk's office for up to 29 hours a week through November, with the acknowledgement of the AFSCME union. In November, the board could decide to make it a full-time position, which Clerk Hurst said she would like;

- Heard Township Manager Anthony Burdick say he will bring a request for posting of a DPW position to the April 9 board meeting. He said they have a new temporary who is working out well, but one worker is out on long-term medical and one just went out for a shoulder injury and that would take three to four months

if surgery is required;

- Reaffirmed the bids for demolition of township-owned property at 24995 Sumpter Rd. and committed to the March 2022 motion for demolition of the blight problem, as recommended by Burdick;

- Heard Burdick say they have had problems with the Parks and Recreation Committee and he will keep the board posted on a re-envisioning of community events. He said he'd like to have two events this year, "to get us off the stall-off";

- Witnessed Treasurer Patterson pin a veteran's pin on Burdick's lapel, since it didn't get pinned on during the recent Vietnam Veterans' Commemoration at Belleville High School. He said the township manager served in the armed forces and army for some years and the pin should be formally pinned on;

- Heard Burdick say the township got an independent audit in 2021, completed in 2022, of Carleton Farms landfill and the landfill owes the township some feedback by April 1;

- Heard Clerk Hurst say Deputy Clerk Karen Armatis won't be coming back to work full time until she can walk, following her foot injury;

- Learned residents are complaining about heavy pixillation on the Comcast cablecast, primarily the bulletins. Burdick said adjustments are being made and they don't know if it's being sent out that way or is a Comcast issue; and

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy report from the planning commission that there is some concern about the proposed self-serve car wash at Bemis and Sumpter roads. He said the water and sewer department questions if that amount of water can be taken up by the pressurized system and whether the system handle that type of flow.

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Ex-Romulus Mayor Burcroff sentenced to 4 mo.'s home confinement

On April 4, former Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, 59, of Romulus, was sentenced to three years probation with four months home confinement following pleading guilty on Aug. 25, 2022 to wire fraud.



He had pled guilty to using \$4,500 in campaign funds to help cover his daughter's wedding at the Belleville Yacht Club which involved a payment to the yacht club from

a Comerica Bank checking account entitled Committee to Elect LeRoy D. Burcroff.

He never admitted during his plea hearing to using more than \$15,000 in campaign money for personal reasons, which is what he was charged with.

His sentence allows him to go to work and church during his home confinement.

The sentencing was by U.S. District Judge Denise Paige Hood, who could have sentenced him to a fine and/or up to 20 years in prison.

Since his plea, the sentencing hearing had been adjourned 13 times.

The sentence was announced in a news release issued by U. S. Attorney Dawn N. Ison.

Ison was joined in the announcement by Chevvyrea Gibson, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Burcroff was elected mayor of the City of Romulus in 2014. As part of his election efforts, Burcroff established a committee to elect (CTE) fund entitled, "Committee to Elect LeRoy D. Burcroff."

According to court documents, over the next two-and-a-half years, Burcroff defrauded donors to his CTE account by using these campaign funds for his personal benefit rather than for his election. For example, in November 2017, Burcroff spent over \$3,500 of his campaign donors' money to pay for his daughter's wedding.

Burcroff spent the CTE money on a church fee, a banquet room rental, flowers, and the wedding bar tab. In 2017 and 2018, Burcroff used CTE funds to pay over \$11,600 in dues and expenses to the Belleville Yacht Club which he used for his personal benefit.

On multiple occasions, Burcroff overpaid his yacht club dues using his campaign account, which resulted in the yacht club issuing a refund, which Burcroff deposited in his personal bank account, the news release said.

In 2018, Burcroff made a \$1,000 donation of campaign funds to a trade industry, the Power Transmission Distributors Association, with the hope that he would receive a promotion at his private sector job. In 2019, Burcroff spent over \$4,000 of campaign funds on a personal vacation to Florida with friends. The friends paid for their half and he put their money in his person account.

United States Attorney Ison said, "Trust in our state's campaign finance system is a critical component of a healthy representative democracy. Mr. Burcroff's conviction and sentence underscores our commitment to ensuring that the citizens of the Eastern District are represented by public officials who have integrity and are seeking office not for their self-interest, but for the good of the people they are elected to represent."

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The immense support for this program uplifts those who dedicate their time and effort to its success. The contributions of over 100+ direct volunteers are deeply appreciated. As a unified entity, we within the robotics program express our gratitude to the city, township, school district, and all businesses and personal sponsors involved. Together, we instill in our children a sense of community and civic responsibility. Our small town consistently demonstrates these values year after year, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

This year, our local Belleville High School team achieved remarkable success

in the qualifying matches of competition, securing victories at both our home event and the competition in Ann Arbor at Skyline High School. Not only did we qualify for the state competition, but we also clinched victory at our state district event and secured second place in the State championship. As a result, we have earned the opportunity to compete in the world event in Houston, Texas. This opportunity for the world event has come as a bit of a surprise and necessitates the need for more funding than originally planned.

The Robotics Program encompasses two distinct groups.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Single team at the high school level; two teams at the middle school level; nine teams at the elementary level; hosting events for elementary, middle school, and high school; establishment of a shirt printing business to aid in funding the program, where

students take an active role. (The booster organization and mentors continue toward the goal of a student-managed and run business.)

Integrated Curriculum within the school district:

Elementary curriculum (Lego) focusing on rudimentary programming (future); Owen Intermediate School (Lego) providing advanced programming skills (future).

McBride Middle School emphasizing programming and hard skills (e.g., soldering, building, etc.) (current); offering a programming certificate of a robot arm upon high school graduation, to facilitate immediate employment opportunities. (current).

These two groups seamlessly integrate extra-curricular activities with the district curriculum. We are preparing our elementary students with essential programming skills and logical thinking, ensuring they are better equipped for higher education and the challenges of the real world. This integration of curriculum and extra-curricular activities is vital for our students' preparedness in real-world scenarios. For many young people interested in moving to our town, the quality of our school district is a significant factor in deciding to live in our township or city, especially for those with children or considering starting a family.

The upcoming FIRST World event in Texas necessitates airline tickets, food, and hotel accommodations for the 10-15 students attending. Once again, we turn to our community for support in this endeavor. A GoFundMe page has been set up on Facebook under the 48111 page. Any contribution, whether it be \$5 or \$25, would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively, you

can drop off a check or cash at the district administration building behind the high school (Checks can be made out to: TRBO - Tiger Robotics Booster Organization).

Thank you, once again, for your continued support and assistance in making this program truly exceptional.

- Tiger Robotics Booster Organization

Governor Whitmer reappoints Eric Doeh to state mental council

On April 2, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the reappointment of Eric Doeh of Van Buren Township to the Mental Health Diversion Council.

Doeh is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network. Additionally, he is an adjunct professor for the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and previously served as the deputy chief assistant of the drug task force for the US attorney's office.

Doeh received his Bachelor of Arts in political science and English from the University of Michigan and his Juris Doctor from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Doeh is reappointed to represent medicaid pre-paid inpatient health plans for a term commencing April 2, 2024, and expiring Jan. 30, 2028.


The Mental Health Diversion Council is an advisory body to the Governor within the Department of Health and Human Services charged to advise and assist in the implementation of a diversion action plan and provide recommendations for statutory, contractual, or procedural changes to improve diversion.

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Health Markets, the company that moved into the empty credit union at Main and Second streets in Belleville, is one of our newest advertisers. Here is your opportunity to get all the information you need on insurance products to help cover all those rising costs.

The BHS Bellevillans Robotics team did great over the weekend and won the District Championship. In the playoff round they were runner-up and qualify to go to the World Championship in Houston, Texas. The problem is they are on a very tight timeline to raise \$2,000 for each participant by Friday the 12th. There are GoFundMe's out there but if you can help, you could drop off some cash by Friday at the BHS office. This is really a big deal to the students, staff, and volunteers who have worked so hard to get the team to this point.

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.

It is so great having the Belleville Area Museum open again. Hopefully you have already noted their first evening presentation: "Electric Cars-Past, Present and Future" scheduled for Thursday, April 18. Free pizza at 5:30 p.m. if you advance register, with the lecture by Russell Dore starting at 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, is Earth Day so let me share a couple of things you and your family can do. First, at 10:30 a.m. is the grand opening of the Belleville Area District Library Seed Library in the Cozadd Room. For all you outdoor people, this is right up your alley. See their ad in the paper today.

Next is "Let's Save the Earth Together" at Wayne County Community College, Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd. This program will raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and inspire action towards creating a better future for our planet. This runs on Saturday,



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 2, 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, and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Police Chief Wright, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Public Services Luckett, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Parks Locke, Facilities Coordinator Harvey, and an audience of five.

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024, Prepaid List of March 21, 2024, Prepaid List of March 28, 2024, Voucher List of April 2, 2024, and Approval of changes to the Board of Zoning Appeals Rules and Procedures including changes to Membership, Administrative Duties, Meetings and Powers of the BZA. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The Board thanked the Van Buren Township DDA for procuring a \$110,000 grant for the Township's 911 Viper System; Clerk Wright and Trustee Martin were presented with pins commemorating their Veteran status and service to our country; Clerk Wright was presented with a pin commemorating the Vietnam Veteran

brother he lost; a proclamation recognizing the 54th anniversary of Earth Day was presented; and Treasurer Budd announced that Deputy Treasurer Sean Bellingham was recertified as a Certified Public Finance Administrator until June of 2029.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve an agreement between Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airport with Van Buren Township Public Safety Answering Point (Dispatch) to receive 911 calls on behalf of the Wayne County Airport Authority as a temporary remedy in the event of an emergency. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the selection of Davenport Brothers for the construction of Iron Belle Trail Sections J and K for \$694,875 in addition to a 10% contingency for a total of \$764,362.50. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the agreement between Van Buren Township and Wayne County Land Bank to accept a grant for environmental assessment and demolition at 6530 Denton Road. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A resident came on behalf of Dr. Jasmín Stephens and I.M.A.G.E Counseling Services to announce a Wellness Day at the Ford Performing Arts Center in Dearborn on May 24th which is an event that will bring awareness to mental health issues. They asked that the Township partner with their organization to assist in spreading the word and invited all Township residents to attend.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Budd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: April 11, 2024



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Shelly, Seth and Jim Chudzinski of Belleville enjoyed their spring break in Hawaii this year, reading the *Independent*. "We were happy to go and support the Lahaina community which is still recovering from the devastating fire from last fall," Shelly said.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



Notice of Availability of Draft Plan for Public Review

The City of Belleville has prepared a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide the future development of parks and recreation in the City of Belleville.

The public is welcome to view a copy of the draft plan for review and comments. The plan is available for consultation at the City Offices, 6 Main Street, and on the city's website, www.bellevilleonthelake.com

The city will accept any comments on the plan until May 1, 2024.

Please direct your comments to Jason Smith, City Manager, by e-mail to: jsmith@belleville.mi.us; in person or by mail at: Belleville City Offices, ATTN: Jason Smith, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111


Publish: April 4, 2024, April 11, 2024



City of Belleville Public Notice



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



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

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

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

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

Briana Hootman,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: March 21, 2024, March 28, 2024, April 4, 2024, April 11, 2024, April 18, 2024

Burcroff

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"The citizens of Michigan demand and deserve utmost trust and integrity in our campaign finance system," said Special Agent in Charge Cheyvoryea Gibson of the FBI in Michigan. "The former Mayor's actions severely undermined the confidence of those who bestowed trust and faith in him and his office. The FBI and law enforcement partners are fully dedicated to fighting public corruption by investigating and exposing corrupt officials whose greed erodes the public's trust in the government. We will not tolerate misconduct and will do everything we can to ensure justice is served."

The investigation of this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Detroit Area Corruption Task Force. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Eaton P. Brown.

"The residents of Romulus, Michigan, put their trust in defendant LeRoy Burcroff. Those who supported the defendant with their wallet and their vote likely never expected this aspiring politician to spend their hard-earned money on a family wedding, a Florida vacation with friends or a yacht club membership," Assistant U.S. Attorney Brown wrote in a sentencing memo that urged the judge to lock Burcroff up.

"Sadly, over a period of over four years, the defendant made a mockery of the city's slogan 'the Home of Opportunity' – by stealing thousands of dollars in campaign

donations to enhance his lifestyle."

Brown added: "The defendants deceit and dishonesty must be punished." Federal prosecutors had requested that Burcroff be locked up for 14 months.

In November 2023, a new law took effect allowing for a reduction in federal sentencing guidelines for first-time offenders, like Burcroff, with no criminal history.

It allowed his sentencing guidelines to drop from 8 to 14 months in prison to just 4 to 10 months behind bars. But he was sentenced to no time behind bars.

Burcroff spoke for 10 minutes before Judge Hood pronounced her sentence. He said, "I let down my God, let down my family and the city that I love," he said. He quoted a Bible verse and told the judge, "Your honor, I'm sorry. I sinned. I believe in redemption. I believe in redemption of sinners."

In 2020, after WXYZ broke details about Burcroff's campaign scheme, Burcroff reimbursed his campaign \$35,000.

WB I-94 lane closures start April 9 from Haggerty to Belleville

Beginning April 9, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will make pavement repairs on westbound I-94 between Haggerty and Belleville roads.

According to a MDOT press release, crews will close the outside lane of westbound I-94 April 9-12, weather permitting. During this time, pavement repairs will be completed on the connected and autonomous vehicle (CAV)-equipped lane.

Beginning 9 p.m. Friday, April 12, through noon Sunday, April 14, crews will perform concrete pavement repairs on the middle and right lanes of westbound I-94. During this work, westbound I-94 will be reduced to one lane between Haggerty and Belleville roads.

Access to the Belleville Rest Area will remain open. The Belleville Road exit and entrance ramps also will remain open. Work will be staggered to ensure traffic is maintained with at least one lane open, the press release said.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 306 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 31:

0100 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
0110 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0117 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0125 – private property/property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0130 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0234 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0322 – welfare check, Haggerty
xxxx – repossession, E. Cherry
0832 – threat, Belle Pointe Dr.
1056 – property damage accident, Victoria St.
1251 – sexual assault, Bemis Rd.
1257 – missing person, WB I-94/rest area
1327 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1455 – found property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1507 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1524 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1619 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Country Walk Blvd.
1646 – civil matter, Edwards Rd.
1708 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr.
1730 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1837 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
2015 – domestic, Vernon St.
2053 – welfare check, Victoria St.
2119 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2124 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ormond Dr.
2234 – welfare check, Greenbriar Dr.
2250 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Monday, April 1:

0115 – assist fire dept., Vine St.
0729 – vehicle lockout, Tallgrass Ct.
xxxx – issue gun permit, Harmony Ln.
0938 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1211 – prisoner transport, 34th District Court
1107 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
1141 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1446 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – domestic, Red Oak Dr.
1709 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1905 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1843 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Woodbury Green
1854 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2048 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2121 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Ln.
2224 – welfare check, Colonia Rd.

Tuesday, April 2:

0003 – family trouble, Beacon Trl.
0131 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
0934 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0937 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
1035 – parking complaint, Pond Ridge Dr.
1114 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.
1114 – intrusion alarm, Berkdale Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Samuel Barton Dr.
1200 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1206 – holdup alarm, Lake Villa Dr.
1231 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1321 – malicious destruction of property, Colony Ln.
1404 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
1427 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1456 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1514 – fight, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1550 – threat, Cranberry
1636 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd./Van Born Rd.
1635 – welfare check, Colonia Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.
1813 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – suicidal person, Wildbrook Dr.
1850 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1907 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1909 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1932 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2017 – threat, McBride Ave.
2028 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2101 – civil matter, Chandler
2122 – threat, Colonial Rd.
2252 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2259 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
2311 – 911 welfare check, Walden Blvd.

Wednesday, April 3:

0317 – assist fire dept., Greenwood Dr.
0406 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pond Bluff Dr.
0927 – follow up by officer, Quirk Rd.
0943 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0948 – civil matter, Meadows Cir.
1001 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.
1053 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1204 – civil matter, Edwards Rd.
1228 – 911 welfare check, Walden Blvd.
1237 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1255 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1338 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1342 – misc. complaint, Tavistock Dr.
1415 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hanover Dr.
1556 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1635 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1702 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1713 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1733 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1746 – vehicle lock out, Van Born Rd./Haggerty
1839 – welfare check, Victoria St.
1807 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Colonial Rd./Chester Ct.
1919 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1927 – welfare check, Ash Dr.
1943 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1948 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2021 – threat, Paloma Dr.
2019 – animal complaint, Cranberry Dr./Ivy Dr.
2027 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2215 – family trouble, Victoria St.
2237 – civil matter, Edwards Rd.
2330 – domestic, Edward Rd.
2342 – 911 welfare check, Crowley Ave.

Thursday, April 4:

0134 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0645 – assist fire dept., Dover Ct.
0909 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
0938 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – family trouble, Edwards Rd.
1101 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1128 – fraud, Burtrig St.
1256 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1336 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1337 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Haggerty Rd.
1423 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1436 – weapons violation, Belleville Rd.
1500 – fraud, Water's Edge Ln.
1538 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1602 – animal complaint, Holly Ln.
1625 – fraud, Robson Rd.
1822 – vehicle lockout, Bemis Rd.
1909 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1918 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2036 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2150 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr.
Friday, April 5:
0013 – assist fire dept., Outer Dr.
0107 – noise complaint, Filmore St.
0242 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0417 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood
0634 – threat, Denton Rd.
1043 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
xxxx – repossession, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1249 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Edwards
xxxx – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1459 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1519 – welfare check, Wildbrook Dr.
1536 – welfare check, Lauren Ct.
1641 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1645 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1658 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1847 – welfare check, Edwards Rd.
1839 – threat, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1911 – welfare check, Truman
2119 – road hazard, Van Born/Haggerty
2127 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.
2220 – noise complaint, maple Dr.
2225 – 911 welfare check
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.

Saturday, April 6:

xxxx – issue gun permit, Robson Rd.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0805 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0904 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
0905 – sex offender registration, Truman
0941 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0953 – warrant arrest, Romulus PD
1115 – private property impound, Industrial
1123 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.
1255 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1313 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1334 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1401 – domestic, Bayshore Dr.
1407 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
1442 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1554 – warrant arrest, Detroit Detention
1556 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
1627 – mental subject, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1723 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.
1811 – animal complaint, Huron River Dr.
1839 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1934 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1958 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2044 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2038 – intrusion alarm, Revere Dr.
2100 – family trouble, Fret Rd.
2126 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2156 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belmont Dr.
Also, on this week's log are 110 traffic stops, 14 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 31:

0301 – property check, Main St.
0329 – property check, Main St.
0329 – property check, Main St.
0331 – property check, Main St.
0334 – property check, High St.
0336 – property check, Fifth St.
0337 – property check, Main St.
0346 – property check, High St.
0837 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
0911 – property check, Loza Ln.
0926 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
0953 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Wabash Ave.
1009 – property check, Owen St.
1023 – animal complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1316 – property check, W. Davis St.
1335 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1524 – property check, E. Columbia Ave.
1532 – property check, Village Park
1539 – property check, Villager Commons
2158 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa

Monday, April 1:

0013 – intrusion alarm, High St.
0045 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.
0500 – property check, Main St.
0514 – property check, Main St.
1028 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1033 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1049 – property check, Davis Additions Subdivision
1141 – animal complaint, Owen St.
1316 – assault & batter, W. Columbia Ave.
1519 – abandoned auto, North Biggs
1741 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, April 2:

0001 – welfare check, Main St.
0814 – misc. complaint, San Carlos St.
0832 – property check, Harbour Pointe Sub.
0847 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
0923 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
1002 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.
1059 – mental subject, San Carlos St.
1347 – traffic stop, South St.
1433 – 911 welfare check, Owen St.

Wednesday, April 3:

0345 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
1341 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1400 – traffic stop, N. Biggs/E. Huron River Dr.
1600 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.
2100 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
2154 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
2359 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Thursday, April 4:

0304 – vehicle lockout, Loza Ln.
0812 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
0819 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1238 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1540 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St. / Fifth St.
2134 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
2218 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
2233 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.

Friday, April 5:

0131 – mental subject, Astor Blvd.
xxxx – repossession, Carmell St.
0817 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
0838 – traffic stop, E. Wabash Ave./South St.
0855 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
0905 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0916 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0928 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0935 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
1219 – property check, Tuscan Manor Apartments
1304 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Huron River
1506 – parking complaint, Thornhill Ct.
1519 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
1630 – trespassing, Loza Ln.
1651 – property damage accident, Main St.
2010 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
2119 – traffic offense, Main St.
2228 – juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, April 6:

0021 – assist other dept. – Astor Pl.
0721 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
1041 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./South St.
1104 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1118 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1132 – property check, Tuscan Manor Apartments
1239 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1420 – property check, High St.
1429 – traffic stop, Main St.
1541 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1748 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Savage Rd.
1814 – vehicle lockout, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1836 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1843 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
2309 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Columbia Ave.

There are 30 traffic stops on this week's log, along with 24 property checks.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 31:

0031 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0348 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

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The Living Legacy Video Series

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Living Legacies: Stories from the Tri-Community

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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- 0804 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
 - 1240 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
 - 1314 – harassment complaint, Mulberry Dr.
 - 1340 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 - 1416 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
 - 1753 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
 - 1756 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 1928 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
 - 2011 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 2018 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Martinsville
 - 2256 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
- Monday, April 1:**
- 0357 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 - 0850 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
 - 0942 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
 - 1241 – malicious destruction of property, Delaware St.
 - 1509 – civil matter, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
 - 1628 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
 - 1824 – shots fired, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 - 1937 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 2118 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 - 2252 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 2333 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.
- Tuesday, April 2:**
- 0018 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 - 0909 – damage to property, Texas St.
 - 0953 – traffic complaint/hazard, 19000 bl. Crandell
 - 1314 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.
 - 1350 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
 - 1418 – fraud complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 1614 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Paris
 - 1821 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
 - 2044 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 - 2102 – family trouble, Oregon St.
 - 2246 – family trouble, Colorado St.
 - 2325 – suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr.
 - 2339 – 911 hangup, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- Wednesday, April 3:**
- 0817 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
 - 0939 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
 - 1317 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
 - 1344 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 - 1346 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
 - 1358 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
 - 1443 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
 - 1731 – L3504-detail-SU, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 - 1818 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
 - 1853 – 911 hangup, Timberlane Dr.
 - 1905 – welfare check, Second St.
 - 1905 – follow up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
 - 2044 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
 - 2051 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
 - 2344 – welfare check, Virginia St.
- Thursday, April 4:**
- 0627 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Magnolia Dr.
 - 1711 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
 - 1903 – citizen assist, Delaware St.
 - 2045 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.
 - 2106 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
 - 2129 – larceny, Mulberry Dr.
 - 2259 – suspicious circumstance, Idaho St.

Friday, April 5:

- 0109 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
- 0239 – suspicious circumstance, California St.
- 1030 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1040 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
- 1237 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.
- 1241 – fire dept. assist, Utah Ct.
- 1350 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1501 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Griffin Rd.
- 1502 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.
- 1839 – alarm, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1913 – mental health call, 8700 Meadow Springs
- 2057 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
- 2134 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2357 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, April 6:

- 0045 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow Rd. / Clark Rd.
 - 0047 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 0129 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
 - 0511 – mental health call, Wayside Dr.
 - 0545 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 - 0744 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.
 - 0920 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 - 0958 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
 - 1021 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Willow
 - 1056 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
 - 1101 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
 - 1309 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
 - 1328 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood Rd./Arkona
 - 1537 – felony warrant arrest, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
 - 1557 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
 - 1725 – welfare check, Texas St.
 - 1751 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 - 1900 – felony warrant arrest, Willow Rd./Elwell
 - 2025 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
- Also, on this week's log are 225 patrol checks, 59 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.



- April 2 -- Millie Baker
- April 13 -- Ken Voigt
- April 15 -- Thelma Griffin, Sharon Smith

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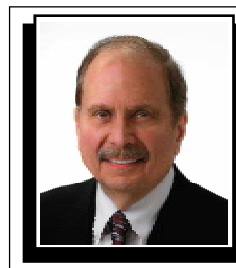
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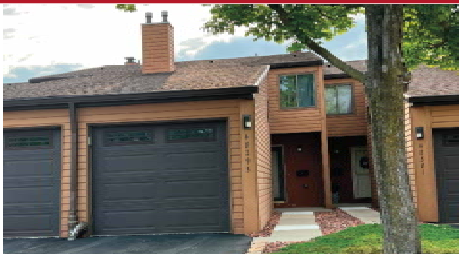
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