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VBT OKs resolution to move forward on Haggerty construction

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for reconstruction of and water main work adjacent to Haggerty Road north of Ecorse Road. This was at its regular meeting on Aug. 16.

The township will pay the entire cost for water main reconstruction enlarging the water main from 12" to 16", estimated to cost \$2,475,670.20, to service present and upcoming development along Haggerty.

The township also has agreed to pay road reconstruction cost of up to 8% -- \$458,294.90 -- over estimated total combined construction, design, and construction engineering cost of \$5,728,673.63, associated with the reconstruction of Haggerty Road between Ecorse and Van Born roads.

Work is expected to start in the spring of 2023 and competitive bids will be taken during the winter.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said more than \$2 million worth of development is planned on the west side of Haggerty and some of the existing businesses have had water-flow problems. There also have been fire-fighting capability problems. This project was planned for a later time, but got moved up in priority to coincide with the better prices the township would get by tying it to the road project.

In other action at the one-hour meeting on Aug. 16, the board:

- Held a public hearing and then established the Greenbriar Special Assessment District for \$750,000 to upgrade the roads in the subdivision and set a public hearing. Supervisor Kevin McNamara was recused and left the meeting during the discussion because he lives in Greenbriar and had a conflict of interest. He did not vote on the

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Goat Day in Belleville on Saturday was a big success with many families coming out to visit with goats and their 4-H handlers, listen to live music, and eat from a food trailer under sunny skies. 4-H'ers passed out information on goats from Michigan State University Extension and offered their goats to be petted and photographed.

VBT DDA considers what to do about obsolete streetlights

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority was informed at its regular meeting Aug. 23 that its lightpoles along Belleville Road are obsolete and the DDA's stock of replacement parts is depleted.

Executive Director Susan Ireland said the DDA had been in contact with its representative from GrayBar who informed her that the streetlights are obsolete and Holophane would have to see if any of their parts could be retrofitted so that the DDA

can continue to use its existing streetlights.

Director Ireland said, after no responses from their representative at GrayBar, they were informed that the DDA's representative no longer worked for the company and they were directed to another representative, who didn't reply to them either.

"As a result, staff contacted the DDA's representative for community lighting at DTE and a meeting was set up," Ireland said.

She said in front of Comerica Bank a vehicle ran over one of the DDA's original Ginkgo trees, flipped over and hit a light pole. A claim has been submitted to the insurance company.

Ireland told the DDA that DTE installed a sample pole there.

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said they tried those lights before and the DDA

didn't like it.

Ireland said she will see how much the sample light would cost.

Atchinson commented on distracted driving, saying his insurance company now requires him to have a distracted driving clause affirming no one driving my car is on the cellphone, etc. He said Atchinson buys the cars on the lot and so they all are technically his.

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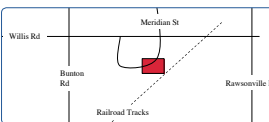
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Former Romulus Mayor Burcroff pleads guilty to federal wire fraud

LeRoy Burcroff, former mayor of the City of Romulus, on Aug. 25 pled guilty to a wire fraud charge before Judge Denise Page Hood in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

Under federal law — 18 U.S.C. 1343 — Wire Fraud — a guilty plea could bring a fine and/or up to 20 years in prison.

Residents “deserve to be served by public officials of the highest integrity,” Detroit U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison said in a statement. “Those who abuse positions of trust by misusing campaign donations for their own benefit will face stiff consequences.”

The advisory guideline range for a sentence cited by prosecutors would send



LeRoy Burcroff

Burcroff to prison for up to 14 months. His lawyer Walter Piszczatowski argued the range is no higher than 10 months. The sentence ultimately will be decided Dec. 8 by Judge Hood.

Burcroff, 58, pleaded guilty in federal court in Detroit three months after prosecutors charged him.

Instead of spending campaign funds according to law, prosecutors say he spent the money on his daughter's wedding, a Florida vacation, flowers, a \$4,500 booze bill and dues and expenses at the Belleville Yacht Club.

According to the indictment on May 13, U.S. Attorney Dawn S. Ison and Assistant U.S. Attorney Eaton P. Brown, state, “On or about Nov. 11, 2017 in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, LeRoy Burcroff, for the purpose of executing a scheme to defraud, did cause to be transmitted by

means of wire communication in interstate commerce, a signal and sound involving a \$2,428 payment to the Belleville Yacht Club, from a Comerica Bank checking account entitled, ‘Committee to Elect LeRoy D. Burcroff.’”

The indictment continued: “Burcroff used the scheme to defraud to convince individuals to contribute money to him for the purpose of supporting Burcroff's efforts to be elected as the Mayor of the City of Romulus, Michigan through the Committee to Elect LeRoy D. Burcroff. In truth and in fact, however, Burcroff used over \$15,000 of the money contributed to his campaign account for his own personal benefit instead of to benefit the campaign.

“All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.”

The plea cut-off date had been extended from July 26 to Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. to further plea negotiations and the trial date was

extended from July 27 to Sept. 6.

“This case is yesterday's news. LeRoy decided not to run for reelection in 2021 and the campaign fund has been fully reimbursed,” Piszczatowski said to *The Detroit News*.

“Burcroff betrayed his supporters and neighbors, the people of Wayne County, by embezzling their donations to fund his lifestyle,” said James Tarasca, special agent in charge of the FBI's office in Detroit.

Burcroff was first elected in 2013 but did not run for re-election in November amid questions about the FBI investigation. He was succeeded by Robert McCraight.

Former Taylor Mayor Rick Sollars is awaiting trial in a federal corruption case that involves allegations he cashed more than \$30,000 worth of campaign checks at a party store while corrupting a city foreclosed-property program.

Wayde Hoppe approved to design new Sumpter Township Fairgrounds

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Wayde Hoppe, an architect who lives in Van Buren Township and designs developments for Davenport Brothers Construction, churches, and other groups, was approved to design the new Sumpter Township Fairgrounds and prepare a master plan for the fairgrounds, with four associated designs.

Trustee Peggy Morgan cast the only nay vote on Hoppe Design's \$11,500 contract at the township's regular meeting Aug. 23.

Hoppe told the township board in its workshop session that an initial land survey was part of his proposal and the uses will be put on top of that survey. He said the first part of the project would have to do with the circulation of people and he would include a curb cut, fencing, lighting, and decorative art, the work along the roadway.

He said his contract does not include cost estimates for the work.

At the Aug. 9 meeting, Supervisor Tim Bowman announced his recommendation to give the fencing contract to Davenport Brothers and asked for a motion. No motion was offered except to accept his report.

At the Aug. 23 meeting, Trustee Morgan questioned the minutes about that exchange, saying she was absent from that meeting, but watched the video recording of the session, and maybe the other board members would like to table approval of the minutes until they could review that part of the meeting.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said it was his understanding that the contract approval was part of his report.

Trustee Morgan also noted that the minutes did not reflect the addition of the words “with regret” to the resignation of a fire fighter and she asked that this be added.

Township attorney Rob Young addressed the board on the process for amending the minutes and led them into making a motion with one change, adding “with regret,” but not changing anything about Supervisor Bowman's recommendation for Davenport.

The minutes were amended with the one change with Trustee Morgan voting no.

Later Oddy amended the agenda to add a vote on confirming Davenport's contract, which passed 6-1 with Trustee Morgan voting no.

Trustee Morgan said that when attorney Young adds something to his report that needs board approval but is not on the official agenda, he says that approving his report will include approving that item as well, but Bowman did not say that.

During the public comment at the beginning of the regular meeting, Eric Partridge said he was concerned that the fencing bid went to the highest bidder and Allied Fencing was actually the lowest bidder.

Partridge said Allied's bid was \$18,000 cheaper than Davenport's bid and Partridge's own bid was \$3,000 cheaper.

“It upsets me,” Partridge said. “I think Allied Fence should get the job.” He said there was no master plan in place and going out for bids for fencing was putting the cart before the horse.

Later, while the board was discussing the minutes, Partridge said awarding the bid was collusion and conflict of interest. He

said the winning bid put in services that weren't in the scope of the specifications. He said Allied Fence gave him a copy of its bid and board members were not provided with that bid.

“I'll leave,” Partridge said, standing in the audience. “You're wrong. You're corrupt.” He left the meeting.

Trustee Tim Rush said the meeting was getting a little testy. He said the board is not obligated to take the lowest bid, but to choose the best bidder. He said the board all looked at the two bids.

Township Manager Tony Burdick explained, saying originally when the bids were put out, three bids were submitted. Then the specifications regarding residential and commercial fencing were amended. He said just after July 22, he sent out an email asking all the bidders to confirm their bids.

He said Allied never responded to the request for confirmation of the new set of specifications.

Trustee Morgan said Allied's original bid already had the commercial fencing that was in the amended specifications.

Manager Burdick said he talked to the owner and he said he “missed it,” referring to submitting the confirmation.

Trustee Morgan said Partridge explained to the township the difference between residential and commercial fencing. She said when Partridge spoke to Bowman about it, he replied, “I'm not a fence guy.”

She said Davenport added ground work to their bid, but it was never a part of the specifications. Trustee Morgan said the other two didn't bid on that because they didn't have the big equipment.

Burdick said the township encouraged bidders to walk the site and make suggestions.

“It wasn't part of the specifications,” Trustee Morgan stated and Burdick said he didn't know.

Trustee Morgan, referring to Burdick's preparation of the minutes of the previous meeting, asked if he looked at the recording of the meeting and he said he assumed the contract approval was part of the report.

In other business at the Aug. 23 meeting, the board:

- Approved hiring Nelson Hammons as a full-time police officer, contingent upon him passing a drug test in addition to the required physical and psychological examinations. Public Safety Director / Police Chief Eric Luke said Hammons got married the previous Saturday and so he wasn't at the meeting. Director Luke said he would bring him to an upcoming meeting to introduce him;

- Approved the financial audit of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 as submitted by PSLZ, LLP. It was an unmodified opinion, with “nothing bad to report.” She said there is a \$10 million fund balance in the general fund and the pension liability is 90% funded. Landfill revenue was down \$210,000 for the year. None of the ARPA funds have been spent;

- Approved the quote from West Shore Services for repair of emergency siren #9, Sherwood at Arkona, at a cost of \$3,760;

- Approved having UIS install communication equipment at the Martinsville Road pump station at a cost of \$9,325, plus a review of the current

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Independent can't accept advertising for marijuana shop

Blue Sky Cannabis Co., soon to open on Savage Road in the City of Belleville, reached out to the *Independent* over the weekend for advertising rates so it could advertise its business.

The *Independent* uses the U.S. Postal Service to deliver its subscriptions. Marijuana is still a controlled substance at the federal level. Our legal consultants say that means we can't accept advertising for marijuana products or shops or cooperatives.

Although marijuana is legal in Michigan, it still is a controlled substance where it counts for our subscriptions.

Blue Sky's new sign is very nice and its building is all repainted and sharp-looking.

In Belleville there is a move by the same people who got the recreational marijuana business approved to move some of those licenses out of the local law and replace them with medical marijuana licenses. That item will be on the Nov. 8 ballot in the City of Belleville. Some of our readers have posted comments on our website telling people to vote against marijuana in Belleville, but it's too late for that. Recreational marijuana shops have already been approved by voters.

Belleville officials say this new ballot question is to the city's benefit. A yes vote will remove the 11-page ordinance put into the city charter by voters. Some of the recreational licenses will become medical marijuana licenses. Confusing.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

When the strong wind gusts hit the Belleville Farmers' Market on Monday afternoon, we understand people from Egan's Pub ran across Main Street to hold down the tents. The wind gusts were violent but passed through quickly.

There were power outages in pockets throughout the tri-community and lots of tree trimming, with leaves and small branches in yards and on streets.

We see that Shawn Fix, 40, of Sumpter Township is one of five having their preliminary exams in Antrim County District Court in Traverse City. He is one of the defendants with state charges having to do with the alleged plot to kidnap/kill the governor.

This is a preliminary exam which will determine if there is enough probable cause to bind them over to circuit court for trial.

Gov. Whitmer's summer home is in Birch Lake in Antrim County and that's where some of the activity was, so that's why the charges were brought there.

It has been alleged that Fix, a truck driver, hosted Wolverine Watchmen meetings at his home, had Donald Trump presidential campaign signs in his yard, and flew a Gadsden (Don't Tread on Me) flag. I'm sure that's all legal, so there must be other evidence coming.

The five defendants and their five attorneys will take some time getting through the case, not to mention all the FBI witnesses. All this is to say it probably will still be going on by the time our paper comes out on Thursday. 86th District Court Judge Michael Stepka is presiding and if you go on the court's website you can watch the



court sessions. On Tuesday morning, Day #2 of the exam, there were more than 30 people watching.

If you don't want to watch the case unfold, *Channel 2 News* has a reporter in Traverse City covering the trial in person and reporting daily on the evening newscast.

A federal court trial recently concluded in Grand Rapids with two suspects being found guilty on similar charges.

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees had scheduled a special meeting for Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. to hold a closed session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement and then, in open session, to consider a Letter of Understanding with the AFSCME union as it relates to the Four Day Work Week.

Deputy Clerk Brittany Beaudry said the meeting had to be canceled because too many people were sick and she expects the meeting to be rescheduled.

The four-day workweek, with Fridays off, was approved only through Sept. 2, so a decision on that will have to be made pretty soon, we would think.

The township's next regular meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 6. Maybe that will be soon enough.

Although the goats were expected to be at Horizon Park only two weeks, we were informed they will be there this week, as well. But then they are off the job and going

home to Milan.

I was at the Willis Feed Mill on Sunday to get some birdseed for my feeders and there was an old goat tied up to the porch so he could get under to rest in hay in the shade and eat and drink unmolested. The owner said that he is old and not long for this world and can be comfortable and loved there.

He didn't say it, but I bet the other younger goats keep him from the food and water. Last Thursday when we were delivering *Independents* to the Feed Mill we saw a young goat tucked into a water trough. He fit perfectly, all folded up, and looked very comfortable.

A while back, when we went to the mill for a delivery, one of the goats was out. She came up to me and seemed to be asking me to put her back in the pen, but it was locked. I told her to get back in the way she got out and I tried to find an opening in the fence, but there wasn't one.

Finally, we just called advertising manager Bob Mytych and asked him to call the owner to alert him that his goat was out.

Hope your long weekend is pleasant. Our office is closed on Monday, but we'll be back open at 8 a.m. Tuesday.



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Letters

FMAR seeking new volunteers to help

To the editor:

Thank you to those members of the community who came to Graham Park on Aug. 20 to recognize Pete and Marcy LaFramboise. They had a wonderful time visiting with friends, volunteers, and adopters. For the record, because of Pete and Marcy's 19-year career rescuing animals, 4,500 animals now have homes. What an incredible legacy they leave!

It is that time of year when schedules change. We are losing some volunteers which means we are on the lookout for new ones. If you would be interested in volunteering, go to <http://www.friendsofmichigan.org>, click on Volunteer button. There is an application form to fill out there and submit. If you'd like to ask questions first, call (734) 461-9458. Thank you.

Belleville's library has graciously offered to put out a donation box so people could bring pet food contributions to the library.

Locally FMAR also has donations boxes at Sumpter Ace Hardware, Feed-Rite, Willis Feed, Pet Supplies Plus on Whittaker, Pet Emporium in Ann Arbor on Washtenaw, and Saline Tractor Supply.

FMAR is partnering with Melinda Dager of Tastefully Simple products. Starting Sept. 9, you can purchase products from the FMAR Facebook page or the tastefullysimple.com/web/mdager website. Melinda will be donating a percentage of sales to FMAR as a fundraiser. Melinda will be back at the Farmers' Market on Sept. 12 if you would like to check out products in person.

Labor Day weekend might be the perfect time to adopt a new furry friend. Please consider giving a homeless animal a chance at a better life. Adoptable animals can be viewed on the FMAR website. Please, call to make an appointment to meet a possible new addition to your family.

FMAR is wishing everyone a successful school year!

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Sept. 2 – Steve Cinnamon
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Sept. 6 – Gene Taylor, Bryon Kelley
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-- George W. Bush

"The lesson of 9/11 is that America is truly exceptional. We withstood the worst attack of our history, intended by our enemies to destroy us. Instead, it drew us closer and made us more united. Our love for freedom and one another has given us a strength that surprised even ourselves."

-- Rudy Giuliani

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Court Watching:

Parchman in nursing home healing from seven gunshot wounds

Dekenta Reshard Parchman, 30, of Westland was unable to appear for an arraignment/pretrial at 34th District Court on Aug. 18 because he had COVID in jail. This new arraignment was on a charge of threats from a 2020 incident in Romulus.

He also was due for an Aug. 24 probable cause conference on five felonies from his alleged torture of a woman at Parkwood Apartments on July 23, but he didn't appear because he was in a nursing home receiving medical care for seven gunshot wounds he received in another incident. His virtual probable cause conference was set, with hopes, for Aug. 31.

VBT DDA

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Ireland said the DDA has a \$1,000 deductible. She said she wants to try to find out what parts will cost and she wants general feedback on the sample pole.

Director Mark Laginess said he would like to see one more distinctive than the sample pole.

“Won’t it look strange to have 50 poles and other designs mixed in?” said vice-chairperson Carol Bird.

“You don’t want a hodge-podge,” Ireland responded.

Ireland presented Deputy Director Lisa Lothringer’s report in her absence and Lothringer, as well, addressed the street light problem.

In her written report, Lothringer said staff met with Courtney Baum, the DDA’s new Community Lighting Account Manager from DTE. She said they discussed the potential benefits of using DTE stock products thus eliminating the time that staff spends trying to source extremely scarce replacement parts, file insurance claims and stock parts for repairs. She said Baum showed them how DTE has improved their LED lights to allow for better light distribution through increased lumens while using lower wattage.

Lothringer wrote that staff will provide the DDA’s feedback to the DTE rep and then meet with her again to discuss options under the Community Lighting Program. That will be brought back to the DDA.

Ireland said DTE would take care of the pole and insurance in their program.

“We’ll see what we can put together,” she said.

In other business at the one-hour meeting on Aug. 23, the DDA:

- Unanimously approved and confirmed the application of a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant. The DDA will develop an SS4A Action Plan Grant application with the assistance of the Wade Trim FundingScout Division that would extend beyond the DDA boundaries. Cost is not to exceed \$15,000 and the DDA and township would each pay half. The township board has already approved its portion. The SS4A has an allocation of more than \$1 billion of funding available and the minimum award for this grant is \$200,000;

- After discussion, approved buying one bike repair station for Harris Park at a cost of \$1,730 with customization skin with logo included, plus \$100 shipping and \$500 installation, from low bidder Penchura. Director Joyce Rochowiak voiced concern about vandalism and the prospect of having to spend money on repairs. Three bike stations had been requested by Assistant Executive Director Lisa Lothringer, who

was not present;

- On an 8-1 vote approved Grosse Ile Lawn Sprinkler to continue with the installation of the winter holiday season lighting for one year at a cost of \$9,350 for Harris Park and the monument sign property. Voting no was Director Victor Delibera who said he had voted for this twice, but he had a major issue with Christmas lights and using other people’s money to put them up. He suggested having students from the school put up the lights. Chairman Atchinson said the DDA doesn’t have to do anything and could have no lights. Vice-chairperson Bird said years back the lights at the triangle were out more than on. She said these professionals come out and fix them immediately. Director Velon Willis made the motion for one year and Director Joe Baskin seconded the motion, noting they should be evaluated every year. Grosse Ile Lawn Sprinkler had submitted quotes for one year, three years (\$26,719), and five

years (\$44,899);

- Approved the financial audit for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2021, with total fund balance of \$5,138,836. It carried an unmodified opinion, reflecting no problems;

- Approved the amended 2022 DDA budget and the proposed 2023 DDA budget. Ireland said 2023 is kept flat with no big projects. However, the \$1.1 million expenditure for the theater portion of the new community center that has been set for 2022 has been moved to a 2023 expenditure. Tax capture for 2023 is expected to be \$2,030,000 and fund balance at the end of 2023 is expected at \$5,191,891; and

- Heard Ireland report that two business parcels in the DDA district are before the state tax tribunal: Auto Zone and Aldi’s. She said if the two are successful, it will affect the DDA by \$5,530.

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Obituaries



Ella E. Winn

ELLA E. WINN

(June 8, 1940 – August 23, 2022)

Ella Winn passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2022. She was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on June 8, 1940, and was raised in the Flint, MI, area. After dating for six years and a day, she married John Morgan Winn on April 22, 1961. They moved to Belleville in 1964, where she spent her time raising four children and canning bushels of produce from their garden. One season alone, she canned over 1 thousand quarts of veggies. She was well-known in the neighborhood for her hot tomato juice cocktail. Jan loved nature. In her teen years, she lived in a little cabin on Lake Panema, where she could explore the woods, fish the lake, row the boat, and catch (or hunt) all sorts of critters -- frogs, snakes, crickets, mink, and muskrat to name a few. When she couldn't get outdoors into the wilderness, she'd watch nature shows for hours. She especially loved feeding the birds and learning about rare species. The songbirds, and sandhill cranes always brought smiles, laughs, and happy stories. Her favorite food was fire-burned (Koegel) hotdogs with just a bit of ash from the fire.

She leaves behind her husband, John Morgan Winn; daughters: De-Linda (Gregg) Wanemacher, Shada (Mike) Eadie, Gunisha (Alan) Frederick; and her baby boy John (Connie) Winn, Jr. She will be missed by her eleven grandchildren: Jeanella, Robert, Crystal, Steven, Destiny, Andrew, Kyleigh, Brianna, Jacob, Abigail, and Allison; her eight great-grandchildren: Mason, Jax, Sebastian, Ronin, Penelope "Penny", Kaitlyn, Isabella, and the newest baby boy, Ezran; as well as her chosen sister and brother Mary & Bob Lentz, and nephew, Harold.

Jan, as she was known to friends, was preceded in death by her parents, Charles & Dessie Starbird; her siblings: Barbara, Bill, and Bud; her great-grandson Caleb Clark; and many friends from the Sumpter subdivision. Visitation was 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, August 25, 2022, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.



MARY GRACE BELL

(July 9, 1946 – August 28, 2022)

Age 76, BHS 1964. Served in U.S. Army. Survived by husband David, son Mark, daughter Chanel Barnett, grandson, great-grandchildren, and five siblings. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, Sept. 4** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11** – Annual yard sales throughout the City of Belleville. No permits needed.

• **Monday, Sept. 12** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17** – All-school reunion at Belleville High School Commons. Activities with registration: 2:30-4:45 p.m., social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store. Dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and must be received by Aug. 27. Cost is \$35 per person after that date.

• **Monday, Sept. 19** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.

• **Monday, Sept. 26** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.

• **Sunday, Oct. 2** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Monday, Oct. 3** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place.

• **Sunday, Oct. 9** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

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decision. The estimated total assessment for each parcel is \$4,455 which may be paid in up to five annual installments of \$891 each, which includes 1.5% interest. The township board will meet at 6 p.m., Sept. 6, to review the SAD roll and hear objections from the public before voting to approve the roll;

- Approved Supervisor McNamara's appointment of architect Bernard Grant to the planning commission with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2022;

- Approved McNamara's appointment of Van Buren Public Schools Supt. Peter Kudlak to the Local Development Finance Authority and to reappoint Van Buren Public Schools Finance Director Sara Cortese to the LDFA. Both terms expire Aug. 12, 2026;

- Approved the personal services agreement as Network Systems Administrator in Information Technology for Brad Barbaza at a salary of \$78,000. His career was working with Information Technology with the City of Dearborn's Police Department of more than 300 personnel. McNamara said they received more than 40 resumes through INDEED and he came out on top. He started the next morning;

- Approved selecting the only bidder Davenport Brothers Construction for the French Landing Park Phase II for a total of \$490,544. Russell Design, the township's landscape architects, recommended not accepting two of three proposed alternates: seeded lawn in lieu of sod or milling asphalt in lieu of removing and disposing. Russell did recommend alternated #3 for composite rail fence in lieu of cedar rail fence, which increased the bid price by \$15,660, making it \$490,544;

- Approved the agreement between the township and the City of Romulus for the provision of water services to a property owner at 13164 Hannan Rd., at the responsibility of the property owner;

- Approved the agreement between the township and Wayne County Airport Authority for the east side infrastructure project to construct potable water and sanitary sewer to support their facilities at Willow Run. The Authority will incur all the costs and when complete turn it over to the township, McNamara said;

- Approved a Management Consultant Professional Services Agreement with the township's retired Water & Sewer Director James T. Taylor for \$100 per hour, to work no more than 20 hours per calendar month. McNamara said the Water & Sewer directorship changed three times since Taylor left and he has been consulting to make sure everything is done right. "We want to give Director [Kevin] Lawrence all he needs to succeed," McNamara said of the latest director;

- Under public comment, heard Reg Ion say he is impressed with the looks of the museum but he would like to see the total cost. He also requested the township

do an air quality study on the Beck/Ecorse area next to the airport. He said for about a mile it is dust, dust, dust. He said on Denton and Ecorse roads you have to roll your windows up. Trustee Donald Boynton interrupted Ion's comments and said the hill of spoils, the huge mound of pavement there at the airport, is pretty much gone. Ion said it is not gone. He said the airport was doing construction for two years and Boynton didn't even know. McNamara said he would get in touch with the airport. Ion said he's tried and you can't call anyone over there. "I have all their cellphones now," McNamara said. Ion said for three years now he's been complaining about this and why they don't use calcium chloride to keep the dust down is beyond him;

- Heard Ion say Clerk Leon Wright was a "lousy clerk" because he does not get good sized flags at the polls for election day and sometimes there are no flags at all. "You failed big time on flags on election day," he said, noting this was the fourth or fifth election he has complained to Wright about the flags. He accused Wright of putting "itty-bitty flags" up. Wright disagreed, saying he got awards for being "a lousy clerk." He said big flags don't fit in the bags prepared for the poll workers and sometimes the volunteer workers don't pull them out. "I've been accredited for not being a lousy clerk," Wright insisted. "Fifth time, Leon," Ion replied. Later Wright suggested Ion volunteer to check

all the polls for flags at the next election and Ion said he would be glad to do that; and

- Heard Mike Monroe, president of the Greenbriar Homeowners' Association, say the HOA has a water meter to irrigate an area at the subdivision. The water runs off to a storm sewer and no water goes into the storm sewer at all, but the HOA is paying a sewage fee. He said it is "unethical and improper." McNamara said he will look into it and Monroe is not alone in his complaint. Monroe said other townships

don't charge a sewage fee and it can be done. McNamara said Monroe lives right down the street from him, so he will have to get him an answer.

Work/Study Session

Starting at 5 p.m. on Aug. 16 the board held a 58-minute work/study session and the only item on the agenda was a closed-door discussion on the strategy and negotiations of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters collective bargaining agreement. No action was taken after the closed-door session, except to adjourn.

Dingell announces almost \$25M for Willow Run Airport

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-12, announced on Friday that the U.S. Department of Transportation will grant Willow Run Airport \$24,984,642 to construct a new taxiway.

"Willow Run Airport is a critical facility for commerce, cargo, and general aviation," said Congresswoman Dingell. "A few months ago when I toured, their number one ask was to stay strong and viable. With this funding on its way to Willow Run, we will improve airport operations with a new taxiway, help Michiganders and visitors travel safely, and keep our local economy and supply chains running smoothly. I'm proud to help deliver critical infrastructure investments and upgrades like this one to

Michigan's 12th district."

Chat Newton, CEO, Wayne County Airport Authority, said, "The Wayne County Airport Authority is pleased to receive a U.S. Department of Transportation grant for Willow Run Airport. The funds will be used to construct a new parallel taxiway for the primary runway, improving the safety and efficiency of the airfield. We're grateful to Congresswoman Debbie Dingell for her constant advocacy for Willow Run Airport. We also appreciate the continued support of Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow.

Dingell previously announced \$815,000 for the Willow Run Airport from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.




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- Thursday, Sept. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Informational meeting per Public Act 57. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 15 – Van Buren Township's Downtown Development Authority will hold an informational meeting as required by law at 10 a.m. at the DDA office at 10151 Belleville Rd. People also may attend by zoom. Contact www.vanburendda.com for information on how to attend by zoom or call (734) 699-8941.
- Monday, Sept. 19 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 20 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting

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State Rep. Rajeev Puri brought his family to Goat Day in Belleville on Saturday. With him are his wife Nidhi and their three sons: Rohin, 6½; Shaan, 3; and Kiaan, 6 weeks.

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Maria Holmes retires from Comcast after 40 years in the industry

On Aug. 16, Comcast announced that Maria Holmes of Belleville, the company's long-time director of Community Impact for its Heartland Region, is retiring.

Holmes' decision to retire will end a career of 40 years of service in the telecommunications industry. Her work facilitated the connection of corporate and nonprofit resources to help many in the community enhance their quality of life.



Maria Holmes

"Maria is one of the most dedicated employees I have had the pleasure of working with at Comcast," said Craig D'Agostini, vice president of External Affairs for Comcast's Heartland Region. "Her passion for community impact has been a tremendous asset to this company and the communities we serve."

Holmes began her career in 1983 as a programming executive producer at Omnicom Cable, in Canton, MI. She quickly advanced to Community Affairs

and Program director where she led the operations of two production studios that served nine counties.

Since 1996, Holmes has served in various external affairs leadership roles for Media One and Comcast, including serving as a Government Affairs liaison for the cable industry for over 10 years.

In these positions, she negotiated contracts, developed and facilitated programs, as well as fostered long-term relationships with more than 300 nonprofit organizations delivering results for national community impact initiatives with these local partners.

Former Michigan Governor Rick Snyder appointed Holmes to the Michigan Community Service Commission in 2015, and she served two, three-year terms helping lead the state's agency on volunteerism.

"Maria was not only a wonderful person to work with, but she was also a tremendous advocate for service and volunteerism both in her role as a commissioner and her position at Comcast," said Michigan Community Service Commission Executive Director Ginna Holmes (no

relation). "She served as an incredible positive force who inspired all she worked with to do more, to care more, and to give more. Maria brought a deep understanding of the importance of this work and a desire to bring forth solutions to community challenges. It is our hope that she experiences as much joy in retirement as she brought to others during her service for the state of Michigan."

Holmes will continue her volunteer service in the community including contributing to Washtenaw Literacy, Per Scholas (Detroit), Detroit Connect313, Habitat for Humanity of Macomb, Women in Cable and Telecommunications

(WICT), National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC), as well as working with seniors, youth and many others. Maria's administrative and compassion work at Abundant Harvest Church of Belleville will also remain a personal priority.

"The most fulfilling aspect of my career is knowing that my work made a tangible difference in the lives of so many people — from youth at the Boys and Girls Clubs in Michigan and Indiana to the older adults at the St. Patrick Senior Center in Detroit," said Holmes. "Moving forward, my goal is to continue positively impacting the lives of people around me any way I can."

Jehovah Witnesses hold international virtual convention in July, Aug.

Against the tragic backdrop of a historic conflict in Europe, Belleville-area residents are uniting with millions around the globe to promote the timely theme "Pursue Peace" as they participated in a six-part annual event scheduled in July and August 2022.

"This is something we look forward to every year," said Romulus residents Mike and Rose Rufi. Pre-pandemic, the Rufis enjoyed meeting in person every summer at the Belleville Assembly Hall for Regional Conventions, which brought over 32,000 attendees from Michigan over 15 weeks. This summer, Mike and Rose attended convention video sessions virtually. "This convention will help all of us learn how to pursue peace as a family and community. I think we need that more now than ever before."

Jehovah's Witnesses have been holding global conventions for more than 100 years, the last three years featuring virtual events accessed through the free JW Library app or at jw.org. The programs are available for streaming and all are invited to attend at no charge.

"This convention is an object lesson in how peace is being achieved by a global community right now as it unites millions of people even in areas of conflict like Ukraine and Russia," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for

Jehovah's Witnesses.

"The power of the principles being discussed transcends national borders, ethnic differences, and language barriers. Both individuals and families will benefit from attending the program."

Prior to 2020, Jehovah's Witnesses held their annual convention locally at Belleville Assembly Hall on Ecorse Road in Van Buren Township. While they hope to host in-person large gatherings again in the future, the decision was made late last year to again hold the 2022 convention virtually.

On April 1 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses began meeting in person for the first time in two years locally and around the world.

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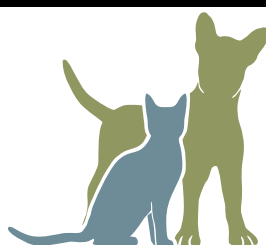
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It is an annual event participated in by 23 countries in Europe. Josh's team was one of the eight teams that represented the USA in various age groups.

Josh's team was the only one that brought the Gold medal home due to the very high level of competition. His team was composed of players from California, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Florida.

"It was such a thrill participating in the parade of nations and seeing the American Flag raised to the rafters," said Josh's dad, Dr. Bryan Rigor, who accompanied Josh on the trip that included stops in Portugal, Germany, and Italy.

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The Honey Locust tree planted in memory of Ronald E. Stalmack, 1949-2015, by Randy Brown for Stalmack's wife, saved the life of a driver on Saturday. Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said a woman driver suffered a medical emergency while driving on High Street. Brown said she would have ended up in Belleville Lake if the tree had not stopped the vehicle. This happened just before Goat Day started at Horizon Park.

School Board meets briefly to pay bills, hire new employees

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

At a 16-minute meeting Aug. 22 with a bare quorum the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education paid its bills and hired new staff members.

Instructional employees hired were:

- David Turner, promotion to assistant principal, McBride Middle School;
- Susan Moore, counselor, BHS;
- Colleen Kalisieski, resource room teacher, BHS;
- Yolanda Curtis, CI teacher, BHS;
- Angela Given, resource room teacher, Owen/Edgemont;
- Andrew Tucker, Spanish teacher, BHS;
- Bradley Aaron, math teacher, BHS; and
- Zachary Bongiorno, teacher-4th, Tyler.

The board also accepted the retirements of teachers Joanne Grant of Rawsonville after 24 years of service and Sandra Burch of Tyler after 22 years; and the resignations

of Kathleen Klotz of McBride and Kristina Brashear of Rawsonville after no years of service.

The board accepted the resignations of non-instructional staff members Sara Pittman of Food Service and Bobby Lindsey of Transportation.

Non-instructional employees hired were:

- Gregory Martinez, mechanic, Buildings & Grounds;
- Doris Goodson, sub-worker, Food Service;
- Carrie Haverlock and Amy Marton, bus drivers, Transportation;
- LaTrena Plovie, payroll coordinator, Administration; and
- Erica Schimmel, paraprofessional, Special Services.

Absent from the meeting were board president Amy Pearce, board secretary Darlene Gerick, and trustee Dionne Falconer.

Flem Stiltner, IV, sentenced to 29-50 years for killing, dumping father

On Aug. 18, Flem Stiltner IV, 27, was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda Evans to 29 to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in the Aug. 9, 2020 death of his father, 48-year-old Flem Stiltner III.

Stiltner IV was initially charged with first-degree murder for allegedly stabbing his father to death in Wayne and then placing him into the back of a pickup truck and leaving it at Quirk and Belleville roads in Van Buren Township. He also had been charged with home invasion-first degree and tampering with evidence and those three charges were dismissed in exchanged

for the guilty plea.

He also was fined \$1,898. Stiltner IV received credit for 739 days of time served.

On Aug. 9, 2020 Michigan State Police were notified by the Van Buren Township Police Department of a dead body in the bed of a pickup truck that was found stuck in the grass around Belleville Lake in its township. An investigation by the Wayne Police Department and MSP led to the identification and arrest.

Kenneth Ray Barrett

Kenneth Ray Barrett, 61, of Willis, had his probable cause conference adjourned until Sept. 21 on charges of driving while license suspended causing death and failure to stop at the scene of an accident / death on July 27 in Van Buren Township.

His defense attorney Seymour Schwartz said he received discovery and, "I couldn't get to it." He asked for the probable cause conference on Aug. 24 to be adjourned. Judge Martin set it for Sept. 21. Schwartz said his client has a pretrial for a suspended license in Oakland County.

Prosecutor Marc Fedorak said he has two officers to testify for the preliminary exam and the medical report as part of the evidence. The date of the exam has yet to be set.



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contract with UIS;

• Approved the reappointment of Richard Pokerwinski to the planning commission with a term to expire July 23, 2025. The board also approved moving Dan Watson from the alternate position to a regular position on the planning commission;

• Approved directing the township supervisor, attorney, and manager to begin assessment and design planning for the Banotai Park and Sherwood Pond Reclamation and Improvement process and entertain design bids for township board consideration. Trustee Morgan voted no. She said such a five-year plan is usually done by Parks & Recreation Commission. Young said this is limited to Banotai Park and will be incorporated into the township's five-year recreation plan. Burdick said the township's Parks & Recreation Master Plan expired last December. He said they are seeking citizen input on this on the

township's web site and also on paper at the township offices;

• Approved unanimously Manager Burdick as the Sumpter Township Interim Parks Administrator, an item added to the agenda by Trustee Oddy. He said Burdick would deal with the county, but the Parks & Recreation Commission would generate the grants. Trustee Morgan asked if Burdick will be replacing Sharon Pokerwinski who currently deals with the county on the grants. Oddy said they were not replacing her and she will bring grants to the township manager. He said this is bringing the new township manager into the loop;

• Heard Bart Patterson introduce himself as running for treasurer. He said he has served two years on the planning commission and he has a desire to serve; and

• Heard Mary Ban complain about the overgrown brush along township roadways and note that township resident Anthony Richichi, who works at a museum in Ohio and is part of Civil War reenactments, wants to volunteer at the Belleville Area Museum. She said he has a solid foundation in history. She also asked if the residents of Wayne County are still paying on the 30-year bond to build a new jail. Financial Director Scott Holtz said he would find out.

VBT planners approve Kenworth's final site plan for N. Service Dr.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The final site plan for a 62,750-square-foot building with related site improvements for outdoor vehicle sales and vehicle showroom uses with accessory vehicle repair and service was approved for a 20-acre site at 44660 N. I-94 Service Dr.

This site is located between National RV and Camping World locations.

At its regular meeting Aug. 24, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously granted approval after discussing the problem with the county drainage ditch that cuts off the proposed sidewalk and water main in front.

That means constructing the required sidewalk will be more costly because it will have to traverse the Quirk Drain, a county ditch, with a bridge estimated at \$400,000.

Dan Power, planning and economic development director, said the applicant did not wish to invest in the sidewalk at this time and negotiated an agreement with the township to defer the construction of the sidewalk until a later date when the National RV site is required to build its sidewalk. As part of the agreement, the applicant will pay \$28,225 into the township's sidewalk fund to be used towards construction of the sidewalk within three years of occupancy.

There also was no public water main to the site, so the developer is being asked to build a 12-inch water main from Camping World to the west by 500 feet. The township is not requiring construction of the water main across Quirk Drain.

"The sidewalk is a challenge," Director Power said. He said the developer is being asked to extend a water main on someone else's property. Also, they will seek a variance to the pond ordinance to put in a dry pond.

"If approved by the board, it will be ready to go into pre-construction mode," Power said.

The applicant, Jeff Minter of CSM Companies, Inc., said they have been working on this project for the better part of a year and are getting ready for breaking

ground.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked if the \$28,225 mentioned is a performance bond and Power said it essentially is. Commissioner Jahr noted that the paperwork said it needed approval of the Downtown Development Authority and Power replied it was in the DDA district and it should go before the DDA to make sure they're comfortable with it.

Jahr also asked if it needed the approval of Wayne County and Power replied challenges could keep them from approving the sidewalk design. It will have to have a review by Wayne County because it's in the county's right of way, Power said.

"What happens in three years if no sidewalk is built and the bond forfeited?" Jahr asked and Power said the township would hire somebody.

Jahr said no cost overage is included and Power agreed that was true.

The gap is 130 feet on the National RV property and they would stay away from the road, if possible, according to one option, said Commission Chairman Bryon Kelley.

Power said if the bridge was outside of the right of way it would cost more and McKenna consultant Vidya Krishnan said it would be five times the cost estimate.

Paul Kammer, engineering consultant from Fishbeck, said it would cost \$80,000 for a bridge to just be delivered to the site and it is a "significant undertaking."

"A bridge too far," commented Krishnan.

"We really need sidewalks on that road," Jahr said. "Sidewalks are very important to us in Van Buren Township. We need sidewalks, particularly along that road." Jahr also noted the technical design of the pond doesn't match the applicant's design and he wondered if the township's technical manual needs an update.

Kammer said the Van Buren Township manual has not been changed since 2014 and, yes, it needs an update.

Krishnan suggested the applicant should be responsible for any overage in cost.

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VBT Plan

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Minter said they are not going to do a \$300,000 bridge. He said any construction would be more efficient while their equipment is on site.

Jahr made the motion to approve the final site plan with reasonable overages if the township has to seize the bond. This was seconded by Commissioner Medina Atchinson and the motion passed unanimously.

"We are not requesting you build a bridge," Commissioner Atchinson said.

Minter agreed to work with the township to come up with a plan for a sidewalk that was agreeable.

Zippy Auto Wash

The proposed Zippy Auto Wash at 11650 Belleville Rd. will be seeking a variance for relief from minimum glass requirements on a front building façade under the Belleville Road Overlay District. The planning commission was asked to comment informally on the project so its thoughts can be sent on to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The site is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Maria's and the drive back to the medical clinic, behind it.

The car wash was turned slightly to have the long part of the building facing Belleville Road, which requires 50% glass and just 46% is glass on the plans.

Present were Dave Brewer of the design firm and Corey Weaver of Saline the owner, with his wife Michelle, of the Zippy car washes in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Saline and four more coming up including the Van Buren Township site and one in Canton.

Weaver said their business wants to be a part of the communities that host them and has donated a quarter of a million dollars to more than 100 community organizations. He said the project includes two EV charging stations and is made of concrete construction, so there is no opportunity for rusting.

Brewer said this is the fanciest Zippy yet and Commissioner Jahr said, "It's a beautiful car wash. Fanciest car wash I've ever seen."

The white building has a blue roof and a residential look to the design.

Bernie Grant, an architect who is the newest member of the planning commission, said he understands they want people to recognize their brand and don't want to deviate from the design.

"We changed the 45-degree angle on

suggestion of township staff and we really like it," Weaver said.

Discussion on side-entry garages and building separation

The commission also discussed at length a proposal to change the zoning requirements for the minimum percentage for side-entry garages and building separation in residential developments.

Krishnan presented photos of homes 10 feet apart in Northville, Ypsilanti, Plymouth, and Pittsfield Township.

The commission had asked to see what it looked like in communities with the 10-foot setback and garages set forward or back.

Krishnan said developers want to finish the planned residential developments in Van Buren Township, but if they follow present rules, the prices are too high for young families to afford.

Commissioner Grant said in the 1940s and '50s, such higher density was built and, "You're building a wall." He said maybe a portion of a subdivision could have the higher density.

Commissioner Callie Barr agreed, "It looks super-tight."

Grant commented on the drainage between the houses with 10-foot setbacks. He said while that may be open with drainage between the homes, residents often bring in extra fill and there is a change from the time it was built.

Atchinson encouraged planners to continue their work and Krishnan said they could fine-tune the proposal and bring it back.

"We're the only one requiring 20 feet and we are trying to learn from their mistakes," Krishnan said of nearby communities.

Pond design

Because of the length of the meeting, a proposed discussion on the pond design of the expanded Van Buren Township stormwater detention basin that is part of the Community Center construction was removed from the agenda.

Power said because of the hour he will place this on a lighter agenda, possibly the Sept. 14 meeting. The two-hour-and-24-minute meeting then adjourned.



Belleville Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt came up with the idea of Goat Day and provided especially designed goat t-shirts for sale, with proceeds going to the Belleville Food Closet. He said between this year's t-shirt and the one from a previous year, they have raised \$2,000 for the food closet.

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Documents/Emails or information, that will help attorneys suing VISTEON Corporation on behalf of Van Buren Twp, MI, which sold bonds to help Visteon Corp. build its corporate headquarters in the Township. Visteon declared bankruptcy and now refuses to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds as promised. Who or what committee decided Visteon would not pay Van Buren Twp. as promised?

Information and/or documents showing Visteon originally intended to keep its promise to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds; or other information related to Visteon's treatment of Van Buren Twp. is needed.

Mail documents to Attorney J. Douglas Peters PLLC at 418 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111 or Call Mr. Peters at 734-725-9056.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

PA 188 of 1954 PROCEEDINGS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR GREENBRIAR SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, the owners of land within the **GREENBRIAR SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor, Assessing Officer, and Department of Public Services of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all affected properties within the **GREENBRIAR SUBDIVISION (MAP ATTACHED)** that are benefited by the proposed rehabilitation and improvement of Greenbriar Drive, Woodwall Court, Woodside Court, Greenwood Court, Greenwood Drive, Thornwood Drive, Briarcliff Drive, Briarwood Court, Bramblewood Court, and Greenbriar Court based upon the recommendation and cost estimates of the Asphalt Specialists, Incorporated ("General Contractor"). Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the rehabilitation and improvement of Greenbriar Drive, Woodwall Court, Woodside Court, Greenwood Court, Greenwood Drive, Thornwood Drive, Briarcliff Drive, Briarwood Court, Bramblewood Court, and Greenbriar Court per recommendation and cost estimates of the General Contractor and costs incidental thereto within the special assessment district as detailed on the plans of the General Contractor on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. **The proposed total assessment for each tax parcel is \$ 4,455. which may be paid by property owners in up to five (5) annual installments of \$891 each, which includes 1.5% interest.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is one equal share per parcel of the whole sum levied against all parcels in said district. The assessment represents the 100% contribution of project costs by the owners of real property within the Greenbriar Subdivision.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll, hearing any objections thereto from the public, and approving the roll. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during business hours of regular business days until the time of the public hearing and may be examined at said hearing.

Any owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

[The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at this hearing may file a written appeal of this special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.]



Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Posted: August 22, 2022
Publish: August 25, 2022;
September 1, 2022

Positive COVID tests total 10,574 for residents in 48111 zip code

The Wayne County Health Department announced that as of Monday, Aug. 29, positive COVID test results have totaled 10,574 for the population in the 48111 zip code. That number had been 10,482 on Monday, Aug. 15.

The number of deaths from COVID in the 48111 area remains at 138, where it was on Aug. 1.

On Monday, Aug. 29, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 7,327 positive cases and 91 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,144 positive cases and 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 2,103 positive cases and 33 deaths.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 300 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 21:
0241 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0349 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0353 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
0758 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0839 – suspicious person/vehicle, Colonial Rd. / Chester Ct.

1029 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1041 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1139 – follow-up by officer, E. Archwood Dr.
1142 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1215 – assist fire dept., W. Huron River Dr.
1245 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1329 – harassment call, Maurice Dr.
1343 – welfare check, Maple Dr.
1615 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1635 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1651 – traffic offense, Robison River Park
1909 – domestic, Vernon St.
1925 – civil matter, Berkdale Dr.
1949 – neighbor trouble, Winchester St.
2007 – traffic offense, Jeremy Rd./Mitchell Dr.
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

2035 – 911 welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
2037 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.
2045 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
2120 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2120 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sawgrass Ct.
2142 – disorderly, Winchester St.
2211 – assist other dept., W. Archwood Dr.

Monday, Aug. 22:
0007 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0018 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
0134 – motorist assist, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0503 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
0858 – property check, Andover Farms
0944 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1203 – larceny from auto, Holly Ln.
1245 – welfare check, Parkside Dr.
1311 – malicious destruction of property, Ryznar
1315 – intrusion alarm, W. Sadie Ln.
1323 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1418 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1510 – property check, Andover Farms
1551 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service
1605 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1644 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1736 – parking complaint, Barnwell/Cumberland
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1815 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Pond Ridge Dr.

1828 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1857 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1927 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1938 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, E. Sadie Ln.
2042 – suspicious person/vehicle, Birch Dr.
2248 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2328 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 23:
0309 – sexual assault, Beaumont Wayne
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0908 – malicious destruction of property, Richard Run Dr.
1049 – civil matter, Bayshore Dr.
1056 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1239 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1243 – B&E, Preserve Canton
1402 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1419 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1423 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1507 – harassment call, Van Buren St.
1514 – follow-up by officer, McKean
1521 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1529 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1553 – domestic, Sylvia Dr.
1743 – fraud, Hoefft Rd.
1804 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Old Denton Rd.
1813 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./

Beckley Rd.
1852 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1941 – fraud, Brandi Dr.
2017 – property damage accident, Rolan Meadows
2055 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Snow Rd.
2059 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
2218 – intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.
2241 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury

Wednesday, Aug. 24:
0038 – suspicious activity report, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0110 – intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.
0322 – 911 welfare check, McKinley St.
0509 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.
0726 – assist other dept., Brookside Dr.
0756 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
0903 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0930 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0939 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
0956 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1110 – larceny, Holly Ln.
1127 – family trouble, Christina Ln.
1213 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1226 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Hannan
1242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1318 – larceny, Oak ln.
1319 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1615 – assist fire dept., Michigan Ave.
1726 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1756 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.
1920 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1945 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.
2124 – suicidal person, Oak Blvd.
2155 – overdose, Sugarbush Ln.
2341 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville

Thursday, Aug. 25:
0000 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
0100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Andover Farms
0124 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0129 – property check, Park Estates
0156 – welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
0752 – civil matter, Hardwood Dr.
0817 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
0838 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
0843 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0913 – road hazard, Ecorse I-275 ram N./N. I-275
0933 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1028 – larceny from auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1040 – larceny from auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1236 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bayshore Dr.

1321 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1326 – threat, Westlake
1601 – vehicle lockout, Renton Rd.
1606 – civil matter, Edgedale Dr.
1645 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1944 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2008 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2009 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2033 – assist fire dept., Maple Dr.
2042 – misc. complaint, Oak Blvd.
2037 – lake emergency, DNR boat launch/ Rawsonville
2136 – fraud, Lake Crest Dr.
2140 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
2210 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride
2316 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.

Friday, Aug. 26:
0008 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0136 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0238 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0730 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
0746 – disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.
1035 – larceny, Old Michigan Rd.
1200 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1240 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1246 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1249 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1251 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1257 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1403 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1419 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1428 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1439 – traffic offense, Andover Farms

1446 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
1502 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1510 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1606 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1605 – vehicle lockout, Maple Dr.
1630 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1711 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1730 – intrusion alarm, Patty Ln.
1905 – traffic offense, Jeremy Rd.
1922 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Coolidge St.
1954 – malicious destruction, Belleville Rd.
2016 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2038 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2054 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2116 – threat, Sylvia Dr.
2117 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2118 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.
2142 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2219 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
2304 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2309 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./E. I-94

Saturday, Aug. 27:
0025 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
0103 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0112 – dumping complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0237 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0435 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd.
0722 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0740 – intrusion alarm, W. Schooner Dr.
1017 – animal complaint, Alden Dr.
1041 – domestic, E. Sadie Ln.
1056 – assist fire dept., S. Bellridge Dr.
1123 – 911 welfare check, Morton Taylor Rd.
1202 – trespassing, Quirk Rd.
1307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Belleville
1407 – family trouble, Daniel Dr.
1412 – malicious destruction of property, S. Belleville Dr.

1426 – disorderly, W. Huron River Dr.
1443 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1509 – assist fire dept., W. Huron River Dr.
1535 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1527 – 911 welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.
1600 – parking complaint, Jackson St.
1605 – vehicle lockout, Peachtree Ln.
1621 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1630 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
1632 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1720 – neighbor trouble, Harmony Ln.
1758 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1802 – PPO violation, Holly Ln.
1818 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1948 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Rawsonville I-94 ramp E
1948 – domestic, Alden Ave.
1953 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
2054 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
2112 – warrant arrest, N. Telegraph
2156 – intrusion alarm, Arthur St.
2256 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.

There were 72 traffic stops on this week’s log and three of them were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 21:
0211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
0937 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1102 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1719 – welfare check, Robbe St./S. Edgemont St.
2026 – traffic stop, Third St./N. Liberty St.
2050 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2137 – civil matter, Carmell St.
Monday, Aug. 22:
1200 – sexual assault, High St.
1802 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
2015 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St./Third St.
2106 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2258 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
Tuesday, Aug. 23:
0519 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1245 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1731 – traffic stop, Reene/Elwell
1807 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1820 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1836 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

1911 – larceny, Main St.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
Wednesday, Aug. 24:
0427 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1041 – animal complaint, Main St.
1527 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2021 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
2044 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
2203 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2237 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
Thursday, Aug. 25:
1621 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1640 – domestic, Loza Ln.
2106 – found property/child, Main St.
2151 – animal complaint, High St./Main St.

Friday, Aug. 26:
0922 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1017 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1025 – traffic stop, Robbe St./Madelon St.
1231 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1247 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
1305 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
1313 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1449 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1707 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1720 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1755 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1836 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2005 – fraud, Carmell St.

Saturday, Aug. 27:
1052 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
1149 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1159 – traffic stop, Main St.
1236 – traffic stop, High St.
1314 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1323 – assist fire dept., High St.
1512 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
1830 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave./Church
1842 – traffic stop, Main St.
2138 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
2155 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
2258 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.

There were 30 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 21:
0024 – family trouble, California St.
0128 – animal complaint, Washington St.
0200 – alarm, Knollwood Dr.
0350 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Willis
0516 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1337 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1518 – neighbor dispute, Birch Dr.
1617 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd
2012 – follow-up investigation, Hampshire Dr.
2020 – mental health call, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
2105 – larceny, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2141 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2345 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2348 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville

Monday, Aug. 22:
0207 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
0703 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0813 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0912 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Martinsville
1038 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Karr
1151 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1223 – neighbor dispute, Wyoming St.
1234 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd./Wear Rd.
1251 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1318 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1340 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1655 – harassment complaint, 43000 bl. Judd
1758 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1839 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1905 – ORV complaint, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.
1922 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2103 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Willis
2146 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
2228 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 23:
0103 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
0526 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0732 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Arkona
0749 – suspicious circumstance, Sherwood/Arkona
0907 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Kozma
0938 – unauthorized driving away of an auto, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

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1217 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Rawsonville
1230 – suspicious circumstance, Elwell Rd./Willis
1235 – animal complaint, Delaware St.
1642 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd./Lohr

Wednesday, Aug. 24:

0039 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
0114 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
0325 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0804 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1018 – property damage accident, Arizona St.
1059 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1102 – suspicious person, Wyoming St.
1311 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Harris
1426 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1438 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1921 – suspicious circumstance, Tamarack Dr.
2133 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2343 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 25:

1057 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willow
1141 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.
1332 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Willis
1432 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1555 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1642 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
1658 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
1827 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1936 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1945 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1954 – suspicious circumstance, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2002 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2028 – shots fired, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2111 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
2139 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.
2151 – neighbor dispute, 29000 bl. Martinsville
2216 – welfare check, Martinsville Rd./Harris Rd.

Friday, Aug. 26:

0335 – traffic complaint/hazard, Elwell Rd./Judd
0754 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0821 – alarm, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1444 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1728 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1841 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1948 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Judd
2034 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.

Saturday, Aug. 27:

0007 – missing person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0222 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0306 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
0750 – property damage accident, Judd/Sherwood
1315 – fire dept. assist, California St.
1324 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1522 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1551 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1606 – breaking & entering report, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1711 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1730 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1731 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis
2251 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
2312 – noise complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 90 patrol checks, 18 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

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A Vendor Market is coming, rain or shine, to the Sumpter Township outdoor pavilion on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring crafts, treasures, quilts, jewelry, crocheted items and much more. Table rental is \$10 and reservations can be made for one by calling (734) 461-9373 and leave a message or email maryannwatson@sumptertwp.org.

Mike Windiate, Sr. at Belleville Pro Hardware would like to include few more names that help keep the family business running day to day. They are Mike Windiate Jr. and Tera Combs. Mike's front page photo last week with his grandson for his business anniversary came out nice. Congratulations, once again!

A Red Cross Blood Drive is coming up on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from noon until 6 p.m. at Faith Community Church on East Huron River Drive. To sign up visit www.redcrossblood.org, click Find a Drive, enter 48111, and scroll down to Faith Community Church and select a time.

Willow United Methodist Church on Willow Road in New Boston will be holding another Drive-Through Chicken Supper on Sept. 14, beginning at 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Dinners are \$14 and include four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll, and choice of pie. Call (734) 654-9020 for quicker carryout orders starting at 5 p.m. Miss this event? Dinners will also be available on Oct. 12, and Nov. 9.

Congratulations to the reigning Class A Division 1 champion Belleville Tigers football team as they started the new season with a 41-10 win over Novi at the Zenith Prep Kickoff Classic held last weekend at Wayne State University in Detroit. Because of Labor Day weekend, the Tigers (1-0) travel to Dearborn this Thursday, Sept. 1, beginning at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

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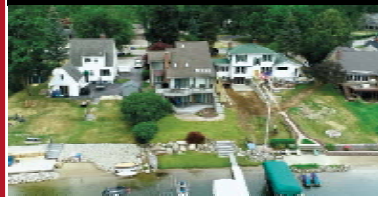
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