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Memorial Day parade begins at 10 a.m.

Monday from BHS

On Monday, May 25, the Belleville Central Business Community will host a Memorial Day Parade stepping off from Belleville High School at 10 a.m.

Sponsors for the Parade are: Belleville Downtown District Authority, Clement Insurance Agency, Hampton Manor of Van Buren, Jack Demmer Ford, Wayne County Community College-Ted Scott Campus, KSpringer Media, and Milton Pharmacy.

The Belleville First United Methodist Church will host a King Brothers Pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Polish Legion of American Veterans will hold a ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street, immediately following the parade.

Following are the parade participants:

- Van Buren Township Public Safety Honor Guard
- Grand Marshals Pete Pitzen, VFW and Lori Day, PLAV
- Scouting America Troop #793
- BHS NJROTC Cadets
- City of Belleville officials
- Belleville Director of Public Safety Kris Faull
- City of Belleville Fire
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- Van Buren Township elected officials
- Tyler Elementary School
- Dogs by Janet
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- American Heritage Girls Troop MI0413
 - Rockwood councilwoman Marci Grzywacz, candidate for State Senate
- Kona Ice
- Belleville Central Business Community Business Dog
- River of Life Assembly Church
- Next Level Carts
- Rich Pietrogallo
- Big Best in Games



Bellevillains team members Owen Underwood, Ethan Sulea, Beau Bandy, and John Laginess prepare to compete on the Curie Field at the FIRST World Championships in Houston, Texas. The Championships were held from April 28-May 2.

VBPS Robotics puts a wrap on 2025-26 season

By Mark Laginess, president
 Tiger Robotics Booster Organization

The Van Buren Public School Robotics Teams capped off their 2025-26 season recently with a banquet to honor and recognize the great work done by team members at all levels throughout the school year.

This year's FIRST Robotics season, called FIRST "Age" and sponsored by Qualcomm, employed an archaeology theme for all levels of competition and engaged teams in activities related to discovering and preserving the past.

FIRST LEGO League Challenge and FIRST Tech Challenge teams participated in their season's main competitions in the fall of 2025.

Tiger Robotics Booster Organization hosted a FIRST LEGO League Challenge event at Belleville High School for 36 teams from around southeast Michigan which included four fourth grade groups from Edgemont, Rawsonville, Savage, and Tyler Elementary Schools as well as five fifth and sixth grade teams from Owen Intermediate School.

One of the Owen teams, Owen Orange, also participated in the FIRST In Michigan state event last December at Mason High School in Mason, MI. The McBride Middle School seventh and eighth grade team, Team 14670, the TerrorBytes, competed in two FIRST Tech Challenge events, the Ann Arbor Qualifier at Forsythe Middle School and the Metro Detroit Tournament

at Wayne County Community College District in Van Buren Township.

At the FIRST Robotics Competition level, the Bellevillains of Team 6615

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

What foster care is like from inside a big family – a personal tale

By Connie Smith, Berkley

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, and I know what that sounds like to most people. Another plea for more foster parents, more depressing statistics about a broken system, or grim headlines about what happens to kids who age out.

And I understand why, when the problem feels that large, we go numb. We tell ourselves it's too big, too broken, too far outside our lane. So we scroll past it.

But I'm asking you to stop scrolling for just a moment, and pay attention.

Right now, there are nearly 329,000 children in the U.S. foster care system. Approximately 20,000 of them will age out every year, turning 18 without a permanent family, without a safety net, and without the community that every child deserves.

Of those who age out, between 40 and 50% will experience homelessness within 18 months. Only 3 to 4% will ever earn a college degree, compared to nearly half of their peers

One in four will be involved in the justice system within two years of leaving care.

These are not strangers' children. These are our children, and they will grow up, move into our neighborhoods, and shape the world our own kids and grandchildren inherit.

I say that with some authority. I am a former foster youth, who did age out of the system and beat those odds. I am also a former foster parent, a now-adoptive mother, and a foster care advocate with Guiding Harbor in Belleville, which serves children and young adults impacted by foster care.

My story entering care might seem minor compared to the tragedies others have lived, but it was still traumatic. I was born to a mother with serious mental health struggles and placed with a couple whose home turned out to be an animal-hoarding situation. When law enforcement intervened, I was moved to the home of a widowed woman near retirement age, the school lunch lady, who was raising foster children largely on her own.

What saved me wasn't a government program. It was a village. The neighbors who always had an eye on us kids. The extra pantry that opened up when ours ran low. The person who offered a ride when my foster mom was working a double shift. Without those people showing up, quietly, consistently, without fanfare, I don't know where I would have ended up.

The research backs this up: a 2026 Michigan State University study published in the journal *Social Work Research* found that youth in foster care who had adequate emotional support were significantly less likely to be incarcerated.

A wide body of research confirms that

strong community networks protect foster youth against homelessness, mental health crises, and long-term instability.

I lived that truth again when my husband and I became foster parents, and then had our world turned inside out.

We had been fostering our three-year old daughter since May of 2019. Then, on March 10, 2020, exactly one week before my employer sent us home to work remotely, we welcomed her two brothers into our home: a nine-month-old, and a two-year-old.

We already had three biological children ages 17, 12, and five. Overnight, our family of six became a family of eight, in the middle of a global pandemic.

My husband and I were both news producers and editors at Fox 2 Detroit at the time. When the world hits a crisis, the newsroom does not slow down. We were producing live breaking news from home while simultaneously managing a college freshman, a high school freshman, and a kindergartner on Zoom, plus three toddlers with no daycare.

By June, I was on the phone with our social worker, sobbing, begging her to find a new home for the kids. I loved them, but I was drowning. Her response stopped me cold: *"Where do you think these kids are going to go? There are no homes. They would sleep on an agency floor."*

So I pulled myself together, and I asked for help.

Neighbors dropped off casseroles from six feet away. Church friends left toys on our porch. Community members offered to mow our lawn, just to give us one less thing to worry about. None of it was dramatic. None of it required a license or a background check. It was just people showing up. And it made the difference between a family fracturing and a family holding.

Today, those three children are adopted. They are thriving. They know who they are, where they belong, and who their people are.

That is what a village does.

Here is the thing I want you to hear, though. Becoming a foster parent is not the only way to be part of this. Yes, Guiding Harbor is always looking for families willing to open their homes, and that calling is a profound and needed one. But we are not all built for the same role, and that is not a failure. It is just the truth of how communities work. We each bring something different.

What I am asking for, the smaller ask, and in many ways the more urgent one, is simply this: be part of the village.

Bring dinner to a foster family once a month. Let your teenager babysit. Coach the rec league team. Be the teacher who



Connie Smith poses for a picture with her family

notices a quiet kid and offers a kind word. Sponsor a child's activity or a family's need through agencies like Guiding Harbor. Show up at a school fundraiser. Be the neighbor who waves from the driveway and means it.

You may not realize it, but approximately 90% of children in foster care have experienced at least one traumatic event, and 41% have a diagnosed mental health condition before they even enter the system.

These children are not broken, but they are fragile in the way that all human beings are fragile when they have been let down by the adults who were supposed to protect them. What they need, above almost anything else, is evidence that the world contains safe people. Consistent, caring, ordinary people. You.

Without the village, children who age out of foster care become untethered. Floating. Searching for something to hold

onto. And whatever fills that void first will shape the rest of their lives. The statistics make clear what fills it too often: trauma, incarceration, homelessness, and cycles of poverty that reach into the next generation.

None of us wants that. Not for any child. Not even the ones we have never met.

So this May, I am asking you, one community member to another, to look around and ask yourself: *What can I offer? How can I show up? Who in my neighborhood, my church, my school, my workplace might be a foster family that just needs one person to knock on the door and say, "I've got you"?*

The village is not a metaphor. It is a choice we make, one casserole, one kind word, one show of presence at a time.

Connie Smith of Berkley is a foster care advocate supporting Guiding Harbor Foster Care Agency. She is a former foster youth and an adoptive parent..

O P I N I O N S

Editorial: **Vulgar, rude VBT crowd screams at planning comm.**

Members of a hostile crowd screamed vulgar and rude comments at the May 13 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, as the protesters tried to shut down mega-watt data center action and approval of a Battery Energy Storage System on the corner of Bemis and Rawsonville roads.

The May 13 meeting lasted seven hours because some members of the crowd wanted to keep the commission from doing its job.

At one point, around 10:15 p.m., the commission chairman closed the meeting for a 10-minute break when the screaming from the audience made it impossible to hear a vote taking place at the commission table.

What was so appalling was that the worst offenders were women and their screams were ear-shattering. The few men who spoke were mainly professional and polite, except one man who gave the commission his middle finger as he walked out of the meeting room.

The chairman let crowd members speak time and time again during public

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EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

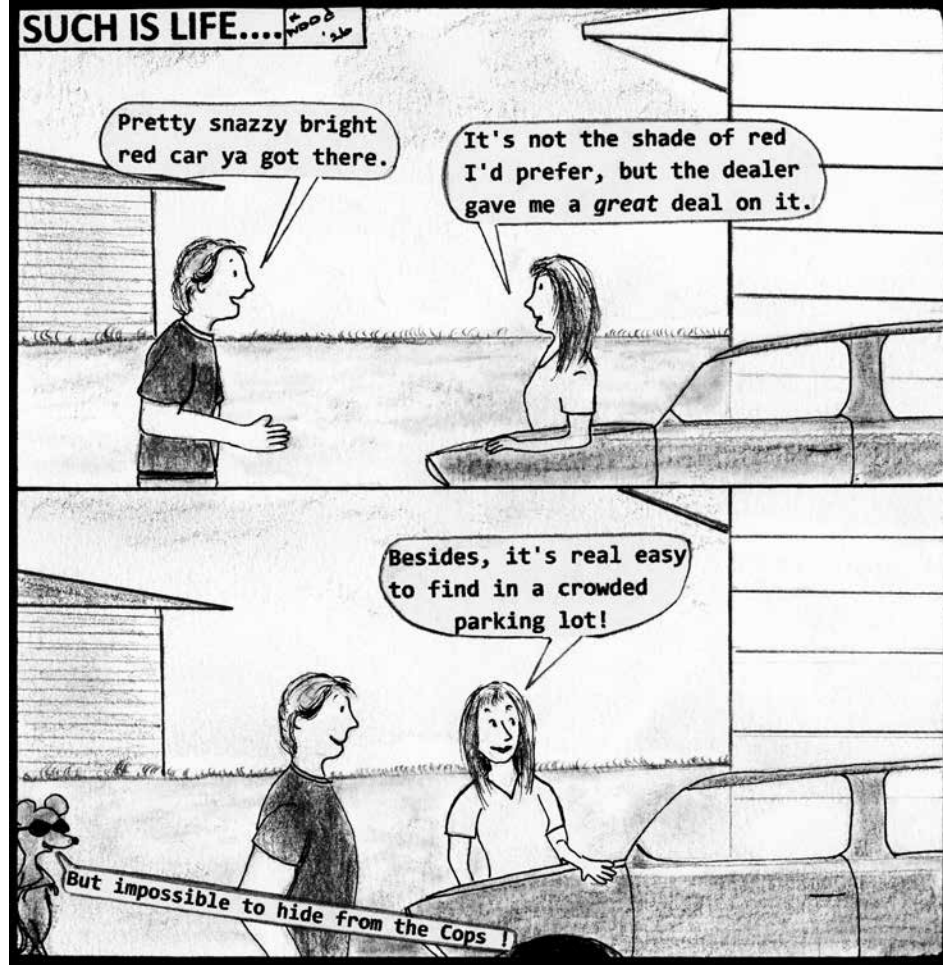
There was a public informational open house to discuss two proposed housing projects next to Waverly apartments. It was mainly for the neighbors to see the plans for the single-family homes on the site of the former golf course. The project also includes a large area of attached multi-family homes.

The meeting was May 14 and I had two other meetings at the same time, so I didn't attend. But the neighbors who did attend, some from Bayshore Drive on the lake, tell me they are not happy. They say Bayshore comes out on Denton Road at Beckley where the two proposed developments will come out with all their traffic.

The people who told me of their opposition are not ones to sit on their hands. Look for fireworks with lots of legal documents.

They won't be screaming and yelling and swearing like those who opposed the data center.

The proposed battery storage project in the area of Bemis and Rawsonville roads in Van Buren Township also is getting a lot of flack. Norm DeBuck, one of those attending the May 13 planning commission meeting, said if the fluid around the stored batteries spills onto the ground during maintenance, it could get into the ground water and to his family's 200 acres of sod growing next door and ruin their crops. He was one of the many who spoke against it.



We've also heard complaints about the Lake House development moving ahead on the former DNR property on the lake just north of the Belleville Bridge. Van Buren Township now owns the property and we published a drawing of what the new buildings will look like. There is said to be 110 parking places.

One woman who greatly opposed putting the new library there when that was proposed because of the traffic at that curve in Belleville Road came to see me. The library was built in the city of Belleville next to the museum and everyone agrees that location is wonderful.

The state has offered a \$750,000 reimbursement to Van Buren Township to make the Belleville Road-Quirk Road site safe. We're guessing it will be another traffic light in the bridge area, but often traffic signals increase the accidents at an intersection.

We received an email from a man who says the *Independent* is trying to save something that's not worth saving. He said donations aren't going to be successful at supporting a newspaper long term.

He suggests that plan be trashed and that the newspaper should go to digital reporting and the social media. He said nobody reads paper newspapers any more.

There are others who disagree, especially those seeking to keep legal notices in paper papers, instead of putting them in a municipality's website where they could

be changed or lost. When it's printed, it's permanent.

At the May 4 city council meeting the new Wings sculpture dedicated to the local teenager who died of brain cancer was donated to the city. It was erected in Horizon Park.

Then, on May 14, it was announced at the city planning commission meeting that all of the structures in Horizon Park would be taken up around Sept. 1 and stored until the bank stabilization work is done.

That includes the brand-new Wings sculpture. We hope they are very careful in handling it.

Mayor Voigt was not present for last Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council and neither was mayor pro-tem Kelly Bates. So, councilman Randy Priest agreed to chair the meeting in their absences.

The only problem was that his little dog that he brings to the meetings and usually hides under the council table started getting ornery and barking. It's a little bark, but still it was barking.

DPW director Nathan Johnson got up and took the leash and tried to take over control of the dog and it sort of worked. The dog still barked from time to time as the brief meeting progressed.



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Letters

Residents urged to speak out against Waverly plans for golf course

To the editor:
 I strongly encourage residents to attend Van Buren Township's Planning Commission Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Township Hall. Please join me in voicing concerns over a proposed zoning change to the Harbour Club Golf Course property.

If rezoned, The developer would like to replace the long-standing golf course/open green space with 92 single-family homes and 285 new rental units. (377 new addresses)

The proposed Waverly on the Lake development would permanently alter the character of our neighborhood. If approved, this development would increase traffic and infrastructure strain, ruin wildlife habitat, increase our highway noise pollution with their tree removal plan, increase storm water run-off to the lake and eliminate one of the area's historic recreational amenities. This is our only golf course and it needs to be restored, protected and preserved. Not Just Ignored!

Back in the 1970s one of the main reasons the township approved the construction of 1,150 garden style apartments on farmland was in exchange for the development plan to include a 9-hole PGA-style golf course. The golf course was presented as a permanent recreational amenity, intended to benefit township residents, surrounding neighborhoods and our wildlife. This was the highest density development in the township's history. (19 units per acre-1988 master plan) Do you really think the township planners/board wanted a future developer to come along, let the golf course deteriorate, then add 377 more rentals/homes on it? This is not simply vacant land waiting for future development. So let's find the original agreement and preserve what was originally agreed to.

After receiving a proposed development & zoning change notice in the mail on 4/30/26, I emailed many of our township leaders on 05/02/26. I officially asked them to share with me any and all agreements/

Editorial

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 comments, for fear of being accused of not letting them talk.
 Many of the women abused his openness with smirks. It was not pretty.
 During the break, one of the protestors, who works in real estate, told the crowd not to worry how the commission voted. She pointed out a woman in the audience from Detroit who she said was known nationwide for stopping data centers and she would work with them. Don't give up, it's not over, she told them.

restrictions/history on this property.(FOIA) To date, I have not received one document. Where did all the files go pertaining to the township's highest density development and this historic 9-hole golf course agreement? VBT Township quote, "We're still looking."

Please attend the Planning Commission Public Hearing and voice your concerns so we can try to SAVE our Neighborhood, our Historic Golf Course and our Wildlife.
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Children's Literacy event at library May 27

To the editor:
 Every child deserves the opportunity to read, learn, and succeed, but for many children in our community, that opportunity is slipping further out of reach.

According to the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), Michigan ranks 44th in the nation for fourth-grade reading. That is more than a statistic. It is a call to action for all of us.

On Wednesday, May 27 from 12-1:30 p.m., the Kiwanis Club of the Belleville Area will host "Open a Book, Open a World: A Community Celebration of Children's Literacy" at the Belleville Area District Library. This free event includes lunch and will bring together educators, literacy advocates, and community organizations to discuss both the challenges facing readers and the solutions we can build together.

The event will feature keynote speaker
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Jenn Richardson, Outreach Librarian, along with a panel of local and regional organizations working on the front lines of literacy.

This is more than a conversation; it is an opportunity for our community to come together and take meaningful steps to support children and families. Whether through volunteering, mentoring, or supporting literacy programs, each of us has a role to play.

We invite the community to join us, learn more, and be part of the solution.

Jennifer Trotter, president
Belleville Area Kiwanis Club

Belleville must stop ignoring a crisis

To the editor:

Belleville is facing an emergency of its own making — and City Hall's unwillingness to confront it is putting residents at risk.

Since April 17, residents tracking fire-related calls have documented that 39.34% of those calls never received a response from the Belleville Fire Department. That means nearly *four out of every ten people* who called for help were met with silence.

In any community, this would be alarming. In a city our size, it's catastrophic.

Despite this, Belleville continues to pour money into a system that is clearly broken. The city budgets \$25,000 a year for the fire chief's position and is now considering spending another \$800 for an office — even though City Hall was just built and likely has space available. Meanwhile, when nearly 40% of calls go unanswered, residents are told the chief is not required to respond outside of part-time hours.

How can a city justify spending taxpayer money on leadership while failing to provide the basic service that leadership is meant to oversee?

Residents are increasingly saying what city officials refuse to: Belleville cannot continue pretending it has a functional fire department. The performance numbers speak for themselves.

At this point, many are arguing that the city should stop operating a department that cannot reliably respond, hand fire coverage to Van Buren Township's full-time department, and be done with it.

Let Van Buren provide the protection, let Van Buren keep whatever equipment it wants, and sell off the rest. It is a straightforward, practical solution that would provide residents with the dependable protection they are currently being denied.

And this conversation shouldn't stop at fire services. Belleville police officers often patrol alone — a dangerous situation for the officers and the community. Residents

deserve to know why safer, smarter, and more stable regional options are not being considered.

This is not about attacking firefighters or police officers. It is about a system that continues to fail, leadership that refuses to confront the reality, and the taxpayer dollars being spent on a service that leaves nearly half of emergency callers without help.

A city where almost 40% of emergency calls go unanswered cannot claim to be providing public safety. It is past time for Belleville's leaders to stop defending the indefensible and start making decisions that actually protect the people who live here.

Residents deserve accountability. They deserve transparency. And above all, they deserve to know that when they dial 911, someone will come.

Chris Zweng and numerous residents of Belleville who contributed information

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, May 26 – City of Belleville budget session, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Wednesday, May 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.



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Obituaries



Barbara Lee Anderson

BARBARA LEE ANDERSON
 (August 31, 1938 – May 8, 2026)
 Barbara Lee (Patton) Anderson, age 87. Born to Robert and Olive Patton in Pontiac, MI. Barb grew up in Waterford Twp. and graduated from Waterford Twp High School Class of 1957. That same year she started her career at GM Truck and Coach Div. in Pontiac. A few years later she and husband Richard Anderson were transferred to the new facility in Ypsilanti, MI, retiring 30 years later. Barb was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by sister Nancy Slama (Joseph Slama) of Arizona, brother James Patton (Diane) of Belleville and several nieces and nephews. Barbara will be interred in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI.



Sandra Caron

SANDRA CARON
 Sandra Caron, 72, of Van Buren Township died on May 6, 2026. Sandra is survived by siblings Carole Brown, John Delano, Sherry Zunk, and Cindy Conklin. Loved by friends and family. No service will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be held soon. There will be an announcement on Facebook.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Friday, May 22** – “The Belleville Three,” who are credited with inventing Detroit Techno music, will be present at Diamondback Music Hall, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township. V.I.P. entry is 6:30 p.m., with general admission at 8 p.m. Ten percent of gross ticket revenue goes to Belleville Robotics Club.
- **Monday, May 25** – It's Memorial Day and the parade in Belleville starts off at Belleville High School at 10 a.m. It proceeds to Five Points and then heads up Main Street to Roys. The Memorial Day ceremony by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Polish Legion of American Veterans follows the parade at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street.
- **Thursday, May 28** – “Lost Film and Media,” a lecture by Tyler Moll, is from 6-7 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., with free pizza at 5:30 p.m. To save a seat email bam@vbtmi.gov or call (734) 697-1944.
- **Wednesday, June 3** – At 7 p.m. Michigan Flight Museum presents Book Talk: “Yankee Lady -- Remembering an Icon.” Photographer Kurt Affholter will introduce his new coffee table book featuring images of the Yankee Lady in unique and memorable settings. He also will present air-to-air images of rare World War II aircraft set against dramatic backdrops, exploring each aircraft's history. Entry is \$10 per person for non-members and free to museum members with registration. Museum is at 47884 D St., Van Buren Township, (734) 483-4030.
- **Saturday, June 13** – Kids Fishing Derby from 10 a.m. to noon at Banotai Park, 24598 Sherwood Rd., Sumpter Township. No fishing license required (State free-fishing weekend). Ages 17 and under. Awards at noon.
- **Friday, June 26** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township. Sign up for donation at the June 26 event by calling the church at (734) 483-2276 during office hours from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday or Thursday.
- **Thursday, July 16** – Belleville Newspaper Foundation fundraiser to keep the *Independent* publishing is 6-8 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club. Tickets are \$50 each and available through *Independent* advertising director Janet Millard, (734) 699-9020.

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SNHU announces local students on President's List, Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH -- Southern New Hampshire University announces five local students have been named to the Spring 2026 President's List. The spring terms run from January to May.

They are Parometris Watkins and Christopher Yonge, both of Van Buren Township; and Tiffany Williams, Zahra Diyaaaldeen, and Jacob Labut, all of Belleville.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Angela Gackstetter of Belleville was named to the school's Dean's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

BHS at-home games

- **Saturday, May 23** – JV Baseball vs. Carlson, 10 a.m. (double-header)
- **Wednesday, May 27** – JV Baseball vs. Trenton, 4 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Trenton, 4 p.m.

Jamie Cichowski, Athletic Secretary
 Belleville High School

More Letters

VBT clerk is not keeping voter rolls clean

To the editor:

I've been a lifelong resident of Van Buren Township – at the same address. My daughters left VBT in 1990.

Because I still live at the same address, every two years for 36 years I've gotten voters info cards in their names. I'll add one was in Ann Arbor and the other 50 miles away. As stated on the card, if you take no action to show that you still live at this address by the second November general election held in the even-numbered year after this notice, your voter registration will be cancelled.

So much for that. I talked to VBT clerk Leon Wright some time ago about this.

His comment was that my daughters didn't do their "due diligence."

His "due diligence" is to clean up VBT voter rolls and he's been clerk for many years to get that job done by now.

Eighty percent of U.S. voters want fair elections and in order for that to be done "the voters rolls can't be dirty."

Because "I" received these cards and discarded them, no one was able to use them fraudulently. Clerk Wright expected my daughters to go to VBT and physically remove their names.

I tried myself but that wasn't allowed.

Karen Conrad
Van Buren Township

Be sure to vote in Aug., Nov. elections

To the editor:

This is to all eligible persons of voting age.

Do not let the current federal regime make you feel as though voting does not matter. This is the scam they want you to believe. In not voting, you hand over the only non-violent means we have to shape the destiny of our country and the world at large. Never give up on elections. The vote is your voice. It's time to use our words.

We can no longer let the propaganda of how great we are doing be our acceptance that we have no control over our lives. The falsehoods that the rich and powerful's decisions are all we need to live a good life.

As we watch the fire storm in D.C. methodically destroy democracy in this country, it is essential that each and every one of us stand up and say no. The regime in D.C. only cares about themselves. It's time to look for leaders that want to work for "We the People".

I hear the naysayers out there. Saying things like there is no difference between the two major parties our system of government. When the GOP gets into office and our economy falters. They scream government doesn't work. Then they get into office and prove it. It then

takes progressive ideas the Democrats put forth to right the economy.

Please do not take the last sentence as a total endorsement of the Democratic Party. Like all humans, they too have faults. You don't have to look any further than the administration of Van Buren Township. If they cared about our community, we wouldn't have a hyper-scale data center next door to residential housing. Perhaps more housing on that property would have been better for all of us. First it was the Flock Cameras all over the township. Why is more surveillance propagandized as something good? It makes no sense.

Aug. 4, 2026 is the Michigan Primary elections. If you are not registered to vote, do so now and show up for the primary vote and then again on Nov. 3, 2026 for the general election.

Hal Innes
Van Buren Township

Do you remember BHS powerhouse debaters?

To the editor:

I wonder how many of your readers remember the powerhouse debate teams from Belleville High School in the 1970s and 1960s.

In 1975, Belleville brothers Charles and John Dougherty were awarded State Champion runner-up honors in a hotly contested debate versus Royal Oak Kimball

on the proposition that the United States should significantly change the method of selecting presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

In 1979, Belleville debaters Kim Buchanan and Dennis Corder won the Michigan State Championship defeating Southfield Lathrup HS. The team was coached by David White. The debate resolution called for the federal government to establish a comprehensive program to significantly increase the energy independence of the United States

A year earlier, Corder teamed up with Marci Rocha and earned State Champion runner-up honors, again against Southfield Lathrup, debating the resolution calling for the federal government to guarantee comprehensive medical care for all citizens in the United States.

The success of the teams coached by David White was preceded by a tradition of excellence established by coach Judith Tappan more than a decade earlier.

In 1966, Belleville debaters Marilyn Smith and Gloria Price were State Champion runners-up, to Battle Creek Central, debating the need for the federal government to adopt a program of compulsory arbitration in labor management disputes in basic industry. In 1967, the Belleville team of Doreen Skardarsy and Marilyn Smith defeated Royal Oak Kimball to reign as State Champions calling for the foreign aid program of the United States be limited to

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Why don't we get to claim property taxes?

To the editor:

I live in a mobile home near Belleville and I pay lot rent and taxes which is included in my lot rent.

The trailer park owners take part of the lot rent to pay for the complex property. Why don't we get to claim property tax

that we pay out of lot rent? Lot rent goes up through their justification.

If they are going to put up a club house, where are they going to put it?

Van Buren Township

Cameron Moore graduates from Albion

ALBION, MI -- Albion College announces Van Buren Township student Cameron Moore has graduated with a degree in sports communication.

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By Janet Millard
Independent
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Here it is Third Thursday again with extended hours for shopping and dining from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Belleville and popups in the Fourth Street Square. Come and check out the many crafters and specials, even if it rains the businesses will be open.

Next Thursday, May 28, the Belleville Area Museum continues with its lecture series. For May, Tyler Moll will do a presentation on "Lost Film and Media" at 6 p.m. Free pizza is at 5:30 p.m. if you register in advance. Call (734) 697-1944.

The Rotary Club of Belleville will be holding its June 4 golf outing at the Links at Gateway in Romulus with a 8:34 a.m. Shotgun start. Call Joyce at (313) 304-0474 to sponsor or register.

The Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue's 17th-annual golf outing is coming

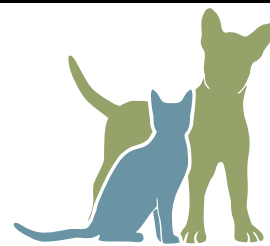
up fast. They will be at Geen Oaks on Clark Road in Ypsilanti again this year on Saturday, June 13 with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. To register and/or sponsor call (734) 323-2507 or golf@friendsofmichigan.org

You all know by now that FMAR and Guiding Harbor (Girlstown) are two of my favorite local charities but really, we have a lot of non-profits in town that do some really good work. One of them is the Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA). Thanks to them we will have the Missouli Children's Theatre in town again this summer. Lots more information will be coming on that. Hopefully you saw the letter to the editor in the paper last week giving you the opportunity to participate in the Neil Griffin Community Art Project and decorate a fish to be included in the display at Horizon Park this summer. So, go to the library, pick up a wooden blank, decorate it and return it to the library no later than Saturday, June 6. Next week I'll highlight another non-profit which is always giving back to the community.

Do you have an item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

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VBPS Robotics

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from Belleville High School followed two strong district showings, one at Milford and one in Belleville where they took home the winner's banner, with a trip to Saginaw Valley State University for the third straight year, competing as part of the top 160 teams in the FIRST In Michigan District State Championships.

Playing on the Aptiv-sponsored field, the team finished 12th after qualifying matches, their highest qualifying finish ever at the state event. That finish and alliance selections by higher-seeded teams put the Bellevillains in position to become an alliance captain for the playoffs, a first for them at the state level.

They selected teams from Brighton and Grosse Pointe Woods as their Alliance 8 partners. While Alliance 8 lost their first match to Alliance 1 teams from Lapeer, Auburn Hills, and Jackson, they won their second-round match against Alliance 4, sending groups from Fremont, Romeo, and Iron River home before losing a third-round match to Alliance 3 squads from Detroit, South Lyon, and Essexville, ending their state run.

Still, their state championship performance placed them 53rd overall in the state, four spots better than the prior year's finish. This led to their third consecutive invitation to the world championships in Houston, TX, in late April where, despite consistently high scoring performance, they finished 51st out of 75 teams in the Curie Division and were not selected to compete in the playoffs, ending their season.

In the last official FIRST competition for VBPS teams, two groups of third graders from Edgemont and one each from Tyler and Savage vied for awards in the FIRST LEGO League Explore "Vector Villains" event at Belleville High School on May 9 just prior to the season banquet.

Both Edgemont teams and the Savage team took home "Team Model" awards for the way they approached their robot model, while the Tyler team scored the "Coding" award for their work in programming their robot to perform specific tasks related to the archaeology-based challenge.

Reflecting on the season at the banquet, coaches thanked their teams and congratulated them on their fine efforts, recognizing them with certificates. The high school team coaches also awarded varsity letters to Bellevillains team members who qualified for them, and in a memorable way, honored individuals with creatively titled awards for their unique contributions to the overall success of the team.

Especially recognized were seniors Austin Gaston, Mikaylyn Griffin, Alexis Champagne, Keith Duke, Madalynn Smith, Ethan Sulea, Noah Ridgeway, Allie Horchem, and Braylon Prince.

The 2026-27 FIRST season has already been announced as FIRST "Canopy," a bio-diversity theme for which more details about specific challenges will be revealed

as each level's season commences, beginning with FLL Challenge and FTC in late summer.

The Van Buren Public School Robotic Teams wish to thank all of their supporters, sponsors, and donors who helped make this season a memorable and successful one.

Courtney Ivan wins Jackson College's top administrator award

Jackson College has recognized Courtney Ivan, executive director of Athletics and

Student Development, with the 2026 Outstanding Administrator Award.

This award honors a college administrator who goes above and beyond in their role, recognizing exceptional leadership and service. Ivan has worked for the college for nearly seven years. She previously served at Glen Oaks Community College and also worked at Jackson College, where she held the positions of women's basketball coach and assistant housing director.

In her current role, she oversees the athletic department and facilities, student life activities, and residence life, and is the interim housing director. She previously

oversaw student conduct.

Originally from Belleville, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Olivet College and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Mercyhurst University.

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Sumpter Police Officer of the Year honored

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Police Corporal Colleen Gottschalk was honored at Officer of the Year at the May 12 regular meeting of the Sumpter Board of Trustees.

In the absence of Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke, Fire Chief Goode presented a long list of awards to the police officers, leading up to the top Officer of the Year award. Then all the officers lined up

for a picture with the board. The awards are given out each year at a township board meeting.

In other business at the May 12 meeting, the board:

- Heard Rich Collins, pastor of River Bible Church, pray over the board to bring it wisdom in serving the community;
- Approved a staff barbeque outing for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 16. The township offices will remain open;
- Decided not to schedule a public open meeting to complain about roads since the county has responded to complaints with a public online meeting the previous week;

• Approved documents to initiate MERS Health Care Savings Plan per approved CBA with Sumpter Township Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, to become effective July 1;

• Set public workshop meetings for 6 p.m. May 21 at the community center and 6 p.m. May 28 at township hall to discuss bids received for the exterior work on the police department, senior center, community center, DPW building and library, as well as the future plans for township-owned facilities;

• Approved separating Randy Lynch from township employment with healthcare benefits to remain until May 30. The final payout of \$9,700.64 requested in the motion was removed, with the final amount to come back to the board with documents of proof before payout;

• Approved a fisherman and crane logo for Parks & Rec to use on their sponsorship letters;

• Heard clerk Don LaPorte say he was alerted the previous day that Sumpter Road between Willow and Oakville Waltz will be resurfaced by mill and fill. He also thanked everyone for their support and understanding his absence during his wife's hospital stay. He said she hopefully will be home that Friday;

• Heard township manager Ken Marten say the county presented a grading schedule for Sumpter for this season and it is in their packets;

• Heard treasurer Bart Patterson say that two weeks ago he was not present at the

board meeting because he was attending a conference. He said he was upset to learn that with two board members not present, the rest of the board put a last-minute item on the agenda to spend \$1 million to pave Judd Road. He said the board owes it to the public to post such items ahead of time so people could come in to support or oppose the spending. He asked the board not to do that again; and

• Went into closed door session to discuss strategy with AFSCME negotiations and then came back into regular session to make a motion to direct the township attorney to follow through as discussed in the closed session.

Caleb Smith of VBT named to Spring Dean's List at Cedarville Univ.

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VBT planners OK preliminary site plan for substation, 4-2

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The May 13 meeting of the Van Buren Township planning commission was a raucous affair that lasted seven hours, but decisions were made.

One observer commented this must have been the longest planning commission meeting ever for the township.

After two hours of public comment by 33 speakers, the commission voted 2 ayes and 4 nays on a motion to deny approval of the preliminary site plan for the DTE/ITC high-voltage substation/switching station to service the new data center planned

north of the I-94 North Service Drive and east of Haggerty Road.

This request for preliminary site plan approval had been postponed at the last meeting for more information.

The May 13 motion to deny failed. The motion to deny was brought by commissioner Jackson Pahle and seconded by Bernie Grant, who both have opposed the data center from the start.

A second motion, made by commission vice-chairman Jeff Jahr to approve the preliminary site plan was met by screams from the crowd so loud that the vote could not be heard and chairman Brian Cullin adjourned the meeting for ten minutes at 10:15 p.m.

When the commission went back into session, Cullin threatened to remove anyone from the meeting who interfered. Police officers had been on hand all evening.

The motion, with a caveat that there would be no eminent domain action or eviction for the ITC lines to reach the substation, passed 4-2, with yes votes by Jahr, Cullin, Medina Atchinson, and township board treasurer/board liaison Sharry Budd.. Commissioner Peter Creal

was absent from the meeting.

For the first time in recent memory, the township attorney sat at the commission table.

Battery Energy Storage System

It took an hour and 37 minutes for the hostile crowd to give their public comments during a public hearing on a special land use request for a Battery Energy Storage System on 22.27 acres near the corner of Bemis and Rawsonville roads.

Agenda items calling for approval for the project, as well as preliminary site plan approval, were postponed to an upcoming meeting. This was just after midnight, after 37 more minutes of public comment and a complaint that the chairman shut down public comment.

DeBucks Agritourism

After a two-minute public hearing, with no negative comments, the requests by DeBuck Brothers Investments was handled immediately. Their requests had been moved to the top of the business agenda so the family wouldn't have to sit through all the other business, but it took two hours to get to that point.

The commission voted to send to the township a recommendation for approval

of special land use for its pre-existing agritourism use. They also voted to approve preliminary and final site plans for agritourism at 50240 Martz Rd.

Planet Oil

A request by applicant Bill Chami on behalf of Zachary Rowley to amend the approved site plan at 10645 Belleville Rd. reached the commission table at 12:13 a.m. After finding the changes did not comply with the ordinance, the project was postponed. The township and applicant will work out the details before coming back to the commission for approval.

Hotel Height Ordinance discussion

A discussion on an ordinance amendment to raise the height allowed for hotels was moved to a later meeting because it was 12:30 a.m.

Participants

Many of those protesting and coming up to the microphone to speak several times were from other locations than Van Buren Township, including Detroit, Oakland County, Milan, York Township, Augusta Woods, Sumpter Township (with a scarf over her face and sunglasses), and an announced "transgender" from Wayne County. The woman from York Township offered t-shirts for \$20 each that read "Recall the Board."

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ORDINANCE 04-07-26(1) & ORDINANCE 04-07-26(2)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendment to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) was approved and is hereby adopted:

Ordinance 04-07-26(1): Zoning Text Amendment for Cul-De-Sac Length

Article 6 Section 6.111(C) pertaining to Cul-de-sac length within site condominium developments. The proposed amendment will reduce the maximum permissible length of cul-de-sacs from 1,200 feet to 600 feet to align with Chapter 78 provisions and support efficient emergency response access.

Ordinance 04-07-26(2): Zoning Text Amendment for Car Wash Regulations

Article 5: Development Standards for Specific Uses. Regulations include specifications on separation distance required between car washes, a limitation on the number of car washes permitted within a defined area, environmental impact study submittal as it relates to runoff generated from car washes, access from major thoroughfares, maximum impervious surface permitted, and traffic impact studies to be completed by the Township Engineer.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted: May 5, 2026
Published: May 21, 2026
Effective: May 29, 2026

Missoula Children's Theatre to hold auditions on July 20

Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre 2026 production of "Rapunzel" will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, July 20, at the McBride Middle School cafeteria, 47097 McBride Ave., Van Buren Township.

Missoula's visit to the Belleville area in 2026 is sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and a grant from Wayne County. There is no cost to the children taking part or their families.

Roles are available for students entering first grade through 12th grade.

Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session.

The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-minutes after the audition ends

No advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition.

Rehearsals will be during the day, every day of the week of July 20-25, and two performances will be done -- at 3 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 25.

Those interested in taking part are invited to email BACA/Missoula at cvangelde@comcast.net and they will be put on a reminder list with the reminder email to be sent out the first of July.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites is providing housing for the two Missoula directors for the week and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts thanks the hotel for its help.

BACA also thanks Van Buren Public Schools for providing the McBride school facilities for the event and Meijer for its financial donation.

Library board decides to let city hall settle in before review of contract

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the May 12 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, member John Juriga voiced his concerns again about whether the parking lot contract with the city needs to be changed since the city moved in across the parking lot from the library.

He passed around the Sept. 3, 2020 *Independent* that had a big, front-page picture he had taken of the pipes for water retention in place before the area was paved. The pipes, now buried, are to filter the water drained from the surface before it goes into Belleville Lake.

He said there is 440,000 gallons of water under the 91-space parking lot in those pipes and if they ever needed to be repaired, he wanted the city to share in the cost. He said administrations change over the years and he would like how much the city would pay in writing.

Board chairperson Sharon Peters said the

contract with the city is in writing, but not every little thing is mentioned. If there is repair needed to the parking lot, then the 59% library share and 41% city share kick in.

She said when the library was built, this site was Fourth Street and a city parking lot. The library struck a deal of collaboration with the city for a shared parking lot. They noted no one ever thought the city would move in at the other side of the parking lot.

"I'd like the city to take ownership," Juriga insisted.

Board member Joy Cichewicz said that sometimes you can go down a rabbit hole when you start changing things.

"I've been on commissions 22 years and I know how the city works," Juriga said. "I'm thinking of the future. We may be dead by the time it's a problem."

"The majority of the use is by the library," Cichewicz said. "Let's let the city settle in for

a while."

The rest of the board agreed to hold off on discussions with the city and Juriga pulled back on his issues for now.

In other business in the hour-long meeting, the board:

- Agreed the annual budget hearing would be at the next meeting on June 9;

- Approved a motion to change the official email address set in 2015 for the Freedom of Information Act requests, taking it out of gmail. The new address is foiarequest@belleville.lib.mi.us;

- Heard library director Mary Jo Suchy say she wanted to brag about her staff. She said circulation department head Lindsay Lore just completed her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at Wayne State University. Also shelper Ross O'Brien just completed his undergraduate degree.

- Learned the library is hosting a temporary

summer employee through the Michigan Rehabilitation Services Division of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. The program is designed to assist high schoolers and graduating seniors who need extra help in obtaining job skills;

- Was informed the library is rolling out LibConnect in May and June, where patrons will receive targeted emails, online newsletters, and information about the library's events;

- Heard Suchy announce that class visits to the library are in full swing. She gave kudos to the youth services librarians for providing engaging, informative, and entertaining field trips to local students; and

- Heard Cichewicz report that she found out how one of her bee hives failed over the winter. She said a mouse got in the comb and ate up all the honey and the bees. When asked how she knew, she said she saw mouse droppings and did an autopsy on a mouse.



City of Belleville Public Notice



JOB POSTING

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Job description

Salary: \$20.00

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Job Type: Part-Time Regular

Department: Department of Public Works

Division: Cemetery

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General Description

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2. Assist with funeral preparations.
3. Mixes cement and install burial markers.
4. Assists with digging foundations.
5. Other duties as assigned.

Required Minimum Qualifications/Desirable Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED equivalent.
- State of Michigan driver's license with acceptable driving record.
- Basic proficiency with office computers and related software.
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Supplemental Information

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Report: North Liberty Street work should be all done by this Friday

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Interim city manager Steve Jones told the Belleville City Council on Monday that all the milling is done on North Liberty Street and the asphalt paving will start by

Wednesday, May 20.

He said all the road work is expected to be done by Friday, May 22, except for the striping which will come at a later date when the strippers are available.

This is the final stage of the replacement of underground utility mains in the street.

Jones also said the Horizon Park bank stabilization project is out for bids, which are due June 9. The work will begin Sept. 1 and last through February, he said.

The art pieces in place in Horizon Park will be removed and stored, along with benches and tables. He said the rose arbor may not survive and could be repaired in the spring.

He said the park is being cleared because the space is needed for the large equipment to be used to stabilize the bank.

There were two members of the council absent from Monday's meeting, mayor Ken Voigt and mayor pro-tem Kelly Bates.

Presiding was councilman Randy Priest. Also present were councilmembers Julie Kissel and Jeremiah Beebe.

In other business at the 20-minute meeting, the council:

- Heard public safety director Kris Faull report that fire fighter Alex Kingsley has successfully completed classes in the fire academy and now is a full member of

the fire crew. She also reported that Ray Martin has successfully completed his EMT test and now is a certified EMT. He finished his fire classes last year;

• Passed a resolution approving the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) Authority Public Agency Main Services Agreement; and

• Authorized transferring delinquent water bills to the Summer 2026 tax roll.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 4, 2026 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Beebe	Absent - Excused
Council Member Priest	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Presentations

i. Third Circuit Court of Michigan
1. Presentation given by Judge Charise Anderson regarding functions of the court, and community engagement.

• Citizen Comments

i. Jennifer Camilleri
1. Veterans will be handing out poppies on Main St. this weekend.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Bates to approve the agenda as presented, with the removal of "non-agenda" from the Item 3 heading.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

• Approval of Minutes

i. April 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes

• Budget report

i. None.

• Communications

i. None.

• Council Follow-up list

i. As of April 30, 2026

• Police Stats

i. None.

• Fire Stats

i. None.

• DPW Report

i. None.

• Special Events

i. Lake Fest 2026

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

• None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Resolution # 26-025 – Acceptance of Donated Memorial Sculpture "Harper's Wings"

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve Resolution # 26-025, as presented.

Motion Carried.

b. Resolution # 26-026 – Authorization to Sign Closing Documents for Savage Rd. Property Sale

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve Resolution # 26-026, as presented.

Motion Carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Priest	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

c. Departmental Budget Presentations

a. Department Heads Faull, Johnson, and Papin

provided their fiscal year 2026-27 budget projections to the Council.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

• Accounts Payable

• Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Priest	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. INTERIM CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Thank you to the attendees of tonight's meeting.
• Reminder to watch for children and motorcycles as we move further into the Spring season.

• The restrooms at Victory Park have been opened for the year, with the city's other public restrooms to follow shortly.

• The paving and water main project on N. Liberty St. is coming along well.

• The Horizon Park project is expected to go out for bid sometime this week.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Council Member Beebe

i. None – Absent.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

i. Thank you to the department heads for their budgetary presentations.

ii. Thank you to Dinara Strikis for representing Lake Fest at the meeting.

iii. Excited about a possible partnership with the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue (FMAR).

iv. Happy Anniversary to Mr. Bates, as it is their 16th wedding anniversary next Friday.

c. Council Member Kissel

i. The Planning Commission is slated to meet next Thursday.

ii. Enjoyed the presentation from the 3rd Circuit Court.

iii. The dedication of the "Harper's Wings" monument will take place next Tuesday.

d. Council Member Priest

i. Thank you to the department heads for their budgetary presentations.

ii. Happy to hear that the Ordinance Officer position has been re-instated.

iii. Asked if the grass behind the bathrooms at Village Park could be reseeded, as it is currently torn up.

iv. The planters on each end of Liberty St. are rotting; asked if they could be addressed.

12. Mayor's Comments

• Thank you to everyone who attended and/or participated in the Mayor's Ball; it was a great time for a great cause.

• Thank you to the department heads for their work on their budgets.

13. CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

e. None.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Briana Papin, City Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Belleville CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 26/27

Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday May 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers of Belleville City Hall 330 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111 for the purpose of presenting the proposed budget for fiscal year 26-27 to the City Council.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 316 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, May 10:

0150 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0402 – traffic offense, Denton/Mott
0434 – disorderly, Wildrye Ct.
0526 – assist other dept., North fishing site LHLH
0633 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0933 – assist fire dept., Assembly St.
0939 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
1024 – civil matter, Habour Pointe Ct.
1021 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1025 – mental subject, Sadie Ln.
1049 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1053 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1124 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd./Bak Rd.
1151 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1154 – missing person, W. Huron River Dr.
1350 – assist citizen, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1225 – vehicle lockout, Beck Rd.
1242 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1240 – PPO violation, Sumpter Rd.
1344 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1505 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ Presidential Dr.
1656 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1719 – weapons violation, Maple Dr./Birch Dr.
1749 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, America/Landmark
1835 – civil matter, W. Adams
1858 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1956 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2124 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, May 11:

0024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Walk Blvd.
0041 – assault & battery, Brandi Dr.
0103 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Ln.
0133 – civil matter, E. Sadie Ln.
0317 – parking complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0658 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
0714 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
0843 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave.
0832 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
0849 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1042 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
1112 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1200 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
1230 – malicious destruction of property, Country Ln.

1255 – domestic, Pinewood Ln.
xxxx – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.

1313 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1401 – welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1500 – family trouble, Fret Rd.

1525 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, America
1558 – threat, Denton Rd.
1605 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Red Oak Dr.

1659 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
1704 – mental subject, Holly Ln.
1715 – property damage accident, Hull Rd.
1831 – civil matter, Haggerty
1846 – trespassing, W. Huron River Dr.
1901 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2032 – noise complaint, Ventura Dr./Peninsular
2132 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

2230 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

Tuesday, May 12:

0017 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0027 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0343 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1019 – 911 welfare check, Riggs Rd.
1132 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Chinkapin Dr.
1340 – larceny, Holly Ln.
1405 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Briarcliff Dr.
1436 – fraud, Renton Rd.
1506 – animal complaint, Richmond Rd.
1538 – assault & battery, Michigan Ave./Denton
1551 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1817 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1906 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Chinkapin Dr.

1932 – disorderly, Park Estates Dr.

2029 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ashbury Dr.

2059 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brookside Dr.

2120 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

Wednesday, May 13:

0104 – abandoned auto, W. I-94/Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.

0952 – animal complaint, Maude Ct.

1018 – civil matter, Marina Dr.

1014 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.

1044 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1142 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.

1347 – assist citizen, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.

1420 – domestic, Country Ln.

1450 – intrusion alarm, Briarcliff Dr.

xxxx – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx – repossession, Ecorse Rd.

1600 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.

1624 – warrant arrest, Country Ln.

1859 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1801 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Buren Ct./Van Buren St.

1837 – suicidal person, Sandalwood

xxxx – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.

xxxx – welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.

xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

1911 – welfare check, Oak Ln.

2111 – family trouble, Rolan Meadows Dr.

2108 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

Thursday, May 14:

0030 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

0052 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.

xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.

0326 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

0740 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.

0750 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.

0819 – domestic, Sunrise Ln.

1037 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.

0927 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.

0940 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.

1006 – welfare check, Meadows Cir.

1032 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Van Born

1117 – fraud, Jeremy Rd.

1118 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Chaney Ave.

xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1150 – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1150 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.

1234 – shooting, Victoria St.

xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1244 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Riggs Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

1329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1424 – assist citizen, Cobblestone Creek Dr.

xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1446 – motorist assist, Auto Zone

1515 – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1548 – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1604 – family trouble, Pebblebrook Dr.

1646 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1827 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.

1852 – welfare check, E. Adams

1927 – property damage accident, Anna Dr.

1941 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

2014 – property check, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2028 – larceny, Ironwood Dr.

2114 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.

2136 – assist fire dept., Assembly St.

xxxx – repossession, Hardwood Dr.

Friday, May 15:

0213 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.

0234 – animal complaint, Buchanan St.

0249 – suicidal person, Maple Dr.

0443 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Ln.

xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0736 – 911 welfare check, Hanover Dr.

0825 – larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.

1012 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.

1047 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.

1057 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.

xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.

1429 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.

1433 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1525 – animal complaint, Hickory Woods

1611 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1722 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Pond Ridge Ln.

1738 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Borgman Ave.

1950 – civil matter, Wildflower Ct.

2135 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.

2140 – 911 welfare check, Savage Rd.

2143 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.

2310 – welfare check, Ladonna Ln.

2326 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.

2336 – family trouble, Tavistock Dr.

Saturday, May 16:

0053 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.

0147 – shooting, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.

0641 – assist fire dept., Sadie Ln.

0724 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

0735 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.

0959 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

1011 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd.

xxxx – repossession, Hardwood Dr.

xxxx – repossession, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1145 – neighbor trouble, Parkside Dr.

1157 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1149 – unattended death, W. Archwood Dr.

1202 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.

1256 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/ Rawsonville Rd.

1501 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.

1546 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.

1551 – abandoned auto, Old Michigan Rd.

1559 – domestic, Liberty Ln.

1642 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1654 – civil matter, Locust Dr.

1948 – noise complaint, Robson Rd.

2017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

2008 – motorist assist, Belleville/Liberty

2025 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

2100 – road hazard, Haggerty/I-94

2205 – 911 welfare check, Tallgrass Ct.

2214 – sexual assault, Park Estates Dr.

2140 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.

2214 – noise complaint, Rawsonville Rd8

Also, on this log are 118 traffic stops, 18 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 10:

0936 – malicious destruction of property, Anaheim
1225 – found property/child, N. Liberty St./ E. Huron River Dr.

1250 – assist fire dept. Angola St.

1516 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.

1908 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Liberty St.

1925 – welfare check, Denton Rd./Belleville Rd.

1938 – disorderly, Santa Clara St.

2114 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.

2319 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.

Monday, May 11:

0614 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.

0755 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.

0904 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

0946 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.

1239 – personal injury accident, South St.

2022 – 911 welfare check, Henry St.

Tuesday, May 12:

0900 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

0901 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

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0902 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

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1214 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Av e.

xxxx – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

1327 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1344 – follow up by officer, Santa Clara St.

1757 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / South St.

Wednesday, May 13:

0006 – repossession, Carmell St.

0846 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

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1937 – domestic, N. Aberdeen Ct.

2059 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E.

Huron River Dr./S. Biggs Ave.

Thursday, May 14:

0004 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St./Main St.

0747 – assist fire dept., Owen St.

0917 – vehicle lockout, South St.

0942 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

0959 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

1604 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1834 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

2001 – domestic, N. Aberdeen Ct.

2033 – property damage accident, Third/Main

2106 – harassment call, Light Tower Ct.

2308 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, May 15:

0623 – fight, Main St.

0730 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.

0934 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1144 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.

Edgemont Ave.

1251 – missing person, Carmell St.

1448 – breaking & entering, Carmell St.

1526 – larceny, Henry St.

1846 – fraud, Main St.

2154 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

2305 – fraud, Wexford Ave.

Saturday, May 16:

1035 – civil matter, Charles St.

xxxx – repossession, Carmell St.

1200 – property damage accident, Main St./Third

1557 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

There are 83 reports on this week's log, 25 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 10:

0641 – suspicious circumstance, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

0907 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1108 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Harris

1344 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Martinsville

1455 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

1700 – 911 hangup, Delaware St./Maine St.

1731 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sumpter

2023 – 911 hangup, Birch Dr.

2048 – alarm, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

2136 – juvenile matter, Ohio St.

2217 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.

2356 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Monday, May 11:

0030 – family trouble, Stonecrest Dr.

0135 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.

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2130 - alarm, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2231 - juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.
2330 - follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2357 - welfare check, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, May 12:
0212 - traffic complaint/hazard, Magnolia Dr.
0355 - family trouble, Willow/Rawsonville
0837 - welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
1017 - suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.
1032 - fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2213 - citizen assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2355 - assist other agency, out of township

Wednesday, May 13:
0256 - civil matter, Texas St.
0617 - assist other agency, Third St.
0843 - felony warrant arrest, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1031 - 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1340 - disorder person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1418 - suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1545 - 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1547 - animal complaint, 21000 bl. Haggerty
1605 - fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1702 - civil matter, 21000 bl. Clark St.
1754 - suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1843 - mental health call, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1851 - 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
1945 - fire dept. assist, Arizona St.
2002 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2028 - welfare check, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2052 - harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2159 - traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
2237 - suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2240 - fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2308 - suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2329 - suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Thursday, May 14:
0941 - juvenile matter, Sumpter/Willis
1046 - welfare check, Utah Ct.
1056 - civil matter, Willow/Haggerty
1217 - fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1444 - animal complaint, Martinsville/Willis
1543 - suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1628 - animal complaint, Sumpter/Willow
1630 - 911 hangup, Rawsonville/Arkona
1700 - suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville / Wear
1704 - fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1836 - assist other agency, 22000 bl. Bohn
1942 - assist other agency, 43000 bl. Harris
1947 - 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2014 - 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2241 - fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville

Friday, May 15:
0714 - animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0741 - traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Clark Rd.
0941 - 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1257 - animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1303 - welfare check, 19000 bl. Martinsville

1429 - fire dept. assist, 9800 bl. Rawsonville
1444 - alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1656 - mental health call, 40000 bl. Harris
1735 - fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1858 - ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Arkona
1915 - retail fraud, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1922 - assault, Utah St.
1932 - citizen assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1958 - assist other agency, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2048 - suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, May 16:
0129 - juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0152 - noise complaint, Creekside Dr.
0758 - fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0947 - family trouble, Birch Dr.
1420 - 911 hangup, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1829 - ORV complaint, Clark Rd./Judd Rd.
1907 - suspicious circumstance, New Mexico
1921 - shots fired, 25000 bl. Carleton West
2144 - traffic complaint/hazard, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2148 - suspicious vehicle, Elwell/Arkona
2224 - traffic complaint/hazard, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2235 - family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2355 - noise complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2358 - 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
0001 - family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

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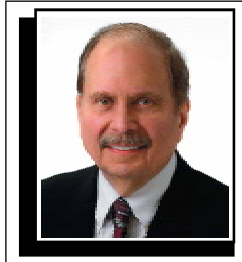
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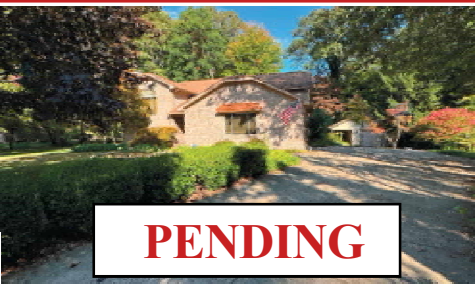
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