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The Denton Road Bridge has its Van Buren Township sign erected, all the decorative balls and lightpoles in place, and the asphalt paving completed. Van Buren Township supervisor Kevin McNamara said on Tuesday that the bridge will be done at the end of June, but there is some work to be done on the capstones. He said he was told the capstone work could be done after the bridge opens. He said the contractor has a contract with the city of Belleville to redo the intersection at Main and Denton and he would like to do it now. That job will take 4-6 weeks, McNamara said. Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt said the city doesn't want to delay the bridge opening and would be glad to delay the intersection work until after the Music Lakeside season is done in August. When the bridge will open remained unclear on Tuesday as the *Independent* went to press.

McNamara: VBT buys house north of Lakeside Park property

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the end of a 45-minute meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on June 2, resident Reg Ion was the only person to make public comments.

After several complaints about the township, he changed the subject and asked if what he saw on Facebook was true: that the township bought the "Skelly" property just north of the former DNR property on the lake. The township currently is transforming the DNR property it now owns into a Lakeside Park.

The property Ion referred to has been nicknamed the "Skelly" or "Scully" house because of the huge skeleton in the yard, along with other Halloween-inspired decorations on the property all year around. There had been complaints about the traffic and parking considerations in that area of Belleville Road because of the Halloween events there.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said since it was on Facebook, he might as well talk about it. He said the purchase agreement had been signed but they had not officially closed on the sale so he meant to ask the attorney if it was OK to discuss it.

He said the township is buying the property for \$1.35 million, but made no other comments.

In his public comments, Ion also asked the township to close the road in front of his home during the upcoming airshow at Willow Run Airport. He said VBT police used to do that and stopped a few years ago, allowing those wishing to watch the airshow without tickets to park up and down the South Service Drive of Ecorse Road in front of his house. Last year a man set up his barbecue in Ion's driveway, he said.

Ion said his dogs bark for three days during the air show. He said when he tried to talk to police about this, the officer was

rude to him.

Supervisor McNamara said he will bring it to the police's attention and he doesn't know the law on that.

Ion said police don't let people park along Ecorse Road on the North Service Drive and police told him a few years ago that it was because the owner of the property didn't want parking. The ownership of that property has changed.

Ion also said there is a big dust problem at the Willow Run Airport and he thinks there should be an air quality report done on the airport. He said they have been playing with a big dirt pile for seven years and the dust blows into his yard.

Then, he started complaining about clerk Leon Wright not providing the proper American flags for the voting precincts. He said when he complained in the past, they came up with a "dinky" flag, the size of those on the township board table. He said after many tries to get flags at the precincts

he has given up.

Ion said he was told by the state that if there is an American flag flying on a pole outside the building that is good enough.

Clerk Wright protested his innocence and said the schools didn't have flags for the precincts. Ion, who retired as head of custodial service at the school district, claimed all the schools had flags.

In other business at the June 2 meeting, the board:

- Heard supervisor McNamara discuss the permanent injunction by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Cox against bringing certain radioactive waste to the Wayne Disposal landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive. McNamara said the fight against the waste was "a battle" and if you put 10 lawyers in a room together they would all agree that the township would lose the case. He said a coalition of governments

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VBT Board

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was put together by volunteers and the testimony from McNamara and Belleville mayor Ken Voigt was called “compelling” by the judge. He said the win was a “minor miracle” since the opposition was bringing in their lawyers by minibus from Chicago. “We hope we will win in their appeal. I think we will,” he said;

- Heard McNamara announce that while he was out of town, work in his office totaled up a sum of \$52 million in grants for the township since 2018 and another \$24 million is coming in by the end of summer;

- Approved a fireworks display permit for the Belleville Yacht Club for Saturday, July 4, with a rain date of Sunday, July 5;

- Approved an updated contract with The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for the 2027-31 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update;

- Approved a budget amendment, making a special line item for the \$1,449,600 already approved for Fishbeck design, engineering, and administrative contracts for Lakeside Park. This will make expenses on the park easier to track, McNamara said;

- Heard a presentation on the HomeServe program for water and sewer coverage for VBT residents in the event of an emergency. It’s an insurance program that costs \$5.99 a month for internal water lines and \$8.49 a month for external sewer lines. If the township approves, the company will send out letters to residents to alert them to the offer and interview local contractors to participate;

- Approved a special land use application of DeBucks Family Farm for a pre-existing agrotourism use located at 40240 Martz Rd. McNamara said he hopes more people take part in agrotourism in the township’s rural community south of the lake;

- Approved the sub-recipient agreement for a Community Development Block Grant award for senior services salary in the amount of \$20,000;

- Approved a two-year contract for preventative maintenance and on-call services for the township’s HVAC equipment to W.J. O’Neil in the amount of \$42,870. There were nine bids for the contract, costing from \$17,000 to \$205,000. Any work will be reported to Cityworks, a computer program keeping track of everything being repaired or getting old in the township; and

- Approved the purchase of a 2027 Freightline M2 Tandem Axle Dump Truck for a not-to-exceed amount of \$127,228 to replace the 2003 truck that is rusted out and has other problems. The new truck is expected to be delivered in two months.



Photo courtesy of Jackson Pahle

On June 1, State Rep. Reggie Miller delivered a tribute to teacher Jonathan Richards and the Owen Intermediate School to recognize the library media center for achieving exemplary status as a Michigan School Library for 21st Century Schools under the School Library 21 program. From left are school superintendent Pete Kudlak, Rep. Miller, Richards, and Owen principal Nadine Dufrane.

School Board meets for 4+ hours on Monday

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education held a marathon meeting on Monday, beginning with a party for retiring employees at 5:45 p.m., followed three more hours in regular session, until 9:45 p.m. Then, they went into closed-door session.

About 35 minutes of that was a budget session presented by finance director Priya Nayak, detailing, with accompanying slides, the final budget amendments for the 2025-26 school year and then the proposed budget for 2026-27.

This was all for information only, with the public hearing and action on the budgets set for the June 22 meeting.

She said for the school year just concluding there was \$78.3 million general fund revenue and \$80.6 million in expenses, about \$2 million more expenditures than revenue. That leaves \$5.1 million in the fund balance.

She pointed out that the Community Education Fund is a brand-new fund for 2025-26 and that it came out under budget, which was good.

For the new budget, the assumptions are there will be 4,095 students, down from 4,215 last year. State money per student is \$10,200. Staff is 570.

In the proposed budget, revenue is \$69.5 million and expenses \$70,445,107, about \$1 million over. Fund balance is expected

to be \$6.5 million at the end of the year.

She said the Community Education Fund will have tuition preschool during the next school year which will boost its budget.

She said she will give the same presentation at the June 22 meeting during the public hearing.

In other business at the long meeting, the board:

- Honored spring sports teams and coaches. Track team coaches Stan Edwards, Bailey Edwards and Carolyn Edwards of Van Buren Township were present with several players. This year there were 100 students total in track;

- Heard more than an hour’s worth of building presentations concerning Belleville High School, McBride Middle School, Owen Intermediate, and Tyler Elementary;

- Approved the resignation of bus aide Richard Cetnarowski, Sr. as of May 29 after seven years of service and the hiring of custodians Marlon Williams as of June 1 and Jackie Bennett as of June 8;

- Approved the resignations of the following teachers/administrators as of June 12: Kelly Paton of Owen, after less than a year; Brooke Copley of Savage, speech pathology, after three years; Patrick White of Owen, AP, after two years; Casie Clouse of McBride, speech pathologist, after two years; and BHS teachers Kori Buford, after four and a half years, Helena Solano after one year, Iansa Melo-Ferreira

after a year and a half, and Gwynn Bell after one year;

- Approved the non-renewal of the teaching contract of Brooklin Hardiman, a probationary teacher who has not attained tenure status, effective June 12, pursuant to the Michigan Teachers’ Tenure Act, MCL 38.83. John Leroy, director of human relations, said this action is required by the state if the probationary teacher less than effective in the first four years;

- Approved the BHS Marching Band Summer Camp field trip to Tamarack Camp in Ortonville Aug. 17-21;

- Approved the 2027 Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. field trip, May 12-15, 2027 by motorcoach. Cost to student is \$943;

- Approved the agreement for Belleville High School and McBride Middle School continue to be members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2026-27 school year;

- Approved the Special Education Contractual Agreement with Stepping Stones Group for the 2026-27 school year. Julien Frazier, director of student services, said the state requires 60 students or less per caseload and the district needs speech and language pathologists. Cost is from \$83.50 to \$105 per hour, depending on the specialty;

- Approved the ProCare contact for

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

School Board discusses reading, how to raise scores

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, four school administrators told how they were working to bring up the grades of their students. The basic issue for these reports focused on English Language Arts.

The board was told that reading novels wasn't working and that they have learned kids need to know how to absorb information from more serious books and know what they read in order to get better scores on standardized tests.

After more discussion on reading, board president Amy Pearce broached the subject of kids from homes that are in need, which is a large percentage of those in the district. These are the students who have lower scores and need more help. She said parents can help by asking their students to tell them what they read that day. In doing so, the students must think about the subject and describe it.

Instructions, for example, are important to read and understand and that's what the standardized tests show our kids aren't doing. The board hopes parents will question their students this summer and encourage them to explain to them what they read.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We've been informed that Belleville High School class of 1997 graduate Michael Page won two Tony awards at the big awards ceremony in New York on Sunday. We hope to find out more information about this for next week's paper.

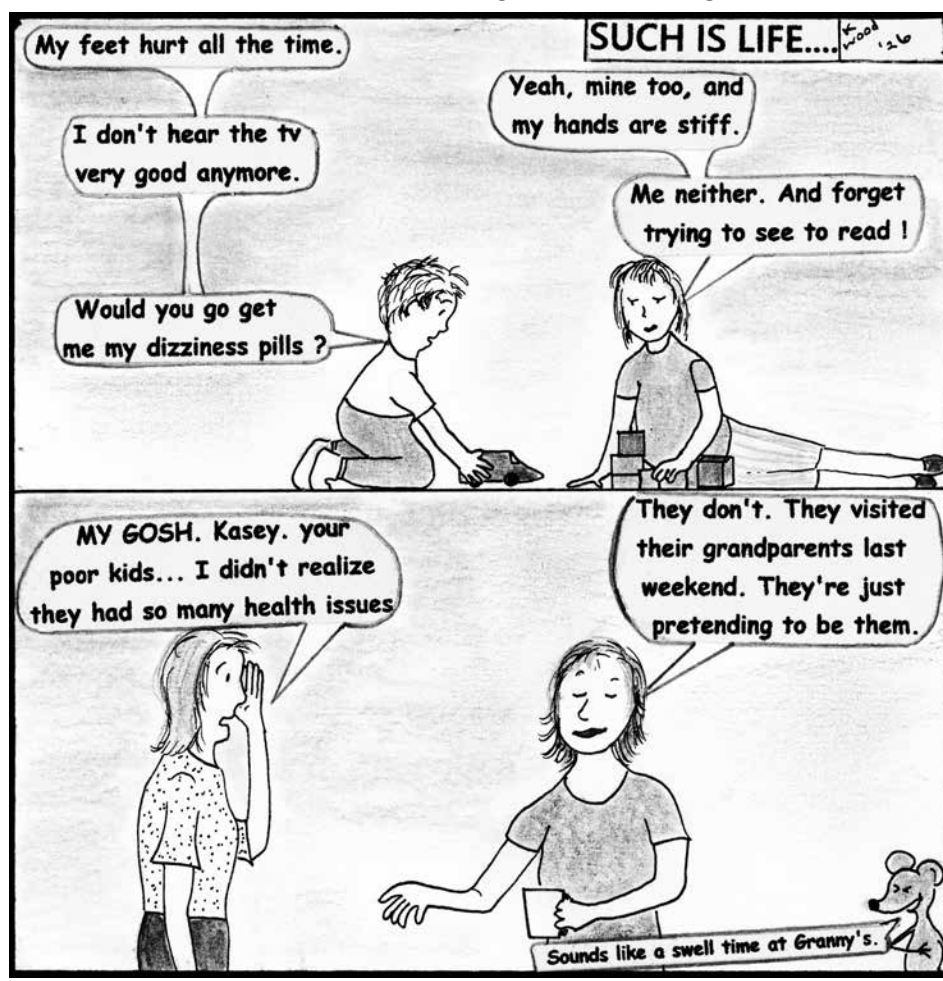
On the agenda for the Tuesday, June 9, regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees are three items that makes one's eyebrows rise. The board is asked to accept the June 5 resignation of township manager Ken Marten and the June 5 resignation of finance director Julie Campbell. They also were asked to accept the hiring of Karen Armatis as interim township administrative coordinator at the rate of \$35 per hour.

There also are some confusing items about options for the proposed new siding for the police department, community center, DPW building and whether to resubmit a call for proposals for mortar, concrete and tuckpointing for those buildings.

Our deadline for news is Tuesday noon, so we won't know what happened at the meeting until after the newspaper in your hands has been printed - so we can't tell you now. Maybe next week.

Longtime reader Ella Knopf and her daughter Rebecca attended a recent meeting in Wayne put on by the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union that educated people on phone fraud. She sent me the packet they received, saying

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



she had seen the warnings we had published on this and thought I'd be interested.

The packet held publications from the federal government, warning people to limit how much personal information they share on line and to set their social media profiles to private.

If someone asks to connect with you on social media, only accept their request if you know them, people are urged.

People are advised to know the red flags of scams. If someone contacts you and asks you to pay by wire transfer or gift card, be wary. It's probably a scam.

Also, people are advised to lock their devices just like they lock their front doors. Use a passcode or fingerprint to lock your phone or tablet. If you have a computer, use a strong password that's at least 12 characters long.

There were lots of other booklets in the packet warning about things like free offers and not trusting caller IDs. I guess in this day and age we all have to be careful of almost everything.

Some people tell me they don't trust the internet at all and never go on social media.

We got a call from a reader who said the priest at St. Anthony Catholic Church told the congregation that any changes to that church won't take place for a year at least. He referred to information in last week's Independent about the changes the archdiocese is considering. This includes not having weekend masses at some of the

churches and consolidating the masses at nearby churches.

We saw the information detailed in a report on what officials in the archdiocese are considering at the meetings they are holding throughout the area.

A reader on Kozma Road called recently to tell us her road was very rutted and we should take a picture of it. We told her to call Wayne County and she said she did and that didn't work. We didn't take a picture.

She called again on Monday to say the county had come out and really did a great job of scraping her road, but now there are big piles of dirt left that hinders some driveways. She said calling the county on that doesn't help.

Darnell, representing Chartwells, which manages food services for the district, said at Monday's school board meeting that his goal for the next year is teaching the "babies" (younger students) the importance of nutrition. He said he gets the students' attention in many ways and he has even ordered a blueberry costume to grab their eye. He said some of the high school students said they had never had broccoli or cauliflower before and wants to make sure the kids get used to that kind of food early. He said one youngster told him he had eaten a beet and he was very proud.



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Letters
Pride is more important now than ever before

To the editor:
 As we celebrate Pride Month this June, I would like to remind everyone that pride is still a protest. For more than a hundred years queer people across the United States have had to fight for their right to exist safely, both in their public and private lives.

Since the first brick was thrown at the Stonewall Uprising in New York City in 1969, queer Americans have seen immense growth politically, socially, economically, and culturally. I am grateful to get to live in a world today where queer peoples' existences are not threatened and can sometimes even be celebrated.

However, while we are taking steps toward a more progressive future, we have not yet walked the whole path. From things as simple as microaggressions to complex anti-trans legislation, I see us moving backward everyday.

This Pride Month, and every month, I encourage you to consider the queer people in your life; your friends, family, and even the cashier at the local business you shop at. Ask yourself what you can do to help us keep walking forward, especially here in Belleville.

You do not need to take any physical action, you only need to be kind. We do not need to understand something to be respectful. It is okay to be confused but it is not okay to disparage people for who they are. In a society, social and political toleration is one of the most powerful tools we have.

To those who claim that pride is unimportant, I urge you to see the world around you and consider the fight that queer people have had to fight. Finally, to my fellow queer Americans: while we are celebrating Pride, please do not forget your roots.

Queer Belleville Resident
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• **Saturday, June 13** – Steak Cook Out from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. Cost is \$22 for New York strip steak, potato, vegetable, salad, roll and butter. Proceeds benefit the building fund.

• **Sunday, June 14** – The public is invited to a Flag Retiring ceremony at noon at the Pvt. James D. Donovan VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. If your personal, municipal, business flag is worn, tattered, faded torn or not in perfect condition, it should be retired and replaced with a new one. Please join the VFW afterward for light meal at the Post.

• **Monday, June 15** – Van Buren Township Voter Readiness Community Day is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the VBT Senior Center, Aspen Room. Presented by the VBT Clerk's Office in partnership with the League of Women Voters. Learn about voting and election services: register to vote, update your registration or signature, get answers to voting questions, sign up to be a poll worker, enroll in the permanent ballot list. Information: 734-699-8909.

• **Friday, June 19** – A Night of Family Feud starts promptly at 7 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Doors open at 6 p.m. Up to 6 players per team, \$5 per player. Bring snacks to share at your table.

• **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.

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Joseph Mitchell

JOSEPH MITCHELL

(May 6, 1963 – May 30, 2026)

The world feels a little quieter as we say goodbye to Joseph Mitchell, a cherished parent, grandparent, sibling, friend, and the heart of our family. Joseph entered eternal rest on May 30, 2026, at the age of 63 in Milan, Michigan. Many knew him as Joey or Joe. To his kids, he was our lifeline, our forever friend and protector, a jack of all trades and master of some.

Joe was born on May 6, 1963, to Joseph and Diane Mitchell of Belleville. He was one of five siblings: Joann (Carvil) Addington, Carole Gambrel, Debra (John) Hagerman, and David Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Carole.

Joe attended Belleville schools but ultimately did not complete his education. He started working on cars at a young age and continued throughout his life, making it his lifelong career. He married Elizabeth in 1987, and together they had three children: Christina, Jessica, and Joseph Jr. (Jay) Mitchell. He later remarried Margaret, whose three children also became part of the family.

Joseph is survived by his children and grandchildren: Joslyn, Lillie, and Reid Florian, and Jackson Kivi; his siblings; and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved very deeply.

Family meant the world to Joe, as did his friends. He would give anyone the shirt off his back -- literally, as the man never wore a shirt if he didn't have to. He was always willing to help, no matter the circumstance, and would go out of his way to show up for people, even on days when he could barely walk or use his hands.

Joe was always working on something, whether it was outside or in a garage. He took pride in his yard and in the work he did fixing cars. Most recently, he was restoring his old Ford pickup.

His passions included working on cars, hunting with his kids, watching wrestling, and showing up for his children and grandchildren -- always bringing snacks and drinks. He worked every day, even when his body was fighting him. He carried a world of burdens and dealt with them the only way he knew how.

During the last few years of his life, he was fortunate enough to spend day in and day out with his son Jay. More than anything, he loved watching his children succeed in life and never missed an opportunity to tell anyone who would listen how proud he was of them.

Joe was beloved by so many. Life will surely not feel the same without him. His presence is something that can never be forgotten or replaced.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Sumpter Twp. fire damages garage, house at 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

At about 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, Sumpter Fire Fighters were called to a fire in the 40000 block of Willis Road.

Fire Chief Jamie Goode said the fire started in an attached garage and spread into the house, but there was small damage to the house.

He said fire fighters from Huron and Augusta townships assisted Sumpter fire fighters and the blaze was extinguished.

Sumpter sets ballot language for police protection millage

According to minutes of the 41-minute special May 11 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, the board

discussed and then unanimously approved ballot language for the police protection millage.

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Obituaries



Douglas Wayne Kubik, Sr.

DOUGLAS WAYNE KUBIK, SR.
 (September 28, 1951 – September 30, 2026)
 Doug shared his life with his beloved wife, Michelle (Richardson) Kubik. Together they built a family rooted in love and laughter. He was a devoted father to Douglas Wayne Kubik, Jr. (Jennifer Kubik), Haley Helen Hazeltine, and Derren James Kubik. His legacy continues through his cherished grandchildren: James Douglas Kubik, Emily Michelle Kubik, Koltin Blake Kubik, Lex Hazeltine, Oliver Hazeltine, and Damian Hazeltine.
 Doug Kubik, age 74, born to Henry Joseph Kubik, Sr. and Helen Kubik in Detroit, MI, where he grew up. He is preceded in death by both parents and his brother Henry Joseph Kubik, Sr.
 He is survived by sisters Sharon Lynn Kubik (Brian), Jan Louise Kraemer, (Richard), Joni Lea Kubik (Marty), Toni Bolden (Abraham). Also, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bruce and Debi Richardson, who have been by his side for 17 years and helping both Doug and Michelle out through thick and thin with everything. We love them so much and can't thank them enough. He later went to live with his cousin Barbara and husband Gerald Stankiewicz, when he was 11, and they later brought him up, and Debi, (Ralph) and Elizabeth, (Jesse) who he considered sisters and loved. He also had many nieces and nephews that he truly loved.
 Doug enjoyed fishing his whole life with his best friend since his was 16, Ed, Pops, Jesse, and a few others. Going up north with his friends Joe and Larry, every summer. Doug will truly be missed.

KEITH THOMPSON
 (June 12, 1957 – June 1, 2026)
 Age 68, of Ypsilanti. He is survived by his mother Dorothy Yotsen, son Robert Thompson, granddaughter Sydney Thompson, and four siblings. Visitation was June 5 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.
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Correction:
Lt. Steffani gave out the awards in Sumpter

In the May 21 issue of the *Independent*, we published a report of annual awards given out to members of the Sumpter Township Police Department at a township board meeting. In the absence of Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke, we said the person giving out the awards was Fire Chief Jamie Goode.
 Chief Goode said he didn't give out the awards. They were given out by Lt. Brian Steffani. We regret the error and apologize.

Rosemary Otzman, editor



Vera Ruth Pallante

VERA RUTH PALLANTE
 (September 28, 1940 – June 2, 2026)
 Vera Ruth Pallante, age 85, of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at her home, surrounded by family, under hospice care. She was born September 28, 1940, in Harlan County, Kentucky, daughter of Jesse James & Margarete Francis (Martin) Reynolds. She graduated from Lake Shore High School, St. Clair Shores, MI, 1958. Vera was an avid reader who enjoyed sewing, knitting, painting, and had a passion for crafting, cooking, and baking, and she loved taking road trips with her sister Peggy.
 Vera is survived by three children: Richard (Jacqueline) Pallante of St. Clair Shores, MI, Cheryl (Michael) Sturtz, and Steven Pallante, both of Belleville, MI; 3 grandchildren: Sarah and Nicholas Sturtz, and Domonique Moroso; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, a brother Jimmie (Elaine) Reynolds of Imlay City, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents Jesse J. Reynolds, M. Francis Nemchek, a brother Eugene Reynolds, also a sister and best friend Peggy Berisa.
 Visitation was Saturday and Sunday, followed by a June 7, 2026 funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated.
 In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Supervisor John W. Morgan

JOHN WESLEY MORGAN
 (August 13, 1932 – May 21, 2026)
 John Wesley Morgan, former supervisor of Sumpter Township, died May 21, 2026, in Texas at the age of 93. Services were held June 2 at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, Flat Rock, and he was buried next to his late wife. Supervisor Morgan had lived in Sumpter Township for 50 years. He married Beatrice Taylor and they had two children, Jacqueline and Gary, and four grandchildren. His wife predeceased him on March 2, 2025 at the age of 85.
 Morgan was a veteran of the U.S. Army and earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, both from Eastern Michigan University. He retired from the Romulus Community Schools in 1997.
 Morgan was elected township trustee and served 1978-1982 and was appointed treasurer in 1982. He was then elected treasurer 1984-2014. In 2014 he was appointed Sumpter Township supervisor when supervisor Johnny Vawters stepped down for health reasons. He served as supervisor until 2020, when he was defeated by Tim Bowman.

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School Board

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physical therapist to service eight students next year;

- Approved renewal of a cooperative agreement with the Livonia Public Schools to allow transition age students (18-26 year olds) with IEPs to attend the Livonia Transition Program. Cost is \$8,400 per student attending the program for up to ten students. Four students are expected this year;

- Approved renewing the contract with Chartwells as the Food Service Management Company for the 2026-27 fiscal year, with the option to renew annually for one additional year. This is the third year of the contract;

- Heard director Leroy announce the district has reached tentative agreement with VBEST and a tentative-tentative agreement with the Secretary group;

- Heard board member Wade Fields say the Robotic program is having a raffle at tigerrobotics.net, cosmic bowling fund raiser is Aug. 1 and they are planning a Lake Fest event;

- Heard board president Amy Pearce say she was heartbroken to miss the graduation ceremony when she was called to Portugal for a family emergency. She said she was glad the event was recorded so she could watch it;

- Went into closed-door session to consider a letter from its attorney, as the letter is exempt from disclosure under state law under attorney-client privilege. Then the board went into regular session to consider reversing a denial appeal for a Freedom of Information Act request. The board voted 5-0 to authorize FOIA coordinator Debbie McWilliams to issue written notice of denial of the FOIA appeal. The meeting ended at 10:04 p.m.

Absent from the meeting were secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick and trustee Victor DeLibera. Trustee David Shall was appointed secretary of record.

Kristian Williams graduates from Georgia State University

ATLANTA, GA -- Kristian Williams of Belleville graduated from Georgia State University during the Spring 2026 semester, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

More than 4,000 students earned certificates or degrees from Georgia State University during the Spring 2026 semester at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Students were recognized during the university's 111th commencement exercises in May 2026.

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Trial in federal court set for Patterson on sex trafficking

On April 1, four felony charges were filed in Eastern Michigan Federal Court in the indictment of Bryce Silas Patterson, 30, of Sumpter Township. He is charged with two counts of sex trafficking of children, sexual exploitation of children, and possession of child pornography.

Arrestment and preliminary exam was held April 24 at Eastern Michigan Federal Court before Judge Mark A. Goldsmith. He is being held in custody by the court.

Motions are due by May 14 and plea hearing and final pretrial conference by June 3. The jury trial is set for June 23.

The complaint and arrest warrant were ordered sealed before he was taken into custody and then unsealed on March 19.

According to the criminal complaint, agents with the Southeast Michigan trafficking and Exploitation Crimes (SEMTEC) Task Force conducted an undercover operation to recover a minor who was believed to be the victim of sex trafficking.

Information gathered by the agents revealed that Patterson posted advertisements for commercial sex, which included photos of minor girls, on a commonly used website. In addition to posting the ads, Patterson would arrange for the transportation of the minor on sex dates and collect payments from the minor victims.

A search of Patterson's cellular device revealed images and a video which

contained child sexual abusive material, which Patterson had created depicting one of the minor victims he trafficked. SEMTEC Agents were assisted by Sumpter Township Police in arresting him.

Carlos Isaiah Payne

A jury trial has been set for June 23 in Wayne County Circuit Court for Carlos Isaiah Payne, 30, of Van Buren Township.

He is charged with second-degree murder, two counts of interfering with a crime report/threaten to kill or harm witnesses, and one count of felony firearm on Nov. 3, 2025 at Parkwood apartments in Van Buren Township.

He was video-arraigned in custody on Jan. 8 from the Wayne County Jail. His probable cause conference was set for Jan. 20 and preliminary exam for Jan. 27. Bond was \$200,000/10%.

On Jan. 20, the probable cause conference was moved to Feb. 3 and the exam set for March 10. Then it was reset for March 18 so the defense attorney could get discovery.

On March 18 the exam was held and Judge Lisa Martin bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information.

The defendant remains in the Wayne County Jail. Final conference was May 8 before the jury trial. On June 1, the jury trial was canceled. On July 10 there is a motion hearing set and the jury trial now is scheduled for Sept. 21.

Christopher Allan Chamberlain

Christopher Allan Chamberlain, 23, of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned in custody by 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley on Feb. 11 on a charge of reckless driving causing death on Aug. 15, 2025 in Van Buren Township, a

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
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The Goats are coming back! The city will be celebrating Goat Day on June 20 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Horizon Park. It will be a party and everyone is invited. Look for them to start munching the first of next week. Let's hope they are very hungry this year and get all that foliage off the bank prior to Lake Fest the last weekend in June.

Sure hope you all have your flowers planted and are enjoying the excellent weather. Our local greenhouses are winding down for the season. Thanks for shopping local.

The Belleville Farmers Market and Egan's Classic Car Show are running every Monday and in another week Music Lakeside will be on High Street at Horizon Park every Thursday until Aug. 20. The Clockwork Band will be the performers on June 18. Amazing Dawgs will bring a food truck. We love them at the Monday Farmers Market. Enjoy the music and have a great dinner.

Check out the ad this week and next for Crafted Gift & Beanery's annual Spurge Day on June 20 listing all the family fun.

Also a cute ad for the pet store in Ypsilanti on Ecorse with a few of their cute dogs. And the community garden behind the Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers.

Tomorrow, June 12 is the last half day for Van Buren Schools. Sure going to be quiet without all those buses running down Main Street. The traffic on Main Street is better since Liberty Street was finished. We gratefully acknowledge that they finished before the Memorial Day Parade. Although the parade isn't very long, it still would have been a disaster (really a lot of angry drivers) if all the traffic trying to get through town had to wait for it to finish. Where are all those cars coming from and going to? Even with all the streets open there seems to be a lot of people needing to get north or south! I can understand early morning and returning in the afternoon but where are all those cars going in midday?

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- Thursday, June 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Planning Commission at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 13 – Belleville City Council special public meeting to interview four final candidates for city manager, beginning at 8 a.m.
- Monday, June 15 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 16 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Monday, June 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, June 23 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 6 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 7 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.



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Tyler Elementary School's FIRST LEGO League Explore robotics team listens intently to mentor Alexis Champagne, a member of the Belleveillains FIRST Robotics Competition team, as they prepare for their own competition at Belleville High School in the Vector Villains Event on May 9.

Albion College honors local students Pat Dyer, Cameron Moore

ALBION, MI -- Albion College announces the local students named to its Spring 2026 semester Dean's List as well as those students named Albion College Fellows with a grade point average of 3.75 or above and three consecutive semesters on the Dean's List.

Van Buren Township student Pat Dyer was named to the Albion College Spring 2026 Dean's List. This is the second semester on the Dean's List for Dyer. Dyer is a sophomore at Albion College with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management. Dyer is a resident of Van Buren Township and is a graduate of Father Gabriel Richard High School.

Van Buren Township student Cameron Moore was named to the Albion College Spring 2026 Dean's List. This is the second semester on the Dean's List for Moore. Moore recently graduated with a degree in sports communication. Moore is the child of Fred Moore and Ella Leflore of Van Buren Township and is a graduate of Belleville High School.

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Gregory Scott Robinson, Jr.

Gregory Scott Robinson, Jr., of Van Buren Township was charged at 34th District Court with driving while license suspended on Jan. 18, 2026 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned Feb. 26 and personal bond set at \$3,000. Remote pretrial was set for April 23. At that time a jury trial was set for June 5. On June 5 he pled guilty to a reduced charge of failure to display license and he was sentenced to a fee of \$345.

A pre-hearing on a no proof of insurance charge also on Jan. 18 was set for June 5. At that time it was dismissed by the party.

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Treasurer Patterson votes against new Parks & Rec positions

The vote to approve new positions in the Parks and Recreation Committee was passed on a 6-1 vote by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on May 26.

Treasurer Bart Patterson cast the only no vote.

New officers are Michelle Baughman as chairperson, Trish Behnke as secretary, and Kristen McCray as a new committee member.

In other business at the almost three-hour

meeting on May 26, the board:

- Held a half-hour public hearing on a planning document for a drinking water system improvement and designation of an authorized project representative. Later in the meeting the motion was unanimously approved;
- Turned down supervisor Tim Bowman's motion to table hiring Joshua Scott as a part-time ordinance officer contingent on him passing a drug test. The motion to table was defeated on a 5-2 vote, with

Bowman and Honey voting yes and the others voting no;

- Approved on a 5-2 vote a motion to hire Scott as a part-time ordinance officer contingent on his passing a drug test, with Bowman and Honey voting no;
- Unanimously approved hiring Jonathan Grinnell as a full-time police officer, contingent on his passing a physical, drug test, and psychological exam with an amended \$900 academy cost reimbursement made to him upon successful completion of the field training program;
- Approved purchasing the Provident accidental and health policy's three-year prepaid policy for the fire department from Acrisure at a cost of \$14,946;
- Discussed authorizing Carlisle Wortman Associates to audit and update the township zoning ordinance at a cost not to exceed \$21,000. No board action was taken;
- Approved Hennessey Engineer's design and construction management proposal for the Martinsville Pump Station repair in the

amount of \$35,000;

- Tabled a request for proposals for as-needed or emergency sewer and water repair;
- Approved changing the date from May 23 to July 3 for the "Sumpter Summer Jam, America 250 Celebration" by Parks and Recreation, with Patterson casting the only no vote;
- Approved the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Sponsorship Letter for 2026, with Patterson casting the only no vote;
- Approved adding a Vendor Market and Yard Sale for Aug. 21, 22, 23 for Parks and Recreation, with Patterson casting the only no vote;
- and
- Went into closed door session for almost an hour and a half to discuss preliminary negotiations with the AFSCME bargaining unit.

This report was written from the draft minutes of the meeting prepared by Deputy Clerk S. Herman.



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Sumpter discusses bids received on exterior work for buildings

At a special one-hour-and-20-minute meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on May 21, the bids received for the exterior work for the police department, senior center, community center, DPW building, and library were discussed.

According to the minutes of the meeting, trustee James Frazier suggested to no longer discuss the vinyl siding option and to proceed with the metal siding options. He said the bid difference in price between vinyl and metal is roughly \$45,000 and metal would be longer-lasting.

All board members agreed to discuss only the metal options.

Trustee Frazier also said some electrical connections need to be replaced at the community center. He said about 8-10 lights and exposed conduit are needed in some areas.

Trustees Tim Rush and Matthew Oddy and treasurer Bart Patterson said that electrical was not part of the bid request and this would be an additional cost. The three suggested they stick with the metal siding discussion.

Frazier and supervisor Tim Bowman said the DPW building needs extensive repair and they should have an electrician come out to assist with the various electrical wires for safety purposes.

Treasurer Patterson said the bidders do not have a workers' compensation policy listed on their respective certificates of liability. He also said this will need to be correct before any board approval of any contract.

Trustee Rush suggested obtaining general estimates with add-ons for electrical replacement when needed.

Supervisor Bowman suggested obtaining these estimates locally and if an estimate is more than \$10,000 they would have to go out for a request for proposals.

Patterson recommended the board members walk around the campus to review all of the requested work before the next workshop on the project, planned for May 28. Frazier said he would work on getting estimates from electricians for that meeting.

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Trial

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15-year felony.

Chamberlain is also charged with felony commission with motor vehicle – adult advisory, with driver’s license suspension, if convicted.

The defendant was scheduled for a probable cause conference on Feb. 24 and a preliminary exam on March 3. On Feb. 24 that was changed to a probable cause conference on March 17 and then to April 21. Personal bond is \$5,000 and there

are no special conditions for his bond. A preliminary exam was held May 20.

He was bound over to circuit court for a June 3 arraignment on the information. Disposition conference is June 12.

The charges stem from a three-vehicle, head-on crash on Haggerty Road just south of the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township that took the life of Janet Lynn Schonscheck, 64, of Sumpter Township. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Shawntez Marshaun Gregory
Shawntez Marshaun Gregory, 44, of

Romulus was video-arraigned in police custody on Jan. 8, 2026 on seven felony counts brought after he allegedly tried to enter Romulus Middle School on Jan. 6 and shot a weapon seven times.

He is charged with false report or threat of terrorism, school threat with intent to commit violence to employee or student, carrying a concealed weapon, two felony firearm counts, weapon in a weapons-free school zone, and reckless use of firearm at Romulus Middle School.

He was held without bond and his probable cause conference set for Jan.

20. At that time he was referred for a competency evaluation.

He also had been arraigned on March 16, 2024 outcounty for a malicious destruction of police or fire property on March 13, 2024. Bond was \$10,000/10%. He failed to appear for a court date, so a warrant was issued. On June 5, 2024 he was referred for a competency exam but he didn’t appear for the evaluation. The case was scheduled for reviews. He failed to show up for several dates for competency evaluations and a review was set for Jan. 6, 2026.

On Jan. 8, he was present for the in-custody arraignment. A competency evaluation is required and he remains in the Wayne County Jail. He was scheduled for review on this case on March 30, 2026, but that was changed to June 16, 2026.

Patrick Kalange Gatt

A jury trial has been set for June 24 in Wayne County Circuit Court for Patrick Kalange Gatt, 28, who was arrested on home invasion charges on Rustic Lane East in Rawsonville Woods on Feb. 12.

The 911 caller stated that a male had arrived at her residence and was possibly armed, threatening the occupants, and attempting to force entry. The caller, who is also the homeowner, explained that the suspect is involved in an ongoing domestic violence situation with her sister, who was also present inside the home after leaving the residence she shares with the male in Lincoln Park.

Before officers arrived, additional 911 calls informed dispatch that the male suspect had just forced entry into the residence.

Two unregistered handguns were recovered: one near where the suspect was initially confronted inside the residence and another inside his registered vehicle, which was left running in the roadway. The firearms were accompanied by extended and drum-style high-capacity magazines. Additionally, the vehicle contained hundreds of improperly marked pills.

He was arraigned outcounty on Feb. 14 on the following charges: home invasion first degree, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and three counts of felony firearm. Cash or surety bond was set at \$50,000, with a GPS tether required.

On March 3, the defendant failed to appear for his court date and a bench warrant was issued for failure to appear. Bond was raised to \$100,000 cash. It was learned the defendant was in Wyandotte Hospital, so he was scheduled for an in-custody video arraignment later that day. His in-person preliminary exam was rescheduled for March 17 and the cash bond of \$50,000 reinstated.

On March 4, his \$50,000 surety bond was posted by Detroit Bail Bonds. On March 17, he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information. Final conference was May 27 and then June 11 before the June 24 jury trial.

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Court Watching

Eugene Edmund Walker

Eugene Edmund Walker of Romulus is charged at 34th District Court with driving while license suspended on May 5, 2026 in the city of Belleville. Also, charged with no proof of insurance at that time. Remote arraignment pretrial was set for June 2. The defendant failed to appear so a remote show-cause hearing was set for June 23 on the DWLS charge. The insurance charge was a default judgment for \$270 with a \$50 penalty added.

Regino Zavala, Jr.

Regino Zavala, Jr., of Gainsville, GA, is charged with operating while intoxicated and refusing a preliminary breath test on May 19, 2026 in the city of Belleville. He was arraigned June 2 and scheduled for a remote pretrial on June 23 on the intoxicated driving charge. Personal bond is \$5,000. A pre-hearing on the PBT refusal is June 30.

Brent Todd Coxon

Brent Todd Coxon of Taylor is charged

with operating while intoxicated-3rd offense on Sept. 13, 2025 in Van Buren Township. His arraignment/probable cause conference was held on June 2. A probable cause conference was set for June 30. Personal bond is \$5,000.

Kevin Keith McArthur

Kevin Keith McArthur of Van Buren Township is charged with driving while license suspended on May 8, 2026 in the city of Belleville. He was due for a remote arraignment-pretrial on June 2, but he called the court that day and said he wasn't feeling well and would like to reschedule. He was aware his court date was by zoom, the court said. He failed to appear and a show-cause hearing was set for June 16 in person before Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley.

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Briana Papin
City Clerk/Treasurer

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2026-27 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 330 Charles Street, Belleville, Michigan.

The proposed General Fund budget is \$3,566,476 based on estimated sources of revenue, including a proposed 2026-27 City property tax levy of 8.4369 mills for general operating purposes.

The City Council has authority to establish the proposed total millage rate of 20 mills, the current maximum allowable millage rate permitted by State Statute and the City Charter.

The budget includes proposed appropriations for the following funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General Fund	\$3,460,332	\$3,566,476
Major Street Fund	\$ 497,380	\$ 862,831
Local Street Fund	\$ 147,790	\$ 327,600
Cemetery Fund	\$ 141,420	\$ 144,080
Sanitation Fund	\$ 346,000	\$ 351,500
Building Dept. Fund	\$ 65,000	\$ 80,000
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 147,000	\$ 147,000
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 813,810	\$ 929,946

A complete copy of the proposed 2026-27 City Budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at City Hall, 330 Charles, Belleville, Michigan.

Public comments on the proposed budget may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearing, and in writing or in person at the hearing.

Briana Papin
City Clerk

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They're reading the *Independent* Everywhere

Amy Lucas of Van Buren Township took her *Independent* along for her recent travels to St. Martin, Tortolla in the British Virgin Islands and Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic. Here she is shown at Tortolla.

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After the ceremony, guests are invited to stick around for an evening packed with tail-wagging fun. Enjoy a Make & Take craft station, photo booth, pup cups, and plenty of room for your dog to run, play, and socialize in the new off-leash area.

There will also be bonus activities, including dog pools, an agility course, and bubbles for extra zoomies and smiles.

Humans are invited to grab a bite from a food truck or a refreshing mocktail while the pups play. Free mocktails are available for the first 100 guests.

Turtle Cove River Walker Season
Turtle Cove Family Aquatic Center at Lower Huron Metropark opened on Saturday, June 6.

Turtle Cove River Walker Season is June 15 to Aug. 7. Soak up some sunshine while you enjoy a low-impact walk around the lazy river at Turtle Cove. Put on your water shoes or leisurely stroll the river at your own pace with friends. This program is offered before Turtle Cove opens to the public and the lazy river is the only feature that will be available.

Seasonal passes are available now and can be purchased until 4 p.m. on July 16.

Turtle Cove Race the Rapids 5K
The Turtle Cove Race the Rapids 5K is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Aug. 1, at the Lower Huron Metropark. Lace up your water shoes and enjoy a one-of-a-kind

race as you cruise your way through 22.4 laps around the lazy river. Join in for the challenge or finish the low-impact race at your own pace.

Every participant will receive a T-shirt and commemorative medal, plus a chance to win additional prizes in a raffle. Register

to save a spot.

Fireworks at Willow Metropark
Fireworks will go off on June 28 at Willow Metropark and can be seen for miles around to commemorate American Independence.

Lane Kleinglass of VBT honored on Spring dean's list at MTSU

MURFREESBORO, TN -- Middle Tennessee State University congratulates 5,971 students who appear on the dean's list for the Spring 2026 semester, including Lane Kleinglass of Van Buren Township.

To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.

Founded in 1911 as one of three state normal schools for teacher training, Middle Tennessee State University is one of the oldest and largest undergraduate universities in Tennessee.

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phone number.*

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On June 19th, 2026, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2009	FORD	4D	1FAHP35N89W229420	26-3578
2014	JEEP	SW	1C4RJFBG9EC255012	26-2883
2011	MAZDA	4D	JM1BL1UG0B1497786	26-5299
2009	FORD	SW	1FMCU03G89KA51799	26-5876
1997	MERCURY	4D	2MELM75W5VX673462	26-4797
2004	VOLVO	CN	YV1NC63DX4J042295	26-2646
2017	GMC	SW	2GKALNEK1H6310104	26-4328
2015	CHEVROLET	SW	2GNFLEEK0F6338000	26-4486
2011	FORD	SW	2FMDK3JC6BBB47264	26-4924
2005	DODGE	SW	1D4HB48D05F529600	26-4946B
2006	MERCURY	4D	1MEHM40176G61566	26-5316

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2008	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB58N089233047	26-6712
2006	FORD	4D	3FAHP08126R200128	26-4503
2016	CHEVROLET	SW	2GNALCEK8G6279651	26-664
2019	BUICK	SW	KL4CJASB1KB787783	26-4757
2010	LINCOLN	4D	3LNHL2JC5AR643620	26-6766
2011	FORD	4D	1FAHP3FN0BW145774	26-4959
2011	JEEP	SW	1J4RR4GG2BC625521	26-5907
2003	TOYOTA	4D	2T1BR32E93C046915	26-6286
1997	FOUR WINDS	TL	42KBC3X21V2000341	26-5863
2013	LINCOLN	4D	3LN6L2JK8DR810331	26-6509
2011	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNLC2E01BR307322	26-5081
1999	FORD	ST	1FDWF37F1XEA66084	26-5277
2016	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1JA6SH1G4118206	26-4443
2012	DODGE	SW	2C4RDGBG9CR408215	26-4146
2020	SUZUKI	MC	LC6DN11AXL1100438	25-13247
2010	JEEP	SW	1J4NF4FB4AD581091	25-16086
2011	LAND ROVER	SW	SALSK2D49BA295441	25-15950
2015	HYUNDAI	4D	KMHCT4AE9FU892123	25-15711

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: June 11th, 2026

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- June 2, 2026

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Frazier. Absent/Excused: Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Director of Public Services Lockett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Municipal Service Coordinator McWilliams, Building and Grounds Superintendent Hood, and an audience of eight.

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026, Prepaid List of May 20, 2026, Prepaid List of May 27, 2026, Voucher List of June 2, 2026, Approval of the updated contract with The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for the 2027-2031 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, Approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,449,600 to 401-000-820-000 for the board approved Fishbeck design, engineering, and admin contracts for Lakeside Park, and Approval of the Fireworks Display Permit Application for a fireworks display by Belleville Yacht Club on Saturday, July 4, 2026 with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2026. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Judge Kevin Cox has issued a permanent injunction against radioactive waste being deposited in Van Buren Township, and Presentation to discuss HomeServe program for water and sewer coverage for VBT residents in the event of an emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve a special land use application for DeBucks Family Farm for a preexisting agrotourism use located at 50240 Martz Road. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the Subrecipient Agreement for a Community Development Block Grant award for Senior Services Salary in the amount of \$20,000. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve awarding a 2-year (2026-2028) preventative maintenance and on-call services HVAC contract to W.J. O'Neil on the amount of \$42,870. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Frazier seconded to approve the purchase of a 2027 Freightline M2 Tandem Axle Dump Truck in the amount not to exceed \$127,228. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A resident spoke on air show traffic, and airport dust.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 353 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, May 31:

0005 – road hazard, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0028 – welfare check, Stamford Rd.
0049 – 911 welfare check, Colonial Rd.
0156 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0158 – assist fire dept., Peninsular Dr.
0235 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
0242 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1026 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Cumberland Dr.
1031 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1054 – property damage accident, Rolan Meadows
1118 – parking complaint, Pinewood Ln.
1117 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1141 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Robson Rd./Moms Dr.
1155 – civil matter, N. Cumberland Dr.
1154 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1251 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1309 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1324 – threat, Martz Rd.
1403 – civil matter, N. Cumberland Dr.
1446 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1515 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1538 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1610 – neighbor trouble, Beacon Trl.
1632 – assist fire dept., Brookview Dr.
1729 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.
1852 – juvenile complaint, Beacon Trl.
1923 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
1950 – civil matter, Purple Sage Ct.
1958 – fight, McBride Ave./Haggerty Rd.
2117 – noise complaint, Robson Rd.
2209 – domestic, Country Ln./Union St.
2219 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr.
2244 – threat, boat launch
2327 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
Monday, June 1:
0017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0109 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, WB Michigan Ave./bypass
0118 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0148 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0230 – disorderly, Timberland Dr.
0503 – welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
0646 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
0734 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0915 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd.
0935 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1036 – vehicle lockout, Van Born Rd.
1332 – assist citizen, Estates
1406 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Van Buren St.
1459 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1459 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1645 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.
1647 – parking complaint, Pinewood Ln.
1656 – parking complaint, Pinewood Ln.
1706 – parking complaint, Pinewood Ln.
1735 – found property/child, Quirk Rd./Tyler Rd.
1805 – family trouble, Tyler Rd.
1845 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edison Lake Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mida Dr.
1838 – welfare check, Country Ln.
1849 – property check, Ayres Ave./Beck Rd.
1939 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1952 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2042 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
2105 – animal complaint, Belleville/Yost
2211 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2345 – assist fire dept., Huron River Dr.
Tuesday, June 2:
0307 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Kirkridge Park Dr.

xxxx – repossession, Stamford Rd.
0801 – civil matter, Richards Run
0836 – civil matter, Richard Run Dr.
0853 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
0938 – civil matter, Rogers Ave.
1024 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1024 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1035 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Clayton Rd.
1051 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1134 – welfare check, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
1318 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1319 – ordinance violation – all 17300 MICR codes, Chatsworth Dr.
1341 – welfare check, Gilmore St.
1421 – prisoner transport, 34th District Ct.
1447 – assist other dept., Wheeler St.
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1527 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1616 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1612 – 911 welfare check, Coca-Cola Dr.
1943 – parking complaint, Pinewood Ln.
1744 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1858 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.
1902 – property check, Beck Rd./Ayres Ave.
1903 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1944 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
1944 – civil matter, Arlene Ln.
2002 – juvenile complaint, Brookside Dr./Rock Creek Dr.
2011 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Bog
2040 – breaking & entering, Paloma Dr.
2106 – vehicle lockout, Oak Ln.
2141 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.
2200 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
2218 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
2247 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
2339 – property check, Borgman Ave.
2344 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
Wednesday, June 3:
0035 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0153 – threat, Locust Dr.
0450 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0901 – abandoned auto, Sunrise Ln./Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, E. Huron River
0932 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
0934 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Berkdale Dr.
0940 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Tavistock Dr.
0944 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
0956 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Chandler Dr.
1040 – fraud, Castell Blvd.
1235 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Buchanan St.
1508 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd./E. I-94
1523 – assist other dept., Westlake Cir.
1525 – fraud, Rose Blvd.
1538 – mental subject, Anna Dr.
1606 – private property/property damage accident, Van Born Rd.
1613 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Peninsular Dr.
1635 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1654 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1712 – mental subject, Martinsville Rd.
1715 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1726 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1822 – shooting, Arlene Ln./Savage Rd.
1903 – property check, Beck Ball Field
1928 – neighbor trouble, Park Estates Dr.
1952 – fraud, Denton Rd.
2032 – follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.
2104 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2202 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2220 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd./Marlowe Ave.
Thursday, June 4:
0132 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
0240 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0341 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – repossession, W. Archwood Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Sandlewood Dr.
0758 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
0755 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
0912 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0946 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Justine St.
1133 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler

1151 – fraud, Ayers
1347 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1410 – parking complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1416 – abandoned auto, Wildbrook Dr.
1500 – threat, W. Huron River Dr.
1537 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw Co. Jail
1624 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1658 – missing person, W. Huron River Dr.
1846 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1745 – juvenile complaint, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1857 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hull
1947 – property check, Beck Rd.
1950 – warrant arrest, Macomb Co. Jail
2001 – mental subject, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2007 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2158 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd./W. I-94
2224 – domestic, Outer Dr.
2357 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
Friday, June 5:
0013 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd./Heatherfield Blvd.
0232 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0705 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0732 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0737 – animal complaint, Freedom Way
0826 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Haverhill Rd./Martinsville Rd.
0913 – shooting, Haverhill Rd.
1028 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Hannan Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1049 – fraud, Savage Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1203 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1211 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1216 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1230 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1325 – domestic, Country Ln.
1350 – vehicle lockout, Bog Rd.
1402 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1443 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1601 – parking complaint, Oak Ln.
1847 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.
1903 – dumping complaint, Sheldon Rd.
1917 – neighbor trouble, Renton Rd.
1917 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2216 – animal complaint, Sondra Dr.
2219 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2259 – traffic offense, McBride Ave./Pierce St.
2336 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
Saturday, June 6:
0006 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
0029 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
0053 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
0109 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0231 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0359 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
0400 – welfare check, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
0650 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0651 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0837 – unattended death, Savage Rd.
0958 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1027 – vehicle lockout, Denton Rd./Beckley Rd.
1039 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Martinsville Rd.
1117 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1201 – juvenile complaint, Coolidge St.
1202 – animal complaint, Sondra Dr.
1448 – threat, Maple Dr.
1626 – personal injury accident, EB Michigan Ave. /bypass
1723 – neighbor trouble, Renton Rd.
1732 – vehicle lockout, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1755 – suicidal person, Cobblestone Ct.
1920 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
1917 – civil matter, Country Ln.
2020 – animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2024 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.
2125 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2208 – 911 welfare check, N. Dartmoor Cir.
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2303 – missing person, Westlake Cir.
2334 – noise complaint, Lauren Ct.
Also, on this log are 126 traffic stops, 41 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 31:

0256 – assist other dept., Sully Dr.
0720 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
0757 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1520 – PPO violation, N. Aberdeen Ct.
Monday, June 1:
1102 – traffic offense, Henry St./South St.
1337 – property damage accident, Main St./Second
1551 – animal complaint, San Carlos St.
2114 – domestic, N. Aberdeen Ct.
Tuesday, June 2:
1031 – found property/child, Main St.
1058 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.
1212 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
2023 – misc. complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2105 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2211 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
Wednesday, June 3:
0321 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1330 – indecent exposure – all 3600 MICR codes, Charles St.
2027 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, June 4:
0017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Davis St.
0111 – misc. complaint, Carmell St.
0311 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0418 – assist citizen, Main St.
xxxx – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa
xxxx – traffic offense, Main St.
1214 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1241 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./Second St.
1628 – trespassing, Belle Villa Blvd.
1810 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1817 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
Friday, June 5:
0114 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0852 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1304 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1613 – retail fraud, Main St.
1647 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
2216 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.
Saturday, June 6:
1917 – 911 welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1917 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
There are 74 reports on this week's log, 39 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Following are the dispatch logs released by Sumpter Township Police for two weeks, since last week there were no logs available.
Sunday, May 24:
1537 – property damage accident, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1541 – civil matter, Knollwood
1626 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1718 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1930 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St. / California St.
2114 – felony warrant arrest, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
Monday, May 25:
0209 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
0839 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
0946 – death investigation, Montana St.
1203 – animal complaint, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1224 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1417 – traffic complaint/hazard, 41000 bl. Bemis
1532 – fire dept. assist, Huron Twp. PD
1541 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Karr

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1627 – family trouble, Oregon St.
 1631 – 911 hangup, Carriage Ln.
 1821 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Magnolia
 1844 – harassment complaint, Virginia St.
 1845 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
 2059 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Judd
 2129 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.
 2204 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
Tuesday, May 26:
 0518 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
 0953 – follow-up investigation, 8700 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 0956 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1258 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1328 – welfare check, Oregon St.
 1342 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
 1749 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1819 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1912 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1926 – animal complaint, Delaware St.
 2102 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
 2209 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
Wednesday, May 27:
 0258 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Arkona
 0313 – alarm, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
 0529 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1248 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.
 1324 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.
 1612 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.
 1623 – 911 hangup, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
 1637 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
 1946 – shots fired, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
 2224 – family trouble, Arizona St.
 2230 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Thursday, May 28:
 0004 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
 0009 – family trouble, Nevada St.
 0627 – found property, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1404 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
 1457 – assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1526 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1538 – alarm, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1724 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1902 – alarm, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
 2029 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
 2103 – 911 hangup, California St./Texas St.
 2223 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
Friday, May 29:
 0010 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1016 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
 1233 – assist other agency, Colorado St.
 1403 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Harris
 1526 – neighbor dispute, Arizona St.
 1730 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.
 2107 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
 2134 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2153 – mental health call, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
 2245 – noise complaint, Maine St.
Saturday, May 30:
 0443 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
 0821 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1022 – follow-up investigation, out of township
 1301 – family trouble, Stonecrest Dr.
 1305 – suspicious person, Stonecrest Dr.
 1311 – animal complaint, Wyoming St.
 1514 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1646 – juvenile matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1922 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.
 2307 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2308 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
 2324 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
Sunday, May 31:
 0242 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
 0929 – follow-up investigation, Utah St.
 1056 – malicious destruction of property, Utah St.
 1235 – follow-up investigation, Utah St.
 1244 – civil matter, Utah St.
 1409 – animal complaint, Colorado St.
 1712 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
 1830 – family trouble, Nevada St.
 1852 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
 1910 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1948 – mental health call, Nevada St.
 2004 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
 2228 – suspicious person, Martinsville/Wear
 2242 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
Monday, June 1:
 0038 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Thatcham Ln.
 0105 – civil matter, Tulip Dr.
 0130 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.
 0425 – 911 hangup, Virginia St.
 1247 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1516 – citizen assist, Knollwood Dr.
 1741 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia
 1855 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
 1915 – juvenile matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1926 – open burning, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1946 – 911 hangup, Idaho St.
 2034 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
Tuesday, June 2:
 0012 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
 0023 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville
 0425 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 0621 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Haggerty
 0830 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
 0841 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1043 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Schrock Dr.
 1137 – alarm, 8700 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 1202 – mental health call, Nevada St.
 1251 – alarm, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1423 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Deborah Ct.
 1428 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1501 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Karr Rd.
 1847 – animal complaint, Wyoming
 1851 – 911 hangup, Montana St.
 1901 – juvenile matter, 22000 bl. Fenster St.
 1919 – civil matter, Washington St.
 1939 – assault, Hampshire Dr.
 2119 – assist other agency, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
 2146 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Wednesday, June 3:
 0033 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Bemis

0847 – follow-up investigation, Wyoming St.
 0932 – assist other agency, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
 1002 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1128 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
 1140 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
 1236 – larceny, Magnolia Dr.
 1334 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1452 – larceny, Utah St.
 1525 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1526 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
 1748 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1752 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1810 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1926 – welfare check, Virginia St.
 1930 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Arkona
 1938 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Bemis
 2048 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2305 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Thursday, June 4:
 0113 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
 0314 – assist other agency, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
 0653 – 911 hangup, Virginia St.
 0838 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.
 1142 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Fenster
 1514 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
 1521 – animal complaint, Utah St.
 1528 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
 1537 – welfare check, Washington St.
 1605 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
 1709 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1724 – neighbor dispute, Virginia St.
 1912 – property damage accident, 43000 bl. Willis
 2026 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 2143 – citizen assist, Mulberry Dr.
 2217 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Karr
 2224 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Judd
Friday, June 5:
 0111 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
 0119 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
 0424 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0513 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming St.
 0910 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1049 – animal complaint, Fenster Ave./Reed Ave.
 1154 – juvenile matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1402 – suspicious circumstance, California/Utah
 1403 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Sumpter
 1412 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
 1518 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
 1537 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
 1610 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1611 – juvenile matter, Virginia St.
 1732 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1754 – civil matter, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1808 – family trouble, Country Club Blvd.
 1841 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Judd
 2320 – 911 hangup, Hampshire Dr.
Saturday, June 6:
 0128 – larceny, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
 0749 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
 0908 – follow-up investigation, Lohr/Bemis
 0936 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
 0952 – citizen assist, Judd Rd./Clark Rd.
 0956 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.
 1004 – 911 hangup, Brookview Dr.
 1120 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.
 1202 – assist other agency, Kansas St.
 1358 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
 1618 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Sumpter
 1756 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1835 – property damage accident, Washington St.
 2347 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
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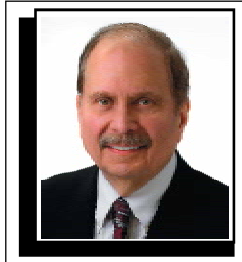
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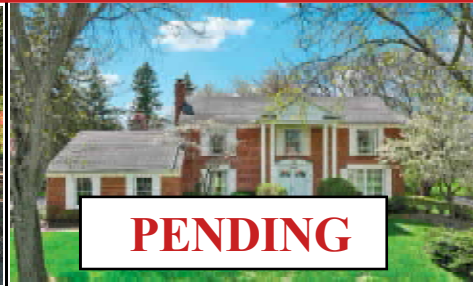
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