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Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara cut the ribbon to the township's new community center addition on Monday during a gala event that brought a large crowd. From left are Community Services Deputy Director Tammy Dohring and Director Elizabeth Renaud, Trustees Donald Boynton and Kevin Martin, Treasurer Sharry Budd, State Senator Darrin Camilleri, U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Supervisor McNamara, Deputy Wayne County Executive Assad Turfe, Clerk Leon Wright, Trustee Bryon Kelley, State Representative Reggie Miller, Wayne County Commission chairwoman Alisha Bell, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous; and president Shawn Wilson of Girls and Boys Club of Southeastern Michigan.

## VBEST union asks Van Buren school board for respect, higher pay

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

A sea of red lapped around the Van Buren Public School Board of Education at Monday's regular meeting, as members of

the Van Buren Educational Support Team (VBEST) asked for respect and higher pay.

More than 40 VBEST members turned out wearing whatever red shirts they could to show the school board who they were

and that they were together.

In late February, Human Resources Director John Leroy told the board that he was about to begin negotiations with VBEST.

On Monday after waiting one hour and 14 minutes for the proper Public Comment part of the agenda, April Turnbull spoke on behalf of VBEST. First, she detailed all the jobs the members do on behalf of the children. She said she has been a paraprofessional for 10 years, now at the Early Childhood Center. She spoke of what

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**EARLY DEADLINES**

Due to the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday, **ALL ADS** must be submitted by **4:00 p.m. Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. The office will be closed on **Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**.

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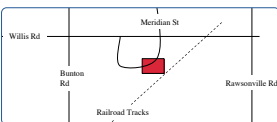
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## VBT Rite Aid store to close, prescriptions to be sent to Walgreens

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

On Friday, the manager at the Rite Aid pharmacy at 51341 W. Huron River Dr., at the corner of Rawsonville Road in Van Buren Township, confirmed that employees have been told by Rite Aid their store is closing, but have not been told exactly when.

She confirmed that the prescriptions for Rite Aid customers will be sent to the nearest Walgreen's pharmacy, unless customers make other arrangements.

She said they have been told that all of the Rite Aid stores in Michigan and Ohio are being closed.

According to Crain's Detroit Business,

Philadelphia-based Rite Aid is restructuring and on June 17 it filed a pleading with a U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey saying that it planned to close 27 stores in the two states. Rite Aid, Walgreens, and its restructuring agent, Kroll Inc., haven't spoke publicly about further closing.

However, on June 17, Rite Aid held a conference call with its Michigan and Ohio pharmacists and told them it would close all but a tiny number of stores in a series of waves over the coming weeks, Crain's said.

Rite Aid has 185 stores in Michigan and 142 in Ohio.

The pharmacists were told in a document on Facebook that beginning in late June, pharmacy patient prescription files and related inventory from nearly all Rite Aid locations in Michigan and Ohio will automatically transfer to a nearby Walgreen. Rite Aid pharmacies will close in waves and transfers will occur the morning after a location has its last day of business.

## VBT to restore VB Park beach with cleanup and 250 tons of new sand

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees selected Premier Group Associates, LC of Detroit to restore the beach at Van Buren Park at a cost of \$18,300, which includes putting about 250 tons of sand on the beach.

At its June 18 regular meeting, the board approved the recommendation by Parks Director Jason Locke to select the lowest of the six bidders, whose bids ranged from \$18,300 to \$107,195.

Director Locke said that Premier's bid was so low, he checked their references and the references were outstanding, several from the City of Detroit.

He said Premier is able to keep the price down because they do not use vendors, but they will do all the work themselves.

He said he is confident they can restore one of the most popular places in the township.

Director Locke said most of the sand on the beach has washed away and it is mostly stone now. The township is restoring 4,721 square feet of beach and after clearing all the concrete, debris, and stones away, they will put in 10 inches of sand – which is about 250 tons of 2ns sand.

He said the two catch basins at the beach area are covered over and full from water

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## VBEST

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paraprofessionals do and what bus drivers, custodians and others do to make sure everything is clean.

She said members also get hit, kicked, and spit on by the students who they are teaching to express themselves in better ways.

Turnbull said she got an email last week that there had been a solid offer on a wage raise, but it has been taken away to force the union to "give up its rights of collective bargaining."

"It's not just about wages," she told the board. "It's respect ... to pay what we deserve."

"Some of our administrators got raises at the last board meeting," she continued. "What did they have to give up?"

"... We ask you ... to respect the work we do every single day," she said in conclusion and the audience erupted in lengthy applause.

Another VBEST member came to the microphone to note that when discussing the budget, it was noted that all the students get free breakfast and lunch, but there are no free meals for the preschool students, like there are for everyone else.

There was no response from the board and the meeting continued.

A few minutes later, when Director Leroy was giving his brief report to the board, saying the district is able to hire employees from other districts because of Van Buren's financial stability, the VBEST members walked out of the room together as he continued to speak.

His report did not contain anything on the negotiations.

After the meeting, Leroy said what Turnbull reported was "100% false" and there was no such discussion on getting rid of collective bargaining rights.



Parker Joseph Mears receives the Lloyd Carr Leaders and Best Scholarship from Scholarship Committee chairperson Katie Hartwell.

## Parker Mears earns scholarship from UM Club of Downriver

Belleveille High School 2024 valedictorian Parker Joseph Mears was presented with a scholarship from the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Downriver during its May 13 meeting in Riverview.

The club met to present its annual scholarship awards. Attendees included U of M alumni, distinguished speakers, promising high school juniors who have an interest in applying to U of M and scholarship recipients and their families.

Katie Hartwell's scholarship team selected three high school students who will be attending Michigan in the fall with the 2024 Leaders and Best Scholarships.

The Lloyd Carr Leaders and Best scholarship was awarded to Park Joseph Mears who will be entering the College of Engineering in Ann Arbor. According to the club's news release, Parker loves mathematics and will focus on computer programming. He is a well-rounded

student and was in both the marching and symphony bands. He was team captain of the robotics team, treasurer of the chess club, and captain of the soccer team. He scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile on the SAT.

Two other scholarship winners were Nouman Abrar, valedictorian of the Riverview High School graduating class, and Anna Catherine Klein, the valedictorian of Flat Rock High School.

The awards are a one-time, \$1,500 scholarship.

Also in attendance were high school juniors invited from every Downriver high school chosen by their principals and counselors. The juniors were given advice on how and when to apply to the U of M. They were advised to take their free time this summer to begin writing their essays for admittance.

Attending from BHS were Ella Garland and Samantha Radtua.



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Community center grand opening has huge turnout

On Monday afternoon under a blazing sun, Van Buren Township welcomed crowds of people to its ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for its new community center.

The air-conditioned community center was kept closed from the crowd at the beginning. The blocked doors were just beyond the bright-blue ribbon and the gathering of elected and appointed officials as people, some in wheelchairs and some on walkers, waited patiently on the hard-surface entryway in the hot sun. The announced 4 p.m. ribbon cutting came at about 4:30 after speeches by several officials. Then the people crowded into the cooled building.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the dirt started being dug for this 21,763-square-foot addition to the township hall just as soon as the Wayne County Commission voted yes on Van Buren Township's ARPA grant. That was in September 2022. There were other grants and lots of changes from the beginning. The building was first expected to be done in December of 2023 but the date for completion moved forward as changes continued.

The DDA paid for the Black Box Theatre and the Civic Fund gave the project all its money before disbanding.

Clerk Leon Wright said he has been working with the Recreation Commission for years on this and now it is open. Too bad it doesn't have a pool.

### EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Sunday afternoon our website was back up and we were able to load the June 20 edition and the stories from that paper, as well. The website information on our site recorded we were down for about nine and a half days. That information comes from the chart on our site that shows how many thousands of people access our site each day and how many pages have been looked at - no identities are recorded by our site, just the numbers.

Many people contacted us to say they missed the paper and that they only get it by internet. The postal rates keep climbing and so our subscription prices have risen as well, making some people decide not to pay for the paper, but to read it free online. Also, some people are having trouble with delivery through the U.S. Mail, with some issues taking months to arrive.

Our website host didn't explain the problem that shut us down and we can only guess. Our host said they will release a statement on the whole thing as soon as they get the rest of their clients back up.

We like to post stories from each edition separately because those then can be searched for and found through our SEARCH box. That's how we can easily find old stories on a topic we're researching - and our online readers can use that search tool, as well. It doesn't have the stories from our earliest editions 30 years ago, but back to about 2011. We also have a great morgue file that produces all the stories we've published cut out and filed by categories and people like to use that file for old obituaries and family pictures. Some need that file for their lawsuits.

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...By Rosemary K. Otzman



On Monday we were told that the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) website was also hacked and offline, as well as the school's volleyball club website and another school group. One school board member said the hackers should "get a hobby" instead of doing this.

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On Tuesday, June 18, at about 11:53 a.m., Van Buren Township fire fighters received a call about smoke pouring out of a window on the second floor of a Waverly on the Lake apartment (Harbour Club) building. Fire Chief Dave McNally said it was found to be a vent fan overheating and there was no fire.

He said the apartment complex recently completed the upgrades his department had suggested.

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At about 2:48 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, a woman driver called 911 to report that the man who usually is standing at the I-94 east-bound ramp to Belleville Road collecting donations was lying on the ground. She said she wanted to give him some money, so she called out to him and he didn't get up. She said she saw him standing there earlier in the day.

It was one of those 90-degree days last week and not a good time to be standing out in the sun all day.

Fire Chief McNally said when I called he was at the hospital with his wife where she was having surgery so he hadn't heard about this. He was going to check into it.

He's sure if it was a fatal he would have been told at once.

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Former Belleville High School chief football coach Jermain Crowell, who carried BHS football to two state championships, is now working at Harper Woods High School.

He left Van Buren Public Schools in 2022 and was not allowed to coach in Michigan for two years, so he is cleared to go for the 2024 season.

In 2022, the Michigan High School Athletic Association penalized Crowell for violating the undue influence rule, barring him from coaching any sport at any school for the following two academic years.

The BHS football program was already on probation in 2022 because of undue influence violations by an assistant coach no longer with the program.

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We received a notice from the city DPW that High Street was to be closed from Main Street to Church Street from 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday this week for utility work. There was to be no through traffic. Hopefully they are fixing the huge puddle that lately has been a hindrance to getting to the Veterans Memorial for Bugles Across America and other events.

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**Letters**

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- Kathleen Springer -- K Springer Media Management -- sent a request through her media company and organized the pickup of items.
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- Jessica Jones - bedding
- DeAngelo Webster from White Pine Dental Health on Main Street - two brand-new mattresses
- Harold Bauer - bunk beds
- Mark Buxton - Rear brakes for her car
- Freddie Havasy and Clay Hilton -- coffee table and a love seat
- Jim and Alicia Foley -- dresser and material to assemble the beds
- Joyce Hagerman -- television and CD player
- Wayne County Quilt Guild and Cheyrl Parent -- new quilts for mom and children
- Kara Holstein - bed frame

Thank you so much for your amazing acts of kindness. You ALL helped make a difference in this family's life

Sincerely, CAF 5

**Independence Day is July 4, 2024**

To the editor:  
 Independence Day is July 4, 2024. This is to remember the day we declared our independence from Great Britain. Once you have gained your independence from "anything" you sure don't want to lose it. Let's keep this in mind by displaying a U.S. Flag that a lot of good men fought and died for.  
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Pete Pitzen  
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**I showed my friend where the concerts are**

To the editor:  
 I had a friend from out of town I wanted to show where the Music on the Lake would be, and where they could pull their boat up in the area.

I was very disappointed in the upkeep of the area, especially the stairway down to the dock.

With the Music on the Lake drawing visitors to the area, I would have thought the city would spiff up that area.

Please don't use my name if you decide to put it in your paper. I just really wanted to bring it to someone's attention. The area near the only bathroom available is messy and unkempt with dog feces and used charcoal from a grill scattered about. I cleaned some of it up myself.

I was rather ashamed to even have shown them that area. The hole in the wooden steps is a danger and a liability.

Van Buren Township resident

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# Obituaries



Dale Lawrence LaBelle

## DALE LAWRENCE LaBELLE

(September 2, 1956 – June 6, 2024)

Dale Lawrence LaBelle, 67, left this world peacefully on June 6, 2024, in Springfield, Oregon. Born in Ypsilanti MI, Dale grew up in the metro Detroit area before moving to Gaylord as a teenager. There he met his future wife, Marina.

Dale worked for the City of Gaylord, starting when he was 18, as a public works employee and retiring as Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant after 36 years of service.

In true Michigan tradition, Dale enjoyed hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. In retirement, he developed interest in gardening, wine-making, building custom guitars and composing original songs. He also enjoyed reading, movies, bird watching adventures with his daughter and playing music with his son. Dale's passion was playing in numerous local bands, where he made lifelong friends.

He was the most loyal friend you could ask for, stubbornly loyal. He was dependable, kindhearted and such a genuine person. He was committed to any person, job, or project he was invested in.

Dale greatly influenced many lives through his example of integrity, respect, dignity, honesty and caring.

His Grandma McQuaid instilled in Dale the importance of family ties. Through her, family bonds were created and strengthened in him.

Dale and Marina also had a wonderful church family at Mount Hope in Gaylord and Cove Church in Eugene, Oregon. They eventually settled in Eugene to be near their children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, his daughter Jennie; son Luke, daughter-in-law Katie, grandchildren Emma and Owen, all of whom reside in Eugene.

He is also survived by his father Robert (Ester) McQuaid; siblings Donna Watters, Laura Ballard, Cherie Cullum, Karen Doe, Elizabeth (Scott) Holtzman, Judith McQuaid, Robert (Gloria) McQuaid Jr., Johnny McQuaid; siblings-in-law Edmund Cherwinski, Julie (Mike) DeWitt, and Laura (Richard) Berry; and local loving nieces and nephews Nate, Elisha, Michael, Mark, Grace, Eric, and Rebecca.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents Marie (Bob) Montgomery, stepfather Lawrence LaBelle, paternal grandmother Mildred McQuaid, and maternal grandmother Marie Corbin. Complete information can be found at Gaylordfuneralhome.com.

A celebration of life gathering will be held on Wednesday, July 10, at noon at the VFW Post 1518 Pavilion, 1905 S. Otsego, Gaylord MI.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Christian Worship Hour cwh.org, Lewy Body Dementia LBDA.org, or Pigeonriverdiscoverycenter.org/donate .

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## Obituaries



Cathy Linn Ballard

**CATHY LINN BALLARD**

(October 6, 1955 – June 19, 2024)

Cathy Linn Ballard, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and aunt, passed away peacefully at the age of 68 on June 19, 2024. Born on October 6, 1955, to Everett and Doris Muller, Cathy grew up in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she graduated from Willow Run High School in 1974 as well as Automation Institute of Ann Arbor.

Her infectious laughter and vibrant personality brought joy to all who knew her. Her wrath brought fear to many (LOL). Cathy's greatest legacy is her family: survived by her daughters Crystal (Jason) Bennett (Ypsilanti) and Leanne Ballard (Arizona); son Donnie (Heather) Ballard (Milan); grandchildren James, Brendan, Shane, Jayden, Hunter, Drew, Trevor, Christian, Kyle and Alexis; great-grandchildren Liliana, Leighton and Ollie. Spoiled by her husband Donald Ballard who preceded her in death. Her unwavering love for her family extended to her five siblings, making her the baby of six: Shirley Gray (deceased), Barbara (Guy) Cole, Linda (Leon) Ouellette, Connie (Pat) Suarez and Frank Henry (deceased); as well as a sister she did not grow up with but was close to, Vicki (Ed) Hamilton.

Cathy was employed in various positions at the University of Michigan for 25 years; her favorite and last position as delivery driver allowed her to connect with countless individuals, leaving a lasting impression. Known to frequent local establishments, Cathy's presence brought a unique blend of humor and warmth. Her unfiltered honesty and "tell it like it is" approach made her both feared and adored. Despite being banned from several places (LOL), Cathy remained everyone's favorite "crazy mom, wife, sister, daughter, and aunt." Behind her bold exterior lay a heart of gold. Cathy possessed a remarkable blend of strength, sensitivity, and bluntness. Her unwavering support and unconditional love touched the lives of countless friends and family members. Her ability to connect with others on a deeply human level left an indelible mark on all who crossed her path. Cathy's absence leaves a profound void in the hearts of her loved ones. Her memory will forever be cherished for her infectious laughter, unwavering spirit, and boundless capacity for love. The family would like to thank Cathy's niece Alana for being there through everything. The family has chosen to honor Cathy with a party instead of a funeral service, likely late August or early September, and will send out an announcement once plans are finalized.

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Joanne Lucille Osborne

**JOANNE LUCILLE OSBORNE**

(August 1, 1941 – June 18, 2024)

Joanne Lucille Osborne, 82, of Belleville, passed away on June 18, 2024. She was born on August 1, 1941 to Orval and Myrtle (Smalley) Kreie in Brush, Colorado. After Joanne graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 1959, she met the love of her life, William (Bill) Osborne. Joanne and Bill married on June 23, 1962 and went on to have 4 children; Jeff, Tom, Traci, and Chad.

Known as Mrs. Osborne by many, Joanne worked for the Van Buren Public Schools until she retired in 2004. She spent most of her career at Tyler Elementary serving as the school secretary, taking care of and adored by dozens of staff and thousands of students. She was truly the kindest, most caring person and was loved by all. Joanne's favorite thing was taking care of and spending time with her grandchildren. She loved taking trips, volunteering in classrooms, hosting Sunday dinner, and making memories with all of them. Joanne was a life-long member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belleville where she served as a Sunday school teacher, member of the Ladies Aid, sang in the choir, and played the organ for over 50 years.

Joanne was predeceased by her loving husband Bill; her parents, Orval and Myrtle Kreie; and her brother Bob.

She is survived by her siblings Betsy (Harold) Akers, Kathy (Frank) Vicchy, and Joyce (Dick) Maton; her children Jeff (Courtney) Osborne, Tom (Kim) Osborne, Traci Osborne, and Chad Osborne; her 8 grandchildren Stephani (J.T) Rice, Erin (Jim) Mitchell, Aubrey Peele, Tyler Osborne, Cody Springer, Hunter, Alli, and Carli Osborne; her 6 great-grandchildren Jackson, Olivia, Carson, Landon, Preston, and Makenzie.

Visitation for Joanne was Sunday, June 23, 2024, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. The service was Monday June 24, 2024, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 47445 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Pastor Fry officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to cure PSP at [psp.org](http://psp.org).  
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# Obituaries



Virginia Madeline  
Dingman

## **VIRGINIA MADELINE DINGMAN**

(July 16, 1933 – June 24, 2024)

Virginia Madeline Dingman, age 90 a long-time Belleville resident, passed away early Monday, June 24, 2024, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born July 16, 1933, in Wayne, MI, daughter of William & Elizabeth (Carr), McKee. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all that knew her. She shared her wonderful life with Stuart Dingman, married for 72 years. They enjoyed traveling the world and traveling with friends in their motor home. They spent time in Northern Michigan, where they enjoyed their lake home.

Virginia is survived by her husband of 72 years Stuart W Dingman; son Perry (Cathy) Dingman of Saline MI; and daughter Bonnie Lancaster of Ypsilanti, MI. She was loved dearly by their five grandchildren Jennifer (Jeremy) Barnard of Milan, MI, Jessica Dingman of New Smyrna, FL, Brandon (Ally) Lancaster of Tecumseh, MI, Joshua (Katie) Lancaster of Belleville, MI, Evan (Jamie) Dingman of Elmira, MI, and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Daniel Dingman, son-in-law Randal Lancaster, and her brothers Omar, Clayton, Bob (McKee) and one sister Ileen Day.

A Memorial Visitation will be on Monday, July 1, 2024 from 4 to 6 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Service. Gordon Moore will officiate at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

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## **GERALD ANDREW CLARK**

(August 3, 1950 – June 18, 2024)

Age 73, of Van Buren Township. Memorial service at Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist Church, 26300 Goddard, Taylor, at 2 p.m. June 27. Visitation at 1 p.m. Survived by wife Elaine, 5 children, 4 grandchildren, 7 siblings. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## **BETTY ANN CRENSHAW**

(July 12, 1950 – June 18, 2024)

Age 73 of Milan. Survived by children Sheila Kostovski, Joe Crenshaw, Wendy Besseau; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister Dorothy Dunnigan. Memorial gathering was June 24 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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# Belleville planners hold brief meeting, OK change to ordinance

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

During an 18-minute meeting on June 13, the Belleville Planning Commission held a public hearing at which no one spoke and then sent a zoning ordinance amendment to the city council recommending approval.

City Manager Jason Smith told the commission that the ordinance amendment has been put on the council's June 17 meeting agenda for its first reading, with its second reading scheduled July 1 if the council approves the change.

The ordinance adds the permitted use of banquet hall spaces under 2,500 square feet to the ten other uses listed for B-1 – Local Business District.

This came at the request of Jessica Koweck of Van Buren Township, who owns and operates Mae Ann Photography at 204 E. Columbia Ave. in the Davenport Plaza that also holds the Secretary of State. She told the commission at its May 9 meeting that she wished to hold small gatherings at her photography studio.

She said she wanted to allow groups of under 50 people to hold baby showers, wedding showers, birthday parties, and other events where people would bring in their own food.

That was denied because banquet halls are not listed in the B-1 zoning. The commission decided to add the use to the zoning and began the process for the change.

At the May 9 meeting Koweck said she is now PTO president at Savage Elementary School and they are getting their 501c3 nonprofit designation for fund raising. She said she can't bring kids to the other restaurants in town because of the liquor served there.

In other business at the June 12 meeting,

the commission:

- Voted unanimously to put out a call for bids for completely rewriting the 2006 master plan because of the current document's age. At its May meeting, the commission seemed to favor just updating the document, but at the June meeting city manager Smith said after review he recommends rewriting. Julie Kissel, city council liaison to the commission and commission vice-chairperson, suggested commissioners send any changes they see necessary to her and she will assemble them and pass them on to the city manager. When commissioners asked how long it would take before it's done, Smith said up to six months at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$20,000;

- Heard commissioner Mike Renaud ask about progress on Davenport Brothers' construction of apartments on Sumpter Road. He said according to his records they got approval 18 months ago. "We

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runoff from the top of the beach peninsula. The storm sewer and catch basins will be cleaned out and the beach area will be cleared up with new sand installed in the entire area from the bottom path of the walking ramp to the water line.

He expected them to start within 15 days and there will be five days of work, during which the beach will be closed to the public. There will be two days of sewer cleaning. The schedule is barring disruptions by the weather, he said.

Director Locke said the six bids were publicly opened on May 23 and were: Premier Group Assoc., \$18,300; Schlicht Ponds, \$27,500; Forte Contracting, \$27,750; Davenport Brothers, \$28,800; Precision Pro Construction, \$104,356; and Decima LLC, \$107,195.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the beach has been crowded with the hot days this area has had and people are walking down the hill to use it.

In other business at the 50-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard a financial audit report by Plante Moran and approved the audits of all township funds. The auditors gave the township an unmodified opinion – the highest – and said it was a “pretty plain report, which is what you want. Nothing alarming.” He said there was just one finding related to a journal entry and it’s been adjusted and had zero effect on the audit report;

- Approved the reappointments of Walter Rochowiak and Eileen Parent to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2026;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of ordinance 06-04-24 (1) to amend the zoning ordinance to provide

language signage provisions for the Belleville and Sumpter Road Mixed-Use Districts;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 06-04-24 (2) to rezone just over 5 acres of property at the southeast corner of Sumpter and Hull roads from AG-Agricultural and Estate to SRMU-Sumpter Road Mixed Use District. This is for Tractor Supply, which Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said is a lynchpin project for the new Sumpter Road Corridor plan; and

- Heard Teresa Patton of Van Buren Township introduce herself as a candidate for the seat to be vacated by the retirement of 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green.

## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, June 27** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by “The Keilbasa Kings.”

- **Friday, June 28** – Join the Van Buren Eagles at 9961 Beck Rd. for dinner at 5 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Betty, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public.

- **Thursday, July 4** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by “The Paul Keller Orchestra.”

- **Thursday, July 11** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by “The Jason Charles Band.”

- **Saturday, July 13** – Western Wayne County Quilting Guild meets at 10 a.m. at Riggs Park on Martinsville Road, Van Buren Township. Short meeting, Show & Tell, and picnic for members and interested persons. Everyone needs a chair, a bottle of water, a dish to pass, and to let Carol ([caco1957@comcast.net](mailto:caco1957@comcast.net)) know if you’d like a hot dog or a hamburger.

- **Monday, July 15, through Saturday, July 20** – Race of Faith Vacation Bible School at Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 89 S. Edgemont St., Belleville, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All ages welcome. Pre-register at: [myvbs.org/raceoffaith](http://myvbs.org/raceoffaith)

# Court Watching:

## Michael Ibrahim Fayz

Michael Ibrahim Fayz, 37, of Dearborn was video-arraigned while in police custody by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Magistrate Al Hindman on charges of possession of weapons by a prohibited person, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, reckless use of firearms, and possession of weapons while under the influence on June 16 in Van Buren Township. He was said to be a habitual offender and this is his third-offense notice.

Bond was set at \$5,000/10% and a probable cause conference set for July 3. He is not to purchase, consume, or possess any mood-altering substances including alcohol while on this bond or possess firearms of ammunition while on this bond.

## Robert Joseph Reese

Robert Joseph Reese, 42, Van Buren Township had his final pretrial scheduled for Jan. 31 in 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on a charge of domestic violence on Aug. 14 in Van Buren Township.

He was present for his remote pretrial on Jan. 10 and his final pretrial was set for Jan. 17. At that time his case was adjourned until Jan. 31 because the complaining witness did not appear and the defendant may decide not to stay with his current attorney.

On Jan. 31 his final pretrial was adjourned until April 10 and the victim does not need to appear. Personal bond is \$1,000. On April 10 the pretrial was adjourned to May 1. Then a jury trial was set for June 20.

A motion was made June 18 by the defense to exclude prior convictions at trial. Also, an amended witness and exhibit list was presented.

The jury trial was held before Judge Green and he was found not guilty by the jury. The case was closed.

## Tabari Morgan Iverson

Tabari Morgan Iverson, 21, of Van Buren Township was charged with indecent behavior among males on March 8 in Van Buren Township. He pled guilty on April 4 and on June 20 Judge Oakley sentenced him to 12 months of non-reporting probation, that end June 20, 2025 and a fine of \$145.



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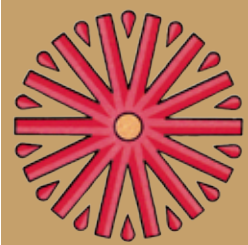
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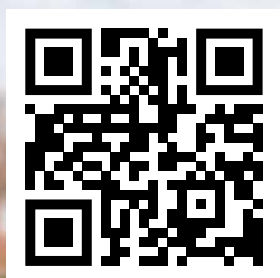
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# School Board approves budget amendments, new budget for '24-'25

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Public Schools Finance Director Priya Nayak spoke for 35 minutes during an announced public hearing on the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school budgets at the beginning of Monday's school board meeting.

Board president Amy Pierce asked a few questions, but the audience was not invited to comment, and no public spoke. The public hearing was not opened or closed with board votes, as is usually the procedure, and the meeting continued.

Later in the meeting the amended budgets for 2023-24 and the original budgets for 2024-25 were approved unanimously. Board vice-president Susan Featheringill and trustee Calvin Hawkins were absent from the meeting.

General Fund total revenue for the 2023-24 school year was \$75,615,034 and total expenditures were \$77,307,034, with a projected fund balance of \$8,764,929 on June 30, 2024.

General Fund total revenue for the 2024-25 school year is expected to be \$66,522,988 and total expenditures \$68,997,999. Projected fund balance for June 30, 2025 is expected to be \$6,232,418.

In other business at the one-hour-37-minute meeting, the board.

- Approved employment of Julia Pitts as Rawsonville Elementary School principal as of Aug. 1; and as of Aug. 28, April King as Tyler teacher (grade to be determined); Matthew Mair, BHS physical education

teacher; Logan Carver, Tyler/Owen school psychologist; Casi Shannon, McBride speech pathologist, Kyle Whitehouse, BHS English teacher; Alisha Lominac, districtwide occupational therapist; and Jennifer Medvich, GSRP lead teacher at the Early Childhood Center;

- Approved the employment of non-instructional employees; Heather Hawkes and Lori-Ann Cooper as bus drivers as of July 1; and William Cornell in the administration building as part-time tech support as of June 24;

- Approved retirement of Kathrine Foscola as bus driver after 32 years of service, as of June 30, and resignation of Hussein Alakhrass in IT after 3.5 years of service;

- Approve the Stepping Stones Group contractual agreement for special education services for the upcoming school year. Budget implications are: speech and language therapy, \$87.50/hr.; occupational therapy, \$87.50/hr.; psychology, \$95/hr.; social work services, \$79.59/hr. and paraprofessional services, \$42.50/hr.;

- Discussed the final Continuity of Services Plan report. This report was necessary through the use of ESSER grant funds for the COVID pandemic, but now is over. This is the last report;

- Approved Davenport Brothers Construction as the construction manager for Savage/Tyler office renovation at a cost of \$28,000;

- Approved McBride's Food Serving Line Equipment upgrade to make it similar to BHS, but scaled down. It is hoped to be done this summer;

- Approved support of the Regional Enhancement Renewal Millage that RESA wants to put on the November ballot. It would be for 1.9812 mills for six years, 2028-2033 inclusive. This school year Van Buren was allocated \$337 per student from the present millage in place;

- Approved the renewal for one year of the Chartwells Food Service Agreement;

- Agreed Director Nayak could look into Clean Bus Energy Grant information to see what is involved and bring the information back to the board. The grant is due on July 12;

- Approved an L-4029 resolution to set

the summer tax rate. All the school taxes are on the summer tax bill;

- Approved Educational Assistance Program Section 127 Internal Revenue Code, which requests the IRS not tax Education Assistance money given to educators earning such grants in the district. Van Buren Education Association union president Aaron Lang spoke to the board on the issue, saying he thought the cart was before the horse since the guidelines have not been announced and, he's being asked to sign it, but "What if the state doesn't follow through?" The grant for educational expenses from the state has to be funneled through the employee and the district applies for the grant. Director Niyak said they want to make sure the employees will not be taxed on this. "Guidelines are coming ... We understand the frustration." Director Leroy said if the district didn't apply, the employees would have to pay the tax;

- Approved the Cooperative Education Program agreement with Wayne-Westland at William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, without discussion. The district agrees to pay an amount equivalent to .25 full-time enrollment for the Wayne-

Westland Foundation Grant for each year, plus an additional amount of \$50 for administrative cost per student;

- Approved the complete refinishing of the BHS gymnasium floor by Kuhn Specialty Flooring at a cost of \$55,770. Kuhn, low bidder of four bids, originally installed the flooring. This will take five weeks to complete. Director of Plant Operations James Williams said the floor is 12 years old and each year they have lightly sanded it and applied a top coat. It is recommended to completely sand off the finish and repaint the lines every 10 to 12 years. He said the new school logo will be put in place;

- Heard School Supt. Pete Kudlak say that Julia Pitts, the new principal at Rawsonville Elementary School, is the last principal that needed to be hired. He said the assistant principal position at Owen Intermediate School is still open and there were 77 applicants. He said the district has received a great pool of applicants, with some being principals in other districts; and

- Went into closed-door session "to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute."

## VB planners recommend approval of Cobblestone PRD amendment

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At a meeting on April 24, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously approved recommending that the township board of trustees approve the amended Planned Residential Development agreement for Cobblestone Creek Phase III.

The request for the PRD amendment was by David Straub of M/I Homes of Michigan, LLC, so he could build 154 single-family homes to complete the development with a total of 35 (22.7%) side-entry garages instead of the 30% which had been required under the original PRD.

The site is Phase III of the 117.06-acre Cobblestone Creek PRD on the south side of West Huron River Drive, east of Hoeft Road.

Vidya Krishnan, the township's planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said Straub agreed to enhance 11 garage

doors and to put sidewalks on both sides of the streets as part of the PRD change. She recommended approval of the PRD amendment.

Ron Akers, director of municipal services, had been filling in for Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, since the birth of Power's second child.

Director Akers distributed a 13-page report from the absent Director Power on stormwater and drainage issues, with aerial imagery.

In the report, director Power recommended that as a condition of approval, the applicant should create a strategy in coordination with township staff to reduce the volume and speed of drainage from Cobblestone Creek Phase III dwelling units to the overall storm sewer system.

Director Akers explained that there was a petition from homeowners in Cobblestone to the Wayne County Drain Office to clear Jewitt Drain and the county officials met

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# Library adopts new budget and sets aside \$2 million for future use

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a public hearing during which there were no comments, the Belleville Area District Library Board unanimously approved the 2024-25 budget at its regular meeting June 11.

Revenues expected in the new fiscal year, which begins July 1, are \$2,734,000 and expenditures are expected to be \$2,567,177. The beginning fund balance on July 1 is expected to be \$5,598,921 and the year end fund balance next June is estimated as \$5,765,744.

Fund balance dollars committed to the following fiscal year are \$1,300,000, funds that are restricted because of building contributions are \$459,387, and a new category of \$2,000,000 is assigned for future capital improvements. Unrestricted fund balance is \$2,006,357.

The board also approved the 2023-24 amended budget and the fund balance allocation required by GASB 54.

In other business at the 57-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard a report from Michele Montour on art planned for temporary display in the library. She said the school art is gone because the students and teachers wanted the student art back before the end of school and there is no art on the walls right now. She told of artists she will display until the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Community Art Show winners are chosen. The BACA winners will be displayed until

the end of the year and then another artist's work will be on exhibit in January 2025;

- Discussed a plan to introduce artists and have them speak about their work at ceremonial openings of their exhibits at the library. Montour said people are more likely to buy art if they know something about the artist;

- Heard Library Director Mary Jo Suchy announce that the flagpole light has been replaced, recaulked, and is working. The light has been a problem for years;

- Planned to set a meeting of the Marketing Committee to look into hosting a Friends of Michigan Libraries event. Also a Policy Committee meeting will have a meeting before the next board meeting to discuss what information they have to present;

- Heard Suchy report that the library will have a table out on Saturday, June 22, for Lakefest and will also have a booth once a month at the Monday Farmers Market. Suchy also reported that the power outage on the sunny morning of June 5 was followed by a brownout after that afternoon's storm. That day the library opened later than usual and closed earlier than usual. Both events caused them to have to manually reboot the HVAC units on the roof and troubleshoot some intermittent internet outages. Also, one light on the first floor has some flickering and may have been damaged by the brownout, she said;

- Learned the last day of school was June 6 and the library is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program. Signups began

June 10. Suchy said lots of kids are coming in and checking out their books and the library is as busy as during the school year. The adult summer reading program was to kick off June 15;

- Heard board vice chairman Linda Priest say a lady who is in her 90s in Canton can't come to that library and is having trouble using the Nook she had been using. Priest said she is trying to help the lady get books through the Canton Library. Priest said she would like to be involved with getting books to those in assisted living and the homebound served by the Belleville

Library. She said she has some time to help;

- Heard treasurer Tanya Stoudemire say she may not be able to attend the August meeting because her daughter is going to graduate school in Texas. She said her daughter is an opera singer. She added that her son is a puppeteer; and

- Heard board chairperson Sharon Peters say that the art displays and other activities make the library a big part of the community and bring people into the library so they can see what the library offers.

## VBT Plan

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and decided it was needed and it is in the design stage now.

He said the township staff has met with residents of Cobblestone Creek and its homeowners' association about the drainage system. He said the HOA is responsible for the drainage system that was put in in 2005 and there may be a need for some maintenance now.

He said Power recommended working with the developer on additional ways to cut back on the amount of stormwater produced.

Straub said it feels like his project is moving forward to completion. He said since the amendment reduces the number of side-entry garages, it will reduce the amount of impervious surface already approved.

"Comments on the drainage is troublesome to me," Straub said, noting the site was developed in 2021-22 and it has final, as-built approval with the county as of this year.

He said Wayne County is moving toward cleaning Jewett Drain. When it backs up, that is the problem, he said.

Straub said he will be glad to sit down with the staff to show he cares about impacting the drainage system.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the letter from Power was just handed to him at

the meeting and he wanted to make sure he understood what it was saying. He said the drainage was approved by the county in 2021-22 and it is the county's responsibility to maintain the drain, but the township thinks it isn't doing its job.

Commissioner Jahr asked if the commission should put the approval on hold until the township engineer can look at it and Akers said the drainage is already approved by Wayne County.

Commissioner Peter Creel said the development is already serviced by the drain.

Krishnan said in plans on paper it said the Jewett Drain should handle the drainage, but it isn't. She said she doesn't think the commission should require Straub to make a change.

Commissioner Creel said he has a little bit of a problem with this and that the county should be held accountable for the drain, not a developer wanting approval of forward-facing garages.

Commissioner Bernie Grant said he agreed.

"I'm not sure why we're talking about it," Commissioner Grant said. "No new responsibility should be placed upon him."

Akers said it was recommended as a condition of approval since it was brought up by the residents.

Krishnan said the PRD is approved and today what is before them is side-entry garages only.



## They're reading the *Independent* Everywhere

Charlie Shoemaker, Belleville High School class of 1960, brought his *Independent* newspaper to Iceland to read. He was at Seljalandsfoss water falls. Charlie grew up in Belleville, went to the Naval Academy, and served as a Naval officer for many years. He and his wife Jane live in California and on the way to Iceland stopped in Belleville to visit his sister Peg Curtis and attend a graduation.

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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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright and Trustee Martin. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Public Services Lockett, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Municipal Services Akers, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, and an audience of five.

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Kelley seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024, Prepaid List of June 6, 2024, Prepaid List of June 13, 2024, Voucher List of June 18, 2024, and Approval of the reappointment of Walter Rochowiak and Eileen Parent to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2026. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** The Van Buren Community Center will have an open house to celebrate its grand opening on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the 2023 Annual Audit of all Township Funds. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Kelley seconded to approve the selection of Premier Group Associates, LC for the Van Buren Park Beach Restoration Project for \$18,300. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the second reading of ordinance 06-04-24(1) to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide language clarifying signage provisions for the Belleville and Sumpter Road Mixed-Use Districts. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Kelley, Boynton, and Frazier. Nays: None. Absent: Martin and Wright. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 06-04-24(2) Rezoning of property at Parcel ID # V-125-83-124-99-0003-701, from AG- Agricultural and Estate to SRMU- Sumpter Road Mixed Use District. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Kelley, Boynton, and Frazier. Nays: None. Absent: Martin and Wright. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Teresa Patton introduced herself as a candidate for 34<sup>th</sup> district judge.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Publish: June 27, 2024

### Musings

By Janet Millard  
Independent Advertising Director



See the ad in this paper for the Patriotic Parade scheduled in Willis for Saturday, June 29, at noon. Parade, car show, food and so much more. Sounds like a great way to celebrate our Independence. Following is information provided to us on the parade's 2024 Grand Marshal.

This year's Grand Marshal for the Willis Community Patriotic Parade is Ed Glazer. Ed grew up in Alma, MI. He and his wife of 58 years had a business restoring and maintaining aircraft and he served in the United States Air Force. He has five children and ten grandchildren. Ed has been a resident of the Willis area for 51 years, where he has reconditioned John Deere tractors for 30 years and is still working today at the age of 86. Ed goes to Florida every winter and is a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker.

WCCCD, Ted Scott Campus on Haggerty, is offering another beginner Robotics 4 Youth class from July 6 through Aug. 3. It will run 9 a.m. to noon at a cost of \$75.

They will also have an intermediate Robotics 4 Youth starting July 6 through Aug. 3 that will run from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at a cost of \$50. Visit [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu) or call (734) 699-7008.

The Community Center is now open and the Van Buren Community Players will soon be working on their first play. It has been a number of years since we have been graced with a community play and I can't wait for residents to have the opportunity

to perform for us. Their first play will be "Steel Magnolias" and will be held the last three weekends in September.

We are blessed to also have the Belleville Community Chorus and now if only the Belleville Community Band could be resurrected!

The Belleville Central Business Community has started sending information to local restaurants and organizations to participate in the annual Taste of Belleville scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss it or the annual Bridge Walk that starts at 5:30 p.m. from the Gateway Sign. That evening is also the last Music Lakeside. This event is the CBC's way of saying goodbye to summer and hello to a new school year!

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

## 'American Pickers' looking for antiques to film in Michigan

The "American Pickers" plan to film episodes of the History Channel's hit television series throughout this area in August.

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the world of antique "picking" on the History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques.

They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics.

Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell, they would love to hear from you!

Please note, the Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: [americanpickers@cinetflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cinetflix.com) or call (646) 493-2184. Facebook: @GotAPick

# Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

## VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **3:00 p.m. on July 10, 2024**, for the Early Childhood Center Parking Lot Expansion Project. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Early Childhood Center, 451 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111, on **June 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

Bids must be submitted electronically before 3:00 p.m. local time, July 10, 2024 to: [ECCParkingLotProposal@docs.e-builder.net](mailto:ECCParkingLotProposal@docs.e-builder.net)

Each Proposal must be submitted on the forms included in the RFP and must be completed in full.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must be included. A sworn and notarized criminal background check affidavit must be included and a sworn and notarized non-collusive affidavit must be included. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

**Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:**  
<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=6fde0b1dcc5e461fa2a2d13f332ceb51>

Documents will be available for viewing on **June 25, 2024**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Realpoint, at [rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com](mailto:rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com).



# VBT planners approve plans for second drive-thru at Culver's

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The parcel on which Culver's restaurant is located at 11001 Belleville Rd. and the North I-94 Service Drive is five-sided and so the layout of the building and parking is complicated.

This is what the Van Buren Township Planning Commission was told by its planning consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna Associates at the commission's regular meeting May 8.

After 45 minutes of discussing the site, the commission voted unanimously to grant both the preliminary and final site plan requests so Culver's can start construction of a second drive-thru lane.

Mikel Currier, surveyor and engineer for the owner, said this franchisee owns 90 Culver's restaurants throughout the country and is the company's largest franchisee. He said they have completed 72 dual drive-thru's throughout the Midwest.

Krishnan said the changes to the site include shortening a concrete walkway and

altering another walkway and modifying the stacking of cars before and after the order stations, additional bike racks, and one-way striping.

Commissioner Bernie Grant said he has seen backups from the restaurant's drive-thru line onto the North Service Drive and experienced it more than a couple times himself. He said he appreciates them trying to pull the waiting cars off the Service Drive.

He said when he sees them all stacked up with a long line, he drives right on by.

Commissioner Grant said their proposed remedy is based on being able to divide the waiting cars into two lines, but it is important that orders are taken quickly and filled quickly.

"Chances are you still will push people back to the Service Drive, but to a lesser degree," Grant said, adding that the restaurant will make more money.

Currier said usually when he is working on upgrading a Culver's site to have a second drive-thru, he thinks about the site

and, "The sun shines on me," and he has an idea that works.

"But this site was harder to deal with," Currier said.

"It's a good attempt, but I'm not 100% convinced that it will work ... Let's try it and see," Grant said.

Krishnan said it was not an ideal site plan from the beginning, when it was first built.

Commissioner Peter Creal said a question to ask is if the changes are causing any additional harm. He said they will be making it so five more cars can line up.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, the board's liaison to the commission, questioned how many people driving into the site could get through the lineup and make it to the parking area. She said with two lines each having their own cooks, they should be able to get the customers through faster.

Currier said the owners thought it would help.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr was concerned about cars trying to go the wrong way

around the building and suggested they put some one-way striping and signs to keep the traffic going one way.

Currier said they could do that if the commission thought it would help.

Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers before the meeting had presented a report to commissioners put together with CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System) figures showing seven traffic complaints for the site from 2021, 2023, and 2024, believed to be when waiting cars extended out onto the roadway. It was pointed out all of these complaints except two were between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m., which is not Culver's busy time.

Commissioner Jahr said that might be the time people are coming in for ice cream.

"It's a pretty good attempt to solve a problem," Jahr said of the plan.

Commission chairman Brian Cullin said, "I don't see it hurting, and if its going to help Culver's be more successful..."

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE RZ 06-04-24(2)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 05-2-17(2) AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

#### SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

#### Ordinance No. RZ 07-18-23(1)

An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17(2), as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning the following property within existing Parcel V-125-83-134-99-0003-701 from AG – Agricultural and Estate to SRMU – Sumpter Road Mixed Use District:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 3 South, Range 8 East, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section and the Point of Beginning; thence N88°03'59"E 481.00 feet along the North line of said Section; thence S01°26'31"E 463.00 feet; thence S88°03'59"W 481.00 feet; thence N01°26'31"W 463.00 feet along the West line of said Section and the centerline of Sumpter Road to the Point of Beginning. Contains 5.11 acres.

#### SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

YEAS: McNamara, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, and Kelley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wright and Martin

ABSTAINED: None

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

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Leon Wright, Clerk

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Adopted: June 18, 2024

Published: June 27, 2024

Effective: July 4, 2024







## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 362 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

### Sunday, June 16:

0028 – assist other dept., Dorchester Dr.  
0223 – welfare check, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
0334 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.  
0347 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0416 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.  
0429 – threat, Denton Rd.  
0616 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.  
0846 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1102 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.  
1110 – parking complaint, Bog Rd.  
1231 – intrusion alarm, Maude Ct.  
1316 – trespassing, Haverhill Rd.  
1318 – domestic, Elwell Rd.  
1326 – private property/property damage accident, Martz Rd.  
1431 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1455 – property check, Ashbury Dr./Sandlewood  
1542 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1548 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.  
1617 – shooting, Robson Rd.  
1731 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1813 – trespassing, boat launch  
1839 – private property/property damage accident, Stamford Rd.  
1844 – intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.  
1919 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2031 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
2102 – assault & battery, Sylvia Dr.  
2236 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.  
2334 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.

### Monday, June 17:

0056 – larceny, Rose Blvd.  
0135 – malicious destruction of property, Revere  
0320 – domestic, Westlake Cir.  
0411 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0421 – assist citizen, Fairbanks St.  
0508 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.  
0743 – threat, Sylvia Dr.  
0832 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.  
0852 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0903 – civil matter, McKinley St.  
0925 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton  
1010 – animal complaint, Beck Rd.  
1011 – civil matter, McKinley St.  
1100 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1116 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty  
1149 – civil matter, Holly Ln.  
1305 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.  
1348 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR Codes, Stratford Dr.  
1351 – fraud, Andover Dr.  
1436 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.  
1455 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave.  
1505 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1512 – lost property/child, Denton Rd.  
1640 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1622 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.  
1701 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
1700 – threat, Haggerty Rd.  
1847 – found property/child, Ecorse Rd./Denton  
1913 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
1930 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.  
2020 – runaway, Quirk Rd.  
2133 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
2145 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
2306 – welfare check, Ayres Ave.

### Tuesday, June 18:

0757 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
0823 – road hazard, Sheldon Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1824 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0839 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
xxxx – welfare check, Maple Dr.  
1057 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1059 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.  
1153 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1246 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service  
1357 – threat, Buchanan St.

1343 – welfare check, Chatsworth Dr.  
1404 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1410 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1456 – neighbor trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1442 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1441 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.  
1448 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.  
1629 – assist fire dept., lake Villa Dr.  
1655 – property damage accident, Ecorse  
1710 – misc. complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – fraud, Rose Blvd.  
1909 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1917 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
1951 – private property/property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.  
2036 – 911 welfare check, Van Born Rd.  
2045 – welfare check, Belmont Dr.  
2100 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
2158 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2249 – property damage accident, Madison Dr.  
2249 – warrant arrest, Parkwood Dr.  
2329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.  
2345 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sunset Pond Cir.

### Wednesday, June 19:

0044 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
0059 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Sandlewood Dr.  
0725 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1133 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Rawsonville  
1133 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Martz Rd.  
1154 – assist other dept., rest area  
1213 – traffic offense, Arlene Ln./Savage Rd.  
1255 – assist other dept., Richmond  
1313 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.  
1424 – neighbor trouble, Pond Bluff Dr.  
1450 – assist fire dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
1613 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1707 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1725 – threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1739 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1928 – parking complaint, Stonebridge Ct. / E. Walden Dr.  
2141 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.  
2214 – 911 welfare check, Mantauk Ct.  
2226 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
2309 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
2236 – 911 welfare check, Sawgrass Ct.  
2249 – 911 welfare check, Marlowe Ave.  
2341 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates

### Thursday, June 20:

0111 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
0659 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0742 – animal complaint, Cobblestone  
0856 – intrusion alarm, Chatsworth Dr.  
0909 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Bog Rd.  
0913 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1007 – 911 welfare check, Milton Dr.  
1226 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1306 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1306 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service  
1317 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.  
1336 – fraud, Woodbury Dr.  
1403 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.  
xxxx – personal injury accident, Tyler Rd.  
xxxx – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Tyler  
1433 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Laguna Dr.

1534 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.  
1631 – welfare check, Prairiegrass Ct.  
1547 – threat, Sheldon Rd.  
xxxx – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1642 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
1832 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Kirkridge Park condos  
1910 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd.  
2021 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.  
2056 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.

### Friday, June 21:

0052 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
0012 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty  
0134 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd.  
0204 – mental subject, Tyler Rd.  
0301 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

McKinley St./Wheeler St.  
0303 – property check, Rawsonville Rd.  
0737 – animal complaint, C Street  
0827 – fraud, Lake Pointe Pass  
0843 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.  
0910 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.  
1019 – larceny, Michigan Ave.  
1047 – private property impound, Oak Ln.  
1145 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1354 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd.  
1443 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.  
1529 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1653 – domestic, Robson Rd.  
1718 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.  
1717 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1731 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
2027 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2042 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2226 – parking complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2316 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

### Saturday, June 22:

0622 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd.  
0218 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar Dr.  
0223 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
0238 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.  
0634 – welfare check, EB Michigan Ave/bypass  
0721 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.  
1011 – mental subject, Beck Rd.  
1023 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1031 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1059 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.  
1233 – property damage accident, High St. / W. Columbia Ave.  
1235 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1249 – larceny, Winding Pond Dr.  
1340 – property damage accident, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1353 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1438 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1503 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1549 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1604 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Michigan Ave.  
1717 – misc. complaint, Waverly  
1830 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1857 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1836 – intrusion alarm, Hanover Dr.  
1900 – mental subject, Beck Rd.  
2005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ash Dr.  
2035 – larceny, Martz Rd.  
2122 – intrusion alarm, Dorchester Dr.  
2304 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
Also, on this week's log are 161 traffic stops, one of which was on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, June 16:

0403 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.  
0439 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.  
0551 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
0711 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0914 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
1047 – private property impound, Get the Scoop  
1119 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.  
1137 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1217 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
1254 – all misc. complaints, Victorian Ln.  
1255 – PPO violation, E. Columbia Ave.  
1347 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1618 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1654 – assault & battery, Sumpter Rd.  
1956 – neighbor trouble, Church St.

2249 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.  
**Monday, June 17:**  
0851 – animal complaint, High St./Roys St.  
1857 – fight, Main St.  
2007 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2346 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.  
**Tuesday, June 18:**  
2012 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/Fifth St.  
2014 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.  
2035 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.  
2050 – disorderly, Sumpter Rd.  
2148 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
2328 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.  
2350 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty St.  
**Wednesday, June 19:**  
0104 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
0603 – traffic stop, Main St./South St.  
0727 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
0803 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1041 – property damage accident, Potter Dr.  
1556 – follow up by officer, Sumpter Rd.  
1816 – found property/child, Main St.  
2037 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2047 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2327 – misc. complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

### Thursday, June 20:

0824 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.  
0845 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
0920 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.  
0941 – missing person, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.  
1210 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1237 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River  
1400 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.  
1625 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
1716 – 911 welfare check, Estrada  
1834 – property check, Owen St.  
2043 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
2057 – traffic stop, South St.  
2122 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

### Friday, June 21:

0243 – assault & battery, Main St./Third St.  
0512 – found property/child, Main St.  
0617 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
0757 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./W. Columbia  
0806 – traffic stop, High St./W. Huron River Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Belle Villa  
1019 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.  
1048 – lost property/child, High St.  
1440 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
1720 – traffic stop, N. liberty St./Fifth St.  
2108 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.  
2153 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2224 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr./Clarence St.

### Saturday, June 22:

0101 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0054 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd.  
0111 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell  
0114 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0321 – welfare check, Main St.  
0428 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
0755 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.  
1505 – assist fire dept., S. Biggs Ave.  
1604 – welfare check, Henry St.  
1738 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs  
1827 – welfare check, Fourth St.  
2159 – assist citizen, S. Biggs Ave.  
2234 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.  
2253 – fight, Main St.  
2324 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.  
There are 36 traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, June 16:

0034 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln./Country Club Blvd.  
0144 – drug possession arrest, Rawsonville/Judd  
0210 – assault, Rustic Ln.  
0320 – suspicious circumstance, Willis/Sumpter  
0348 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0715 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd./Sumpter

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0936 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1207 – suspicious circumstance, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1447 – death investigation, Third St.  
1658 – felonious assault, Oregon St.  
1829 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1840 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
1848 – juvenile matter, Rustic Ln.  
1914 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2036 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2101 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
2107 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2114 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2223 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
2356 – malicious destruction of property, Colorado Rd.

**Monday, June 17:**  
0413 – suspicious person, Timberlane Dr.  
0732 – motorist assist, Willis Rd./Elwell Rd.  
0834 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.  
0954 – civil matter, Wayside Dr.  
1102 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Arizona  
1126 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1219 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1725 – civil matter, Birch Dr.  
1732 – family trouble, Colorado St.  
1937 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Martinsville  
2012 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2136 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Dunn

**Tuesday, June 18:**  
0012 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd./ Bemis Rd.  
0124 – traffic complaint/hazard, Elwell Rd./Willis  
0155 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
0644 – civil matter, Arizona St.  
0743 – damage to property, Mulberry Dr.  
1012 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.  
1330 – 911 hangup, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1337 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Judd  
1353 – 911 hangup, Knollwood Dr.  
1443 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1617 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Kozma  
1623 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.  
1708 – neighbor dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1723 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2014 – suspicious person, Wyoming St.  
2028 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.  
2128 – noise complaint, California/New Mexico  
2133 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
2301 – civil matter, Arizona St.

**Wednesday, June 19:**  
0009 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Sully Dr.  
0413 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0640 – mental health call, Brookview Dr.  
0934 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1155 – follow-up investigation, Arizona St.  
1235 – welfare check, 7940 Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1241 – welfare check, Wyoming St.  
1250 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1338 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Wear  
1518 – suspicious circumstance, Willis/Sumpter  
1543 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
1553 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1647 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1744 – suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1754 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
1824 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd  
1906 – suspicious circumstance, Virginia St.  
2006 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
2018 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Wilmot

2042 – fire dept. assist, Hickory Dr.  
2046 – follow-up investigation, Virginia St.  
2121 – welfare check, Creekside Dr.  
2138 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.  
2209 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.  
2236 – follow-up investigation, Brookview Dr.  
2252 – disorderly person, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2304 – follow-up investigation, Brookview Dr.  
2314 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd Rd./ Sumpter Rd.  
**Thursday, June 20:**  
0018 – noise complaint, Washington St.  
0032 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0252 – follow-up investigation, Brookview Dr.  
0941 – welfare check, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1143 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.  
1158 – fire dept. assist, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1225 – welfare check, New Mexico St.  
1508 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1625 – harassment complaint, California Blvd.  
1952 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

**Friday, June 21:**  
0241 – family trouble, Texas St.  
1154 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.  
1158 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sherwood  
1210 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1309 – recovered stolen vehicle, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1327 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1452 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1517 – mental health call, New Mexico St.  
1640 – property damage accident, Clark/Willow  
1711 – family trouble, Oregon St.  
1759 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2055 – juvenile matter, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.  
2111 – ORV complaint, Judd Rd./Karr Rd.

**Saturday, June 22:**  
0209 – suspicious person, Magnolia Dr.  
0952 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Willow  
1143 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1208 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.  
1232 – misc. investigation, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1239 – suspicious person, Timberlane Dr.  
1353 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln./Hampshire Dr.  
1541 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1934 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Elwell Rd. / Judd Rd.  
2221 – special unit detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2238 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.  
2354 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.

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were jumping through hoops for two months to get it rezoned for them and now it's a depository for equipment," he said. Building official Rick Rutherford said Davenport hasn't issued any building drawings, but they have cut the grass and the weeds on that site. He said Davenport said that equipment is for the construction planned. Renaud said it is no longer an industrial site and equipment shouldn't be stored there. Rutherford said work must begin within two years of site plan approval and he will check on the exact time limit.

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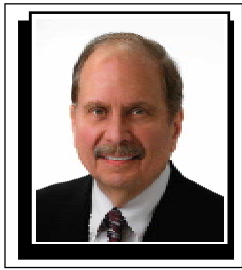
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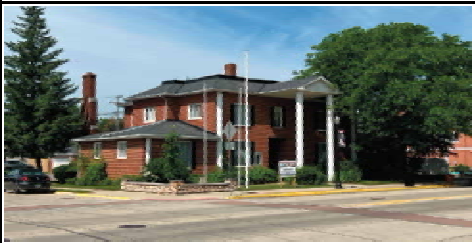
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