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City offers city manager's job to Brady Peck, on 4-1 vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Belleville City Council voted 4-1 to offer the contract for city manager to Brady Peck, director of operations for Washtenaw County.

Councilman Randy Priest cast the only no vote, saying he had nothing against Peck, but candidate Darwin McClary had much more experience as a city manager and much more education.

Councilman Priest said Peck, as director of operations, is in administration in Washtenaw County, but at the bottom of the administrative group. He has to do what the others tell him to do, Priest said. He said Peck has a lot of potential, but this will be a learning experience for him, learning on the job.

He said McClary is the current village manager of Lake Orion and brought businesses to Lake Orion. He left Lake

Orion 10-12 years earlier and then they rehired him.

Priest said he was impressed with the master's thesis McClary wrote and all the awards he got in college. Priest said McClary had long experience – 31 years -- and expertise and is gentle and soft spoken.

"He has actual experience," Priest stated.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe said he liked Brady, but all the candidates before council bring value.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Bates said this is one of the hardest decisions the board has had to make. She said she agrees with Priest's comments on McClary, who is her top choice. She said she has no bad

thoughts about Brady, but he doesn't have a city administrative role in his background.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel said she supported Brady at the beginning. She made the motion to hire him at the June 13 meeting, which got no support.

She said Brady's opportunity for growth is great. She said she had concerns about McClary being a finalist for the township administrator position in Sumpter Township, when they couldn't come to an agreement on a contract.

Mayor Ken Voigt said the negative comments about McClary's experiences in Albion and Ypsilanti, where his terms were fairly short, should take the places into consideration.

He said Albion went through a lot of city managers and has the reputation of not a very good place to work.

"I don't see any red flag with that," he said.

In Ypsilanti, he said, the fire chief was promoted and some of the council didn't agree with the choice. McClary also called out councilmen for taking trips paid for by China, he said, noting, "Politicians hold grudges."

He said McClary couldn't come to terms with Sumpter Township and couldn't come to terms with Huntington Woods.

A motion was made by Councilman Beebe to offer a contract to Brady and it passed 4-1, with Priest's dissent. Negotiations will begin.

Kissel asked what would happen if negotiations with Brady were unsuccessful and Mayor Voigt said it would come back to the council.

The 26-minute meeting started with Mayor Voigt reading a long statement about why the council decided to use a

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Brady Peck



Independent photo by James Otzman

The annual team of goats arrived on the job June 14 and got to work chewing the vegetation down along the shoreline of Horizon Park so people can see Belleville Lake. The city of Belleville's annual Goat Day celebration was held on Saturday at the park. There are 20 goats in the team this year. They were moved to another part of the park on Tuesday.

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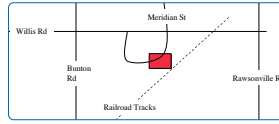
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT board approves sanitary, water line plans for data center

By Emily Flesch
Special Writer

At its regular meeting on June 16, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved two separate proposals from Fishbeck Engineering for the Panattoni Data Center Property, authorizing the firm to oversee plans for “sanitary sewer configurations” and “services to supply water.”

These plans include the construction of a 24-inch watermain and Great Lakes Water Authority connection to the property, as well as sanitary sewer lines from the property line to the main connection. As per the development agreement, the developer will be covering all costs up front and Van Buren Township will retain ownership following construction.

This decision came despite local friction, including a written public comment communication received just before the meeting at 5:04 p.m. signed by 50 individuals identified as “residents, some neighboring residents and some concerned citizens” asking the board to “refrain from a vote regarding the data center property.”

While the board’s vote focused on infrastructure, those making public comments went much broader, demanding greater transparency regarding how bids are vetted and approved and expressing frustration that citizens have not had the opportunity to meet with Google representatives directly.

In other business at the June 16 meeting, the board:

- Approved a resolution entering into a marketing agreement with the HomeServe insurance program, which provides water and sewer coverage to township residents if an emergency occurs, at a cost of \$5.99 a month for internal water lines and \$8.49 a month for external sewer lines. Following the board’s approval, HomeServe will mail letters notifying residents of the program and begin interviewing local contractors wishing to participate;
- Approved a resolution to authorize the township supervisor to sign a participation agreement with Courts and Law Enforcement Information System (CLEMIS) and Clerk Leon Wright to authorize the approval, which is necessary as the managing authority has changed from Oakland County to the new CLEMIS Authority. Police Chief Jason Wright assured the board that CLEMIS has been used by the township for many years and this agreement will not change any daily operations;
- Approved a resolution for the maintenance of a stormwater management system for Clover Communities at 8470 Belleville

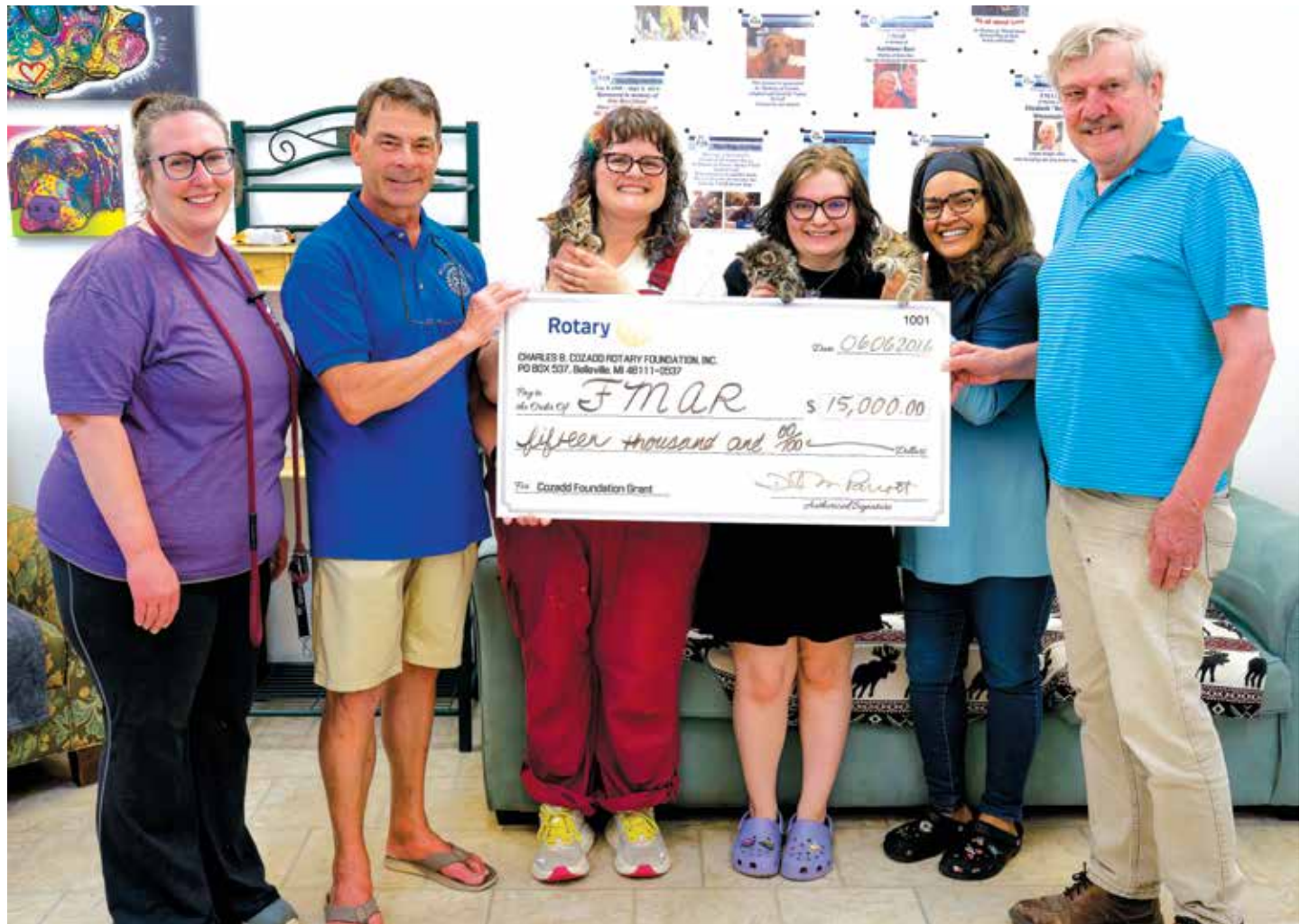


Photo courtesy Elena Manalp, Cozadd board member

On June 9, the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation presented a \$15,000 grant to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue at the FMAR facility, 51299 Arkona Rd., Sumpter Township. The grant will help FMAR prepare kittens and cats for adoption into loving homes during the kitten season of April through July, including spaying or neutering and microchipping, thereby reducing the feral cat population in the community. To date, the grant has helped provide care for 86 cats and kittens. The Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, and for making distributions to tax exempt organizations primarily in the tri-community area for such purposes. Grant applications can be found on the Belleville Rotary Club’s website. Pictured from left are FMAR board member Kathy Boatman; Cozadd Foundation president David Parrott; FMAR board member Orsi Dezsi; FMAR staff member Emily Newsome; FMAR board member Krissy Powe; and Cozadd secretary/treasurer Keith Bruder. Also three kittens from left are Flip, Dottie, and Rudy.

Road;

- Approved the \$48,400 purchase of a new 2026 Ford F-150 pickup truck from Atchinson Ford to replace an aging 2010 F-150 currently in use by the Water and Sewer Department;
- Approved the selection of All Star Power Excavation LLC for construction of Section I of the Iron Belle Trail, which will run east from Riggs Park down E. Huron River Drive to the railroad tracks and connect with Section J, forming a completed pathway to the Metroparks. The projected cost is \$423,597 with an additional contract cap of \$450,000 to cover contingencies funded by the remainder of the \$1.8 million State of Michigan Community Enhancement Grant received in 2023;
- Heard and approved a walk-on motion to add an accountant position in the Clerk’s Office with a starting salary of \$75,000 annually;
- Heard a presentation from Recreation Director Nicole Gerhart recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month and announcing

the “Bring-A-Free-Friend” program, which will give Van Buren Community Center members one free guest pass during the month of July;

- Heard an update from Police Chief Wright that a judge has ordered the drift racetrack owned by Dustin Lee-Delano McAllister at 44336 Robson Rd. to be removed by August, though an exact date was not given;
- Announced that weed treatments in Belleville Lake have begun, a process which may take “many years” as weeds must be removed prior to lily pad removal to prevent future weed reproduction;
- Announced that the state is in the final approval process of a 15-year infrastructure package which will provide large-scale, state-funded allocations to Van Buren, to begin road, sewer, and water funds that should positively affect every road in the township with no increase to taxes;
- Heard supervisor McNamara announce that the Teen Summer Work Program will begin next month with about 20 participants helping seniors with yard work and helping

them stay in their homes, among other community benefit programs, through a grant from the Detroit-Wayne Integrated Health Network; and

- Heard supervisor McNamara say he looked into a comment by a resident at an earlier meeting that said the township had a published rule to offer five minutes of public comment, plus a three-minute rebuttal. McNamara said a few years earlier, the township board passed a code of conduct which limited public comments to three minutes, with a minute and a half rebuttal. The five minutes had been the rule before that and the planning commission did not officially change its comment time, so its limit still should be five minutes, plus three. Planning commissioners were unaware of this and kept the limit to three in its last meeting. He apologized for not knowing this.;

The board completed its agenda in one hour and 51 minutes. Trustee Kevin Martin was absent and excused.

OPINIONS

Editorial

The times they are a'changing

As June heads into July, readers will notice that things are changing. The way the papers are being delivered to stores and other locations is undergoing a facelift. We can't tell you when you'll get them, but it will be by a laid-out plan that is more efficient than it's been.

A new editor will take over on July 1 and the old editor will retire and head home to rest on her couch, before she starts writing family reports for her sons.

You'll see different reporters at the different municipal meetings. Not to worry. They are educated and highly skilled. You can continue to expect truthful reports.

The office will remain in the same place with pretty much the same people inside to help you. Everything is expected to roll on as usual, with different people at the wheel.

The *Independent* has changed into a non-profit entity. As you know we were a for-profit paper for more than 30 years, but we didn't really make a profit.

The big thing is that we are asking you, the public, to help finance us and you are responding. We are planning a big party on July 16 at the BYC to get this going.

You're invited. We have tickets in our office. Come along. Save your community newspaper.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

This is the big Lake Fest weekend put on by the Chamber of Commerce. People still tell us they miss the old Strawberry Festival, but that was put away by the city in favor of something new years ago. And this festival seems to be for younger folk, a senior citizen told me this week.

He said he really didn't need a pub crawl and he could stay home and drink if he wanted to. But, he conceded, if his friends wanted him to go on the pub crawl, he could give it a try just for the fun of it.

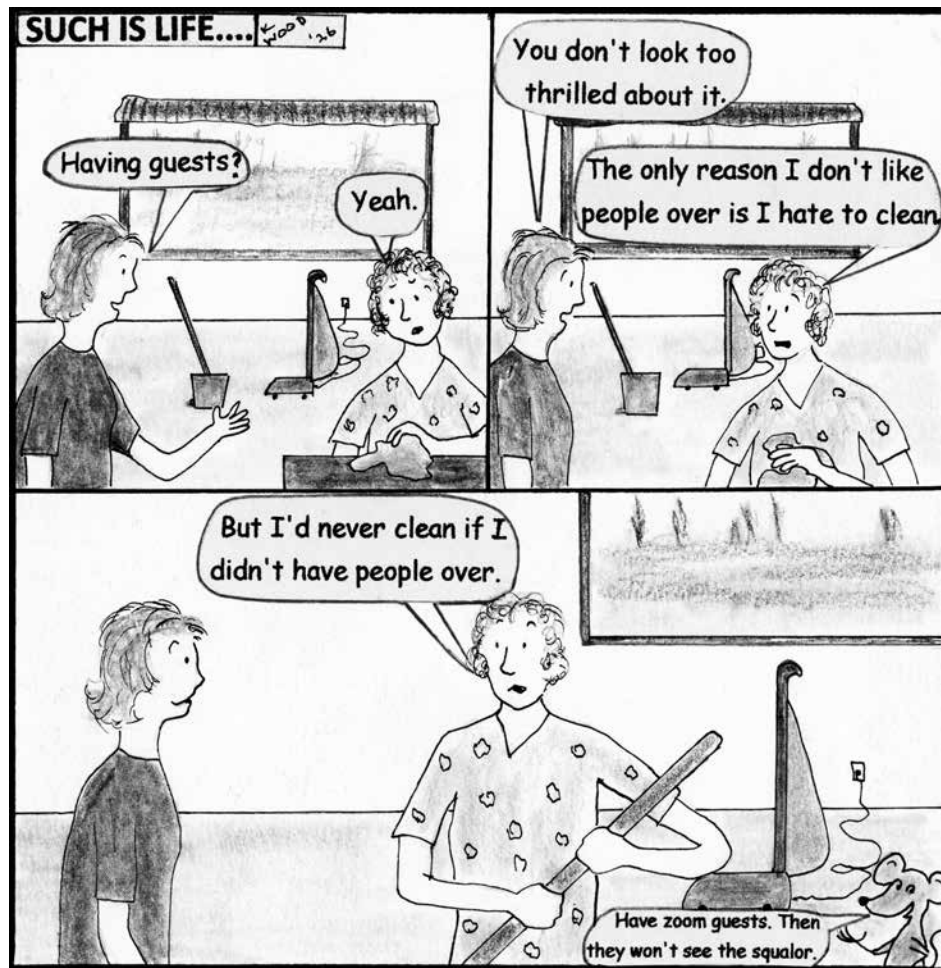
There are lots of events, many focusing on the lake and boats, and it's our big festival for the summer, so come on out and enjoy.

Dinara Strikis no longer is president at the chamber and we're told she has been replaced by VBT DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn. Don't ask. I'm never sure what's going on at the chamber.

Online AI will tell you the chamber operates from its headquarters at 248 Main St. in Belleville, but that's not true. They just pick up whatever messages or mail is left there. The chamber used to use that building they struggled to buy to welcome people coming in to learn about the community and actually talk to them.

Although the pharmacy now at the site is a great business, the chamber never should have been left without a home. My opinion.

It looks like Steve Jones will no longer be interim or any other kind of city manager in the city of Belleville. The council chose



someone else from the four finalists it came up with.

The Belleville DDA was waiting to see what the council did with Steve. The DDA was using him as a part-time director that he did with the interim manager position. The DDA members were trying to decide if they wanted a full-time or part-time director in the future and how much it was going to cost them.

It could be Steve will lose both positions and need to find a job.

On our newspaper delivery route, my son Jim and I have seen goats every week as we deliver to the Willis Feed Mill. There are lots of baby goats these days and they are very cute.

But people in downtown Belleville don't see goats up close except for the team that comes to clean up the Horizon Park shoreline each summer.

Willis Road, between Sumpter and Elwell roads, has been closed the last two weeks we wanted to deliver to the Liquor Wagon, so they received no papers. We tried to go from the west the first week, but it was closed.

Last week there was even a tree across Willis Road just past the barricades as we looked that way from Sumpter Road.

It was announced that the county was cleaning out the drains and it would take a while.

One of the neighbors to the garage/house fire in the 44000 block of Willis Road on June 4 said the fire started in the garage because

the BBQ was too close. He said the two cars in the garage were destroyed and the house had significant damage as well, although Huron Township FD got there pretty quickly. Followed by Sumpter and Augusta FDs.

We published a public notice a few weeks ago alerting everyone that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) is considering permits for the 1-gigawatt Google data center construction in Van Buren Township and its requests for permission to mitigate some 13.55 acres of wetlands.



This is for the 282-acre Cannoli project being developed by Panattoni in the area bounded by Haggerty, North I-94 Service Drive, Hannan Road, and I-275.

An online hearing was held June 16 and public comment on the wetlands plan is open until June 26.

The plan includes six culverts in regulated streams and filling and abandoning 573 linear feet of a stream for building construction. Developers plan to offset the impacts by purchasing wetland mitigation bank credits in the Huron River Watershed and creating 1,174 feet of new stream channel on the property.

The Environmental Protection Agency also will review the plans.

Comments can be made on EGLE's public notice site or submitted to EGLE's John Jones at jonesj71@michigan.gov.

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Letters
Letter to VBT Planning Commission members
 June 10, 2026
 Dear Commissioners,
 I regret to say that the hour of day is 5:45 a.m. and I'm unable to fall back to sleep because of the spectacle of the June 9 meeting; wherein the obvious conclusion, which was quite apparent, was that some members of this commission either don't read their information packets or they don't bother to seek answers to issues prior to the actual meeting date.
 Tina Harman, Recording Secretary, isn't paid sufficiently to transcribe all the foolish and irrelevant conversations that are bantered about between a couple of Planning Commissioners in regards to applicant's presentations and explanations of projects that come before the commission for approval.
 Recently this commission has made several determinations for site plan approvals/denials based upon false variables and pure speculation of, "what if this should happen," thereby opening a "Pandora's Box" with even more preposterous accusations and misinformation to be shared by the public across the internet and causing even further redundant data accumulations within the centers that are the subject of most public ire today.
 Stick to the facts only and disregard the probability or the water tower bursting or some other preconceived notion or fabrication of false information that might be presented by local residents and other individuals from elsewhere. "Emotions" won't sway the Michigan Public Service Commission if a utility provider appeals your decision to deny their business reasonable opportunity to expand in Michigan. You members owe the public better than what has transpired recently in these public hearings. Again, I thank each of you for your service to our community and please endeavor to consider only the facts of the matters before you.
 Respectfully yours,
 CeJay Marshall, VBT resident
 BIO: 43 years affiliation in CWA, 1968-2011
 Cable Repair Technician – AT&T retiree

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Tiger Robotics Boosters set two fund raisers
 To the editor:
 Tiger Robotics Booster Organization (TRBO) is wrapping up the 2025/2026 school year's robotics activities with a raffle fundraiser. We're offering two first prizes which each consists of two Delta Airlines eCertificates graciously donated by the parent of a BHS Belvillains team member. The certificates are good for travel anywhere Delta flies in the United States. The raffle will be held on June 27 at 6 p.m. at Belleville High School, and winners do not need to be present to claim their prize.
 TRBO is also kicking off the 2026/2027 school year with our second annual "Bowling with the Bots" Cosmic Bowling fundraiser at Lodge Lanes on Saturday, Aug. 1. In addition to the bowling fun, the event will feature both 50/50 and basket raffles.
 Full details of each fundraiser, including how to participate, can be found on our website at www.tigerrobotics.net. Click on the "Off Season Events" selection at the right side of the menu ribbon at the top of the home page and select the appropriate event from the drop-down list.
 We hope many of the *Independent's* readers will participate in these activities to help support the coming school year's robotics activities. With growing interest in robotics at all levels within the school district and with the potential for even more teams at the elementary, intermediate, and middle school levels than we had in 2025/2026, the support of your readers will help more students become exposed to activities which increase awareness and proficiency in science, technology, engineering, and math.
 Mark Laginess, president
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- Tuesday, July 7 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Wednesday, July 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

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TIME: 8PM-10PM
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TIME: DISK
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SAT JUNE 27TH

- VBPSET 5K RUN**
TIME: 7BQ
LOCATION: 18D
- YOGA IN THE PARK**
TIME: 9AM-10AM
LOCATION: HORIZON PARK
- CARDIO DRUMMING**
TIME: 10AM-11AM
LOCATION: 18D
- PANCAKES WITH PRINCESSSES (come dressed up!)**
TIME: 10AM-NOON
LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE
- KID ZONE • INFLATABLES • ROCK CLIMBING WALL**
TIME: 11AM-7PM
LOCATION: MAIN & 3RD
- MARKET ON MAIN**
TIME: 10AM-7PM
LOCATION: MAIN ST
- BELLEVILLE LAKE BOAT SHOW**
TIME: NOON-7PM
LOCATION: LAKEVIEW PLAZA
- TABLE TOP SCIENCE w/ TOMMY TECHNETIUM**
TIME: NOON-5PM
LOCATION: KID ZONE
- HOLAOLA POLYNESIAN DANCE GROUP**
TIME: 12PM
LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE
- LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS ALL DAY**
TIME: 11AM-10:30PM
LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE
- WILDLIFE SAFARI SHOWS**
TIME: 11AM, 1PM and 3PM
LOCATION: MAIN & 3RD
- KIDS FOAM PARTY (two parties)**
TIME: 2:30PM & 4:30PM
LOCATION: MAIN & 3RD
- WATER SKI SHOW**
TIME: 2PM
LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE
- POLICE DEPT DONUT EATING CONTEST**
TIME: 3PM
LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE

SAT JUNE 27TH (continued)

- MAIN STAGE- ALLENTOWN- A BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE**
TIME: 7PM
LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE
- MAIN STAGE- LOOKIN' BACK- A TRIBUTE TO BOB SEGER**
TIME: 8:30PM
LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE
- YAN BUREN TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS SHOW**
TIME: AT DARK
LOCATION: BECK FIELD, 18T

SUN JUNE 28TH

- BASS FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP**
TIME: 7AM-3PM
LOCATION: BELLEVILLE LAKE EAST BOAT LAUNCH
- YOGA IN THE PARK • POUND LESSON**
TIME: 9AM-11AM
LOCATION: HORIZON PARK/MAIN ST
- KID ZONE • INFLATABLES • ROCK CLIMBING WALL**
TIME: 11AM-5PM
LOCATION: MAIN & 3RD
- MARKET ON MAIN**
TIME: 11AM-5PM
LOCATION: MAIN ST
- BELLEVILLE LAKE BOAT SHOW**
TIME: NOON-5PM
LOCATION: LAKEVIEW PLAZA
- TOUCH A TRUCK WITH SUPERHEROES**
TIME: 11AM-1PM
LOCATION: MAIN & 3RD
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Obituaries



Gloria Ann Dougherty

GLORIA ANN DOUGHERTY
 (December 15, 1937 – June 20, 2026)
 Gloria Ann Dougherty, age 88, passed away under hospice care, on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Cedar Woods Assisted Living, Belleville, MI. Gloria was born December 15, 1937, in Lake Placid, New York, beloved daughter of Ernest and Ida Mary (Nichols) Caron. She spent her formative years in Manistique, MI, where she attended Manistique High School. Gloria's dedication to helping others led her to pursue a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) degree at Northern Michigan University, marking the beginning of a lifelong commitment to caring. On December 27, 1958, Gloria married Franklin Willard Dougherty in Manistique. Together they raised three children. Gloria and Frank loved to dance, especially the waltz, and even won several contests. Gloria was a devoted wife and mother, cherishing her family above all. Franklin Sr. preceded her in death. Gloria was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Belleville, MI. She was also a member of the Belleville Moose #934, Van Buren Eagles Aerie #3996, Business and Professional Women's Club, Belleville Area Women's Club, Huron Valley Conservation Club, Van Buren Community Center, and she was a Red Hatter. Gloria was not only a member; she was an advocate, volunteer, and cheerleader for many clubs, encouraging others to attend and participate in many events. Gloria was a hard worker, a true caregiver, and special needs advocate. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Gloria is survived by her children: Frank "Chum" (Janet) Dougherty of Willis, MI, Francie Musser of Belleville, MI, and Kelly Dougherty of Willis, MI. She is also survived by three brothers: Glen (Eva) Caron of Gwinn, MI, Bill Caron of Jackson, MI, and Douglas (Judy) Caron of Tecumseh, MI; her sister Elaine (Don) Pecor of Sarasota, FL, grandchildren: Stacie (Chris) Bukosky, Stephine (Jason) Williams, David (Beth) Musser, Hunter (Jenna) Musser; and nine great-grandchildren. Gloria was preceded in death by her parents Ernest Caron and Ida Caron-Jenerou, loving husband Franklin Willard Dougherty, Sr. on November 15, 1988, brothers Kenneth and Leonard Caron, infant granddaughter Erin Lyn Musser, also her long-time companion J.D. Moody. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A graveside service in honor of Gloria will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Manistique, Michigan, on Saturday, September 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM. The service will be officiated by Fr. Ben Paris. Family, friends, and members of the community are invited to pay their respects and celebrate Gloria's remarkable life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Special Olympics, an organization close to Gloria's heart.

REBECCA BENTLEY
 (January 16, 1948 – June 18, 2026)
 Age 78, of Ypsilanti. Survived by husband Larry, daughter Elizabeth, grandchildren Heather and Courtney, siblings Freddie and Carol, and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.
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MAXINE HICE LENK
 (September 12, 1940 – June 14, 2026)
 Age 85, of Huron Township. Survivors include three children, Susan, David, and Paula; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister Claudia; brother Mark. Visitation is Friday at Brown Funeral Home. Service is at 11 a.m. at I Am Church in Rockwood on Saturday.
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More Letters

I feel sorry for 'Queer Belleville Resident'

To the editor:
 I'm writing to you in reference to a letter printed June 11 pertaining to Pride Month this June and signed by "Queer Belleville Resident."

I really feel sorry for the Queer of Belleville. Evidentially, this person knows nothing about the will of God. Also, is completely ignorant of the Bible, the Book of Life before leaving earth.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of sin. God sent angels to get Lot's wife and family out of Sodom and Gomorrah. The men there wanted to have a sexual relationship with the angels. Lot protected the angels and the family and Lot were led out of Sodom and Gomorrah and the city destroyed.

Also Noah, where the people were in sexual sin. Earth was all evil and it was destroyed with a flood, the whole world.

This poor Queer doesn't know what they are wishing for. God did not create two Adams or two Eves. He created Adam male and Eve female. This pride month is not right. There is a devil Satan who is a murderer, a liar, and thief. No matter what the Queer or others like them believe. They will not win.

God's will is and will be done when Jesus returns and He will return and there will be a new earth and heaven.

I don't hate the Queer, but I pray for the Queer to see the truth and be free from darkness and see the light.

God bless you.
 Thomas G. Clayton
 Van Buren Township

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More Letters

We have every right to recall the entire board

To the editor:

I take umbrage at a paragraph in your recent editorial (City residents support Steve Jones as city manager, Vol 32.25, June 18, 2026), in which you take an opportunity to needle VBT residents for being a "rude, hostile township mob" because we are unhappy with our township board. As voting residents of VBT, we have every right to express our dissatisfaction with the entire way the Project Cannoli issue was handled. If the only way to express that dissatisfaction is to recall the entire board, so be it ... that is our LEGAL recourse, and it is our right to use it; it's how the democratic process works.

The reason residents are supporting the recall process is that we no longer feel our best interests are being addressed by the current board. It is no secret that all over the country, residents are opposing hyperscale data centers, due to excessive noise, vibration, air quality, potential water main and other infrastructure disasters, and a multitude of other concerns, not the least of which is being a prime strategic target for cyberattacks and other modes of modern warfare. If recalling a board is our only recourse, perhaps other city or township managers elsewhere will think twice about being secretive and opaque in their dealings with Big Tech, to the detriment of their constituents.

How dare you use a completely unrelated editorial about Steve Jones and the city management position to toss a snide ad hominem remark at VBT residents. It was unprofessional, and indicates a lack of knowledge of the situation on your part. I bet if there was a data center going up 200 feet from your front door, you wouldn't be too happy about it either.

If you are an editor worthy of the concept of freedom of the press, you will print my letter in your next issue, with an apology to the residents of Van Buren Township, who are only doing what we feel is our civic duty.

J. C. Wilson

Resident, Van Buren Township

And, furthermore ...

I'm the reader who sent an earlier email regarding your comments about VBT residents and hyperscale data centers. I have another point that I feel I must make:

The comments you made in the paper were comparing the "rude, hostile" behavior of VBT citizens at town hall meetings about Project Cannoli, to "the kind, considerate, friendly group" who stood up in favor of Steve Jones to speak on his behalf (to be officially hired as Belleville's city manager).

So in essence ... you were comparing the highly-charged level of homeowners' expression against potential environmental disaster (rude, hostile) to the level of expression about hiring someone's friend or

colleague for a job (kind, considerate).

Of COURSE these two levels of expression were different. Of COURSE the people speaking on Steve's behalf were "kind, considerate" ... they were talking about someone getting a job --hardly an earth-shattering event. Compare that to the people worried about their water and electricity and traffic and property values plummeting and noise and air pollution and all the other things that go along with a hyperscale data center. There is NO comparison in how these two sets of people express their feelings.

The levels of impact and gravity of each of these two events are so far apart as to be on two different planets. It is unbelievable that someone in your position cannot see the ludicrousness of comparing how people spoke about them.

J. C. Wilson

Van Buren Township

Not just July 4 – It's U.S.A.'s 250th birthday

To the editor:

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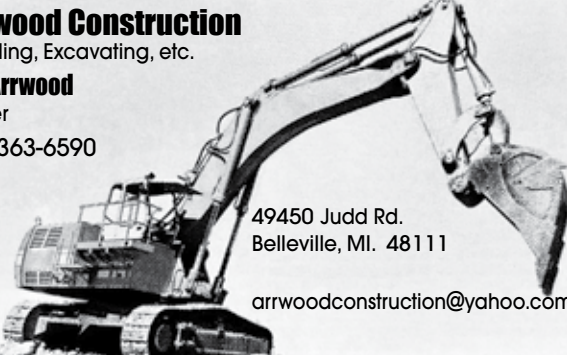
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VBT Trustee Kelley confronts speaker over threats against family

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Near the end of the June 16 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board, when speakers were again attacking the board over its decisions concerning the data center, trustee Bryon Kelley confronted a speaker.

He said his family has received death threats and people are talking online about throwing things at his family. He said people are threatening the board members and threatening their families.

Kelley said after his 20 years of serving the community, it disgusts him that people here in the boardroom accuse board members of taking money.

"People who claim to be part of the community, put online to go to this house at this address and they have two children," Kelley said.

He said members of the audience treat the board members "like crap" and make threats against his family.

Speaker Monique Kurkowski went on to charge the board had early emails about the data center and Kelley stopped her comment by asking her if she was the one who is threatening him on Facebook.

She said she is on Facebook, and many people are on Facebook, but she asked him to look her in the eye as she said she is not threatening anybody.

As others in the audience got up to speak against the board members with various charges, board members spoke back.

"If we don't say anything, we're wrong," said clerk Leon Wright. "If we do say something, we're wrong..."

"This board has done a fantastic job," Wright said. "It listens to the people."

Clerk Wright had said the problem is a misconception by the public. He said he

has gone through a recall before.

Jenn Smith, a few minutes earlier in the meeting, had announced she was going to recall the whole board. She also said the public "got all f---ed up" by the board, "We are completely getting screwed," and the board is putting their lives at risk.

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More Letters

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To the editor:
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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
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Well, here we are at Belleville Lake Fest weekend. The newspaper will have a space in the non-profit section so stop by and say hi or better yet buy a ticket to our Launch Party on July 16 at the BYC. We will also have a stuffed animal raffle that you don't have to be present to win and, of course, donations and sponsorships for the new

non-profit are welcome, too. If you can't make it to Lake Fest, see the ad in the paper today with a handy QRCode where you can order dinner tickets without leaving your home!

See the full-page Lake Fest ad in the paper this week. There will be lots of things for the littles in the Kid's Zone, an abundance of crafters, bakers, non-profits and vendors just waiting to make sure you don't go home empty handed, plus all kinds of activities and music. See the complete list of activities in the paper today.



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The Belleville Seventh Day Adventist Church has scheduled a Vacation Bible School "Battle for the Crown" on July 13 through 18 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome, from infant through teens, at 89 S. Edgemont. Website: myvbs.org/BellevilleSDA

I was glad to hear how well Cinnamon's Car Show went on Father's Day but was sorry to learn it would be their last one here in the city. I really thought Steve had been doing it for more than 25 years. My concept of time died during Covid but it just seems like it was around in the '90s during Strawberry Festival and before.

Van Buren Township's fireworks are scheduled for dusk on Saturday, June 27, by Beck Fields. They have special activities for kids at 8 p.m. and food at the Little League concession stand.

While I'm at it let's get the rest of the fireworks on your schedule. There will also be the 31st-annual fireworks extravaganza put on by a Harmony Lane resident on the northeast side of Belleville Lake on July 3 at dusk, and the annual BYC fireworks on July 4. Both of these are best viewed on

the lake.

Performing on Thursday night at Music Lakeside on High Street is Detroit Breakdown, J. Geils Tribute Band. The food truck this week is Cousins Marine Lobster – always a favorite.

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

Mason Vlademar named to Deans' List at University of Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE -- Mason Vlademar of Van Buren Township has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2025-26 academic year.

Vlademar, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Engineering. A minimum grade point average of 3.7 is required to be named to the Dean's List in the College of Engineering.



They're reading the Independent Everywhere

Matthew Kubit of Belleville recently visited Historic Philadelphia in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Visiting the Liberty Bell was one of the highlights of his American Journey. On this trip he also visited the Appalachian Trail, the Atlantic Ocean in Delaware, Washington, D.C., Monticello, and Hocking Hills, OH. "Let Freedom Ring from America and Beyond," Matthew said.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

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Belleville Band alumni invited to celebrate 100 years of Belleville bands

The Belleville High School Band Program invites all former band and color guard members to participate in the 100 Years of Belleville Bands Celebration on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026.

Alumni musicians and color guard members will have the opportunity to join the current Belleville Marching Band on the field as part of this special anniversary event.

Alumni interested in attending are asked to begin by completing the Belleville Band Alumni Registry and Event Interest Form at: <https://forms.gle/fEio8GCwkvvEFag39>

The form allows alumni to identify themselves as Belleville Band alumni and indicate their interest in attending the Alumni Tailgate, the 100 Years of Belleville Bands Celebration, and/or participating in the Alumni Band performance.

Music, rehearsal information, performance details, and event updates will be available after July 1 at www.bellevillebands.org. Information and registration links can also be found on the Belleville Bands Facebook and Instagram pages.

Alumni are encouraged to share this information with former Belleville band and color guard members to help make this milestone celebration a memorable gathering of generations of Belleville musicians and performers.

Belleville Bands on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BellevilleHighSchoolBands/>

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More Letters

Another fantastic Kids Fishing Derby

To the editor and community:

Another fantastic Kids Fishing Derby is in the books!

It was an incredible day at Banotai Park, with beautiful weather and approximately 500 attendees. We loved seeing so many children enjoying the outdoors and making lasting memories. Congratulations to

11-year-old Ian Wilson, who caught the biggest fish of the day, a bass measuring an impressive 16.5 inches.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this event a success:

- Cabela's: For sponsoring the event and providing fantastic prizes.
- Trustee JC Honey: For supplying the worms.
- Faras at Little Town Pizza: For providing pizza the night before the event.
- Marcie Grzywacz (State Senate candidate) and Brandon Grzywacz: For assisting with fish measurements.
- Frios Gourmet Pops: For providing

delicious sweet treats.

- Sumpter Police Department: For their presence and support.
 - Supervisor Tim and Liz Bowman: For providing extra fishing poles.
 - Event Staff: Treasurer Bart Patterson, Trustee Matt Oddy, Trustee Tim Rush, Trustee JC Honey, our Parks & Recreation Team, and the many volunteers who served as derby officials.
 - DPW Director Ron Tabor and his crew: for keeping Banotai Park clean and beautiful.
- Events like this are only possible because of the incredible support from our community, sponsors, volunteers, and

township officials. Thank you for helping create a day filled with fun and laughter.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!
Anita Honey, co-chair
Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation



Ian Wilson with biggest fish of the day

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HELP WANTED: Community Reporter (Part-Time / Freelance)

The Belleville Area News Foundation is seeking a Community Reporter to assist with local news coverage in Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township.

This position suits someone who enjoys meeting people, covering community events, attending public meetings, and reporting on issues important to local residents. Coverage may include local government, schools, community events, public safety, features, and human-interest stories.

Responsibilities include:

- Attending municipal meetings and community events
- Conducting interviews with residents, community leaders, and local officials
- Writing accurate, balanced, and timely news stories
- Meeting assigned deadlines
- Taking photographs when possible or coordinating with photographers
- Working closely with the editor on story assignments and coverage priorities

The ideal candidate has strong writing and communication skills, an interest in local communities, and the ability to work independently. Journalism, newspaper, or community reporting experience is helpful.

This is a flexible, part-time or freelance position that requires some evening meeting coverage. Compensation may be hourly, per story, or assignment-based depending on experience and workload.

To apply, please submit a resume or a brief statement of interest, along with writing samples, if available.

Send inquiries and applications to:
152 Main St., Ste. 9, Belleville, MI
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HELP WANTED: Managing Editor (Part-Time)

The Belleville Area News Foundation seeks a part-time Managing Editor to oversee editorial operations of a weekly community newspaper serving Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township.

This position suits someone with experience in newspapers, journalism, communications, or editorial roles who values community reporting and enjoys working collaboratively.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating weekly editorial workflow
- Assigning and editing stories
- Working with reporters, freelance writers, photographers, and production staff
- Determining story priorities and front-page coverage
- Proofreading content prior to publication
- Maintaining weekly publication deadlines
- Attending selected community or municipal meetings as needed
- Assisting with website and digital publishing coordination

The ideal candidate will have strong writing, editing, organizational, and communication skills. Familiarity with AP Style and experience in community journalism are preferred.

This flexible, part-time position requires about 20–30 hours per week, including some evening meetings. Hybrid and remote work options may be available.

Compensation will be based on experience, qualifications, and workload.

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HELP WANTED: Freelance Writers & Community Contributors

The Belleville Area News Foundation is seeking freelance writers and community contributors to cover local events, community life, schools, nonprofits, history, arts and culture, and other stories reflecting our community's character.

This flexible, assignment-based opportunity is ideal for writers, retirees, students, educators, photographers, and community members who enjoy storytelling and staying connected to local events. No formal newsroom experience is required.

Responsibilities may include:

- Writing community news and feature stories
- Covering local events and activities
- Conducting basic interviews
- Meeting agreed-upon deadlines
- Working with editors and production staff

The ideal candidate is dependable, curious, community-minded, and able to communicate clearly in writing. Journalism, photography, social media, or interviewing experience is helpful but not required.

Assignments may range from short event recaps to feature stories and human-interest pieces.

Compensation may include per-story payments, stipends, or volunteer opportunities depending on assignment type and experience.

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Sen. Darrin Camilleri comments on reports of Romulus ICE warehouse

Recent reporting from the New York Times indicates that ICE is planning to offload many of the warehouses it bought to house detainees, including the proposed site in Romulus, State Senator Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, issued the following statement:

“We knew from the start that this ICE facility was unwanted and unwarranted in our community. We organized and coordinated with local and state partners to fight back, and we won.

“The administration’s heavy-handed tactics were unconstitutional, unpopular, and aimed to bulldoze over local opposition. I am incredibly grateful to the Romulus community, mayor McCraight, and attorney general Nessel for standing their ground and fighting for our neighbors.”

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Andrew Winnie urges VBT planners to turn down Waverly proposal

At the June 10 Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting, Andrew Winnie spoke during the public comment period for items not on the agenda.

Several people were present in the audience to witness presentation of the proposed Waverly Apartment development, but it had been removed from the agenda.

Winnie had his arms loaded with documents, which he didn't have time to present during his 3-minute comment period, so he said he was sharing them with the township so they would have more information.

He said he was there to respectfully ask the planning commission to deny the proposed development of 285 rental units and 92 single-family homes on the former Harbour Club Golf Course, originally

known as Lemon Tree Golf & Apartments. He also asked the township to slow down and conduct a complete review of the historical approvals, recorded documents, easements, covenants, development agreements and planning commitments associated with this property before making any decision.

"This is much more than a zoning issue," he said. "It is a planned development issue."

"The golf course land now proposed for 285 apartments and 92 homes was identified in recorded documents for more than 50 years as a golf course, clubhouse, driving range, tennis courts, and recreational facilities serving the Lemon Tree/Harbour Club and our community.

"This property was never treated as ordinary, vacant land. It was developed as

part of an integrated planned community, consisting of apartments, recreational amenities, and open space," he said.

"One of the earliest mortgage documents I located, dated June 5, 1972, describes the project as consisting of 294 apartment units, a clubhouse, swimming pool, and golf course. The golf course was not an afterthought. It was one of the defining features of the original development and was incorporated into the project from the beginning. It was built first," Winnie said.

He said the original Dec. 7, 1968 land contract between Martha Jilek, the seller, and Frank and Viola Volk, the buyer, specifically references the golf course.

"The agreement states that the purchaser shall not have possession of the lands for any other purpose whatsoever than that of

the golf course.

"Those words deserve careful review before this community permanently loses nearly 100 acres of recreational open space," he said.

"The historical record shows that the township approved an integrated planned community at densities that would not otherwise have been approved because the project included extensive recreational amenities and open-space features," Winnie said.

He said the developer received approval to construct approximately 1,150 apartment units at a density of roughly 19 units per acre, one of the highest-density residential developments approved in the township at that time.

Red Cross Blood Drive has incentives at Denton Faith UMC on June 26

Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township, is holding a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10

a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, June 26.

A \$20 e-gift card, Cedar Point tickets while they last, and other incentives will be available for donors.

For more information, call (734) 483-2276 or email faithchurch69@gmail.com.

The church's website is www.faithchurchdenton.com.

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City Council

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process when hiring. He said selecting the city manager is one of the most important jobs the council does.

He said using "best practices" keeps them from making a mistake and concentrates on transparency and accountability.

"When we do best practices it's for all the people who count on us," he said.

He said the lists of suggested requirements for a city manager from the International City Manager Association as well as the Michigan Municipal League put education and experience at the top of the list.

After going through the lists of requirements, Mayor Voigt moved to

a white board with each of the four candidate's names printed in red. He asked for any support for candidates Krystina Laslo and Stephen Jones, and there was no support from council members.

There were two supporting McClary – Priest and Bates. Three supported Brady.

Mayor Voigt commented that if the council chose to retain interim city manager Stephen Jones as permanent city manager they could have someone come in to assist him.

He said the city charter states that the city manager "should be selected solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his training and actual experience in municipal administration." A contract term is for no more than three years, according to the charter.

Leslie Thomas of VBT named to Deans' List at University of Maryland

ADELPHI, MD -- Leslie Thomas of Van Buren Township was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 term at University of Maryland Global Campus.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville, State of Michigan, who is not already registered may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State Agency. Registration forms can be obtained at belleville.mi.us/elections or at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is
Monday, July 20, 2026.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (per MCL 168.492) at the City Clerk's office, located at
**330 Charles Street,
Belleville MI 48111**
as follows:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, August 4th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for registration are:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- City of Belleville resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election
- United States citizen

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

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- **United States Senator**
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- **State Senator, 4th District**
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- **Wayne County Executive**
- **Delegate to the County Convention**
- **Wayne County Transit Authority Public Transportation Millage**

Sample ballots are available in the City Clerk's office, 330 Charles Street, Belleville MI 48111 or on the City's website: www.belleville.mi.us.

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Briana Papin, MiPMC – City Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- June 16, 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 Kelley, Trustee Boynton, and Trustee Frazier. Absent/Excused: Trustee Martin. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Director of IT Barbaza, Fire Chief McNally, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of HR Monia, Police Chief Wright, and an audience of 24.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Kelley moved, Wright seconded to approve the amended agenda adding New Business Item #7: To consider approval of an Accountant Job Description and Salary in the Clerk's Office. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2026, Prepaid List of June 10, 2026, Voucher List of June 16, 2026, and Approval of Resolution 2026-16: the HomeServe Marketing Agreement. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Weed treatments have begun in Belleville Lake, the teen summer work program known as REAL will start next month using grant funding from Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, the Township is working on a 15-year infrastructure package with the State of Michigan to receive state funding for improvements to Township roads and water and sewer, and the VBT Fire Department has become a premier training destination for new firefighters and part time hiring has a wait list, and July was recognized as Parks and Recreation Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): A resident spoke on the Township truck purchase and easements, and a letter signed by members of the community was read

referencing the Google Data Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2026-15 and request the Board to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign a Participation Agreement with Courts and Law Enforcement Information Systems (CLEMIS) Authority and Township Clerk to authorize the resolution. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve Resolution 2026-14, a resolution for the Long-Term Maintenance of the storm water management system of Clover Communities at 8470 Belleville Road. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of All Star Power Excavation LLC for the construction of the Iron Belle Trail Section I for \$423,597.00 with an additional contingency up to \$450,000. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve a proposal from Fishbeck Engineering to provide design engineering services for sanitary sewer configuration and improvements to the Panattoni Data Center Property. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Wright seconded to approve Fishbeck Engineering to provide design engineering services to supply water to the Panattoni Data Center Property. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve Supervisor McNamara and Clerk Wright to approve and execute the Accountant job description with a salary of \$75,000 for the Clerk's Office. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Audience members spoke on many topics such as government transparency, Quirk Park, and the Google data center project.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Board members commented on threats they have received and the struggles of representative democracy.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: June 25, 2026

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 309 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, June 14:

0226 – 911 welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton
0306 – fight, Pebblebrook Dr.
0408 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0700 – personal injury accident, E. Huron River Dr.
/ Haggerty Rd.
0749 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0929 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
0955 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1010 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1138 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.
1133 – animal complaint, Farm Rd.
1316 – welfare check, Milton Dr.
1316 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1353 – misc. complaint, Parkside Dr.
1443 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1512 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1534 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr.
1618 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1818 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr.
1635 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1636 – misc. complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1658 – trespassing, Cobblestone
1751 – assist other dept., Country Walk Ct.
1858 – family trouble, W. Archwood Dr.
1852 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1935 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2009 – misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2121 – road hazard, E. Walden Dr./Stonebridge
2037 – animal complaint, Florence Ln.
2036 – disorderly, Locust Dr.
2104 – trespassing, Savage Rd.
2050 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
2143 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
2328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck Rd.

Monday, June 15:

0014 – threat, Birch Dr.
0225 – domestic, Marina Cv.
0301 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0828 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1100 – neighbor trouble, Jackson St.
1146 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Jackson Ln.
1201 – parking complaint, Mission Pointe
1333 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1336 – welfare check, Martinsville Rd.
1520 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Timberview Ct.
1544 – personal injury accident, Sunrise Ln. / Belleville Rd.
xxxx – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
2206 – malicious destruction of property, Savage
1634 – assist other dept., Sandalwood
1805 – found property/child, Beck Rd./Ayres Ave.
1831 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.
1850 – 911 welfare check, Kahla Dr.
2033 – civil matter, Cross St.
2143 – larceny, Wheeler St.
2225 – fireworks, Haggerty Rd.
2207 – fraud, Sunrise Ln.
2225 – assist citizen, Haggerty Rd.
2239 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
2240 – property check, Westlake Cir.
2243 – assist citizen, Quirk Rd.
Tuesday, June 16:
0013 – intrusion alarm, Peninsular Dr.
0120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0230 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0439 – family trouble, E. Adams
0449 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0731 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0821 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Wheeler St.
0830 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Tyler Rd.
0931 – disorderly, S. Adams
0949 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Haggerty Rd.

1031 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1121 – assault & battery, Quirk Rd.
1202 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
1255 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa Dr.
xxxx – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1317 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1417 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1547 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1557 – larceny, Holly Ln.
1621 – neighbor trouble, Vista Dr.
1718 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1720 – family trouble, Redwood Dr.
1848 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
xxxx – fraud, Winding Pond Dr.
1820 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1923 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2245 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
2322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
Wednesday, June 17:
0144 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
0359 – property damage accident, Rawsonville I-94 ramp E./E. I-94
0505 – found property/child, Tyler Rd./Parkwood
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0821 – suicidal person, Country Ln.
1020 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1042 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1101 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Hamilton St.
1111 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1112 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Arthur St.
xxxx – private property impound, Westlake Cir.
1158 – property check, Haggerty Rd.
1144 – harassment call, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service
1245 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
1315 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1329 – weapons violation, Victoria St.
xxxx – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.
1449 – property damage accident, Old Michigan Ave.
1458 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
1536 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1530 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1524 – assist other dept., Mott/Dellor St.
1656 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
1548 – neighbor trouble, Savage Rd.
1616 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
1655 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1851 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1911 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./ N. I-94 Service Dr.
2034 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.
2058 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2146 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2200 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2257 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
2307 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2310 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2312 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
Thursday, June 18:
0014 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0244 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0846 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0932 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0948 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1051 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1055 – welfare check, W. Adams
1116 – trespassing, Redwood Dr.
1122 – mental subject, Quirk Rd.
1128 – assist fire dept., Huron River Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Ecorse Rd.
1233 – 911 welfare check, Jackson St.
1333 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1321 – suicidal person, Holly Ln.
1328 – fraud, Maple Dr.
1405 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.
1501 – civil matter, Martz Rd.
1443 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1506 – PPO violation, Cross St.
1551 – animal complaint, Mott
1545 – domestic, Quirk Rd.
1619 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar
1607 – juvenile complaint, Wheeler St./McKinley
1620 – assist fire dept., Arthur St.

1717 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr./Cottonwood Dr.
1727 – family trouble, Village Green Ln.
1833 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1857 – welfare check, Quirk/I-94
1931 – civil matter, Patty Ln.
1950 – civil matter, Spencer Ave.
2000 – warrant arrest, Ford
2115 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
2200 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
Friday, June 19:
0012 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – repossession, W. Walden Dr.
0351 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Walden Dr.
0417 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0632 – road hazard, Van Born/Haggerty Rd.
0723 – welfare check, Dewitt Rd.
0813 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0820 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
0857 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Meadows Cir.
1048 – assist fire dept., Quirk Rd.
1125 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1132 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1133 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1202 – intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr.
1249 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Martinsville Rd.
1450 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1505 – animal complaint, Beck Rd.
1653 – 911 welfare check, Renton Rd.
1724 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1823 – property damage accident, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville Rd.
1825 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1932 – property check, Berkdale Dr.
2030 – welfare check, E. Adams
2102 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2219 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2259 – shooting, Assembly St.
2313 – fireworks, Park Estates Dr.
2318 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr. / High St.
2332 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
2359 – noise complaint, Fairfield Dr.
Saturday, June 20:
0038 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0140 – private property impound, Lighthouse Dr.
0404 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
0551 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0956 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1235 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Lighthouse Dr.
1246 – motorist assist, Lighthouse Dr.
1431 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1510 – prisoner transport, Mound Rd.
1618 – welfare check, Fairfield Dr.
1633 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1702 – larceny from auto, Victoria St.
1737 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1837 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1826 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1846 – welfare check, Hannan Rd./Huron River
2035 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Christina Ln.
2136 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2226 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.
2254 – noise complaint, Pond Bluff Dr.
2255 – 911 welfare check, Pond Bluff Dr.
2328 – noise complaint, Ryznar Dr.
Also, on this log are 90 traffic stops, 22 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 14:

0129 – intrusion alarm, South St.
1336 – welfare check, Huron River Dr.
1654 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Edgemont
2026 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
Monday, June 15:
1322 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1420 – PPO violation, Santa Clara St.
2113 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
2143 – property check, Main St.
Tuesday, June 16:
1830 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.
2215 – welfare check, Santa Clara St.

Wednesday, June 17:

0101 – welfare check, Carmell St.
0332 – intrusion alarm, South St.
1132 – misc. complaint, Fourth St.
1633 – property damage accident
2030 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
2117 – assist fire dept., Greylock St.

Thursday, June 18:

0151 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
0729 – property damage accident, Main/Third
1108 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1129 – assist fire dept., Huron River Dr.
1224 – parking complaint, South St.
1406 – property check, E. Columbia Ave.
1500 – domestic, Carmell St.
1609 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1613 – retail fraud, Hayward's Liquor Store & Marina
1808 – follow up by officer, Carmell St.
1922 – PPO violation, W. Columbia Ave.
2046 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, June 19:

0043 – noise complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0054 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Wabash Ave./South St.
0653 – misc. complaint, Charles St.
0926 – assist fire dept., Breakwater Dr.
1153 – fraud, Charles St.
1252 – civil matter, Charles St.
1709 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
2108 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
2130 – property check, High St.
2152 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2256 – property check, Village Park
2316 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, High St.

Saturday, June 20:

0114 – welfare check, Victorian Ln.
0219 – parking complaint, Wexford Ave.
0520 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
1829 – hospice death, W. Columbia Ave.
1952 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
2228 – property check, Village Park
2239 – property check, High St.

There are 97 reports on this week's log, 50 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 14:

0036 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
0056 – suspicious person, Karr Rd./Willis Rd.
0258 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter Rd. / Harris Rd.
0358 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Sumpter
1011 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1033 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1240 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1254 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1317 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Sumpter
1327 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1541 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1617 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.
1817 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1856 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Paris

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1921 – follow-up investigation, out of township
 1942 – neighbor dispute, Birch Dr.
 1944 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
 2039 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Wear
 2048 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 2118 – assault, Arizona St.
 2141 – traffic complaint/hazard, Clark/Wear
Monday, June 15:
 0042 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
 0136 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
 0146 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
 0253 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.

1152 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1157 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
 1221 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
 1340 – citizen assist, Iowa St.
 1340 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Harris
 1754 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Reed St.
 1841 – neighbor dispute, Greenmeadow Dr.
 2055 – noise complaint, Georgia St.
 2209 – civil matter, Arizona St.
 2219 – juvenile matter, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
 2302 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
Tuesday, June 16:
 0716 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
 0803 – welfare check, Wayside Dr.
 0855 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
 0949 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1015 – suspicious circumstance, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1101 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
 1112 – suspicious person, 8900 bl. Rawsonville
 1305 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1324 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1423 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1448 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1451 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1558 – juvenile matter, Kansas St.
 1609 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
 1723 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
 1844 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
 2013 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Timberlane Dr.
 2039 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
Wednesday, June 17:
 0004 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0022 – 911 hangup, Wayside Dr.
 0109 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.
 0805 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

0842 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
 0852 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 0858 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, out of township
 0949 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1039 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1130 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.
 1234 – traffic complaint/hazard, 21000 bl. Bohn
 1345 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1711 – harassment complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
 1716 – suspicious circumstance, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1841 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
 1852 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
 1942 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.
 2123 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
 2125 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Bemis
 2134 – traffic complaint/hazard, 45000 bl. Willis
 2148 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Savage
 2151 – traffic complaint/hazard, 42000 bl. Willis
 2312 – malicious destruction of property, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, June 18:
 0017 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 0803 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Sully Dr.
 0807 – follow-up investigation, Virginia St.
 0843 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1219 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
 1318 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
 1335 – fraud complaint, Birch Dr.
 1457 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
 1548 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Dr.
 1553 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Karr Rd.
 1715 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1733 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
 2048 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Carleton West Rd.
 2119 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
 2342 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, June 19:
 0136 – disorderly person, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 0915 – 911 hangup, Redwood St.
 0925 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
 1130 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
 1306 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
 1404 – 911 hangup, Willis Rd./Martinsville Rd.
 1510 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
 1624 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1955 – 911 hangup, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2129 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
 2232 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
Saturday, June 20:
 0021 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.
 0047 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.
 0211 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1041 – felony warrant arrest, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1102 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Sumpter Rd.
 1220 – death investigation, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1455 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
 1510 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1524 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd./Judd
 1532 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1814 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
 2154 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
 2300 – noise complaint, Nevada St.
 Also on the log are 97 patrol checks, 55 traffic stops and 19 misc. details.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
FIREWORKS SHOW
 SATURDAY, JUNE 27
 BECK BALL FIELDS
 10854 BECK ROAD, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111
 8:00 PM Kid's Activity Tent & DJ
 9:45 PM VBT Fireworks Show

- ✿ Bring your lawn chairs and blankets
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- ✿ Leave at home: fireworks & sparklers, barbecues, dogs (therapy animals welcome)
- ✿ Rain date: Sunday, June 28



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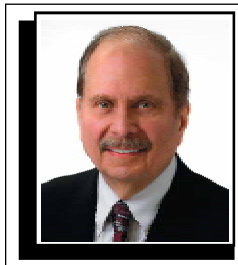
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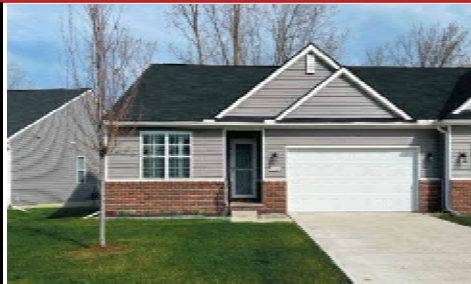
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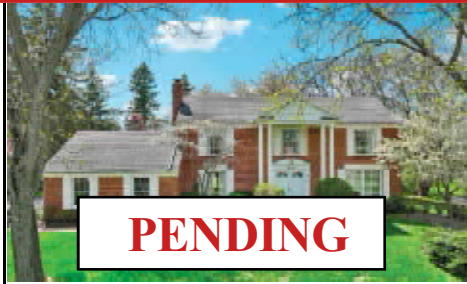
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PENDING

4142 WATERWHEEL LANE, BLOOMFIELD HILLS

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1112 JACKSON VAN, BUREN TOWNSHIP

1163 SQUARE FOOT BRICK RANCH with 3 bedrooms plus dining area. Many Updates include Central Air, Vinyl Windows, Flooring, Deck, Gutters and Driveway. 209,000



48620 WEAR, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

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