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Ten fire departments help VBT extinguish Waverly building fire

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Fire Department called in ten surrounding fire departments to help extinguish the fire on the roof and third floor of The Waverly apartments Building 5 the evening of Wednesday, July 5.

The building is at 48860 Denton Rd.

The call came at 8:24 p.m. and the fire crews left at 3:20 a.m., with two being called to the scene to treat hot spots.

When the first fire departments arrived, flames were surging from the roof and social media photos showed bright fire across Belleville Lake.

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dave McNally said no one was injured, but one fire fighter was treated for heat exhaustion and then was able to return to fighting the fire.

Chief McNally said nine or ten residents

were evacuated. He said the third floor is burned and the floors below it are uninhabitable because of water damage. He said the Red Cross and Waverly management helped the evacuees.

McNally said he is unable to tell if the fire started in an apartment or not and Deputy Chief Andy Lenahan, who is the fire marshal, will return on July 10 and investigate the fire.

McNally named the following fire departments as assisting in the fire fighting: Ypsilanti Township, Ypsilanti City, Canton Township, Superior Township, Augusta Township, Sumpter Township, Wayne, and Romulus. He said the city of Belleville fire fighters were there for both the original fire and when he later called for help with the hot spots. He said he also called Huron Township to help with the hot spots because the others had worked so hard fighting the blaze and had left.



Independent photo by James Otzman

On Sunday, Building #5 of The Waverly apartments shows that the roof and attic are gone and the third floor destroyed. This is next door to the empty site of the building that burned on May 24, 2021 and was demolished. The Waverly also had a fire in the basement of Building #11 in March, but no one was displaced.



Photo courtesy of VBT Fire Department

This picture taken by a fire fighter from a fire truck's tower shows the gutted third floor of Building #5 of The Waverly apartment building.

Belleville High School All-Class Reunion set

The Belleville High School Alumni All-Class Reunion will be held beginning at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, in the BHS Commons, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

RSVP and advance payment of \$25 per person must be received by Saturday, Aug. 26, and advance payment is recommended. After the deadline, the cost is \$40 per person.

Make all checks payable to BHS Alumni Reunion and mail checks with reservations to: Lois Mida Zilka, 3226 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

Email is: bellevilleallclass@gmail.com. Or, contact Zilka at (734) 546-2950.



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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville City Council approves three-year contract with Fire Dept.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Belleville City Council went into a closed-door session to consider a new three-year agreement dated Jan. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2025 between the City of Belleville and the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters.

The MAFF represents all paid-on-call fire fighters in the city's fire department.

After about five minutes, the council came back into open session and unanimously approved the contract.

The contract had been on the June 20 agenda for approval.

At that time, council members noted the contract had already been approved by the fire fighters and it had yet to come to the city council in closed session for consideration, as was their policy.

At that June 20 meeting, council members voted unanimously to defer consideration of the contract until after they could meet in closed session, which they did on Monday.

Acting City Manager Steve Jones said the statements at the last meeting made the previous city manager look worse than he was and the procedure followed had not been wrong. He referred to former City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson who now is city manager for Monroe.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the first part of the procedure, going into closed session with the council, didn't happen.

"I made it sound like I hadn't seen it, but I did have it," said Councilman Jeremiah Beebe of the last meeting. He said the process wasn't followed but the onus shouldn't have been put on the former city manager.

Councilman Beebe suggested changing the minutes to reflect what he wanted to

say.

Mayor Conley said what was in the minutes was what happened at the meeting. She said he could say what he wanted in this meeting and it would be in the minutes of this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said he recalled the contract had been discussed during budget sessions.

Also, at Monday's two-hour-and-15-minute meeting, the council:

- With one motion, approved two special-event applications for Redemption Bible Church. One was Church Park Night from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, at Victory Park, a fellowship event for the church that does not have a building. It was pointed out that anyone could be in the park and they had to share the space. The other event was Worship Night from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30, on the Fourth Street Square;

- Discussed additional compensation for the Acting City Manager and Acting Police Chief and then deferred action until more specific information could be gathered. Mayor Conley reminded them the compensation would be retroactive;

- Discussed the Charter Revision Ballot Proposal and deferred action on this until an attorney from Foster Swift law firm could give a presentation on the issue and draw up a resolution for the ballot language. The attorney could come in person to the next meeting on July 24 or talk to them at the meeting via Zoom. The council had hoped to get the question on the November ballot, but they do not have the nine people needed for a charter commission, who must be voted in by city residents;

- Reviewed the Investment Summary from Multi Bank Securities that shows the

city's investments;

- Approved holding the Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park/High Street from 6-8 p.m. on Aug. 17, put on by the Belleville Central Business Community;

- Directed Acting Police Chief Kris Faull to study the Bridgeway pattern that would work for the annual city event to be scheduled the same night as the Taste of Belleville. She will bring back her recommendation. There was concern because of the traffic pattern caused by the closing of Denton Road Bridge, which might be dangerous for walkers and those trying to cross busy Belleville Road at the north end of the Belleville Bridge;

- Discussed the offer from the General Motors Dealer Community Charging Program to provide, without charge to the city, electric vehicle charging stations. They would charge the public for their use and a percentage of that would be given to the city. Acting City Manager Steve Jones was directed to get more information, including the experience of other communities with EV fueling stations and what DTE offers. It was suggested EV stations could be put in every city parking lot and the city parks;

- Discussed the next steps in finding a permanent city manager. Candidate Ken Marten was interviewed in a special public meeting prior to that evening's regular meeting and the council informally decided to keep him in the running along with the three others in the running. Marten will be given the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire. Marten currently is Village Manager and Clerk of Bingham Farms. A special public meeting was set for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 22, to re-interview the finalists;

- Approved the following departmental

expenditures over \$500: to Atchinson Ford, \$2,337.40, for water pump, drive belt, tensioner, and front engine mount for police vehicle 218A; to Dell Technologies, \$3,357.21 for new server for City Hall following failure of current server; to Osborne Concrete, \$744 for cemetery footings; and to Williams Emergency Vehicles & Equipment, \$4,500 for removal of equipment and graphics from police vehicle 217 and build of vehicle 223;

- Heard Building Official Rick Rutherford explain that he talked to the Wayne County employee who changed the timing on the traffic lights on Main Street in an effort to solve the traffic problem caused by the closing of Denton Road Bridge. Rutherford said the man said changing the timing had an "accordion effect" and one light affected the next. He said it was a trial to see the effect. The county said this was done instead of putting a left-turn signal at N. Liberty and Main streets to see if it would solve the problem without a turn signal;

- Heard two mothers of Belleville High School football team members explain their upcoming carwash from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, at Lorangers' Chiropractic Clinic to support food for the team. They had been informed to use biodegradable soap, non-phosphate and eco-friendly, as prescribed by the state; and

- Heard Acting City Manager Jones say he was scheduled to have a telephone call in the morning to discuss how to get back online after the city's server shut down. He said it will take a lot of work. He said when it happened the first task was to get the tax bills out, which they did. Then it was payroll and that got done. The council packets were hand-delivered by police officers.

Rep. Miller secures over \$15 M for District 31 infrastructure projects

31st District State Representative Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, issued a news release on June 29 announcing she had secured state funding for three major infrastructure projects in her district with the passage of the FY 2023-24 state budget.

Wayne County will receive \$10 million for the replacement of the Denton Road Bridge Causeway in Van Buren Township.



The county will receive an additional \$1.8 million for the expansion of the Iron Belle Trail that runs through Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville.

The City of Milan, also in District 31, will receive \$3.6 million for the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Rep. Miller issued the following statement celebrating the infrastructure funding coming to her district:

"Securing this funding will have a huge, multi-generational impact on the residents of my district and I'm proud that we delivered real results to these communities.

I appreciate the support and coordination from Senators Darrin Camilleri and Jeff Irwin, the House and Senate Appropriations chairs, Director of Government Relations for Wayne County Chris Matus, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, and Milan Mayor Ed Kolar."

The news release said, after learning about the funding, Van Buren Township Supervisor McNamara said, "I'm so thankful for Rep. Miller securing the funding we needed to expedite the Denton Road Bridge and the Iron Belle Trail. She

is the best State Rep. in Michigan."

Milan Mayor Kolar also expressed gratitude by stating, "The City of Milan is extremely happy with the partnership we have formed with State Representative Reggie Miller of the 31st House District. We are thankful for the assistance we have received for necessary wastewater facility improvements. Our concerns were heard, and our long-term vision was understood. We cannot thank Rep. Miller enough for her hard work and overall compassion for our small town. We look forward to many more collaborations with Rep. Miller."

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Editorial

BHS students need open media center

Many of our forefathers who wrote the U.S. Constitution and formed our nation had extensive libraries in their fine homes that reached from the floors to the ceilings. They were educated in Greek and Latin and many philosophies. They read and thought and wrote.

Our society is nothing like this, although we have been in an attorney's home that had floor-to-ceiling bookcases and ladders and stairs to reach the books in the huge room. And, there are homes where books are on every table and shelf with bookmarks showing where the reading left off. People who think, seem to read.

You may point out our present society has everything at the click of your fingers and the world of information travels in your pocket. But can you be sure what you read on the internet is true?

Educators have pointed out that the media center (the modern name for the library) at Belleville High School has been relegated to a low place on the educational totem pole, well below football, basketball, and other sports. BHS is known for excellence in sports and music -- and also known for low scores academically. The administration is working towards a goal of "average" academic scores. How sad.

The media center is a source of reliable information where students can learn to distinguish between credible and misleading sources and think independently. An educated electorate is vital to a free nation. We must do our best to give our students the tools they need to learn. Unlock the doors to their media center.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A report in *The Detroit News* on Sunday described a Saturday evening incident at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, MI, that left the chairman of the Clare County GOP claiming that he had been "kicked in the balls" by James Chapman of Wayne County. Mark DeYoung was taken to the hospital and reportedly was being treated for genital injuries. He also suffered a broken rib. He said he will prosecute.

The story in the *News* said that the state committee of the GOP was meeting in closed-door session and Chapman and other Republicans wanted to come in. DeYoung heard Chapman jiggling the handle on the locked door and looked out the window, whereupon Chapman reportedly gave him the finger. DeYoung opened the door and Chapman said he grabbed the man's legs and pushed him into a chair. Chapman claimed DeYoung swung at him first and threatened, "I'll kick your ass." DeYoung denied the threat.

Chapman said he removed his glasses before grabbing DeYoung by the legs and, "When you see me taking my glasses off, I'm ready to rock."

Police were called to the scene. After *The Detroit News* story, the incident was picked up by other news sites and widely disseminated. MSNBC said this showed the Michigan GOP in disarray. Chapman grew up in Belleville.

Last Thursday, July 6, when we were on our route to deliver *Independents*, we noticed a huge backup on westbound I-94 between Belleville and Haggerty roads. There was a crash scene and VBT fire trucks and an HVA ambulance. Cars and trucks were stopped and then moving slowing westbound. The backup was all the way to Romulus from Belleville Road.



I asked VBT Fire Chief Dave McNally about the accident. He said a man was driving in the inside shoulder that he thought was a lane and hit a parked car on the side of the road. He was out of his vehicle when firefighters arrived and suffered only a laceration to the head, Chief McNally said.

Ginger Bruder called on Friday to remind me that she and her husband Keith live at the corner Willis and McKean roads, which is on the route of the detour from the part of Rawsonville Road that is closed. She said there have been two accidents at that corner in the past week. One vehicle came into their yard and one into their neighbor's yard. When the vehicle came into their yard it knocked down a pine tree. I told her to stay out of her yard until this detour is over.

Washtenaw County is working on the ditches south of Willis to just south of Rawsonville Woods mobile home park and that part of the road is closed to through traffic. Drivers are getting tickets if they don't live in that area. Many tickets have been given. The detour is long and heads west on Willis to McKean and then south to Talladay.

Brenda Sohoza of Van Buren Township sent me pictures from a news report from northern Texas. It showed 40 goats who had been with a herd eating vegetation to help with fire season. They somehow broke away from the herd and walked about a mile. They started eating the perennial plants and bushes in the yards of people who lived in the Erwin Farms subdivision in McKinney, Texas.

The residents told the television camera crew that "sometimes it gets a little wild around here." They said in January the wild hogs made a mess of some of the subdivision lawns. One man said a goat on two legs was eating his tree.

We heard a Van Buren Township fire call on Friday. An emergency crew was on its way to help a woman who had fallen in her West Huron River Drive home. The dispatcher said she had been there since Tuesday.

Lois Mida Zilka, BHS class of 1954, came into my office just after that with information on the Sept. 22 BHS All-School Reunion. She showed me her new emergency alarm that she was wearing on a chain around her neck. I told her about the lady who had fallen and she said she was really glad to have her new safety device. She said she cut back on her cable channels to be able to afford it.

Then, a senior citizen was found dead on the floor of her home in the city of Belleville on Monday.

Gary Marshall of Van Buren Township said he went to the Secretary of State's office in Belleville on Monday and he was very impressed with how professional they were and it was a pleasure doing business with them.



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Letters

No full-time media center at high school

Dear Independent Readers:

This has come to my attention and it should come to your attention, as well. This past 2022-23 school year, the Belleville High School Media Center was staffed by a part-time substitute teacher because the superintendent, school administration, and school board did not deem it cost-effective to hire a certified librarian.

Instead of being open for five days per week, they only staffed the room two days per week, leaving it closed for the majority of the other days. The students were unable to browse, checkout, or return books, or to use the library for studying or quiet space.

Throughout the school year, the substitute kept statistics of library usage, talked to over one hundred students per day, added over 300 new books to the collection, and more. She wrote the attached report with all of that data, which she gave to the superintendent and to members of the school board and school administration to show how integral the media center was to the school. In addition, her report shows data to support the importance of literacy and media centers for students' success, as well as how limited access to media centers can hurt students throughout their lives.

She was recently told that Van Buren Public School administration will not rehire a full-time librarian for next year, either. It saddens and disappoints me to hear that the people in charge of our high school do not care enough about students' success to take any actions towards keeping our media center open full-time.

I hope this letter and the attached report bring more attention to this issue. And I sincerely hope that the superintendent, school board, and school administration will make efforts towards better supporting all of our students equally in the future.

A Concerned Citizen

Editor's Note: This letter was submitted with a packet of information, including a June 13, 2023 letter from part-time media center substitute Amy O'Brien to Supt. Pete Kudlak, Jeffrey Moore and Renea Kurek, noting the media center was open only three days a week during just the fifth hour of the school day. She submitted her 20-page report to them, with copies to BHS Principal Nicole Crockett and LaShawn Rushing. There also is a letter signed by 17 members of the BHS English Department. The report and letter were included in the information left for the *Independent* to study.

Dog lovers invited to Collie Day in the Park

To the editor:

Dog lovers -- especially those who own or admire collies -- are invited to the 33rd-annual "Collie Day in the Park" Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lower Huron Metro Park in Belleville.

The gathering (Tulip Tree Shelter) will offer games, food, merchandise, a silent auction, and an American Kennel Club-sanctioned puppy match that begins at 10 a.m.

Greater Brighton Collie Club and Tri-County Collie Rescue will host the event. All proceeds fund the veterinary care and fostering of TCCR collies, as well as older collies in hospice.

Think your dog has good manners? Owners can have their dogs evaluated for the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test. Those whose dogs can perform various tricks -- such as crawl, touch or sit in a box -- can get tested for the AKC Trick Dog certification. Each test costs \$10.

Anyone planning to attend should bring a leash, water bowl, dog food, treats, and something to sit on (blanket, chairs, etc.). All breeds are welcome.

Founded in 1987, GBCC is a Michigan specialty club whose members are committed to the protection and advancement of the Collie breed. TCCR, which was formed in 1986, provides rescue, foster and veterinary care to Collies and Shetland Sheepdogs from animal shelters and owners who can no longer care for them.

For more information, call 248-408-0238. The Belleville park is located at 40151 E. Huron River Drive, near I-94 and I-275.

Jared Wadley
Member of Greater Brighton Collie Club

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To the editor:

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Thanks to Mo for his generous donation

To the editor:

In April 2023 the Knights of Columbus were collecting money over Easter weekend to support people with intellectual disabilities. We were collecting on Main Street near the Five Points Mini Mart.

I decided to go in and see if I could get a contribution. Mo, the owner, was in and I asked him for a donation and he generously gave one. Now, this is during Ramadan, so he had been fasting all day. Also, for a Muslim to make a contribution to a Catholic charity I thought was a very kind thing to do.

Some people are a little put off by Mo and his sometimes gruff exterior. That is just Mo. Underneath that exterior is a generous man.

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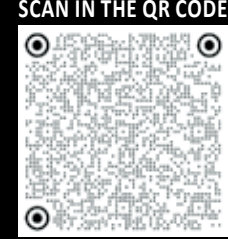
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medical-legal issues and prepare accurate patient care records.

Upon completion, EMT Academy graduates are assigned to work full time in Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Community Ambulance, Jackson Community Ambulance and Lenawee Community Ambulance service areas, when they will receive a full benefit package including health care, dental

insurance, holiday pay and paid time off.

The previous EMT Academy concludes on Aug. 14, and all recruits completing the 12-week program are preparing for their assignments across the service region. Even more EMT Academies are currently being planned.

The EMT Academy application deadline is July 21. For additional information, go to hvaedu.org.

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Obituaries



Danis Marie Amador

DANIS MARIE AMADOR

(December 18, 1942 – July 6, 2023)

Danis Marie Amador, 80, of Ypsilanti Township, Michigan passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 6, 2023. She suffered a slow decline from Alzheimer's disease, during which time she was cared for by her family.

Danis was born December 18, 1942 in Tarpon Springs, Florida, coincidentally the same day as her beloved mother. Danis married her sweetheart Joe in June of 1960. Joe and Danis were stationed for a short while in Fort Hamilton (Bayshore Queens) before moving to her hometown, Tarpon Springs.

She was a mother and homemaker for many years, raising her two children as her husband was employed by the county road commission. The family moved to Michigan, eventually residing in the communities of Belleville, Saline, and Ypsilanti, where she became actively involved with Hollow's Landscape Supply, the family material supply and trucking business. The dementia effects from the Alzheimer's eventually rendered her incapacitated to the point she could no longer work.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Joseph Amador Jr., and her children Joseph Amador III and daughter Lisa Amador. She is also survived by her brother Gregory Gay (Julia). A Celebration of Life will be held in Florida during December 2023.

Danis was actively involved in mainstreaming her deaf daughter and would greatly appreciate memorial donations to the Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation, <http://ciaonline.org/get-help>, or to Danis' favorite charity, the Shriners Children's Hospital. To leave a memory, please visit www.rbhfsaline.com.

ANNA GILBERT

(March 6, 1948 – July 8, 2023)

Age 75, of Belleville. Survived by children Brenda, Gary, Laura, and Charles; sisters Judy and Dorothy; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at Banotai Park in Sumpter Township.

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Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, July 13 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, July 17 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

• Tuesday, July 18 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 19 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

• Monday, July 24 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

WILLIAM 'BILL' ZUMBRO, JR.

(June 9, 1952 – July 3, 2023)

William "Bill" Zumbro Jr., 71, of Belleville Michigan passed away peacefully at home Monday, July 3, 2023. Bill was born on June 9, 1952 to the late William D. Zumbro and Shirley Brandow. On February 22, 1969 he married the love of his life Sherry. Bill is survived by his two daughters, Deana (Jeff) and Tabatha (Leonard), both of Belleville. He is also survived by his 4 grandchildren, Kenneth, Terrance, Kiersten (Micheal) and Dawson (Stephanie) and 3 great-grandchildren, Emilia, Mila, and Terrance Jr. Bill and Sherry were campground hosts at Jackson Lake in Atlanta, MI for 27 years. Bill loved the great outdoors where he could be found hunting, fishing, and taking care of his garden.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation and service on Saturday, July 15, 2023 between the hours of 11:30 A.M. to 12:30. Service to follow from 12:30 P.M. to 1:30. Luncheon to follow from 1:30-3:30, all at Northridge Church in Plymouth. 49555 N. Territorial Rd Plymouth, MI 48170.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 13** – Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by "Mad Mad World." In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

• **Monday, July 17** – 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, July 17** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• **Wednesday, July 19** – "The Rhythm Kings" presents an outdoor concert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Quirk Park as part of Van Buren Township's Summer Concert Series. Frios Gourmet Popsicle truck will be present.

• **Thursday, July 20** – Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by "Larry Lee & The Back in the Day Band." In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

• **Saturday, July 22** – BHS Choir & Friends Reunion for all choir, show, band, crew, sets, manager, instructors, directors, etc. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium and at 6 p.m. there will be dinner and additional performances at the Belleville Yacht Club. Tickets may be purchased online at: <https://myevent.com/bhschoirsandfriendsreuniin>, or on Facebook by visiting the BHS Choirs & Friends page.

• **Saturday, July 22** – Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation presents Family Fun Day from noon to 4 p.m. at Banotai Park. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and water will be available. Bring your own sports equipment. Fishing for children. The largest fish wins a prize. Horseshoes for those 16 and older. Volleyball. Swim at your own risk, water has not been tested.

• **Monday, July 24** – 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.

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Denton Faith United Methodist Church welcomes new pastor

The congregation at Denton Faith United Methodist announces its new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith, began his appointment on July 2.

Pastor Willie is a native of Detroit, educated in the Detroit Public School System. He is a veteran, a retired letter carrier and supervisor from the U. S. Postal Service.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Wayne State University. His Urban Ministry Program Degree was earned at Ecumenical Seminary in Detroit. He studied and received his Master's in Divinity from Methodist Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Ecumenical Theological Seminary.

Rev. Willie has served as an interim pastor at Peoples United Methodist Church. He was appointed as pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Westland. Then, he was appointed as pastor at the Conant Avenue United Methodist Church.

Rev. Willie and his wife of 41 years, Dianne, have two married daughters,



Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith and his wife Dianne

Annamarie married to Jamon Jordan, and Krystal married to Cedric Bridges. They have four granddaughters and two grandsons.

Rev. Willie said his desire in life is to let people know the joy he feels and that they too can feel in serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Church members invite the public to come and meet Pastor Willie and his wife, who likes to be called "Lady Di."

Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township, is at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Denton Road. Sunday Service begins at 9:30 a.m.



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There will be free fun for all ages, including games, crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and an investigation station. Add to the fun by dressing up each day.

Dress-Up Days:

- Monday - Bible Character
- Tuesday - News Reporter
- Wednesday - Middle Eastern Animal
- Thursday - VBS T-shirt
- Friday - Archeologist

The teens will also be helping those in the community with things such as building beds for children.

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Wayne County Fair

2023 FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday July 31
Hog Show 8am
Sheep Show 9am
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Tuesday August 1st
Poultry Show 8am
Horse Show 9am
Crafters/Vendors 11am-10pm
Food Trucks 11am-10pm
Carnival 6pm
Goat Show 6pm
Wayne County's Got Talent Show 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 2nd
Rabbit/Cavy/Pocket Pets Show 8am
Horse Show 9am
Crafters/Vendors 11am-10pm
Food Trucks 11am-10pm
Carnival 4pm
Dairy Show 5pm
Beef Show 6pm
Micro Wrestling Federation 7pm
Tickets at Grandstand

Thursday, August 3rd
KIDS DAY
Goat milking 8am
Horse Show 9am
Crafters/Vendors 11am-10pm
Food Trucks 11am-10pm
Michigan Pedal Pullers 12pm-3pm
Crazy Craig balloon twisting 12pm, 2pm & 3pm
Cirque Amorigus 12pm & 4pm
Crazy Craig Juggling Show 1pm & 4pm
Carnival 2pm
Livestock auction dinner 5pm

Friday, August 4th
Pig Trail 8am
Horse show 9am
Goat Pet class 10am
Goat Pack class 11am
Crafters/Vendors 11am-10pm
Food Trucks 11am-10pm
Carnival 1pm
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Saturday, August 5th
Master Stockman contest 10am
Crafters/Vendors 11am-10pm
Food Trucks 11am-10pm
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Belleville High School graduate Aaliyah Daniels signed a commitment to be on the cheerleading squad at Sienna Heights University as she pursues her education.



Belleville High School graduate Kendall Baldwin signed a commitment to be on the cheerleading squad at Wayne State University as she pursues her education.

BHS Choirs & Friends Reunion to have two sessions on July 22

Saturday, July 22, is a big day for anyone who had anything to do with the Belleville High School Choir or shows or band over the years.

All choir members, members of shows, bands, crews, sets, managers, instructors, directors, fans, and others are invited.

There will be a performance by alumni at the BHS Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome and donations will be accepted.

This will be followed by a dinner with additional performances from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club.

If you are interested, more information is available at the website at: <https://myevent.com/bhschoirsandfriendsreunion> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/50761778959>.

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In a news release, the Metroparks explain: "The Metroparks are committed to removing barriers, creating access, improving access, and increasing recreation opportunities for all. As we look to the future, we will develop, update and improve facilities to meet or exceed ADA requirements. And we'll look for ways to remove barriers to access so that individuals of all abilities have equitable access to Metroparks facilities, programs, services and activities."

Sumpter Twp. Family Fun Day set for July 22 at Banotai Park

Sumpter Township residents are invited to the Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Family Fun Day from noon to 4 p.m. at Banotai Park on Sherwood Road.

Guests are required to register at Pavilion #1 when they enter the park. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and water will be available. Bring your own sports equipment.

Activities include fishing for children, with a contest for those 12 and younger. The one catching the largest fish will win a gift card.

Horseshoes will be available for those 16 and older, along with volleyball for all.

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Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation presents Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at Banotai Park. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and water. Activities include a fishing contest for children 12 years and younger, horseshoes, and volleyball. Swimming is allowed at your own risk, but the water has not been tested. Attendees must register upon arrival at Pavilion #1.

The Wayne County Fair is coming up July 31-Aug. 5 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road, Van Buren Township, featuring rides, animals, food, and fun. Be sure to check out the daily schedule of events in their ad in today's paper.

The Belleville Area Council or the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series at Horizon Park continues this Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m. with Mad Mad World. The free concerts are held rain or shine and will move into the Belleville First United Methodist Church across the street in case of bad weather. Next week, Larry Lee & The Back in the Day Band will perform. Food trucks will also be there.

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Lost and found sites on social media does work and when you combine those resources


to old-fashioned, boots-on-the-ground searches, good things can happen. Late last Saturday night, Augie, a service dog family member of the Dr. Kelly Connors-Johnson (Belleville Bariatrics) household took off after hearing fireworks and ran across their dirt road in Sumpter and couldn't be found. After searching all night, Kelly put out blasts to Facebook's lost and found sites, community sites, friends, area shelters, and even posted flyers, while continuing her own search. The dog is very skittish and wouldn't just go up to people and so Kelly was asking the public to call if they spot him. Another night passed as a representative from Homeward Bound

drove an hour to come and set up cameras and food bowls in hopes of locating Augie. Over a dozen tips came in, and 30,000 steps later, a call came that a dog fitting Augie's description was found four miles away and is hanging out with a family on their front porch. Kelly pulled up to the address in disbelief, traveling that far, and saw Augie as he ran to her and suddenly this family was together again and just in time as Kelly's husband Keith was about to start up another round of chemo the next day and he needed his best friend by his side. Kelly will say it's prayer that brought people and the resources together that brought Augie home and that Augie himself was

guided throughout his adventure of crossing several busy streets and cornfields safely and to put his trust in strangers. When reunited, Kelly said Augie was licking the tears from her face as fast as they were falling and I'm sure there were more wet faces at home when she walked in the door with him. On Monday, Kelly posted a full recap, filled with gratitude and continued thanks to a caring community. "God is good," she said, "My heart is full." All the best to Keith. What a great story.


Do you have business-related information you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020.

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**NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
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The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.





The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
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Van Buren Charter Township

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Court Watching

Ju-Mari Edsel Beaudrie

Ju-Mari Edsel Beaudrie, 20, of Sumpter Township, is charged with a registration / plate violation, registration / plate misdemeanor, and driving with no insurance in the city of Belleville on June 5. He was due for his pre-hearing and arraignment/pretrial on June 28 at 34th District Court and at that time all charges

were dismissed by the party.

Ethan Michael Ryal

Ethan Michael Ryal, 23, of Sumpter Township was charged with assault and battery on June 17 in Sumpter Township. Bond was set at \$5,000/10%. At his pretrial on June 28, the victim was unwilling to proceed, so the prosecutor dismissed the charges.

Jason Joseph Sanfilippo

Jason Joseph Sanfilippo, 55, of Van Buren

Township was video-arraigned on July 3 on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in Van Buren Township on July 1. Judge Brian A. Oakley set personal bond at \$2,000 and a probable cause conference for July 12.

Terry Dean Lopez

Terry Dean Lopez, 32, of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned on July 3 by Judge Oakley on charges of received and concealing a stolen vehicle and driving while license suspended on July 2 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond of \$5,000 was set and a probable cause conference on July 12.

Ronald Dean Rowe

Ronald Dean Rowe, 32, of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned on July 3 on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on July 1 in Van Buren Township. Judge Oakley set personal bond at \$2,000 and a probable cause conference for July 12. There is to be no contact with the victim unless for child exchange.

Cienna Leora Boyce

Cienna Leora Boyce, 27, of West Bloomfield is charged with domestic violence and malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200 on Aug. 7,

2022, in Van Buren Township. At her final remote pretrial on July 5, Judge Oakley set a jury trial for Aug. 21. Personal bond is \$1,000 and there is to be no contact with the victim.

Dakota Austin-John Cardinal

Dakota Austin-John Cardinal, 27, of Van Buren Township, is charged with domestic violence on May 23 in Van Buren Township. At his remote pretrial on July 5, his final pretrial was set for July 19 and the complainant/victim must appear. Personal bond is \$5,000 and he must not have contact with the victim.

An additional charge of disorderly person on May 26 in Van Buren Township was set for an arraignment/pretrial on Aug. 17.

Jason James Saunderson

Jason James Saunderson, 42, of Belleville is charged with having BAC more than .17 and operating while intoxicated in Belleville on July 27, 2022. His arraignment pretrial was July 5 and it was reset for July 26 so his attorney could get discovery.

Janet Tihari Johnson

Janet Tihari Johnson, 36, of Van Buren Township was charged with malicious destruction of a building-\$1,000-\$20,000; child abuse-4th degree; and domestic violence on May 7 in Van Buren Township. Her probable cause conference was held May 17. Her live preliminary exam was set for June 28. It was reset for July 5. At that time it was learned the complaining victim was not willing to proceed and all charges were dismissed without prejudice.

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More Letters

‘Unity’ has been taken out of ‘Community’

To the editor:

In the last few years since the pandemic have you noticed that the world we knew has changed, not for the better, but for the worst!

In the spirit of Community, the word *unity* has suffered a terrible blow. Not only has it become clear that the people in both Washington and the independent states have forgotten who put them in office for the bigger paycheck. Thus, the word Community has lost the unity part within itself!

The people suffer (especially senior citizens – some of them had to fade away into some nursing home that takes away any individuality they had), others simply give up!

Another blow is how the Community at large has no consideration for the people who need to rely on handicap parking for what these spots were designed for. Many times I have gone looking for

a handicap spot because I can no longer walk and someone else feels that these spots are there so they do not have to walk in the hot sun or when it rains or snows. You tell the management of the business that owns the parking lot, but there goes unity again! Their answer is we can't do anything about it (yes, they can) so they won't even call the authorities because they feel they will lose business and money if they do!

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The next blow to unity is the roads. You take your life into your own hands. There are people out there that think the red lights mean nothing. They never stop before they make a right turn. They feel they should go faster to get through on the red light. Even truckers do it!

Don't forget about detours like on Belleville Road near the bridge going into town. Some people feel that if they travel the right lane as fast as they can they will get into town faster, only to slow everyone else up and make it more dangerous for every vehicle in the left lane. Then, they build a wall as you go into town so if you drive a low vehicle you can't see past it, almost causing accidents.

I have lived in the Community all my life and in these 72 years I have never seen this much indifference to both the law and just to the common people. This world has become a land that has forgotten the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you want done unto you.

Please remember our children see all and copy what they see. This country was built on a piece of parchment and the blood of many on all sides. Please remember these three words in the preamble of the simple parchment: "We the People" and the words that follow: "in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Let's take these words and link them to the word Community and begin to straighten the word Unity in our world.

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Among those earning the degree was Taylor Alicia Price of Belleville, MI.

"Today is a transitional point in your lives," Dean J. Rich Leonard told the graduates. "For the rest of your days, no matter what you are doing, whether you are a prosecutor or a public defender, a civil litigator or criminal defense attorney, a judge, a corporate officer, a government official, or a parent at home raising children, when the question is asked, 'What do you do?' you are entitled to proudly answer, 'I am a lawyer.'"

Clarification: Accident was at Main St./Liberty, not at Hayward's

In the July 6 edition of the *Independent* we published remarks on page 10 by Acting Belleville Police Chief Kris Faull that said the uptick in vehicle accidents in the city this year was mainly due to accidents at Hayward's. Chief Faull said that was a misstatement and she should have said the accidents were in the area of Main Street and North Liberty Street.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 6:45 pm

A Special Meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Arrived at 6:46 p.m.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. City Manager Candidate Interview

The following City Manager candidate was interviewed:

i. Ryan Madis

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 7/10/23

Posted: 7/11/23

Published: 7/13/23

More Letters

New St. Jude prayer

To the editor:

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Say 3 Our Fathers, say 3 Hail Marys, say 3 Glory B's.

At this point, ask St. Jude for your needed miracle.

Now promise him that you will make his name known and cause 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!

J.I., Van Buren Township

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 7:30 pm

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

• None

B. Council Follow Up List

• Council Member Beebe asked if the Council Follow Up List could be done away with.

• Council Member Fielder asked if there were an updates to the upgrade of aging street lights.

• Mayor Conley stated that she would like the Charter revision process to be looked in to by City Administration.

• Acting City Manager Jones mentioned that she, along with Clerk Hootman, met with the City's Accountant Kelly Howey, to explore options for road repair funding.

C. City Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of Item 1: City Manager Interviews.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 5, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

B. June 13, 2023, Special Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2023, and the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application – Belleville Area District Library Comic Fest

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to

approve the Belleville Area District Library's Comic Fest event, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B. Special Event Application – Vendor Spaces in Victory Park for City Wide Yard Sale

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve vendor spaces in Victory Park during the City Wide Yard Sale.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C. YTD Crime Stats & Calls for Service – May 2023

• Acting Chief Faull presented year to date crime statistics and calls for service and noted the following:

-- There has been an increase in calls for service and police reports, which is typical as we enter the summer season.

-- There has been an increase in car accident reports at the intersection of Denton and Main St.

-- There has been an increase in fraud reports due to the prevalence of fraud over the internet, which is common with all Police Departments.

• Faull also asked for guidance from the Council on the City's Festival Policy, in reference to pets and bikes at the festivals.

D. Approval of Bids – Road Repairs for Water and Sewer Breaks

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Voigt to approve the bid received from Blue Ribbon Construction for road repairs for water and sewer breaks in the amount of \$89,700.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

E. Approval of Revised Fee Schedule

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Voigt to follow traditional rounding of current fees for services at Hillside Cemetery to the nearest increment of \$5, with approval of the fee schedule in its entirety to be completed at a later date.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve both revisions and non-revisions of most fees on the current Treasury Office and Police Department fee schedules, as discussed at the meeting, with further research and suggestions on the remaining fees to be presented and considered at a later date.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

F. Resolution # 23-018 – Approval of Fire Department Union Contract

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Beebe to defer approval of **Resolution # 23-018**, and schedule a Closed Session meeting pertaining to the Fire Department Union Contract at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

G. Discussion – Compensation for Action City Manager and Acting Police Chief

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to defer recommendations and approval of compensation amounts for the Acting City Manager and Acting police Chief of a future City Council meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

H. Discussion – Retiree Incentives

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Fielder to defer decision of potential incentives to be offered to City retirees, following presentation of contractual language drafted by the City's Labor Attorney.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

I. City Manager Interviews

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe approving interview of candidate for the City Manager position on July 10th at 6:45 p.m., with the potential to interview an additional candidate at 6 p.m., should the Council see fit, preceding the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motional Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Beebe to approve authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. ACTING CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Acting City Manager Jones stated that the regular meeting of the DDA scheduled for tomorrow, June 21st, is cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

• Noted that DDA Vice Chair Kelly McWilliams' son-in-law, Craig Beaubien, passed away.

• Provided an update from Norfolk Southern regarding railroad closures in the area, stating that Savage Rd. would be closed beginning Thursday, June 23rd, and would reopen either Monday, June 26th, or Tuesday, June 27th at the earliest. He further noted that it would be the only closure this weekend.

• Stated that State Electric Company is partnering with General Motors to offer free electric vehicle charging stations to municipalities.

• Noted that he was alerted to a significant amount of water bills currently in arrears. He noted that the State's mandate preventing water shut-offs has ended, and as a result, the City's Administration will be reviewing present policies regarding past-due water bills in order to present the Council with information to make a decision on how to proceed in rectifying the situation.

• Stated that he will be providing updates as they become available regarding potential avenues for road repair funding.

• Noted that he and Clerk Hootman had a meeting with SMART recently to discuss the future of the Senior Transportation program, and stated that they will continue to meet with them until a determination on the program's direction can be reached.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Noted that Lake Fest is this weekend.

-- Asked City Administration to purchase new blinds, a new clock, and two oscillating fans for the City Council Chambers.

• Council Member Beebe

-- No comments

• Council Member Fielder

-- Asked how emergencies will be handled in Victoria Commons as a result of the Savage Rd. Railroad track closure.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Noted that Goat Day went well, with many shirts being sold.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley noted that it will be nice to see the participation of volunteers at this years' Lake Fest.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• None.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 9:42 pm.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 7/10/23

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 286 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 2:

0052 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0251 – intrusion alarm, Greenwood Ct.
0551 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0927 – assist citizen, Harbor Ln.
0940 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1050 – assist citizen, Timberland Dr.
1128 – intrusion alarm, Fay Dr.
1212 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1309 – noise complaint, Savage Rd.
1353 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1435 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Denton
1444 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
1508 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
1513 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1524 – misc. complaint, Timberland Dr.
1524 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Greenwood Ct.
1529 – neighbor trouble, Holly Ln.
1618 – 911 welfare check, Jackson Ln.
1703 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
1708 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1843 – intrusion alarm, Milton Dr.
1859 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates Dr.
1952 – larceny from auto, Victoria St.
2039 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2159 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2209 – suicidal person, Sondra Dr.
2225 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
2236 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2240 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2306 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd./Ecorse Rd.

Monday, July 3:

0011 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0144 – repossession, Oak Ln.
0145 – repossession, W. Walden Dr.
0200 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0256 – repossession, Meadows Cir.
0438 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Riggs Rd.
0517 – welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.
0521 – hospice death, W. Huron River Dr.
0532 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
0614 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
0744 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0750 – intrusion alarm, Wildflower Ct.
0836 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0841 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave./Denton
0914 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
0945 – intrusion alarm, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1001 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1052 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Rawsonville/bridge
1132 – assist fire dept., Maple Leaf South
1147 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pond Bluff Dr.
1212 – noise complaint, Arlene Ln.
1303 – civil matter, Colony Ln.
1314 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1456 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1524 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1620 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1627 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd./Savage Rd.
1752 – road hazard, W. Huron River Dr./Farm Rd.
1844 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2057 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2115 – neighbor trouble, Senate St.
2121 – domestic, Savage Rd.
2209 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2221 – 911 welfare check, Winding Pond Dr.
2226 – intrusion alarm, Florence Ln.
2235 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
2241 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.

Tuesday, July 4:

0020 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0037 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
0054 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0128 – domestic, Riggs Rd.
0155 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
0754 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1146 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1259 – neighbor trouble, Mpale Dr.
1330 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1441 – 911 welfare check, Christina In.
1500 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1500 – fight, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville
1518 – family trouble, Christina Ln.
1544 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
1545 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1614 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1648 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1714 – property check, E. Huron River Dr.
1718 – misc. complaint, Vernon St.
1811 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.
1918 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1956 – lake complaint, Bayshore Dr./Denton Rd.
2030 – traffic offense, Jackson St./Tyler Rd.
2102 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2130 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
2231 – private property impound, Edison Lk.

Wednesday, July 5:

0318 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0434 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd./Independence Ln.
0457 – repossession, E. Huron River Dr.
0537 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
0707 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
0742 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0808 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.
0905 – missing person, E. Sadie Ln.
1045 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
1310 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.
1315 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
1318 – threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1353 – traffic offense, Sunrise Ln.
1453 – domestic, N. Liberty St.
1516 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
1519 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1656 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1702 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1928 – welfare check, Alba Ct.
2004 – assist citizen, Marina Dr.
2027 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
2107 – abandoned auto, Ecorse/Morton Taylor Rd.
2122 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2207 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
2232 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
2259 – fireworks, Denton Rd.

Thursday, July 6:

0118 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
0341 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0431 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
0525 – welfare check, Martz/Rawsonville Rd.
0554 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0743 – 911 welfare check, Bradley Dr.
0806 – personal injury accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0825 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0833 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1050 – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
1051 – misc. complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1115 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Robbe Rd.
1226 – welfare check, Bayshore Dr.
1229 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1310 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Jackson Ct.
1349 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1352 – 911 welfare check, Village Center Dr.
1528 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1615 – assist fire dept., Chloe Ct.
1823 – neighbor trouble, Purple Sage Ct.
1847 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Point
1912 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1918 – animal complaint, Van Buren sT.
2002 – fraud, Walden Ct.
2059 – road hazard, Beck/Ecorse
2212 – fight, W. Adams
2227 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

2228 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.
2312 – welfare check, Robbe Dr.
2331 – domestic, Anna Dr.
Friday, July 7:
0003 – welfare check, Senate St.
0220 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
0713 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
0750 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
0756 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0845 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1009 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1053 – animal complaint, Laguna Dr.
1111 – property check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1121 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
1121 – found property/child, Beacon Trl.
1125 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1144 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1148 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
1248 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1455 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1514 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1552 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1553 – breaking & entering, Reedgrass Ln.
1602 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1618 – 911 welfare check, Park Estates Dr.
1633 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1731 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1746 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wildrye Ct.
1846 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1854 – property damage accident, Hardwood Ct.
1856 – animal complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.
1903 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
2105 – misc. complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Archwood Dr.
2325 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2346 – traffic offense, Lohr Rd.

Saturday, July 8:

0052 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
0106 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0512 – malicious destruction of property, Sheldon
0642 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0719 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0859 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
0859 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
0920 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0953 – malicious destruction of property, Country Walk Ct.
1023 – welfare check, Spruce Ln.
1144 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1242 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1301 – domestic, Daisy Blvd.
1327 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1348 – road hazard, Dellor St.
1433 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1815 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1830 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1844 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.
1848 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2134 – welfare check, Daisy Blvd.
2200 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2234 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2245 – family trouble, Tallgrass Ct.
2303 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
Also on this week's log are 76 traffic stops, 21 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 2:

0718 – neighbor trouble, Bedell St.
0837 – assist fire dept., Main St.
0937 – found property/child, High St.
1404 – neighbor trouble, N. Edgemont St.
1833 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2033 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2043 – personal injury accident, Main St.
Monday, July 3:
1142 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1312 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.

1826 – disorderly, Main St.
2204 – fireworks, Belle Villa Blvd.
Tuesday, July 4:
1344 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2145 – fireworks, Carmell St./Belle Villa Blvd.
2332 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./Fifth St.
Wednesday, July 5:
0004 – welfare check, Main St./High St.
0433 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1025 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. Biggs St.
1448 – domestic, N. Liberty St.
1520 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
Thursday, July 6:
1105 – vehicle impound, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1417 – trespassing, Robbe St.
1557 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1605 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1814 – neighbor trouble, Bedell St.
2011 – misc. complaint, Main St.
Friday, July 7:
1431 – larceny, Anaheim St.
1623 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
2109 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
2145 – noise complaint, Bedell St.
Saturday, July 8:
0041 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
1302 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1621 – repossession, Victorian Ln.
1900 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
2025 – welfare check, Main St.
2227 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
There were three traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 2:

0033 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0341 – motorist assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0659 – traffic complaint/hazard, 48000 bl. Wear
0819 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
0850 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.
0900 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1304 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1319 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1326 – property damage accident, Texas St.
1333 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1504 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1608 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1639 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Willis
1658 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Arkona Rd.
1929 – animal complaint, Mulberry Dr.
1937 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2311 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd./Willis
2348 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.

Monday, July 3:

0030 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0032 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0139 – assist other agency, Willis Rd./Rawsonville
0625 – alarm, Tulip Dr.
0741 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0852 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0911 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0917 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1030 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1108 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1118 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1218 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1401 – fire dept. assist, Sherwood Rd.
1422 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1521 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1756 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2014 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2041 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
2136 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
2212 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville/Judd
2223 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.

Tuesday, July 4:

0218 – suspicious person, Oregon St.
0834 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0839 – 911 hang up, Hawaii St.
0925 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
1047 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1142 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1506 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1845 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.

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1856 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
2107 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2114 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2125 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2327 – welfare check, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Wednesday, July 5:
0101 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0230 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0856 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1006 – civil matter, Carleton West Rd./Wear Rd.
1023 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1137 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd.
1141 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
1303 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1341 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1503 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1519 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1534 – welfare check, Nevada St.
1652 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Bemis
1656 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1724 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1835 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1835 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD
2244 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2319 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.

Thursday, July 6:
0005 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
0120 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0216 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0745 – ordinance violation, 18000 bl. Martinsville
0807 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0913 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0927 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1157 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1309 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1444 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1604 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1648 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1721 – breaking & entering report, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1754 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1917 – neighbor complaint, Texas St.
2006 – traffic complaint/hazard, Hickory/Birch

Friday, July 7:
0116 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0755 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0901 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Clark
0952 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1036 – fraud complaint, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1039 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1403 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1522 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1525 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1539 – 911 hang up, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1546 – fire dept. assist, Pecan St.
1732 – death investigation, 27000 bl. Sherwood
1903 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2058 – assist other agency, Maine St.

Saturday, July 8:

0138 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0240 – operating while intoxicated arrest, California St./Willis Rd.
0510 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0845 – juvenile matter, Wayside Dr.
1225 – found property, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1434 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sherwood/Willis
1533 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1632 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1819 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1857 – fire dept. assist, Hawaii St.
2040 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2109 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2253 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Also on this week's log are 73 patrol checks, 62 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce lists 2023 award nominees

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce scheduled a luau on the patio of the Belleville Yacht Club on Tuesday, July 11, for its annual meeting.

On Monday the chamber announced the following list of nominees for its annual awards with the winners to be announced on Tuesday:

Large Business of the Year:

- Belleville Area District Library
- Atchinson Ford
- Genisys Credit Union
- Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group

Small Business of the Year:

- Team Designs
- A Design Line
- K Springer Media Management
- Milton's Pharmacy
- The Hair Station

The Ted Kuckelman Award:

- Amy Pierce
- Ken Voigt
- Today Magazine
- Dr. Brian Lorenger

The Leona Van Buhler Award:

- Therese Antonelli
- Whitney Beaubien
- Central Business Community
- Randy Brown

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."
– John Lennon



City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 at 10 am**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

2014 Ford, Escape, VIN: 1FMCU9GX3EUC65788

2002 Pontiac, Sunfire, VIN: 1G2JB524127125129

2011 Chevrolet, Malibu, VIN: 1G1ZD5EU3BF208869

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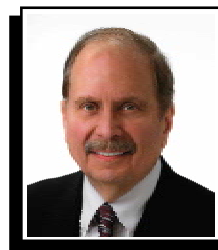
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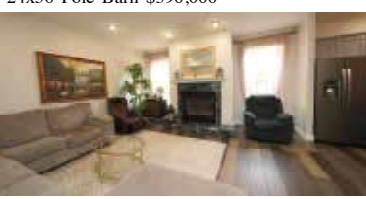
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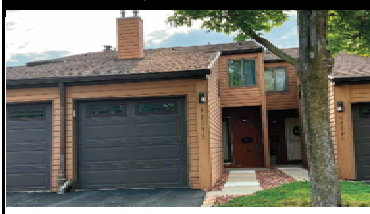
51267 WEAR SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
CUSTOM BUILT Four bedroom home includes a first floor master with huge master bath and soaking tub. One additional full bath and 2 half baths. Bamboo Hardwood flooring throughout. Custom kitchen with quartz counter tops, soft close drawers. Family room with premium marble fireplace. Huge second floor provides privacy for family members and guests. On 1.67 acres, with larger three car attached garage and huge 24x36 Pole Barn \$590,000



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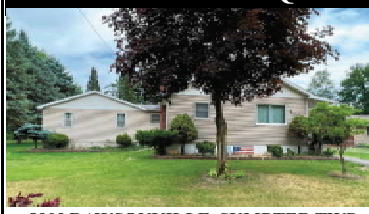


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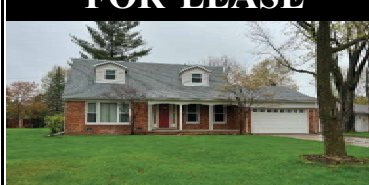
VACANT JUDD SUMPTER 2.1 AC \$45,000
VACANT JUDD 8.7 AC. PAVED RD \$85,000
HAGGERTY 1.5 AC VAN BUREN \$70,000

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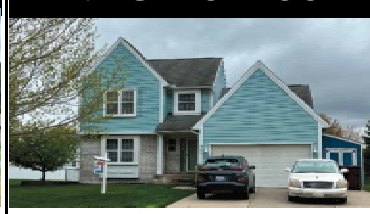
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HURON TWP VAC CLARK .74 AC \$40,000
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$55,000
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12 ACRES WEAR & HAGGERTY \$120,000

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