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VBT board approves Visteon settlement at special meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

After a 35-minute closed-door session on June 13 with attorney Rick Berg, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a resolution to settle the year's-long dispute between the township and Visteon Corporation.

No details were available yet, but Resolution 2023-13 read: "To approve the Term Sheet settlement between Van Buren Township and Visteon and authorized legal counsel to negotiate the provisions of the final Settlement Agreement and the Supervisor to execute the Settlement Agreement."

The settlement came after court-ordered mediation. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he and Trustee Bryon Kelley, an attorney, were part of the mediation team.

"It's been a long road and we'll keep on" moving forward, Supervisor McNamara said after the brief public meeting, referring to the work that still needs to be done by the attorney.

He said details of the settlement will be announced as soon as possible.

The township's Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) was formed to finance and construct eligible public improvements for the Visteon Village project which was completed in 2004. In order to complete the public improvements, the LDFA established a development plan and tax increment financing plan which identified the improvements, estimated the costs of the improvements and estimated the amount of tax revenue the authority would capture based on the proposed improvements.

In order to finance the construction of the public improvements, the LDFA issued bonds to cover the costs of the improvements and those bonds were guaranteed by the township's ability to

tax. Those public improvements have been completed.

The primary focus of the LDFA now is the payment of the debt obligations as a result of those public improvements.

Due to economic conditions the LDFA will not capture sufficient tax revenue to cover scheduled debt service and due to the shortfall, which occurred on Oct. 1, 2019, the LDFA was loaned \$700,000 on Sept. 4, 2019 by the township to assist with bond payment.

In accordance with the loan agreement between the township and the LDFA, \$900,000 was loaned to the LDFA in March, 2020. An additional \$800,000 was loaned to the LDFA in September, 2020.

As of Dec. 31, the township had loaned the LDFA \$6,175,000 and accrued \$100,058.85 in interest. It will be more than \$8 million in October.

Railroad crossing closures are June 20 to June 23 in VBT

Norfolk Southern has provided Van Buren Township with an updated projection for its dual rail installation project. Norfolk Southern's estimate is that each crossing will be closed for 36-48 hours.

The railroad will be replacing railroad ties and rails and paving/repairing all crossings, including the incomplete paving on the previously worked-on crossings.

Norfolk Southern said it anticipates the following rail crossing closures:

- Hannan Road: Tuesday, June 20 to Thursday, June 22;
- Haggerty Road: Wednesday, June 21 to Friday, June 23;

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Andrea VanDenBergh was among those whose retirements were marked at the June 12 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. She did not retire from the school district, but from the task of covering the activities of each school board meeting with a smart phone and posting the information on Facebook in real time. She has been doing this for seven and a half years, since Savage Strong was formed after the firing of teachers who were accused by a former superintendent of cheating on a state test. This was proven to be wrong and the superintendent was let go and the teachers paid by the district. Members of the Savage Strong group presented VanDenBergh with a bag of presents and a bouquet of flowers before the school board meeting. Her son had just graduated with the class of 2023 and she was done with her reporting.

**Belleville
 Lakefest
 starts
 Thursday
 for
 weekend
 fun**

See page 10 for schedule



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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Enrica Hensley starts 44th year as merchant on Main Street

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"I loved the windows," Enrica Hensley said of the front of Moss Brothers men's shop in the red brick building at 436 Main St. in downtown Belleville.

"I told them I wanted to buy the building and they asked if I had any money," she recalls. She said she always takes things literally and she told them she had \$75 cash in her pocket and pulled it out to show them.

They laughed and asked if she could get a mortgage and she said she could.

She bought the building on March 25, 1980 and now she is in her 44th year of operating Enrica's Golden Needle. She paid off the mortgage in seven years.

She said she believes that makes her the oldest operating business on Main Street.

Enrica was born in Cannobio, Italy, which has the largest lake in northern Italy and is a tourist attraction. She went to a boarding school with 35 nuns, where she took tailoring classes, and then on to high school in Germany, about 1950.

After graduation, she and her girlfriend went to a U.S. Army night club, which she described as very clean, "morally." They had dinner there and she met GI Herman "Sam" Hensley. A few weeks later they were married.

On July 4, 1964, the couple went to Fort Knox and after three years they moved to Belleville, where Sam had family, and

she's been there ever since.

She started sewing in her house for doctors and lawyers and others. Then she decided to open her own shop. She said she has had a great amount of business, everything from sewing on buttons to tailoring suits to a smaller size. But, she has had trouble getting help.

She said Sam worked at the shop for 15 years, but then she fired him and now he is a "house-husband."

She and Sam have a daughter Angela, two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

Enrica said she was good friends with the late Midge Artley who knew the history of everything in town. Midge described the blue house next to Midge's house on W. Columbia Avenue, telling Enrica about each room and encouraging her to buy it. It looked like a charming cottage, she said, and so Enrica bought it. Her grandson Michael now lives there with his family.

Enrica is a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and active in church activities. She and Sam live next to the church and across the street from her grandson and the great-grandchildren, who wave to her across the street.

Enrica turned 80 years of age on June 17. She said she loves to travel. She travels to Italy every year for about a month. She said she just got back from a visit to Portugal. Not being dissuaded by COVID, she spent 10 days in Paris during the pandemic.

In 2010 her visit to Italy was canceled



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Enrica Hensley is in her 44th year of running Enrica's Golden Needle on Main Street, which she believes is the longest-running business on Belleville's Main Street.

when she was scheduled to testify at 34th District Court after three customers assaulted her and the one who punched her in the face was charged. She testified she had a black eye, broken glasses, and bruised arms.

She said she was held down by a bride and the mother of the groom and punched in the face by a bridesmaid after a dispute over a \$45 bill for work on a bridal gown.

Enrica said the three were in the changing room whispering when they were told on the phone by the father of the bride to just grab the dress and run.

They tried it and Enrica would not let go of the dress. She said she did everything they asked for and even fixed a hook and ironed the crinoline. She got her \$45 and a sentence for the one who punched her, but she had to pay for her glasses herself.

VBT planning commission OKs BYC's dock plans on 4-1 vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The ongoing drama of the expanded Belleville Yacht Club docks was ended on June 14, as far as the Van Buren Township Planning Commission goes.

Now, the special approval to operate as a marina goes to the township board and then to the Michigan EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy), which has authority over the lake, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, because of the dam on the lake.

The planning commission also approved the BYC site plan, which will be reviewed by the EGLE and FERC as well. The BYC must have approval from both bodies before restarting construction to replace two floating docks.

One of the dock arms is already in place at 85.3' and a stop-work order had been issued by the township on the construction of the second arm because it did not have a permit. The court sent it back to the township and the men's club to work out a settlement.

The BYC is located at 831 E. Huron

River Dr. and was formerly the Moose Lodge before the Moose moved to Sumpter Township's PNA Hall and eventually disbanded.

During the public comment period on June 14, seven people spoke both for and against the BYC plans.

Commissioner Bernie Grant cast the only no vote on both issues because he wanted more evidence that the dock would not be a safety issue. Also, as an architect, he said architects always give information on what's next door to a proposed project and the BYC did not note where the residential neighbor's dock and boathouse were located so it was hard to determine if the docks would interfere with the neighbor's use of the lake.

Voting yes on the two motions were Commission Chairman Brian Cullin, Township Treasurer Sharry Budd (who sits on the commission), and Commissioners Jeff Jahr and Jackson Pahle. Commissioner Medina Atchinson, whose husband is a member of the BYC, was absent from the meeting. She had announced at a previous meeting that she had intended to vote on

the BYC issue, but she never cast a vote.

The BYC first submitted a plan for the docks in late December and the first review by the planning commission was on Jan. 10. At that time, the docks were slated to be 120' long with two arms out into the lake.

On Jan. 11 there was a public hearing before the commission and the proposed docks were longer than the 40' allowed by ordinance, so the BYC took it to the Board of Zoning Appeals for an exception. The BZA postponed its Jan. 10 vote and didn't meet in February. It was on the BZA agenda in March and May. The BYC revised its plan reducing the dock length to just over double the 40' allowed. On May 9, the BZA granted the 85.3' length in two arms on a 4-3 vote.

Then on June 14, the commission approved the marina designation and sent the issue on to the township board on a 4-1 vote. The preliminary and final site plans were approved, also 4-1.

In other business at the three-hour-and-35-minute meeting on June 14, the commission:

- Held a public hearing and then

approved special land use and preliminary and final site plan for Donyeal Sizemore's group daycare facility with 12 children at 42127 Salem Ct. The special land use will go before the township board for consideration. Sizemore currently runs a daycare with six children. She has a degree in early childhood development and social work. "I'm grateful to be one of the daycares that Gov. Whitmer invested in" and she said the governor's office asked her to consider expanding because of the desperate need in the state for quality daycare. Sizemore presented letters from her neighbors in support and seven neighbors spoke at the public hearing in her favor and more later in the meeting. Her husband Rodney, an officer in the Detroit Police Department, said there is a vital need for childcare in Michigan;

- Held a public hearing with no public comment offered on a rezoning request by Cameron Smyth for 16355 Haggerty Rd., to change it from R-1B (Single Family Residential District) to AG (Agriculture

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

It's Lakefest week end in Belleville

This is the third year that Lakefest has been celebrated in Belleville and this year the lake really is the focus of the most eye-catching of all the action.

Although Lakefest is sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Yacht Club, a men's club in Van Buren Township, has stepped to the forefront and put together hydroplane boat races for Saturday and Sunday on the lake between Horizon Park and Fireworks Island/Hillside Cemetery.

The club members and families worked hard to clean up the lakeside, are setting up bleachers in the park for the public to view the races free of charge, and gathered a large number of sponsors to help pay for it. They set up a sample boat on display in the BYC leader Scott Jones' shopping center near the Belleville Bridge to keep the races in everyone's mind.

The city council killed the Strawberry Festival a few years back, mainly because people were being paid to put it on, and instead backed the Lakefest which is mainly run by volunteers and to earn money for non-profit groups. Some council members have ties to the BYC and the council has given the festival and the BYC everything they've asked for, including closing the cemetery for most of two days.

Lakefest is aimed at a different crowd and activities start with a pub crawl where you can walk around and drink over most of downtown. The homey beer tent at St. Anthony's used to be the place to hang out at Strawberry Fest. This small town is changing fast. Enjoy the slicker Lakefest.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We got a call last Thursday from a reader who said she was surprised that there were no obituaries published in our paper last week. That was unusual, but it happens from time to time.

During the Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting on June 14, people got up to comment – pro and con -- on the BYC dock-length issue that was before the commission. The public hearing had been held months earlier, but the commission allowed people to offer their thoughts before the commission voted on the issue June 14.

Kathleen Johnson of Bayshore Drive told them she opposed the extension of the dock 85.3' out into the lake and she would like to see a study by the Van Buren Township Police who patrol the lake. No comments from the police were offered during any of the many proceedings held on the dock.

She said she is not allowed to be a member of the BYC men's club because she is a female. She said there are 400-plus members. "I'm not in favor of it at all," she said of the dock extension.

After more discussion, the commission approved the dock as a "marina" designation and approved the site plan, both on 4-1 votes. The Board of Zoning Appeals already had approved the 85.3' dock extension on a 4-3 vote. This is more than twice the 40' maximum dock length set by ordinance.

The whole issue of the dock came before township officials after the BYC was caught lengthening the dock without a permit and a stop-work order was put in place. Now the longer docks go to the state's EGLE and the federal FERC for consideration.

Alma Hughes Grubbs, an elected member

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



of the Belleville Area District Library Board who serves as the board secretary, was present at the June 14 planning commission meeting to support the proposal of Donyeal Sizemore to change her existing daycare in Country Walk subdivision into a daycare group home. This would allow her to care for 12 children instead of the six she now has in her home business.

Alma spoke highly of Donyeal and praised the classroom that Donyeal had set up in her basement. Donyeal showed pictures of it and it was a lovely classroom with lots of bright colors.

Donyeal's husband, Rodney Sizemore, got up to speak, as well. He said he is an officer in the Detroit Police Department and quality child care is very much needed in our state. He said police know that very well. He said there are 40 Detroit police officers that live in VBT.

That's when I remembered that Alma told me she ran a lie detector for the Detroit Police Department before her retirement. She said she has known the Sizemores for a very long time and they are both outstanding people.

I was talking with 4-H leader Ann Richendollar last Saturday during Goat Day at Horizon Park. She was telling me many interesting details about goats, especially about their horns and how you have to be very careful when removing the horns because it could kill them or make them go crazy because the horns are right next to

their brains.

I told her we deliver to Willow Feed Mill each week and I love seeing the goats there climbing up the stairs and doing all kinds of other things. She said all the goats at the Feed Mill are female. I didn't know that, but I guess you couldn't leave the males and females together unless you wanted to breed more goats.

When we were delivering at the Feed Mill last Thursday morning, a mother hen was out in the parking lot with a dozen fuzzy, very little chicks. She seemed to be teaching them how to scratch in the hay for food. She clucked at them when she saw me and they all ran in a straight line under the gate and back into the pen. A big, daddy rooster was with them and while they ran for cover, the rooster came toward me.

When I was two or three years old, a rooster attacked me. He jumped on my back and pecked at my head. I was saved, of course, but I've always been wary of roosters.

My grandfather, an immigrant from Lithuania, had brought that rooster to our Haggerty Road farm on his lap in the car that carried him all the way from Braddock, PA. It was his pet and he killed it after it hurt me. I still feel sad about my grandfather's pet rooster.



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Letters



**VBEST picnic:
 Thanks for good time**

To the editor:

VBEST (Van Buren Educational Support Team) and MEA would like to thank all the members and their families that showed up to the second-annual picnic at Van Buren Park last Saturday.

With good food, music, raffles, and games for the kids it was a great time.

The picnic was a wonderful time to celebrate our members of VBEST which is made up of all the dedicated and hardworking members from Transportation, Paraprofessionals, and

Plant Operations from Van Buren School Public Schools district that makes sure students get to school safely, walk into a safe and clean school, and make sure students services help support them.

We are especially grateful to the members who brought a dish to pass or donated something to make our event amazing. VBEST would like to acknowledge Ace Hardware, Napa, Pinter's, GNC, and Auto Zone for their donations for our raffle.

It was a great year and we are sure next year will be even better.

VBEST Executive Board
 Jessica McIntyre, VBEST Secretary

**Independence Day is
 Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

To the editor:

Independence Day is July 4, 2023. It's the 247th birthday of the United States of America.

Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, which was ratified by the Second continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

The Second Continental Congress declared that the 13 American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free and independent states.

The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

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I spoke to people at your city hall and the township hall, basically got blown off.

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Neil Bostian
 Ypsilanti Township

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More Letters

Canton Concert Band to perform in Belleville

To the editor:

The Canton Concert Band has been invited to perform in Belleville as part of our great summer music entertainment.

The performance will take place Saturday, July 8, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. Admission is free.

The band has approximately 40 talented musicians, eager to entertain all ages, with music that will include: Espionage and Intrigue, Western Tunes, Beach Boys and Stevie Wonder selections.

So, mark your calendars for this special evening of relaxation and enjoyment, while welcoming the Canton Concert Band into our city.

Jack Keelan, vice president
Belleville Community Band

Birthdays

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June 24 – Maxine Smolinski

June 25 – Barbra Fairman, Jeffrey Smolinski

June 27 – Jen Bowers, Tim Craiger, Jeff Schonscheck

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Court Watching:

Green-Johnson bound over to circuit court on murder, firearm charges

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin on June 9, John Green-Johnson, 32, of Detroit was bound over for an arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on June 16.

He has been charged with homicide / open murder and one count of weapons/felony firearm on May 9, 2021 in Van Buren Township. He is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

He was also charged with domestic violence/aggravated assault on Feb. 8, 2020 in Romulus. That charge was dismissed by the party on June 9 and the Personal Protection Order was canceled.

He was extradited from a federal prison in West Virginia to face the Van Buren Township murder warrant.

On Sunday, May 9, 2021 at about 4 p.m., the Van Buren Township Police Department began receiving information regarding a potential homicide that occurred within the township.

VBT Police Chief Jason Wright said after many steps and much investigation, the body of 29-year-old Amber Nicole King was found in a storage unit in the City of Westland.

Chief Wright said police determined that a suspect had shot a female in an apartment at the Westlake Apartments. The female victim's identity was unknown initially and her body had been moved. However, officers had a suspect's name.

Chief Wright said officers were able to locate the scene of the homicide at Westlake. A search warrant was obtained and VBT Police requested the assistance of the Michigan State Police Forensic Unit to process the apartment.

Further investigation led VBT Police to Monroe County where the Monroe County Sheriff's Department located and arrested a male suspect, who was a VBT resident. Acting on information, Van Buren detectives subsequently executed a search warrant on a storage unit in the City of Westland where the female victim was found.

The victim was a 2011 graduate of Belleville High School. She was survived by a son and many relatives in the Belleville area.

Nixel Alert:

Hillside Cemetery closed part of Sat., Sun.

Hello,

The City of Belleville is hosting the annual Lake Festival the weekend of June 23-25. During Saturday and Sunday, hydroplane boat racing is scheduled to take place during the day.

As a result, Hillside Cemetery will be closed to public access on Saturday June 24, and Sunday June 25, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please plan accordingly to visit graves prior to 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.

As always, be safe and take care.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, June 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 5 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 10 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 11 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

Obituaries



Michael Dennis Godard

MICHAEL DENNIS GODARD

(April 2, 1956 – June 9, 2023)

Michael Dennis Godard, age 67, passed away on June 9, 2023. He was born on April 2, 1956 in Detroit, MI to George and Dorothy Godard. Beloved husband of Nancy Godard. Dear father of four children. Grandfather of 11 children and Great-grandfather of two. Brother of William Godard, Gary Godard, Jeanine Bielby and predeceased by brother, Donald Godard. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Michael worked for 20 years as a cook supervisor for the Milan Correctional Institution. He enjoyed camping, woodworking, gardening and Karaoke. He was a member of the Eagles for 40+ years and a resident of Sumpter Township for 29 years.

Memorial visitation will be held on Sunday, June 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. with an Eagles Service at 3 p.m. at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road (one block N. of 13 Mile Road, west side of John R. Road), Madison Heights, MI. A memorial reception will be held at the Madison Heights Eagles, 604 W. Eleven Mile Rd., from 4 to 7 p.m.

The family would appreciate donations to the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI, 48111.

If you wish to view the Eagles Service, please email to hopcroft1948@yahoo.com with the request. On the day of the service, you will be sent a link and pin code to view the service.



It was Goat Day at Horizon Park in Belleville on Saturday and these 4-H Club members, who live in the city of Belleville, brought their goats, who live in Sumpter Township, to teach lessons about goats. These are Nigerian Dwarfs and they are pets who give milk, not the worker goats who are trimming the shoreline. From left are Jack Richendollar with Olaf, Ann Richendollar with Little Missy and Megan Richendollar with Lilo.



At the 22nd annual Father's Day Car Show put on Sunday by Steve Cinnamon, Victory Park was packed with vehicles of every type and age. Here, Bill Otzman of Van Buren Township takes a picture of "Willie Nelson" who brought lots of attention from visitors as he sat silently among the cars.

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The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Mary Ellen Nail Boutique 224 E. Columbia Avenue in Belleville on June 14. Owners are Patty Diiorio and Jessica Grunwald. In the photo are: Martha Hanoian, Semir Seed, Dinara Strikis, Kristin Kimlin, Candace Kingscott, Ken Voigt, Jessica Grunwald, Patty Diiorio, Leah Sengstock, Brittany George, Steve Jones, Kailin Kimlin, Jane Vesche, Ron Vesche, Collete McClinton, Chief Kris Faull-Schlund, Joseph King, Kathleen Springer, Samantha Robert-Jensen and son Envo, and Therese Antonelli.

Noah Kilmark named to dean's list at Lake Superior State Univ.

Noah Kilmark of Belleville has been included on the dean's list for the spring semester at Lake Superior State University. To make the dean's list a student must achieve a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Kilmark is majoring in accounting. He is the son of Veronica and James Kilmark of Belleville and the grandson of Joan and Victor Franzoi of Van Buren Township.

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The Belleville Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Mae Ann Photography at 204 E. Columbia Avenue in Belleville on June 14. Jessica Koweck has been operating her photography business from home in Van Buren Township for six years and said that if she ever got her 105th star review on Google that she would open up her own studio, and she did just that at the start of the new year. Koweck, who is also a dental hygienist, has six children. Her business is named after her two daughters' middle names -- Gracie and Lux. Shown, besides owner Koweck, are: Martha Hanoian, Semir Seed, John Koweck, Gracie Mae Koweck, Lux Ann Koweck, Calhen Koweck, John Lawler, Kristen Baker, Laura Schutte, Rusty Burkey, Janet Waechter, Roman Kenyon, Joe Davenport, Dinara Strikis, Therese Antonelli, Ken Voigt, Dawn Majewski, Randy Brown, Steve Jones, Ron Vesche, Chief Kris Faull-Schlund, Jane Vesche, Kathleen Springer, Colette McClinton, Samantha Robert-Jensen and son Envo, Joseph King.

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Willis Baptist Church and Pastor Jim McKinnies will be hosting the 2023 Annual Willis Community Patriotic Parade this Saturday, June 24, beginning at noon in the Village of Willis. There will be firetrucks, classic cars, a military Honor Guard, and more. The parade will step off from S. McKean Road and conclude at the church parking lot at 8687 Bunton Rd. There, kids will enjoy a bounce house, hot-dogs, chips, cotton candy and drinks. The event is free and the public is invited. The Parade Grand Marshal is William Jewell, a 91-year-old Willis resident since 1953, who served as Constable (1953-1965) and as a member of the Augusta Fire Department (1953-1978). See an ad for the parade in today's paper.

There are still a handful of golfing slots available to take part in the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue's 14th-annual Golf Outing fundraiser on Saturday, June 24, at the Green Oaks Golf Course in Ypsilanti. The cost is \$85 per golfer and \$340 per foursome. The four-person, best-ball scramble will feature a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with lunch and dinner to follow. There are still a few sponsorships available, too. Call Dawn at (734) 904-9060. Proceeds from the event will go to

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Series continues this Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park featuring Bugs Beddow. Next week, it's The Bobby Murray Band with special guest Tosha Owens. Concerts are held rain or shine and will move into the Belleville First United Methodist Church across the street in case of bad weather. Food trucks will also be there.

Lakefest weekend arrives this weekend in town with live music, fireworks, car show, kid's zone activity tent, petting zoo, inflatables, food trucks, arts and crafts, and hydroplane boat races. Activities begin this Friday with a Pub Crawl at Fourth Street Square from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and an outdoor Movie on Main Street at Third Street that starts at dusk. Food trucks will also be there. Saturday marks day one of activities on Third Street with the Kid's Zone Tent, inflatables, petting zoo, and children's stage shows. An open-air market will take place along Main Street with live music throughout the day at Fourth Street Square. Hydroplane races will heat up from noon to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. I was told from a reliable source that the hydroplane boats will be crane-lifted onto the lake from Denton Road and not launched conventionally. That will be very cool to see. The evening will conclude with fireworks at Beck Ball Fields in Van Buren Township on Saturday night. See the full-page ad in today's paper for all the details. On Sunday, the day will feature a similar schedule along with the Bob Castino Memorial Car Show on Main Street from noon to 3 p.m. I will once again be working crafts under the tent with the Belleville Central Business Community. Stop by for a chance to win some cool Ty prizes at CBC's duck pond game. Have your photo taken with the Belleville Mermaid, too. Thank you to major sponsors Belleville

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Court Watching

Dakota Austinjohn Cardinal, 27, of Van Buren Township was present at 34th District Court on June 14 by zoom for his pretrial on a charge of domestic violence on May 23 in Van Buren Township.

His case was adjourned by Judge Lisa Martin for discovery until July 5 when the case will be conducted via zoom.




Annual Willis Community Patriotic Parade

Please bring the family and join us on Saturday, June 24th at 12 noon in the Village of Willis!



There will be Firetrucks, Classic Cars, Military Honor Guard, Patriotic Songs, Candy for the kids and much, much more!

The parade will begin on S. McKean Rd. and conclude at the parking lot of the Willis Baptist Church where free hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cotton candy and a drink will be served!

There will be bounce houses for the children, classic cars on display, and rest rooms will be available. Also, there will be a softball game organized for the young and the young at heart!

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DiversAbility Day is June 22 in Lower Huron Metropark

In collaboration with Detroit Medical Center-RIM Foundation SportsAbility, join the Lower Huron Metropark at the Woods Creek picnic area any time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, for DiversAbility Day, an outdoor adaptive recreation day.

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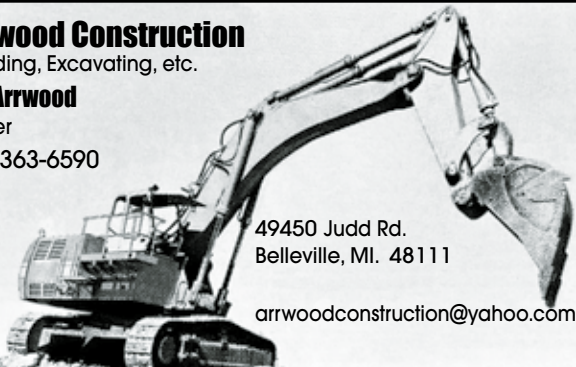
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Court Watching:

Sumpter hit-and-run driver with 2 fatalities due in court June 28

David Armando Palacios-Sanchez, 44, of Detroit, was present before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin by zoom from the Wayne County Jail on June 14 for his probable cause conference on five charges concerning the deaths of two women in a hit and run on May 28 in Sumpter Township. A Spanish interpreter was on hand to translate the proceedings for the defendant.

Defense attorney Raed Walid Mourad said he just got the discovery that morning and one more piece is coming. He asked for the case to be adjourned for two weeks.

They will be back for the probable cause conference on June 28, but it will be with Chief Judge Brian Oakley who requires the cases to be live in his courtroom. Judge Martin said she was told the county won't transport a defendant for just a probable cause conference, so it will likely be by zoom.

The defendant is being held on \$500,000 cash bond and his attorney asked for a reduction to \$100,000 cash/surety and a GPS tether. Mourad said the defendant has lived in Michigan for 15 years, been married to his wife for 23 years and has four children: a set of 3-year-old twins,

a 14-year-old and one who is 19. He has worked in the construction business for the last 23 years, 20 years in one place and for the last three years for Brinker Construction in downtown Detroit.

The Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor on the case, Sara Bonomo, objected to the reduction in bond, since there were multiple eye witnesses to him revving his engine right before pulling out and hitting the victims and both have died. He admitted to drinking and using cocaine on the day of the incident and fled from the area, she said. Multiple police departments worked to find him, including a K-9 unit and a drone. She said he was a danger to the community and flight risk is high.

Judge Martin denied the request to amend the bond, saying along with the seriousness of the offense, there is a probability of conviction.

Samantha Ann Lawson

Samantha Ann Lawson of Taylor has a calendar conference on June 27 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. She was charged with assault with intent to murder, discharging a weapon in or at a building, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and three counts of felony firearm on April 19 in Van Buren Township.

34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley dismissed the assault with intent to murder charge and one of the felony firearm charges at the May 24 preliminary exam.

Her bond had been set at \$75,000 cash, but at circuit court on May 31 it was

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VBT Plan

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and Estates). This was not on the agenda for other action;

- Held a public hearing with no public comment offered for rezoning from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial) a 24.48 parcel on the north side of Van Born Road east of Sheldon Road. The request was by Mark Drane on behalf of property owner Robert Sloan. The commission unanimously approved the rezoning, which will now go to the township board for consideration. Drane said there is no plan as yet on how to use the property;
- Held a public hearing on Detached Single Family Residential Dwelling Height Regulations with no public comment offered. This item was not on the agenda for other action at this meeting; and

- Approved unanimously Subaru Research and Development's landscaping modification to allow about 1.1 acres of the original plan for the Subaru Research facility at 50255 Michigan Ave. to be converted from turf grass to native plantings that will use little or no irrigation. Ryan Plum, facilities manager at Subaru, said they will be able to stop irrigation to save water and to stop using fertilizer and pesticides. He said Subaru is a Japanese company and every year they are required to send back to home office plans on how they can be better stewards of the environment. Plum said he is under a lot of pressure to make it beautiful. Commissioner Jahr said the township is willing to try this as an experiment and if it doesn't come together, "It's got to go back." The planning staff was directed to report back to the commission on this in about a year.

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- **Thursday, June 22** – Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by "Bugs Beddow." In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

- **Friday, June 23** – Taco-Margarita Day at the Pvt. James D. Donovan / Romulus VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. All proceeds to benefit the building fund. Information at (734) 941-3030.

- **Saturday, June 24** – Thunder Boat races on Belleville Lake during Lakefest, courtesy of the Belleville Yacht Club.

- **Sunday, June 25** – Moose Poker Run – To Hell and Back for the Kids – starts at 11 a.m. at the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge 782 and ends at the Hell Saloon in Hell, MI. Information at ypsimoose782@gmail.com

- **Monday, June 26** – Belleville Farmers Market at Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

- **Monday, June 26** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

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Court Watching

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reduced to personal recognizance bond.

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte said at about 2 a.m. on April 19, his department responded to a residence in the 9100 block of Parkwood Drive in response to multiple calls of gunshots in the area.

Officers were able to locate the female

victim, who informed them that the defendant came to her residence to confront her. The two females engaged in a verbal altercation outside the residence, reportedly over Lawson's former boyfriend.

Lawson reportedly went to her vehicle, retrieved a handgun, and fired at least one shot at the victim's residence, according to reports. There were multiple people inside the residence, including two children. Deputy Chief Monte said there were no reported injuries.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Fire Chief McNally and an audience of two (2). **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

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

Budd moved, Martin seconded to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e): To consult with its attorney regarding a settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation at 5:01 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Frazier, Kelley, Martin and Boynton, Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to reopen the board meeting at 5:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

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

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the Term Sheet settlement between Van Buren Township and Visteon and authorize legal counsel to negotiate the provisions of the final Settlement Agreement and the Supervisor to execute the Settlement Agreement.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Clerk Wright thanked the attorneys, Trustee Kelley and Supervisor McNamara for all of their work regarding the closed session item.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved; Boynton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

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0931 – larceny, Richard Run Dr.
0943 – property check, rest area
1323 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1333 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.
1353 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.
1416 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1500 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1503 – road hazard, W. I-94/Beck Rd.
1606 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.

1751 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1809 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1855 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1938 – assist other dept., Oregon St.
2203 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd./Huron River Dr.
2313 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, June 12:

0051 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
0123 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0144 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
0147 – missing person, McKinley St.
0310 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brandi Dr.
0504 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0504 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0544 – vehicle lockout, Lake Villa Dr.
0704 – repossession, Oak Ln.
0742 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
0853 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1057 – dumping complaint, Belleville Rd.
1229 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1242 – vehicle impound, Denton Rd.
1254 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Green Ln.
1342 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1356 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1405 – vehicle impound, Denton Rd.
1408 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
1456 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1539 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
1554 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1602 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1656 – noise complaint, Rawsonville/Martz Rd
1705 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1706 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1729 – larceny from auto, Outer Dr.
1818 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1839 – suicidal person, Maurice Dr.
1841 – disorderly, Andover Dr.
2111 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2310 – noise complaint, Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, June 13:

0558 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bradley Dr.
0615 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fairfield Dr.
0914 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1024 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave./Savage
1031 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1105 – civil matter, Louisa Dr.
1130 – domestic, Revere Dr.
1239 – domestic, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1340 – neighbor trouble, Belle Pointe Dr.
1416 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1443 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1502 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1521 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1525 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sunrise Ln./Harmony Ln.
1544 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Belleville Rd.
1602 – suicidal person, Maude Ct.
1620 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1650 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1722 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pine Dr.
1816 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
1946 – civil matter, Capitol Dr.
2006 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2048 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
2111 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2119 – domestic, Holly Ln.
2153 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, America
2328 – family trouble, W. Sadie Ln.
2339 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, June 14:

0027 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0102 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
0108 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Cir.
0138 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0351 – repossession, Lighthouse Dr.
0540 – larceny from auto, Vernon St.
0619 – family trouble, Meadows Cir.
0718 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
0814 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0920 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0944 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0947 – family trouble, Sheldon Rd.
0947 – threat, Savage Rd.
0958 – animal complaint, Fairbanks St.
1040 – civil matter, Sheldon Rd.
1046 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1057 – road hazard, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1330 – found property/child, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1357 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.
1409 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1433 – harassment call, Tallgrass Ct.
1502 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1519 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1538 – fraud, Solitude Ln.
1555 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1605 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1659 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1724 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
1801 – private property impound, Independence Ln.
1928 – property damage accident, W. U.S. 12 / Michigan Ave.
1942 – hospice death, Buchanan St.
1949 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd.
2043 – civil matter, Victoria St.
2113 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2138 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2144 – missing person, Maple Dr.

Thursday, June 15:

0105 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Patriot Ln./Freedom Way
0421 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
0559 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0642 – assist other dept., Alden Ave.
0651 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0805 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
0907 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0913 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
0918 – assist other dept., Brandi Dr.
0943 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fairfield Dr.
1015 – mental subject, Lenmoore Ave.
1047 – mental subject, Lenmoore Ave.
1049 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1110 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1226 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodgrove Dr.
1335 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
1436 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Gilmore St.
1528 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1532 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1539 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1548 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1734 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1746 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
1750 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Alden Ave.

1754 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr./Rawsonville
1846 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
2004 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2100 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2133 – vehicle lockout, Sylvia Dr.
2201 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2203 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2323 – harassment call, Union St.
Friday, June 16:
0037 – larceny from auto, Alden Ave.
0051 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.
0052 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Landmark/America
0139 – repossession, S. Bellridge Dr.
0204 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0324 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0338 – repossession, Village Green Ln.
0355 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0720 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0747 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0809 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0933 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
0947 – fraud, N. Timberview Dr.
1014 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
1026 – juvenile complaint, Woodgrove Dr.
1106 – threat, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1147 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.
1304 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1328 – civil matter, Lenmoore Ave
1332 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd./W. I-94 Belleville ramp
1333 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1354 – welfare check, Vernon St.
1355 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1423 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1438 – malicious destruction of property, Lenmoore Ave.

1442 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1449 – domestic, Birch Dr.
1547 – suicidal person, Briar Dr.
1625 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
1650 – malicious destruction of property, Sandlewood Dr.
1655 – assist fire dept., Old Rawsonville Rd.
1833 – suicidal person, Haggerty Rd.
2001 – domestic, Oak Ln.
2156 – fight, Lake Villa Dr.
2233 – shooting, Edwards Rd./Ecorse Rd.

Saturday, June 17:

0014 – assist citizen, Michigan Ave.
0056 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0336 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kahla Dr.
0446 – repossession, Woodbury St.
0504 – larceny from auto, Dellor Rd.
0616 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0721 – malicious destruction of property, E. Sadie
0743 – repossession, Denton Rd.
0909 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Center Dr.
0943 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Center Dr.
1116 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1122 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1202 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1207 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.
1254 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1259 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1314 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
1316 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1423 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd.
1427 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1443 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1444 – animal complaint, Buchanan St.
1513 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1543 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1555 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
2006 – assist other dept., Maple Dr.
2117 – parking complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
2219 – fight, Peninsular Dr.
2300 – fireworks, Greenbriar Dr.
2304 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
Also on this week's log are 50 traffic stops, of which 13 were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 11:

0016 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0029 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0126 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0852 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1444 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2027 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.
2047 – harassment call, Carmell St.

Monday, June 12:

0037 – animal complaint, Victorian Ct.
0204 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1100 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1101 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1319 – sexual assault, Main St.
1444 – traffic stop, Church St.
1637 – assault & battery, Victorian Ln.
1757 – private property impound, South St.
2227 – malicious destruction of property, Village Park

Tuesday, June 13:

1331 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.
1445 – trespassing, Third St.
1631 – property damage accident, Fourth St.
2326 – mental subject, Owen St.

Wednesday, June 14:

1417 – abandoned auto, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1847 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1928 – traffic stop, W. Columbia/Huron River Dr.
2053 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2249 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.

Thursday, June 15:

0841 – assist fire dept., Oxford Ct.
1522 – private property impound, Anaheim
1547 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.
1652 – private property impound, Main St.
1829 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.
1855 – welfare check, South St./Main St.
2236 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.

Friday, June 16:

0121 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
0326 – traffic stop, N. Main St./E. Liberty St.
0919 – welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave.
0920 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1229 – lost property/child, E. Waterbury Ct.
1336 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1443 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
1505 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Huron River
1519 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.
1935 – traffic stop, Main St.
1953 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2053 – traffic stop, Main St.

2325 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
2351 – noise complaint, Bedell St.

Saturday, June 17:

1047 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1440 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1457 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River
1504 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.
1553 – threat, Main St.
2014 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.
2029 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2052 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
2113 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2135 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2200 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2208 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
2258 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
There were 24 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 11:

0052 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
0124 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
0756 – abandoned vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1030 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1122 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1304 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1315 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1343 – 911 hang up, Texas St.
1436 – noise complaint, Willow Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1457 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1615 – wires down, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1827 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1932 – welfare check, Oregon St.
2011 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2256 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.

Monday, June 12:
0648 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0724 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0917 – wires down, Arkona Rd./Sherwood Rd.
1105 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1317 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1346 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1418 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1551 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1732 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.
1825 – juvenile matter, California St./Willis Rd.
1952 – neighbor dispute, Edgewood Dr.
2010 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2212 – suspicious vehicle, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2343 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.

Tuesday, June 13:
0909 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1329 – trespassing complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1437 – malicious destruction of property, Vermont
1456 – property damage accident, Oregon St.
1621 – follow-up investigation, Washington St.
1715 – juvenile matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1752 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.
1810 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
2029 – 911 hang up, Colorado St.
2100 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

2249 – mental health call, Brookview Dr.
2357 – citizen assist, E. Arizona St.

Wednesday, June 14:
0255 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0431 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0721 – traffic complaint/hazard, Harris/Lohr
0815 – property damage accident, Oregon St.
1030 – civil matter, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1145 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1211 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willis
1220 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1322 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1353 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1433 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1447 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1524 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1605 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1721 – suspicious circumstance, Utah Ct.
1803 – family trouble, Tamarack Dr.
1829 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1904 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1921 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2038 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2223 – assist other agency, Delaware St.
2233 – property damage accident, New Mexico St.
2257 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz

Thursday, June 15:
0212 – suspicious circumstance, Colorado St.
0729 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
0831 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0900 – 911 hang up, Washington St.
1022 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Haggerty rd.
1056 – fire dept. assist, Willis Rd./California St.
1121 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1309 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.
1341 – 911 hang up, Knollwood Dr.
1633 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis
1700 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1725 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. /
Talladay Rd.

1936 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2028 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.
2052 – family trouble, Utah Ct.
2324 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, June 16:
0316 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.
0431 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
0847 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.
0935 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1011 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1027 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1103 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD
1256 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1419 – fraud complaint, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1659 – suspicious circumstance, Willow/Sherwood
1826 – traffic complaint/hazard, Clay Rd./Sumpter
2123 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
2244 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2337 – suspicious circumstance, Oakville Waltz Rd. /
Haggerty Rd.

Saturday, June 17:
0002 – malicious destruction of property, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0224 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
0349 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis Ct. /
Martinsville Rd.
0541 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
0609 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
0743 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/California
0936 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
0949 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
0952 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1249 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1310 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.
1711 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Sully
1803 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1854 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Fenster Ave.
1925 – juvenile matter, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
2012 – ORV complaint, Judd Rd./Elwell Rd.
2039 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.
2106 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2154 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
2211 – noise complaint, Texas St.
2311 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

Also on this week's log are 76 patrol checks, 44 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

Railroad

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• E. Huron River Drive: Wednesday, June 21 to Friday, June 23;
• Martinsville Road: Thursday, June 22, to Friday, June 23.

Van Buren Township posted: “This project will not affect emergency responses; we will adjust and deploy our resources accordingly. The federal government regulates railroads. Local units of government (including Van Buren Township) do not have authority over issues concerning trains/crossings.”

To contact Norfolk Southern with questions or concerns, it can be reached at 800-453-2530

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Department said it will continue to communicate with Norfolk Southern in an effort to provide residents with as much information as possible regarding possible closings.

“Any information/changes we receive will be disseminated to the public as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience with this project,” the notice said.

City of Belleville crossings

On Monday, Acting City Manager Steve Jones said the city has been informed that closings of the railroad crossings on Savage Road, South Street/Sumpter Road, and Elwell Road will take place next week.

He said Norfolk Southern has not provided exact dates, but he expects another update on June 22.

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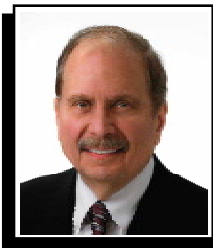
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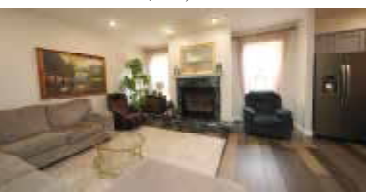
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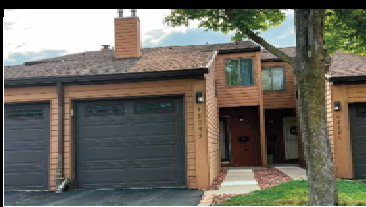
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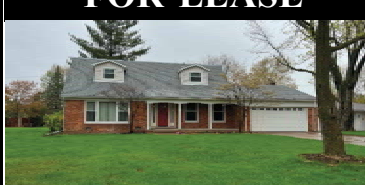
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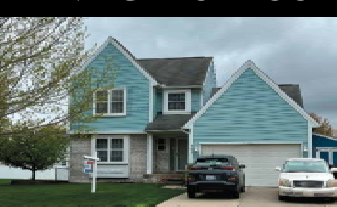
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