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Photo by Reg Ion

The Dragon Boat races on Sunday in Belleville Lake were a popular part of the week end's Belleville Lake Fest. Twenty paddlers were in each boat for the races. There were three Dragon Boats and so the teams loaded in and out between races. The BYC won the race.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

At noon on Saturday crowds enjoyed the booths of non-profit groups and artists during Belleville Lake Fest.



Independent photo by Bob Mytych

Crowds were in Horizon Park on Sunday to watch the Dragon Boat races during the Belleville Lake Fest.

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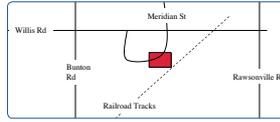
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## School Board approves general fund budget of \$75.4 million for '21-22

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a public hearing, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the new general fund budget of \$75,415,876 for fiscal year 2021-22, which begins July 1.

This has an estimated fund balance on June 30, 2022 of 22%, said Finance Director Sara Cortese.

Six other budgets were approved as well, along with their amended budgets for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The amended general fund budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year was \$63,885,350.

Millages to be levied July 1 are: 18 mills operating non-homestead; 0.4838 mill sinking fund and 2.9800 mills for debt service.

In other business at Monday's hour-long meeting, the board:

- Approved a contract with Al's Asphalt & Paving Company of Taylor for \$141,241 with a construction contingency budget of \$14,124 for a total amount of \$155,365 to pave the parking lot of Savage Elementary School;

- Approved the bid from Integrated Systems Technologies for the items and training needed to start the BHS Robotics Arm Programming class for the 2021-22 school year in the amount of \$49,297.19;

- Approved the Cooperative Education Program Agreement with Livonia Public Schools for the 2021-22 school year. VBPS has three transition-age students, ages 18 to 26 years old, that attended this year and will attend next year, as well. The agreement is for \$8,000 per student attending the program and the agreement is for up to 10 students;

- Heard Human Resource Director Abdul Madyun discuss the hiring process and the shortage of teachers;

- Approved the resignation of Belleville High School science teacher Deborah Kummer after seven years of service as of June 30 for a job opportunity;

- Approved the employment of Devin Scicluna as band teacher for McBride Middle School and Owen Intermediate School starting the 2021-22 school year. Scicluna currently was associate director of bands for the district, teaching fifth, seventh, and eighth grade bands;

- Approved the employment of Tiffany Apostolakis as instructional support specialist districtwide K-6 and Amber Cobbs as SEL interventionist at Owen Intermediate, both beginning the 2021-22 school year;

- Discussed briefly the possibility of canceling the July 26 board meeting, since



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Monday afternoon, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and administrators took a tour of the district's 31,500 square foot Early Childhood Development Center now under construction southeast of the Belleville High School parking lot. In front, pointing out details, is project manager Kyle Oberdorf of Granger Construction Company. From left are board Vice President Susan Featheringill, School Supt. Pete Kudlak, board Secretary Darlene Loyer Gerick, Finance Director Sara Cortese (in back), Trustees Kelly Owen and Dionne Falconer, and Director of Special Education Karen Johnston. Trustee Calvin Hawkins was present, but not shown in the picture. The building is scheduled to be opened in January. The project is part of the \$35.49 million in a series of three bonds approved by voters in 2019 for this construction, along with work at current schools.

there is nothing for that agenda. A decision will be made at the July 12 meeting, which will be held in the BHS Commons in person; and

- Heard Director of Instruction Jeff Moore announce that he has hired Ursula Webster, the present secretary at Tyler Elementary, as his new assistant.

Vice president Susan Featheringill presided at the meeting in the absence of president Amy Pearce. Treasurer Simone Pinter also was absent from Monday's meeting.

## Shereif Bynum earns degree at Youngstown State University

YOUNGSTOWN, OH -- Shereif Bynum of Belleville was among more than 1,400 students awarded undergraduate and advanced degrees and certificates at Youngstown State University's Spring Commencement.

Bynum earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



Razing of the Van Buren Public Schools Career Technical Center on Sumpter Road in the city of Belleville began over the weekend and continued Monday, when this photo was taken. Thomas Trucking Services of Rockwood was the lowest of nine bidders for demolition at \$57,000. There was \$24,290 for hazardous material abatement to Environmental Maintenance Engineers, DTE electrical allowance of \$15,000 and construction contingency of \$25,000 for a total cost of \$121,290. The warehouse at the back of the site is not being demolished, only the vacant buildings fronting Sumpter Road.

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### How to get, keep teachers when fewer are around?

At Monday's school board meeting, Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun gave a long report on hiring and produced examples of what other districts are doing to get teaching staff during what he said is the current teacher shortage.

He showed a chart that indicated how fewer and fewer students are training to be teachers at the various colleges and universities in Michigan. He played a television news clip announcing how Jackson is offering a \$10,000 bonus for teachers agreeing to serve three years. They get \$5,000 the first year, \$2,500 the second year, and \$2,500 the third year, with \$500 for moving expenses. He said Detroit is giving salary steps as part of its enticement of teachers, which is working.

Van Buren Public Schools have hired 20 new teachers for the upcoming school year so they are OK for now, but negotiations with the teachers' union will start up again in August and studies Madyun made show VBPS ranks three out of five in pay to comparable school districts. He wants to raise teacher pay, but be fiscally responsible.

Madyun said teachers are now shopping for jobs and are comparing one district's pay and benefits with another's.

He also said the district needs 10 bus drivers for next school year and 15 paraprofessionals. Just ask business owners about employees being hard to find. They will agree.

### EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The heavy rain overnight last Friday-Saturday swamped up some local roads, but it didn't interfere with last weekend's Belleville Lake Fest. The car shows were canceled because of the threat of more rain so Main Street was only closed from Third to Fifth streets, instead of all the way to Five Points, as planned. The bands were sent inside Bayou Grill, Egan's Pub, and Johnny's Lakeside to perform. Van Buren Township's showing of "Finding Nemo" on Friday was postponed and Saturday night's lighted boat parade was not held.

There was a lot of activity on Saturday and Sunday, with the rain holding off, and the children's area was lively at the corner of Third and Main. Children could have their pictures taken with a mermaid (Marina Gerick), scamper up a climbing wall, fish for prizes, or get their faces painted. There were a lot of food trucks around town. The boat races drew a crowd at Horizon Park. A very nice event.

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Some areas in Metro Detroit reported seven inches of rain Friday night and one stretch of I-94 was still closed down on Monday morning. Television news showed lots of cars and trucks in deep water on the freeways.

My son Jim's rain gauge indicated we got two inches the night of Friday-Saturday on south Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township. Kim Ion's rain gauge on Ecorse Road Service Drive in northern VBT got four inches that night.

On Monday, Jim said his rain gauge indicated seven inches so far for the month of June and then another half inch came Monday evening.



Last Saturday, VBT and Canton sent out Nixle alerts warning of water over the roadways in certain places. In VBT the Belleville Road dip under the railroad track near Van Born was flooded (surprise), as was some water over Beck Road and a lake at the Michigan Avenue/Haggerty area. VBT also warned about water over the roads at Van Born east of Haggerty, Michigan Avenue bypass, and Hannan Road north of Ecorse.

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The mail didn't get delivered to a wide area of the Belleville 48111 area on Saturday. When we called the post office we were told it was because the mail trucks couldn't get here from the plant in Detroit on Fort Street since the freeways were flooded.

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"The Lake Fest went great," said Belleville Police Chief David Robinson. "There were no police- or crime-related incidents. Considering the nasty rain on Friday and not-so-great weather on Saturday, I think we had good-sized crowds, especially for the dragon boat races and the concerts in Fourth Street Square. It is unfortunate that the weather forced cancellation of the car shows and some other events. Overall, for the first running of a major city event, in a new format, I believe it was a huge success."

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Vincent Warren, the new treasurer of

Sumpter Township, said he has posted the position of deputy treasurer internally for the present employees to apply. Then, he said, he will post it externally for members of the public to apply.

He said he is looking for the best person he can find for the position. Besides credentials, he said he is seeking cohesiveness, customer service, and a person of honesty who will serve the public with a smile.

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We were informed that the VBT DDA had a porta potty delivered in time for last Thursday's outside band concert for children at Harris Park. We were told the DDA had been waiting for a better model but had to settle for the standard model to get it in time. There had been some complaints about that special park not having a restroom.

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The report going around that Scott Jones bought the Citgo gas station at Main and Fifth streets in Belleville is fake news. The owner of the gas station just switched over to Sunoco because it was a better deal. He didn't sell it. The owner and manager are the same as ever. The contract was up on the Citgo service, so they got Sunoco with more options.

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**Letters**

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Belleville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 is encouraging all residents of Belleville to stop by our Jr. Vice Commander's home and pick up a free U.S. Flag and proudly display it at your home.

All of these flags have previously been used on grave sites of veterans in Belleville and Sumpter Township. The VFW has refurbished them to be used once again to honor veterans and our independence. Also, you will be honoring those who served or gave their lives gaining and protecting our independence.

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Pete Pitzen, Belleville  
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founded in 1998 by Dr. Frances Carter, Birmingham, AL, and now has over 7,000 members nationwide. Current elected national officers from Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas, and Oklahoma all serve on a volunteer basis.

Local ARRA activities in Michigan include outreach to homebound Rosies and WWII veterans, opportunities for fellowship among the Rosies, WWII Veterans, and other members of the Greatest Generation, and special events to honor these amazing Americans.

If you are a woman (or descendant of a woman) who worked during WWII, or if you just love "Rosie" as much as we do, please visit our national web site [www.rosietheriveter.net](http://www.rosietheriveter.net) to join us as a member! If a Rosie is now deceased, we still want to acknowledge her by having her name on our archives with a record of her work. We also seek WWII veterans to honor and include in our activities. For info on activities in Michigan, visit [www.michiganrosies.org](http://www.michiganrosies.org) or e-mail [michiganrosies@gmail.com](mailto:michiganrosies@gmail.com).

Vivian Larsh, a "Rosebud"  
 Daughter of a WWII Rosie  
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**Urges public to take part in Redistricting Comm.**

To the editor:  
 The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is urging voters to get involved in the redistricting process by submitting written testimony and maps to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) using the MICRC Public Comment Portal.

Anyone in Michigan can use the portal ([michigan.gov/MICRC](http://michigan.gov/MICRC)) to submit written testimony and maps, draw maps or give feedback on other citizens' maps to make their voices heard in the redistricting process. A YouTube video explains how to submit materials to MI Redistricting Public Comment Portal.

"For many years, redistricting was a political process that took place behind closed doors," said Carrie Moon-Dupree, LWV Northwest Wayne County President. "Citizens now have the power to draw the state's new legislative and congressional districts, and it's important for them to get involved in the process to make their voices and the voices of their community heard. Using the Public Comment Portal to submit written testimony and maps directly to the commission is the best way to do that."

Local Leagues across the state have undertaken a widespread effort to educate voters on redistricting and to ensure the MICRC is doing what voters have asked: allow residents to draw district lines instead of legislators or special interests.

The Commission is hosting public hearings across the state until August where residents can learn more and can comment on how they want the MICRC to draw district lines.

Paula Bowman, State Co-President  
 Michigan League of Women Voters

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**Remember the working women of WWII**

To the editor:  
 American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) is trying to locate women who worked on the home front during WWII. Thousands of women worked to support the war effort as riveters, welders, electricians, sewing clothing and parachutes for the military, ordnance workers, clerical workers, and many other jobs such as running the family farm or business, replacing a man who had gone to war in positions such as bus driver, security guard or gas station attendant.

In addition, women served as volunteer workers rolling bandages, extending hospitality to troops at train stations and USO functions, collecting scrap metals and growing victory gardens. The ARRA considers all of these women who pitched in on the Home Front during WWII to be "Rosies." These women have stories of their WWII experiences that are of historical value and perhaps have never been told. American Rosie the Riveter Association would like to acknowledge these women with a certificate and have their stories placed in our archives. Do you have a Rosie in your family?

American Rosie the Riveter Association is a patriotic/non-profit organization whose purpose is to recognize and preserve the history and legacy of working women during WWII. This organization was

# More Letters

## Pray without ceasing to open our hearts

To the editor:

A letter in a recent edition of the *Independent* asked us to reflect on the “horrible, mind-boggling scenes of last summer’s riots.” I would like for us to reflect on the horrible, mind-boggling scenes of Jan. 6 when the former president encouraged his supports to go to the capitol and fight like hell. A time when we could see with our own eyes the Capitol being smashed and police officers being brutally attacked as they tried to protect the members of Congress including Trump’s vice president. He had to flee to safety with his family as they shouted, “Hang Mike Pence.”

This is the same Mike Pence who spoke at a recent Evangelical Christian GOP conference on Faith and Freedom and the Christians heckled him and called him traitor. Why? Perhaps because he had allowed Congress to continue with the counting of the electoral votes which failed to elect Trump for a second term.

Of course, Trump and his supporters including Republican members of Congress justify this action by claiming a fraudulent election. Numerous lawsuits filed by Trump and other Republicans have been rejected by the courts as having no evidence. Even judges appointed by Trump rejected the lawsuits.

Tucker Carlson and Fox News are trying to rewrite the Jan. 6 invasion of the Capitol to their political advantage. Parents and grandparents: WAKE UP. Don’t let one news outlet and your social media contacts tell you that what you can see with your own eyes and process with your own mind is not what happened on Jan. 6.

Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy knew what happened on Jan. 6 as he stated that Trump bears responsibility for Wednesday’s attack on Congress by mob rioters. Saying he should have immediately denounced the mob when he saw what was unfolding. He said these facts require immediate action by President Trump to accept his share of responsibility, quell the unrest, and ensure President-elect Biden is able to successfully begin his term. That view by McCarthy changed quickly after a visit to Trump.

Some are saying that Jan. 6 was no more than tourists trying to see the Capitol. This is among many other alternative theories about what happened.

There is not enough space to adequately address the immigration issue. Let me just note that the comments in the letter about the summer demonstrations along with the concerns about immigration lead me to express the following.

Yes, we need to pray to God without ceasing. If we claim to be followers of Jesus then let us pray as we read Luke 10:25 and following where Jesus affirms

that we are to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and with all our mind and our neighbor as ourselves.

Keep on reading in that passage as we pray without ceasing. Let us pray that we open our hearts to this passage to hear and absorb this story which Jesus told about the Good Samaritan. That Samaritan was not accepted by the Jews but he stopped and did his part to show what Love is. Maybe someday one of “those” immigrants will stop to help me and I will be eternally grateful.

I have no clue what heaven will look like but I’m willing to suggest that it will not be a place of separation but a place where the love of God will prevail. Maybe God will seat us right next to the ones whom we wanted to discount and put aside. It seems to me that our democratic idea of government coincides with the plans of God and Jesus as we say all men are created equal and have the right to Life,

Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Mary Hoff  
Van Buren Township

## Writer rebukes ideas from letter writer

To the editor:

The first and most important point I want to make with this opinion piece, is that if you are a person, especially a child, dealing with mental illness, addiction, homelessness, you are a returning citizen, an equality activist, or a refugee, you are welcome in this community.

You are not alone and there are people and institutions in this community who care. Mathew 24:35-40. Indeed, for some of us, “The goal is to guarantee housing in good neighborhoods with good schools for the homeless, mentally ill rehabilitated drug addicts, and felons released from

prison,” as indicated in a letter to the editor in the June 17 *Independent*. For this reason, I have made, in the name of the author of said email, donations to Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, <https://chanceforlifeonline.org/>. and Colin Kaepernick’s Know Your Rights Foundation.

Every time a letter is published by this writer vilifying our most vulnerable fellow human beings, I will donate to a charity, in her name, to help these she seeks to disparage.

My second point is to provide information regarding the “National Police Organization” (NPA) and its “President and CEO” Eddie Hutchinson, referenced as a source of information in the letter to the editor last week. NPA has no rating from CharityNavigator.org and is listed as an Educational Organization. NPA

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Betty (Cawthon) Tontalo

**BETTY (CAWTHON) TONTALO**

(February 22, 1930 – June 21, 2021)  
Betty (Cawthon) Tontalo was born February 22, 1930 in Cairo, Illinois, daughter of Robert & Virdia (White) Cawthon.

Betty's mother and six children lived in Detroit during the Great Depression and came to Belleville when Betty was eight when her family was finally able to buy a small home on Tyler Road. Betty was smart, popular and beautiful, chosen as Belleville High School Senior Class President, Homecoming Queen, and starred in the high school and Chamber of Commerce plays. Betty graduated from BHS in 1948, married Bob Tontalo in 1950, and after Bob returned from Korea in 1953 they started their family with daughter Patti, followed 18 months later with twins Sandy and Sherry, then Beckie 8 years later. Betty was a traditional stay-at-home mother, active in Girl Scouts with her girls. Betty was a devoted member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, working on committees, events and teaching catechism. In 1976 Betty became the first Para-Professional Teacher Aide and worked in four kindergarten classrooms at Haggerty, Elwell, Rawsonville, and Edgemont Elementary schools until she and Bob retired in 1992. Betty was a beloved kindergarten teacher, kind, gentle and loving, making a difference in the lives of many children including special needs children with Autism.

Betty was an unrelenting, untiring "Belleville Booster" and served in many ways to better her community, cleaning the lake, working at elections, selling poppies for the VFW, volunteering at Nursing Homes, and establishing special local holiday events. She and Bob set up the Christmas Santa Village and the Easter celebration in Victory Park where Betty became the vivacious "Betty Bunny" greeting children and handing out Easter baskets while her family took photos and painted faces. Maybe most of all, Betty will be remembered by people who bought the beautiful bird houses she and her husband Bob created, each one a hand-painted original, sold at local festivals and art shows.

Betty is survived by four daughters: Patricia Anne (Dennis) Graham of Commerce Township, MI, Sandra Lynn Vye of Belleville, MI, Sharon Lee Tontalo of Farmington Hills, MI, and Rebecca Jane Tontalo of Sherman Oaks, California; one grandson Trevor (Ruba) Vye of Belleville, MI, three great-grandchildren Ashley Nicole Vye of Tucson, Arizona, Yusuf and Safiyah Vye of Belleville. Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Robert D. Tontalo on October 11, 2014, her parents, parents-in-law, John and Katherine Tontalo, son-in-law Anthony Sevakis, and five siblings: Robert Cawthon, Mary Brown, Gwen Henderson, William Cawthon and Zelpha Cawthon.

Betty passed away peacefully on Monday, June 21, 2021, in her sleep, at the age of 91. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, Michigan. The family is planning a Memorial Mass. Interment will be with her beloved Bob at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #4434 or PLAV #167 and would be greatly appreciated.



Douglas Eugene Williams, Jr.

**DOUGLAS EUGENE WILLIAMS, JR.**

(August 29, 1975 – June 22, 2021)  
Douglas Eugene Williams, Jr., 45, of Wayne died June 22, 2021 at Beaumont Hospital in Wayne.

Douglas graduated from Lincoln High School in the class of 1995. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his father Douglas Williams, Sr. (Sandy); mother Vicki Williams; sisters Alicia, Heather (Mike) and Corina; nieces and nephews Samantha, Desiree, Gaberella, Elijah, Mia, and Anastasia; and many uncles and aunts, cousins and second cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. on July 10, 2021, at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 106 Dexter, Milan, MI 48160.



Debra Jean Traskos

**DEBRA JEAN TRASKOS**

(August 23, 1956 - June 23, 2021)  
Debra Jean Traskos, age 64, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away suddenly Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, MI. She was born August 23, 1956 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Rodney & Lottie Julie (Lutz) Hines. Debbie graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1974, and enjoyed bowling in her younger years. She was a former member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI. She loved playing cards and having fun. She was a wonderful caregiver to her mom, and will be deeply missed.

Mrs. Traskos is survived by her husband of nearly 32 years, Douglas L. of Van Buren Township, MI, their cat Boo, her mother Lottie Crosby of Belleville, MI, brother Joe (Lisa) Hines of Sanbornville, NH, sister Linda Hollenbeck of Westland, MI, and nieces & nephews: Angela Hines, Shawn Chamberlain, Shane English and Ashley (Patrick) Camarena. Debra is also survived by her in-laws: parents: Douglas & Gloria Traskos of Spruce, MI; sister-in-law Denise (Bill) Brandon of South Lyon, MI; brother-in-law David (Michille) Traskos of Belleville, MI; niece Leslee (Kevin) Voss; great-nephew Ryan Voss; also numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her father Joe Hines, step-dad John Samuel Crosby, also a nephew Brian Hines.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A memorial celebration will be planned and announced later.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to an animal rescue of the donor's choice and would be appreciated.

**CAMREE LAUREN FIRE**

(May 20, 2021 - June 26, 2021)  
Camree Lauren Fire, 37-day-old cherished daughter of Guy & Emiley Fire of Taylor, passed away at Henry Ford Hospital. She was born May 20, at 24 weeks, a preemie and a beauty from the start. Services were June 30 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Daniel Clarence Mason, Sr.

**DANIEL CLARENCE MASON, SR.**

(October 15, 1948 - June 28, 2021)  
Daniel Clarence Mason, Sr., age 72, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Monday, June 28, 2021 at his home, surrounded by family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born October 15, 1948 in Wayne County, MI, son of Clarence & Lorraine (Pankow) Mason. Dan retired from Atchinson Ford after many years of loyal service in their new car sales department. He loved being outdoors, fishing, and making and drinking beer. Mr. Mason is survived by his son Daniel (Dell) Mason, Jr. of Inkster, MI; daughter Brandie Dobbins of Belleville, MI; 4 grandchildren Matthew, Brendan, Nicholas and Natalie; 3 great-grandchildren Madelin, Annastaia, and Vaeda; 3 sisters Janet Elliot, Elaine Hardy, and Lynn Elliot; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of nearly 50 years Marcia Jean (Howell) Mason (2019), grandson Jordan Koger (2011), two sisters and a brother.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the funeral home to help defray expenses would be appreciated.

## Correction: Vincent Warren didn't apply for school board seat

A story that begins on the front page of the June 24 edition of the *Independent* tells some of the background of Sumpter Township's new treasurer Vincent Warren. Among other things, the story said he was one of nine applicants who applied to fill a vacant seat for two months on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. Vincent said that is incorrect. It was his cousin Larry Warren who applied for that seat. Also, Vincent said he now is quartermaster of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434. We had reported he was a trustee. We regret the errors and thank Vincent for calling us so we can get it right.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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Hidalgo Mexican Restaurant in the Davenport Industrial Center behind Family Dollar has re-opened for inside dining this week, following months and months of pick-up and carry-out-only because of the pandemic. Manger Kim Anthony thanks the community for supporting them during this time and asks patrons to be patient as they update their menu and transition back to inside service. Watch for daily specials to return on food and drinks, too. Visit them on Facebook and call (734) 697-3271.

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A food truck rally and concert is returning to 4<sup>th</sup> Street Place and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Square next Wednesday, July 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Grillz on Wheels, Mexi-Casian, Reno's Hot Dog Stand, and Treat Dreams ice cream. The stage will showcase the Paul Keller Grand Hotel Trio with special guest Sarah D'Angelo. The first-Wednesday event is sponsored by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. Rain date is July 14. See their ad in today's

paper. The event will also be held Aug. 4 and Sept. 1.

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Today, July 1, is Music Lakeside evening at Horizon Park, from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring "Downriver Dan." There will be food trucks available, too. Visit [www.musiclakeside.com](http://www.musiclakeside.com) for the line-up for the rest of the summer.

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Pastor Doug Valentine of Faith Assembly Church of Belleville on East Huron River Drive will be holding summer outdoor services every Sunday under the tent during July and August, beginning at 11 a.m. They will also conduct indoor classes at 10 a.m. Food trucks will be on hand July 18 and on Aug. 15 the food trucks will be accompanied by a back-to-school supplies / free ice cream giveaway. Visit any of their Sunday services and get a free voucher for an A & W float. There will be folding chairs available each week but visitors are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs. Be sure to check out their ad in today's paper. Services are also streamed live on their Facebook and You Tube channels.

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Golfers are needed to take part in the third-annual Ryan Fitzpatrick Memorial Outing coming up on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 8 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. Golf tickets are \$100 per entry or \$400 per foursome. The event is an 18-hole scramble and includes a 9 a.m. shotgun start, lunch, dinner, awards and contests, with the proceeds going to Van Buren Area Little League. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each and monetary

donations and gift donations for door prizes are also welcome. Call Joshua Brice at (734) 223-7992 to register or email [fitzpatrickmemorialouting@gmail.com](mailto:fitzpatrickmemorialouting@gmail.com). Be sure to check out their ad and registration form in today's paper. The event is held to honor the life of Ryan Fitzpatrick and to create awareness to suicide prevention and to celebrate the life of the former student and athlete at Belleville High School and little league. Registrations and sponsorship deadlines are July 30.

**First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School: Mystery Island**

First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville, will present its "Mystery Island" Vacation Bible School Tuesday, Aug. 3 through Thursday, Aug. 5. Dinner is 5-5:30 p.m. and the program is 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

All participants must be entering Kindergarten through eighth grade this coming September in order to be eligible.

Complete and submit the Bible School registration form by Friday, July 16, to have your child or children participate in the "Mystery Island" experience.

For more information contact Jill B. Sestok, Director, Spiritual Formation, at (313) 948-7050 or [JBSestok@gmail.com](mailto:JBSestok@gmail.com).

**Free drive-in movies every Friday in July, August at church**

Bethany Bible Church and Belleville Church of God are sponsoring free drive-in movies at sunset every Friday in July and August behind the Church of God on Hull Road just east of Van Buren Township Fire Station #1.

Even the popcorn and lemonade are free. In the event of rain, the show will go on, but at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr. instead.

On Friday, July 2, the feature is the 2021 made-in-Michigan release: "Faith Under Fire" starring Kevin Sorbo and Dean Cain. Sunset is 9:14 p.m.

See: [www.bellevillefamilydrive-in.com](http://www.bellevillefamilydrive-in.com)

**Birthdays**

- June 30 – Keith A. Bradley
- July 2 – Rebecca Roberts, Caleb Howard
- July 3 – Karen Monte
- July 5 – Donna Meyer, Tony Richendoller, Don Johnson
- July 9 – Aaron Walters, Sophia Zoller
- July 10 – Sharon Pokerwinski, Bryon Hylton

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# Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, July 1** – Downriver Dan is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Friday, July 2** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
- **Saturday, July 3** – Belleville Yacht Club is holding its annual fireworks at dusk over Belleville Lake in front of the clubhouse. The BYC is a private club, but the fireworks can be enjoyed from a great distance. Rain date is July 4.
- **Sunday, July 4** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans’ Memorial on High Street in Belleville. The brief ceremony honors those who have served in the military and features “Taps” played and the National Anthem.
- **Monday, July 5** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 7** – Live music from Paul Keller Grand Hotel Trio with Sarah D’Angelo on Fourth Street Square and food trucks in Fourth Street Place, in front of the library, in downtown Belleville. Fourth Street closed 5-9 p.m. Food trucks scheduled are Grillz on Wheelz, Mexi-Casian, Reno’s Hot Dog Stand and Treat Dream ice cream.
- **Thursday, July 8** – The Bobby Murray

- Band with Tosha Owens and Lenny Watkins is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Friday, July 9** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, July 12** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
  - **Thursday, July 15** – Motor City Soul is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
  - **Friday, July 16** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, July 19** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
  - **Thursday, July 22** – Magic Bus is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
  - **Friday, July 23** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, July 26** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
  - **Thursday, July 29** – Twistin’ Tarantulas is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
  - **Friday, July 30** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, Aug. 2** – Belleville Farmers’

- Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 4** – Live music from Paxton/Spangler Band on Fourth Street Square and food trucks in Fourth Street Place, in front of the library, in downtown Belleville. Fourth Street closed 5-9 p.m. Food trucks scheduled are Smokey Joes BBQ, Shimmy Shack, Sabor Latino, and Treat Dreams ice cream.
  - **Thursday, Aug. 5** – Alan Turner & The Steel Horse Band is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
  - **Friday, Aug. 6** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, Aug. 9** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
  - **Thursday, Aug. 12** – Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
  - **Friday, Aug. 13** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, Aug. 16** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
  - **Thursday, Aug. 19** – Holly and the Johnnies is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
  - **Friday, Aug. 20** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, Aug. 23** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
  - **Friday, Aug. 27** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong’s Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.
  - **Monday, Aug. 30** – Belleville Farmers’ Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
  - **Wednesday, Sept. 1** – Live music from Smoke Jones on Fourth Street Square and food trucks in Fourth Street Place, in front of the library, in downtown Belleville. Fourth Street closed 5-9 p.m.

# \$1.3 million playground under way in Lower Huron Metropark

Huron-Clinton Metroparks is moving forward on plans to develop a new, unique space-themed playground at Lower Huron Metropark after community surveys and stakeholder input.

Construction is expected to begin this summer and wrap up with a grand opening by the end of the year.

“The Metroparks always strive to meet community needs and provide area residents and visitors with first-rate outdoor recreation spaces and activities,” said Metroparks Director Amy McMillan. “We couldn’t be more appreciative of the feedback and ideas received and are excited to launch this unique play experience to help spark imaginations and serve as a destination playground.”

McMillan said the design is a combination of creativity, accessibility, and offering something that did not already exist in the general vicinity. Planning for the new play space began this past November. Online surveys and stakeholder conversations were held with numerous individuals and organizations including the Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) and the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. From there, the Woods Creek area within the park was selected due to its visibility from the main park road, abundant parking, and general openness.

The playground is one of many efforts the Metroparks is making to improve recreational opportunities across the system’s 13 unique parks. Key features include a geometric playscape designed to reflect the solar system and a new Hedra tower slide, believed to be the first of its kind in Michigan. Playground consultant, Penchura, along with Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc., will lead the construction, installation and development to make the vision come to life.

The new playground is set to break ground in the summer and be completed by the end of 2021. To learn more, view site renderings and stay up to date with project developments, see [www.metroparks.com/projects](http://www.metroparks.com/projects).

## Belleville DDA First Wednesday

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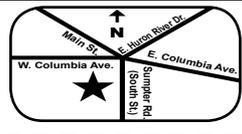


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# Sumpter board hires Rick Brown as full-time fire chief at \$58,240

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Acting Fire Chief Rick Brown was promoted to full-time fire chief by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its June 22 zoom meeting.

Chief Brown will be paid \$58,240 plus benefits without medical reimbursement.

This was a recommendation of the Human Resources Committee.

Chief Brown replaces part-time Fire Chief Joe Januszyk who the board fired in a 5-2 vote on April 27 after more than eight years as chief.

Trustee Matthew Oddy, a member of the Human Resources Committee, said Public Safety Director Luke recommended who to hire.

"We should take some time and discussion," said Trustee Peggy Morgan of the move to hire Brown. "This is the first time I heard of it. Hello, I'm a board member. This is the first time I heard of it."

Director Luke said he sent a letter to the Human Resources Committee to recommend a full-time fire chief and that Rick Brown to be named full-time fire chief.

Trustee Morgan repeated she didn't know about this.

Chief Brown said he had discussions about his wants and decided I would be willing to do this to continue the great service we provide.

"I was happy with the recommendation from the director," he said. "Happy to fill the void Chief Januszyk left. He said he talked to his employer and, "It's a young person's job" and decided to retire to do this.

Luke said, "Chief Brown has impressed me in the last two months." He said he has served on the fire department for 36 or 37 years.

"I have known Chief Brown for many years," agreed Trustee Morgan. "Full time should have been done a long time ago."

At the end of the meeting, Chief Brown thanked everyone for their kind words. He said he had 37 years of experience with the department and, "You have my word I will not let any of you down."

Also, during the two-hour meeting on June 22, the board:

- Accepted the resignation, with regret, of police officer Joseph Hogan effective June 25 and approved hiring Patrick Dervishi as a full-time police officer with pay starting at the six-month pay scale. Public Safety Director/Police Chief said he was very impressed with the "young man" and he will be a great addition to the department.

Dervishi said it would be an honor and privilege to serve this community;

- Approved hiring Curtis Lundsford and Ronald Jeffries as paid, on-call firefighters, contingent on them passing physical and drug tests. Lundsford is a trained fire fighter in Van Buren Township and Jeffries has no training;

- Approved the recommendation by the planning commission for amendments to Section 2.2 of the zoning ordinance, concerning definitions and Section 5.8 on Home Businesses and Article 9: Signs. Trustee Don LaPorte abstained from the vote since he has a home business;

- Removed from the agenda appointment of a treasurer since they did that at a special meeting on June 16;

- Approved having Hennessey Engineers look at system improvements for the drinking water system and a DWRP Water Main Replacement Program. They will bring this back to the township and then submit a contract. The board will approve the ability to go forward;

- Heard Trustee Tim Rush, who is board liaison for Parks and Recreation and the Chamber of Commerce, report the Parks and Recreation Commission has been having a problem getting a quorum to meet and they are talking with the township attorney about reducing the size of the commission. He said he had nothing from the Chamber;

- Learned Treasurer Vincent Warren has not chosen a deputy treasurer yet and the treasurer's office is in transition. Warren said he has posted the position internally for candidates and then will put it out to the public and make a decision;

- Voted unanimously to go to live meetings and remove all restrictions. Morgan's motion was seconded by Trustee Matt Oddy. Clerk Esther Hurst said remote work is suspended and all can come back to work;

- Heard Finance Director/Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole say Forgotten Harvest will start distributions of free food in Sumpter from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on July 26 and will be there the second and fourth Mondays of the month, with the first three sessions being used to determine how many will come. They are asking the community to step up as volunteers; and

- Heard Deputy Cole read a question by zoom from Eric Partridge asking when there will be nine members of the planning commission, as the board voted have early this year and why three board members are wearing baseball caps during the board meeting. On the planning commission

question, Oddy said they haven't added any new board members to the commission and they can leave it at the current seven. Morgan said the board did vote on going to nine members. Oddy said it's up to the board or they could rescind the motion. As to the hats, Bowman replied he was wearing the hat, "Because, that's what I do." Oddy

said he was wearing a "Support the Blue" hat to honor the Sumpter police department. Rush's statement was hard to understand because Bowman was speaking at the same time, pointing to his hat with a U of M logo on it, saying that's where his money went. LaPorte said he would have a hat, too, but he couldn't find it.

## Summer safety tips from Waste Management

Waste Management wants you to be safe this summer. We care about every individual in the communities we serve and continue to focus on safety as a top priority.

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Submitted by Kathleen Klein

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# VBT planners approve permit for corn maze

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Planning Commissioner Jeff Jahr said extending temporary uses is turning them into permanent uses and the commission has to come up with best practices to handle this situation. This was at the June 23 zoom meeting of the VBT Planning Commission. Commissioner Jahr was commenting on the DeBuck sod farm's request to extend the previous temporary land use for its corn maze, pumpkin patch, and fun farm activities by 15 years. Earlier temporary land uses were granted in 2010 and 2013 and the latest eight-year extension was due to expire on June 26.

The uses at 50240 Martz Rd. include a roughly 12-acre corn maze, a roughly 20-acres pumpkin patch, wagon rides, a pollinator garden, a pedal car track, a mix of play equipment, food services areas, and a combined roughly 8.3-acre parking area, which can be expanded.

After discussion, the commission voted unanimously to extend the temporary land use for three years and to direct the staff to explore adding Agritourism to its

ordinances and to bring other information to the commission for study.

Also, a part of that motion was to approve expanding the parking area at the farm from seven to ten acres.

Commission chairperson Carol Thompson said she would like staff to bring helpful information, but she is not convinced an Agritourism ordinance is the way to go.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, had introduced the request for a time extension for DeBucks, saying he'd like to research the topic and one or two years would be enough time to grab a more permanent solution.

He explained in a memo that DeBucks presently had two options: seeking extension to temporary land use approvals or seeking a permanent land use under the township's present zoning ordinance. The second option would invoke the township's engineering standards for paving and stormwater management. The applicant initially selected to pursue the temporary land use.

Power said staff found such an extension would defeat the intent of the commission's past approval of the use as being temporary.

"However, staff also recognizes that the mix of activities on the site have been well-received in the area and help to harness a strong local farming economy," he wrote in a memo.

"One way to recognize and allocate for the long-term benefits of these uses without imposing strict standards on the site or similar sites would be to create specific zoning standards for agritourism uses."

Power said he wants to look at a long-term solution and discover how the state law allows activities under the Right to Farm law.

Scott DeBuck said the staff calls the middle two Saturday and Sundays in October the "Super Bowl Sundays" because of the large crowd between 1 and 3 p.m. on those days when they can have up to 1,000 cars to be parked. That's why he had requested allowing double the parking for this extension.

"We absolutely love what we do," DeBuck said. "We hire extra staff in the busy times and we have bright yellow shirts

for the staff." He said handicapped parking is marked by blue tape and blue paint on the ground.

Commissioner Brian Cullin said he agreed to granting the extension for more than one year. He said the township might get tied up with the details and force the applicant to come back too soon.

DeBuck said it might be tough to do it in one year. He agreed that a permanent solution is needed. He said he is on the board of a national association and he can reach out to other states to see how they are handling the issue.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said she got lost in their corn maze and that was not fun. But, she said, she can write a really good Agritourism ordinance because she has experience with that and could get right on it.

In other business at the one-hour-and-23-minute meeting, the commission:

- Discussed the request and then granted preliminary and final site plan approval for the Van Buren Transfer Station project at 44145 Yost Rd. The commission also accepted parking for four vehicles, modifications to landscaping and the use of a concrete wall and fence along the railroad as a buffer. Rob Wagner of Midwestern Consulting represented the owner of the 1.2-acre property Kevin Rameriz. The solid waste recycling facility has been in operation since the early 1970s and came under new ownership in 2018. The state's Environment Great Lakes and Energy now requires a cover for the facility in its existing non-conforming use. Wagner brought the project to the planning commission for suggestions at its March 24 meeting and then went to the Board of Zoning Appeals and received a variance for the setbacks at the BZA's April 13 meeting. "The applicant is making his best effort," Krishnan said;

- Was introduced to new planning commission member Callie Barr, who replaces former member Jane Franzoi, who resigned. Barr is a graduate of Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan and is an attorney for Jones Day and the University of Michigan; and

- Heard Steven Dark ask, via zoom, what the Denton Road/Ecorse Road project is that is shown on VBT's online project map. Power said there is no project. He said there was a preliminary plan but the township has no design details so he will take it off the map;

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was formed in 2017, is not a membership organization; it's only physical presence is a P.O. Box in Indianapolis. It is run by three people, none of them police, including Hutchinson. Hutchinson works for the Indiana AG as a fraud investigator, where, I suspect, he has learned a few things about how to get away with fraud. At least four police departments in four states have issued "scam alerts" about NPA and one chief reported the operation to a federal postal investigator. (J. Briggs, R. Martin, IndyStar3/17/2019).

Next, to provide information about the White House's "housing initiative." Funds will be used for local housing policy grants for cities and counties looking to ease restrictive zoning. "Progressives and libertarians alike have been searching for a role that the federal government can play in breaking down exclusionary barriers to housing that result in segregation and concentrated poverty." (K. Capps Bloomberg News, 5/26/21)

Though we may not all agree on the housing initiative, and I encourage you to research for yourself, I think we can all agree that we already have concentrated poverty in our community and most of us know exactly what the writer of last week's opinion means when she references "good" neighborhoods and schools. I, for one, will happily lose some of my property's value and pay higher taxes if it will help the well-being of just one child. Deuteronomy 15:11.

Regarding the crisis at the southern border, countless studies, over the course of our nation's history, have shown that immigrants, documented and otherwise, commit crimes at a lower rate than "Americans." Also, although immigrants "cost money" initially, over the course of time, they generate more than they cost. Again, I encourage you to do your own research, but here are some reliable sources to get you started:

Owen, Quinn, "Crisis at the Border: How it happened and what is being done," ABCnews.com 6/17/21

Angelo, Paul J, "Why Central American Migrants Are Arriving at the U.S. Border," Center for Foreign Relations 3/22/21

Lastly, I personally, am much more concerned about the domestic terrorist militia out on bail in our community and the unstable, anti-government and anti-police protestor who both engaged in violent acts against our governor than I am about the mostly peaceful police reform activists of last summer. Notice how this summer is much more peaceful? I think we all know the reason. I urge you to research yourself, but here are some reliable sources to peruse:

Craig, Tim "The United States is in Crisis" Washington Post

Kishi, Roudabeh, Jones, Sam (September 3, 2020) Demonstrations and Political Violence in America: New Data for

Summer 2020 The Guardian September 5, 2020)

Chenoweth, Erica, Pressman. Jeremy "This Summer's Black Lives Matter protesters were overwhelmingly peaceful, our research finds." The Washington Post

PS: Re: the editorial writer's George Soros reference, kindly read the following OpEd: Cohen, Seth, "The Troubling Truth about the Obsession with George Soros" Forbes 9/12/20

Vikki Kasperek  
Sumpter Township

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# Keystone Academy Board reelects Vesta Losen as president

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At its annual meeting held May 13 in person the Keystone Academy Board of Directors reelected Vesta Losen as board president, effective immediately.

The board's newest member Steven Harsant was elected vice president. Charlene Derrick was reelected treasurer and Patricia Kirkpatrick reelected secretary.

The former vice president Darren Hickonbottom has not attended any of the last four meetings, including this annual meeting. His term runs through June 30, 2022.

At the annual meeting, the board also appointed:

- National Heritage Academies representative Andrew Roth as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer;

- CS3 Law as board counsel;
- NHA's Director of Construction Joe Sprys as Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Contact; and

- Keystone Principal Jorvonna Drain as coordinator of the Title VI (civil right/discrimination), Title IX (gender equity) and Section 504 (law requiring special accommodations to certain students), as required by federal statute.

The board also held a budget hearing and then approved the 2021-22 budget of \$7,772,064 as presented by NHA.

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# VBT police make arrests in two violent incidents on Thursday, June 24

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police arrested two of three suspects in the area of Quirk and Tyler roads as they were fleeing following a home invasion just before 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, in the 300 block of Holly Lane.

Police Lt. Charles Bazy said three men allegedly pushed their way into the trailer home of a victim who then was beaten

pretty badly. The victim managed to jump out a window and escape. His cell phone was reportedly stolen.

Hunter David Range, 31, and Jesse Duane Stamper, 28, both of Ypsilanti, were arrested and charged with home invasion – 1<sup>st</sup> degree, unarmed robbery, and aggravated assault. They were arraigned Sunday and personal bond was set at \$250,000 each, and they must wear tethers.

Their probable cause conferences were set for July 7 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court.

A warrant is out for the arrest of the third man, Derrick Wayne Houchlei, 41, of Brockway, MI, on the same charges.

Later that same night, at about 10:23 p.m., police were called to O'Reilly's distribution center on Haggerty Road after a woman shot at a male. One was an employee and the other a former employee, police said.

Sonya Javah Moore, 39, of Van Buren Township was arrested and arraigned at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault, and armed robbery, plus three counts of felony firearm.

She is being held on \$25,000 cash bond

and must wear a tether if released. She is not to return to O'Reilly's. Her probable cause conference also was set for July 7 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court.

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Some of the residents at Westlake apartments were concerned when they saw the Van Buren Township police dispatch log in last week's paper. It reported there was shooting at Westlake at 2:11 p.m., Thursday, June 17.

Lt. Bazy said police got a 911 call reporting a single gunshot at Westlake and they went over to check and could find nobody who heard it or knew anything about it.



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On Tuesday, June 22, around noon, an unknown male wearing a mask entered Friends Fine Floor Covering at 164 Main St. in Belleville. He came through the back door, produced an extended pocket knife and demanded money from the female employee who was the sole occupant of the business.

Belleville Police Chief David Robinson said the employee gave the perpetrator the

money they had in the store and he ran out of the back door and northbound through the alley.

Chief Robinson said this case is under investigation as police are processing video evidence from nearby businesses in an attempt to identify the perpetrator or possible vehicle involved.

Chief Robinson asks anyone who saw anything suspicious during that time period to contact the police department.

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, July 6 -- Van Buren Township workshop at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, July 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 13 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, July 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

## Correction: Rick Williams didn't trespass

A story on page 17 in the June 10 issue of the *Independent* mentioned that someone possibly was hunting on the former Ford property that now is township property across Tyler Road from township hall. Rick Williams, who attended the township board meeting by zoom, said he didn't say that he "walks through it and sees blinds." He recalls it was Supervisor Kevin McNamara who made that statement during the discussion. Supervisor McNamara also said that property is not for hunting and no one has permission to hunt there.

Williams said he doesn't want to be accused of trespassing on township property. We apologize. Sometimes on these zoom meetings it's hard to tell who is speaking.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

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# Sumpter Twp. Officer of the Year resigns to change careers

At the June 22 zoom meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees the board accepted the resignation, with regrets, of Police Officer Joseph Hogan effective June 25.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said Officer Hogan was the 2020

Sumpter Officer of the Year.

"We're going to miss him," said Director Luke. "He was Officer of the Year for 2020 and he's getting out of law enforcement completely... He definitely was an extraordinary police officer."

Director Luke said Officer Hogan made

the decision to change careers.

Trustee Tim Rush said Hogan's resignation was a loss for the township.

He said police and first responders are walking around with targets on their backs, adding there have been no incidents in Sumpter Township.

Hogan was hired on May 22, 2018.

In the announcement of awards on the public safety department's Facebook page, Luke wrote:

"Over the course of the year, Officer Hogan has exemplified what a Sumpter Township Police Officer should be. Despite personal risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Officer Hogan continued to be proactive in the community, particularly in the Rawsonville Woods Mobile Home Park, in response to several violent crimes.

"Through his exceptional police skills, Officer Hogan conducted self-initiated activity and apprehended drug dealers within the community. His keen sense in narcotics enforcement led to the discovery of numerous Ecstasy tablets and illegal prescription pills intended to be distributed within our community, following a vehicle pursuit and foot chase (20-2324).

"His skills also came to light in the apprehension of a suspected heroin dealer and parole absconder at a known drug house (20-5138).

"Additionally, Officer Hogan arrested a suspected crack cocaine dealer, who in turn tried eating a large amount of the drugs to eliminate evidence. Despite the dealer's

efforts, Officer Hogan was still able to recover evidence and articulate the offense (20-7814).

"Officer Hogan's ability to detect criminal activity is second to none, his investigations are solid, and his reports are articulated clearly and concisely, resulting in approved charges."

## Forgotten Harvest sets three food distributions in Sumpter Township

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## Randall Harris named to University of New Hampshire's Dean's List

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GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2016, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved the GLWA Surface Water Intake Protection Program Plan. The programs include seven elements that include

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## Trustee Morgan suggests opting into marijuana act to bring jobs to twp.

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

At the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees work/study session on June 22, Trustee Peggy Morgan said she had asked for her marijuana item to be placed on the agenda for that night's meeting, but it wasn't due to a lack of communication between her and the deputy clerk.

Her agenda item was to opt into the MMFLA (Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act) and welcome marijuana businesses to Sumpter.

The board had a lively discussion on the issue and took no action.

Trustee Morgan recalled that back in 2017 the township had a marijuana committee and committee member Sheena Barnes studied the subject and came up with a recommendation for 23 licenses.

Morgan said three months ago she started her own study and found that Amazon is investing in the marijuana industry and it would be nice to bring Amazon to the township.

"The marijuana industry is evolving at a rapid pace," Morgan said. "I would like us to opt in."

Trustee Tim Rush said the township opted out of the act. It was on step one of 1,000 steps. He said police and fire would have more work. And there is an increase in growth and population because of the upgrades to the mobile home parks.

Trustee Rush said he couldn't even consider voting on a last-minute proposal.

Supervisor Tim Bowman said there are a whole lot of things that have to be considered before such action.

"The first step is opting in and then the other things take place," Morgan said. She said Belleville is on the map now with its marijuana industry. She said their first step was to opt in and then they dotted their i's and crossed their t's.

Rush said Morgan was putting the cart before the horse and you have to have an ordinance before opting in.

"I don't care what Belleville does," Rush said, adding you have to have the ordinance first and then make the decision to opt in.

Trustee Matt Oddy said he was against it in 2017, but he's not against marijuana. He said he drives to work along Eight Mile

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Road and sees a string of nudie bars and dispensaries.

“I didn’t want this along Sumpter or Willis roads,” he said. He said he hasn’t seen anything but negatives and law suits for those who have opted in. He said while at first it was thought a lot of money would be coming to communities, zero money is coming. He said more research is needed.

“I personally don’t want to see dispensaries,” Oddy said, noting the township is unable to get a CVS or grocery chain to come. “I don’t want to get on the map” for marijuana. “Those marijuana meetings were no fun,” he said referring to the meetings he chaired in 2017.

“Sumpter is a residential community,” Oddy said. “If Belleville wants to be known as that... I don’t want Sumpter Township to be known as the marijuana capital.”

Morgan said 68% of the voters voted for recreational marijuana. She said Amazon is looking to sell and deliver marijuana and 70% of the U.S. is using some type in some form.

“Other communities jump on it and we lose out,” Morgan said.

“You’re right,” Oddy said. “Amazon is getting into it.” He said now people can grow their own marijuana or drive three miles into Belleville.

He said he doesn’t want to put up a dispensary next door to a residence. He said residents did vote 67% to legalize marijuana, but not to have it next door. They can have it delivered, he said. He said he does not want to commercialize the township.

Supervisor Bowman said he would be not be opposed to something in the industrial area.

“Every single community on the list I gave you has lawsuits over who was chosen,” Bowman said.

Morgan said Michigan handles licensing and once they get approved by the state the township has to decide.

“The township has pretty much all the say,” said township attorney Rob Young, adding Westland has been sued and Federal Judge Bernie Friedman has issued a staying order for Detroit, who gave preference to local residents in violation of other’s constitutional rights.

Young said if you even get into this, be very careful who you give permits to. He said at the beginning the township thought it would be getting all this money coming in. But under MMFLA if the state engages in recreational marijuana, the tax goes from 6% to zero.

Young said when it was passed, “They tried to moon walk out of it” and you can get up to \$5,000 a year per license, but they had much more in debt.

“Anyone know what the average for a year is?” Young asked concerning what municipalities are getting.

Oddy stated it was \$23,000 a year and Young agreed.

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the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential of sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources, public participation and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report, please contact GLWA at 313-926-8102.

## How Do We Know Our Water Is Safe?

We obtain water from the Great Lakes Water Authority whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the Great Lakes Water Authority. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

## Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July 2008 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected. The Great Lakes Water Authority provides the City of Belleville with water. Also, GLWA does not test the water for radon.

## What Is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal wastes and sewage discharges.

GLWA voluntarily monitors for Cryptosporidium and Giardia in our untreated source water monthly. The untreated water samples collected from the Southwest Plant indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst in March. In addition, monitoring indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst and one Cryptosporidium oocyst in the untreated water from the Southwest Plant in July. Additional testing was performed on the treated water at the Southwest Plant and Cryptosporidium was absent. All other samples collected in the year 2018 were absent for the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia. Systems using surface water like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9 percent of Giardia lamblia is removed or inactivated.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at the Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children and the elderly are at the greater risk of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

## Contaminants That May Be Found In Drinking Water

“Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and

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“Check it out,” Young said. “I didn’t make this up. Three or four communities in Wayne County opted in. Why? Maybe this is not what we all want to do. I’m not opposed to marijuana. Friends use it for issues...”

He said 23 licenses were proposed for the township and, “I don’t think there’s 25 of anything in the township.” Young said it doesn’t have to benefit the township and suggested board members might like to look at “the report we made.”

Morgan said there are three new board members and she knows people who support opting in. She said maybe somebody will put it on the ballot to vote on.

Bowman asked about just manufacturing marijuana.

Young said he can get documents. He said there is a *Detroit Free Press* story about a federal government study on marijuana causing suicide. “It’s a complicated issue,” Young said.

“Is it simpler with just growers?” Bowman asked.

“Potential fallout could come to that,”

Young said. “Communities went the other way with just a few dispensaries ... because of the smell during growing season. It’s a problem we had over time.”

Young said he went out to a location during harvest time. He said there is a reason communities are getting into that and it’s for the medical benefits. He said Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor received \$70,000 last year and they are not doing it for the money.

“My main thing is jobs,” Morgan said. She said she wanted to clarify that the city of Belleville did not go on their own. The public voted it in, not the council, she said.

“We have a lot of things on our plate,” said Oddy, listing staffing and safety issues with grass cutting. He suggested the board handle these very important issues first.

“I agree with Matt,” said Trustee Don LaPorte. “We have so many irons in the fire right now.” He suggested they get the township working as a well-oiled machine first.

Earlier in the work/study session, Morgan also had initiated a discussion on possibly dividing the water/sewer department from the building and grounds department with the goal to get grass mowing done, especially over signs, at corners, and at fire

hydrants since this is a safety hazard.

Wayne County is unable to do the roadsides because of a lack of manpower, according to reports.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara during his visit with the board reportedly told them his township was going to start cutting the roads and they are buying a cutter.

Bowman said it was good VBT is willing to help out Sumpter, but he would prefer looking into Sumpter buying its own tractor to do the work itself. He said he and his deputy are doing a study on the water department. He said daily accounts of what they do would help him understand what gets done and what doesn’t.

## Futernick’s last law suit against Sumpter Twp. settled May 11

The 2019 lawsuit brought by Sheldon Futernick, owner of Holiday West and Holiday Woods Mobile Home Parks, against Sumpter Township was settled May 11 when Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Leslie Kim Smith signed the stipulated order of dismissal with prejudice

and without costs or attorney fees to any party.

Julie R. Futernick and Karen Futernick, widow and daughter of Sheldon Futernick, worked as co-personal representatives of the Estate of Sheldon M. Futernick, who died in October at the age of 93.

Julie Futernick, of Las Vegas, NV, said after her husband died, she and their daughter wanted to continue with his plan to sell the mobile home parks and so they worked to settle the law suit.

The facilitated agreement states:

1. The current alleged water and sewer arrearage which the Township claims is owed to the Township, in the amount of \$145,042.36, will be cancelled and the water and sewer bills for Holiday Woods and Holiday West Mobile Home Parks shall be deemed paid in full for all purposes through the March 8, 2021 billing date (which includes the last water meter read on March 2, 2021 and January 11, 2021 for sewer). The Township releases Futernick and any future owner of the Holiday Woods and/or Holiday West Mobile Home Parks from any liability for water and sewer charges calculated for the above-referenced meter read dates which were billed March 8, 2021 and discharges any lien rights with respect thereto.

2. Until July 1, 2021, the Township shall calculate the sanitary sewer charges to Holiday West and Holiday Woods Mobile Home Parks based on metered water usage. The Township shall calculate the final read for the sanitary sewer charges for Holiday West quarterly for Futernick, based on metered water beginning January 11, 2021.

3. The billing procedure described above shall continue until July 1, 2021, after which time the Township may redetermine the manner in which it charges for sanitary sewer services in the Township, among other things, taking into account possible infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewer system.

4. Nothing contained in this Facilitated Agreement (“Agreement”) shall constitute an admission by the Township that its methods and procedures for calculating water and sewer charges were in any way unlawful. Nothing contained in this Agreement or in the stipulation and order of dismissal described shall prejudice or impair the right of the Township to determine water and sewer charges in the manner it sees fit.

5. Nothing contained in this Agreement or in the stipulation and order of dismissal shall constitute an admission by Futernick that the Township’s methods and procedures for calculating water and sewer charges were lawful. Nothing contained in this Agreement or in the stipulation of dismissal shall prejudice or impair the right of Futernick, or its successors and assigns, to claim and to seek legal redress if it believes that the Township’s future invoices for water and sewer services are incorrect or that the Township’s methods and procedures for determining its water and sewer charges are unlawful. Provided,



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As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

### Vulnerability Of Some Population To Contaminants

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).

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in no event shall Futernick, its successors and assigns, claim any refund of charges invoices on or before March 8, 2021.

6. Futernick releases the Township for all claims for damages or any refund of water or sanitary sewer billings for any Futernick-owned property within the Township through the March 8, 2021 billing date, which includes only the water meter read on March 2, 2021 and January 11, 2021 for the sewer read.

7. This Agreement resolves all issues pending between the parties in Wayne County Circuit Case No. 19-001611-CZ as of the date of this Agreement. The Parties shall execute a stipulation to dismiss Wayne County Circuit Case No. 19-001611-CZ with prejudice and without costs or attorney fees.

The agreement was signed by the Futernicks, their attorney Edward F. Kickham, Jr., Sumpter Township's attorney Stacy J. Belisle, the mediator David B. Meyer, Sumpter Supervisor Timothy Bowman, and Sumpter Clerk Esther Hurst.

At the township's April 13 meeting via zoom, township attorney Rob Young announced the Futernick lawsuit is resolved after 27 years of on-and-off litigation with Futernick. He said a new company purchased Futernick's Holiday Woods and Holiday West mobile home parks in the township on April 1.

Julie Futernick told the *Independent* that her husband calculated what the township water and sewer charges should be for the mobile home parks and paid those right along on time. He did not pay the extra the township claimed he owed and the order of dismissal cancelled those extra fees.

## Court Watching:

### Holliman bound over to circuit court on charges of shooting man in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
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After a live, preliminary exam at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on April 21 before Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley, Avery Lamark Holliman, 24, of Ypsilanti was bound over to circuit court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information on May 5.

A final conference now has been set for Aug. 18 before Circuit Court Judge Catherine L. Heise.

Holliman is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and two counts of felony firearm on Oct. 12 in Van Buren Township. His bond was \$250,000 cash or surety, which was transferred to circuit court.

First witness called before Judge Oakley by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Alex Kurrie was the victim, Badikissila Omni Luke Antoine, who said he uses the name "Luke." He said on the night in

question he was at his girlfriend's home at Trilogy Apartments on North Bellridge Street. He said he got a call from Holliman who wanted to talk about an issue. Luke said he was sitting in a car in the parking lot smoking a cigarette.

Luke said he got out of the car and Holliman shot him in the back. He said he laid there and then Holliman shot him again. He said he ran to the apartment building and the door was locked. He said

he was shot a third time and possibly a fourth time.

Luke testified his girlfriend opened the door and he got inside and she called police. He said a paramedic patched him up and there were two officers and two paramedics and he was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and he was put under anesthetic.

He testified he saw the pistol, which was a .38 mm that held eight rounds. He said he

got shot six times after the first shot.

Second witness was Jordan Sutton, a HVA paramedic, who said she was called to the scene of a male with multiple gunshot wounds. She said the victim was upstairs lying on the ground and he had shots to his abdomen and leg. She said they got him on a sheet and took him to the ambulance. She said they started treatment through a major trauma and shock protocol and transported

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### Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, Dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
Level 2	Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristic of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance (aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence or acceptance of the drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µohms	Microhms	Measure of electrical conductance of water

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him to St. Joe, gave them a verbal report, and that was the end of her involvement. She testified she saw five gunshot wounds. Third witness was VBT Police Officer Mark King, who said he found the gunshot victim on the second floor of the apartment building. He testified he found five gunshot wounds and there were two others on the back of his leg and they may have been exit wounds.

Defense attorney Christopher Sinclair said the victim said “Avery Hamilton” shot him and his client is not “Avery Hamilton.”

Prosecutor Kurrie said the victim identified the defendant in the courtroom as the one who shot him.

Judge Oakley bound Holliman over on all four charges. He said Luke identified his assailant by pointing the defendant out.

“Luke’s first language is not English and

he did a real good job,” Judge Oakley said. He told Holliman there was to be no contact with the victim. He said the prosecutor had noted that there had been some anonymous contact and he wanted that to stop.

### Quann Alexander Patterson

Quann Alexander Patterson, 33, of Ypsilanti also had his live preliminary exam before Judge Oakley on April 21 and was bound over for trial with a May 5 arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. He went before Circuit Court Judge Chandra Baker with a notice of intent to enhance sentence. A final conference has been set for July 7.

Patterson is charged with possession of firearms by a felon, weapons-felony firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, and operating while intoxicated / impaired / controlled substance – 2nd offense on Sept. 26 in Van Buren Township.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Kurrie called VBT Police Officer Katrina Velevska as his first witness. Officer

Velevska testified she had been with the department for 10 months and was patrolling with her training officer Jordan Short. Dispatch alerted them to a car that had left the scene of an accident in another area. They saw a grey Dodge Charger that matched the description of the car being sought and after they noticed the car swerving, they pulled it over at eastbound I-94 and Haggerty Road for a traffic stop.

The driver, Patterson, was asked to step out of the vehicle and he complied. She testified that there was the smell of marijuana and the driver had slurred speech. She said her partner did a field sobriety test on the driver which he failed and he was arrested.

There were two passengers in the car who were not identified or searched, she testified, noting that Patterson identified them later. One had a valid license, but Patterson wouldn’t release the car to them, so they were picked up by another vehicle and Patterson’s car was towed.

Velevska testified police did an inventory search on the car after Patterson was arrested for drunk driving.

The next witness was VBT Police Officer Scott Griggs, who has been with the police department for 19 years. He said he did an inventory search on the car and found a loaded Taurus handgun under the driver’s seat wrapped up in bright-yellow safety vest. He also found a bright orange safety clip on the passenger seat. He testified the car had tinted windows.

The final witness was VBT Police Det. Michael Long, who had been with the department for 18 years. He testified he had run the gun’s numbers through LEIN and ATF and found the gun had been purchased from a couple in Ypsilanti Township.

Defense attorney Stephanie Farkas moved to have the judge dismiss the first three charges, which involve the gun, since probable cause hadn’t been established that Patterson knew the gun was there. She said the two passengers were in the car about

30 minutes before they were released.

“I like the argument of 30-minute delay,” said Judge Oakley, “but not enough to decide that’s not constructive possession.” He was bound over on the three gun charges, with the fourth charge, a drunk driving count, tagging along.

There was a question about enhancement of the charges by a previous conviction, but the prosecutor had been unable to get the paperwork from Washtenaw County in time for this court session.

“I will stipulate to the prior conviction from Washtenaw County,” attorney Farkas said and Judge Oakley replied, “That’s helpful.”

### Maurice Lashane Turner, Jr.

Maurice Lashane Turner, Jr., 32, of Van Buren Township was arraigned April 11 at 34th District Court and put on \$100,000/10% cash or surety bond. He is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on April 9 in Huron Township. After several court appearances, a zoom preliminary exam was set for July 7.

News reports say Huron Township Police responded to Spruce Drive on a report of a stabbing and found a 20-year-old man with multiple stab wounds, who was transported to a local

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### Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2020 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
<b>2020 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>									
Fluoride	3-10-20	ppm	4	4	0.71	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.	
Nitrate	3-10-2020	ppm	10	10	0.61	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	
<b>2020 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products</b>									
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2020	ppb	n/a	80	12 ppb	1.0 - 12	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.	
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	ppb	n/a	60	33 ppb	0.5 - 33	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.	
<b>2020 Disinfection Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant</b>									
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Total Chlorine Residual	2020	ppm	4	4	0.62	0.49-0.72	no	Water additive used to control microbes.	
<b>2020 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>									
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU		Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)					Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
0.13 NTU		100%					no	Soil Runoff	
Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.									

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hospital. When Turner was taken into custody he was being treated for a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

### Ramal Rodriquez

Ramal Rodriquez, 31, of Willis was before Judge Martin on April 7 to face a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on March 24 in Van Buren Township. Defense attorney Brandy Robinson said she needed discovery, so the probable cause conference was adjourned until April 21 and then a live preliminary exam was set for June 2. On June 2, Rodriquez waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for a June 16 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for July 8. The defendant's personal bond of \$5,000 was continued.

### Timothy Allen Porter

Timothy Allen Porter, 47, of Woodhaven was arraigned by zoom on a bench warrant by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Magistrate Al Hindman on April 15 while in custody with Van Buren Township police.

Magistrate Hindman set a personal bond of \$5,000, as requested by VBT police. The original charge was operating while intoxicated, third offense, a felony, on Oct. 14 in Van Buren Township.

Dan Bitar, the MIDC attorney, said Porter is a tool and die maker and has had his most recent job for six years. He has children who are six and nine years old and a fiancé. Bitar said Porter hasn't had a OUI in 20 years.

After two court sessions, Porter's probable cause conference was adjourned until June 23 because his new attorney Henry Schneider is seeking a reduction of the charge.

On June 23 he failed to appear and his wife called to say he was in the Wayne County Jail. His probable cause conference was reset to July 14.

### Andre Harris

Andre Harris, 35, of Detroit, was set for a live preliminary exam at 2 p.m.,



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2020 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap									
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Range of individual sample results	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2020	ppb	0	15	Nd	0	no	ND	Lead service lines, Corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2020	ppm	1.3	1.3	.267 ppm	0	no	.00606 ppm to .26727 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.									
Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique								Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.								Erosion of natural deposits
Radionuclides – Monitored at the Plant Finished Water Tap									
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water		
Combined Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	no	Erosion of natural deposits		
2020 Special Monitoring									
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected 2020	Source of Contamination			
Sodium (ppm)	3-10-2020	ppm	N/A	N/A	6.81	Erosion of natural deposits			

**Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule** - Unregulated contaminants are those for which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. Before EPA regulates a contaminant, it considers adverse health effects, the occurrence of the contaminant in drinking water, and whether the regulation will reduce health risk. The Great Lakes Water Authority monitored for 20 unregulated contaminants quarterly in 2019. The following table list the unregulated substance detected during the calendar year 2020.

Unregulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Highest Level Detected	SMCL	Range of Detection	Noticeable Effects above the SMCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Manganese	2020	ppb	nd	50	nd	black to brown color; black staining; bitter metallic taste	Erosion of natural deposits and corrosion of iron pipes

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2020 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

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# Court watching

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June 2, on charges of deliver/manufacture of schedule 1,2,3 controlled substances (except marijuana and cocaine), deliver/manufacture schedule 4 controlled substance, and possession of marijuana on Dec. 3, 2009 in Van Buren Township.

On June 2, Prosecutor Jane Gillis made the motion to dismiss the charges and the case was dismissed.

### Marcus Dewayne Hopkins

On April 21, Marcus Dewayne Hopkins, 33, of Ypsilanti, had his cases adjourned by Judge Oakley for a week to give time to get the discovery. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis said they have difficulties getting the evidence from state troopers.

Hopkins is charged with controlled substance – delivery/manufacture of Methamphetamine, deliver/manufacture narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams, fleeing a police officer in a vehicle, and assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on April 2, 2020 in Sumpter Township.

He also is charged by the Michigan State Police with identity theft, forgery of license

documents/plates, drove while license suspended, and operated without security on Sept. 16, 2017.

His defense attorney is Natalie Phelps. On April 28, a live preliminary exam was scheduled for 2 p.m., June 9, before Judge Oakley, but Hopkins failed to appear.

### Brandon Keith Bauer

Brandon Keith Bauer, 35, of Taylor, had a ticket for operating his ATV on a highway or right of way from the Department of Natural Resources dismissed in exchange for him pleading guilty to a charge of impeding traffic. The impeding traffic ticket offered by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis carried a fine of \$150 and no points. Judge Oakley did the sentencing.

Bauer said on March 6 he drove his ATV on a dirt road in Sumpter Township when his buddy’s kids drove their ORV down the road. He wanted to get them home and off the roadway so he jumped on his ATV and went the short distance to get them. That’s when the DNR came up, he said.

### Marcus Lee Shaffer

Marcus Lee Shaffer, 26, of Van Buren Township, had a preliminary exam set for 9 a.m., June 14, on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than

murder and domestic violence on Feb. 24 in Van Buren Township, but he failed to appear.

Shaffer was in the Wayne County Jail on a bench warrant for failure to appear when he came via zoom before Judge Oakley on April 28. His defense attorney, Blasé Kearney of the Neighborhood Defender Service, said his client’s phone was off when he tried to contact him for the April 7 court date. Shaffer cannot afford the \$250 cash bond and Kearney asked the judge to convert it to personal bond.

“I have nobody to call,” Shaffer said, explaining his grandmother had been here but she has moved to Florida. “It’s not too nice in here,” he said of the jail.

Judge Oakley said the \$250 they have from the original bond is the bond, so the jail can release him. But he can have no contact with the complaining victim.

After he failed to appear for the June 14 court date he was arrested on a warrant and bail was set at \$5,000/10%.

### Jomo Kenyatta Fagans

Jomo Kenyatta Fagans of Detroit pled guilty to catching 37 bluegill, 12 over the limit, in Belleville Lake, Van Buren Township, at 5 p.m., Feb. 27. The misdemeanor charge written by the DNR

has a maximum fee of \$500. Judge Oakley charged him \$350 within 30 days.

### James Allison Devlin

The pretrial for a DNR ticket against James Allison Devlin of Van Buren Township for feeding deer at 4 p.m. Dec. 5 was adjourned until 9 a.m., July 21, so defense attorney Murray Duncan could study the law on this. Duncan was told the law is WCO – 3.100(5). Judge Oakley said “no supplemental feeding of deer is allowed in the lower peninsula” and that a violation of that law is a misdemeanor.

### Teddy Allen Robinson

Teddy Allen Robinson, 36, of Romulus, was brought to the courtroom from the Wayne County Jail via zoom. He pled guilty to open intoxicants in a vehicle / passenger and the charges of possession of narcotic paraphernalia and false request for ambulance service were dismissed. These took place at 9:53 p.m., June 23, 2019 in the city of Belleville.

Robinson was before Judge Oakley on April 28 and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis made the offer of the plea bargain. Robinson’s defense attorney was Leanna Belcher.

Judge Oakley gave him credit for the 60 days he served in jail and closed the case.

### Joseph Alexander MacRae

Joseph Alexander MacRae of Westland, who is defending himself without an attorney, asked for a bench trial on a DNR misdemeanor charge of fishing without a license at 4:30 p.m., March 8. His trial was set for June 2, live in the new courthouse before Judge Oakley. He pled guilty and was charged a fine of \$300.

### Ethan Michael Ryal

Ethan Michael Ryal of Sumpter Township had been charged with assault and battery on his grandfather on Feb. 28 in Sumpter Township and he was before Judge Oakley for his pretrial appearance by zoom on April 28. Defense attorney Belcher said Ryal lives with his grandfather and now was staying with a neighbor. His grandfather wants him to come home, with a condition of getting counseling, Belcher said.

She said the two had a disagreement and the grandfather went to his room and Ryal blocked the grandfather with a door. She said the grandfather has a physical condition and said he felt trapped.

Judge Oakley agreed to wait until the grandfather could walk over from next door to be with Ryal for his court appearance by zoom. While the grandfather was walking over, Ryal said he would agree to counseling.

Judge Oakley talked to the grandfather who agreed to having his grandson come home, but with counseling. Judge Oakley then agreed to amending the charge from assault and battery to domestic violence. He gave Ryal a delayed sentence for 12 months after which the charge would be dismissed if there were no further problems. And, Ryal was required to take anger-management classes. There also was a fine of \$250 and Judge Oakley said it was Ryal’s fine and, “I want your money, not his,” referring to the grandfather. Ryal assured Judge Oakley he would pay the fine himself.

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### City Comments

You can save hundreds even thousands of gallons of water each day by making adjustments to your daily routines. Simply install a low flow faucet aerator to save 1 to 3 gallons of water per minute of use. A low flow shower head can save you 10 gallons of water per minute which is an average of about 20,000 gallons a year. Watch for any drips in faucets. A running toilet can waste up to 74,000 gallons of water in just 3 months.

When using a sprinkler system, **Do Not Over Water!** Make sure your sprinkler heads are only watering your lawn and not your driveway or sidewalk. Sweep sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down to save about 50 gallons of water every 5 minutes. Lawns only need about on inch of water per week.

If you see any suspicious activity around the water system or fire hydrants, contact the City of Belleville Department of Public Works during regular business hours or the Belleville Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The City of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. We hope you find this report useful. Copies of this report are available at the Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Please contact us if you should have any questions or concerns about your water. Also, look for future reports prior to July 1 of each year. Water quality data for community systems throughout the United States is available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov>.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate if for you, or speak with someone who understands it.

## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 274 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

### Sunday, June 20:

0040 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
0055 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0106 – domestic, Colony Ln.  
0119 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0204 – private property impound, Denton Rd.  
0247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd./Ayres  
0356 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0406 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1022 – threat, Victoria St.  
1133 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service D.  
1234 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren St.  
1451 – private property/property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1456 – 911 welfare check, Castell Blvd.  
1617 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2028 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2144 – fireworks, S. Belleridge Dr.  
2212 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2221 – assist other dept., Ecorse/I-275  
2258 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2350 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.

### Monday, June 21:

0117 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd./Edwards Rd.  
0229 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1017 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
1050 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1052 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.  
1206 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1222 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1229 – harassment call, Birch Dr.  
1321 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.  
1329 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
1434 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren Ln.  
1438 – PPO violation, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1732 – missing person, Quirk Rd.  
2007 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2016 – 911 welfare check, N. Sadie Ln.  
2155 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
2203 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
2217 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd.

### Tuesday, June 22:

0923 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.  
1323 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.  
1328 – private property impound, Parkwood  
1421 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.  
1453 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1534 – felony assault, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1542 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
1549 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1658 – fraud, Dorchester Dr.  
1751 – personal injury accident, NB I-275/Ecorse  
1810 – assist other dept., Quirk Rd.  
1911 – animal complaint, Lauren Ct.  
2051 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.  
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park

### Wednesday, June 23:

0049 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.  
0344 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0737 – 911 welfare check, Oak Blvd.  
1023 – trespassing, N I-94 Service Dr.  
1117 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.  
1132 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.  
1307 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service  
1326 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa Dr.  
1403 – animal complaint, Jeannette Ave./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1404 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1505 – abandoned auto, Salem Ct.  
1511 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1541 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1655 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1842 – family trouble, W. Walden Dr.  
1854 – mental subject, Denton Rd.  
2024 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.  
2056 – juvenile complaint, Jackson St.

2126 – 911 welfare check, Parkside Dr.  
2233 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./N. I-94 Service

### Thursday, June 24:

0131 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0810 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0843 – disorderly, Bemis Rd.  
0922 – domestic, Richmond Dr.  
0934 – private property/property damage accident, Outer Dr.  
1005 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dorchester Dr.  
1103 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1113 – malicious destruction of property, Hannan  
1203 – domestic, Holly Ln.  
1342 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1349 – fraud, Tyler Rd.  
1524 – motorist assist, Ecorse/Belleville  
1532 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl  
1709 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1801 – domestic, Holly Ln.  
1820 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.  
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1854 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.  
1924 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.  
2129 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
2209 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty  
2223 – felony assault, Haggerty Rd.  
2235 – fireworks, Parkwood Dr.  
2323 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.

### Friday, June 25:

0058 – noise complaint, Sylvia Dr.  
0224 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
0448 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.  
0525 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
0527 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1142 – traffic offense, Beck Ball Fields  
1201 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton  
1407 – private property impound, Independence  
1516 – larceny from auto, Sadie Ln.  
1603 – 911 welfare check, Sonrisa St.  
1642 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1649 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
1902 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.  
2036 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2155 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
2309 – threat, Haggerty Rd.

### Saturday, June 26:

0045 – mental subject, Tyler Rd.  
0410 – mental subject, Denton Rd.  
0421 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.  
0616 – property damage accident, Bog Rd.  
0748 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./Bemis  
0749 – fraud, Hayes  
0846 – road hazard, Michigan Ave. / Winchester  
1017 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd.  
1037 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Van Born  
1037 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.  
1239 – road hazard, Beck/Ecorse  
1254 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.  
1441 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.  
1443 – fraud, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1551 – private property impound, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.

1634 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1642 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan/Tyler  
1716 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1716 – trespassing, Togowtee Pass  
1827 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.  
1925 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.  
2111 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.  
2128 – noise complaint, E. Walden Dr.  
2148 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.  
2321 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Also on this week's log are 53 traffic stops, 11 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, June 20:

0052 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.  
0305 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1017 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1048 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1051 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1402 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.  
1534 – threat, Carmell St.  
1757 – traffic stop, High St.

1829 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
2108 – traffic offense, Belle Villa Blvd.

### Monday, June 21:

1118 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1131 – 911 welfare check, Main St.  
1612 – fraud, W. Thornhill Ct.  
1749 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
1925 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.  
1959 – assault & battery, N. Liberty St.

### Tuesday, June 22:

0109 – assist other dept., Carmell St.  
0938 – civil matter, Main St.  
1208 – robbery, Main St.  
1219 – suicidal person, Carmell St.  
1256 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.  
1419 – private property impound, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1502 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.  
1704 – welfare check, Potter Dr.  
1846 – vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.  
1939 – assist other dept., Hull Rd.  
2052 – motorist assist, South St./W. Wabash Ave.

### Wednesday, June 23:

1231 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.  
1322 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
2213 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Montague Ave.  
2210 – welfare check, Potter Dr.

### Thursday, June 24:

0003 – vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.  
0031 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.  
0050 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
0112 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
1045 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1129 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1206 – traffic stop, Third St./Church St.  
1231 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Mission Pte.  
1301 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1330 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
1504 – missing person, Bedell St.  
1607 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
1838 – family trouble, Carmell St.  
1957 – traffic offense, Owen St.

### Friday, June 25:

0053 – suspicious person/vehicle, Estrada  
0555 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
0821 – welfare check, Bedell St.  
1318 – breaking & entering, Church St.  
2310 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
2331 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park

### Saturday, June 26:

1105 – suicidal person, Church St.  
1437 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
1752 – fraud, Main St.  
1924 – civil matter, Main St.  
2046 – road hazard, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
2127 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church

There were 16 traffic stops on this week's log.  
1145 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1255 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.  
1342 – down wires, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.  
1346 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1431 – reckless driver, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1524 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1712 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1719 – mental health call, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1905 – 911 hang up, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1917 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1939 – ORV complaint, Executive Dr.  
2136 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2202 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.  
2210 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2233 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.

### Monday, June 21:

0442 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Arkona  
0525 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0832 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.  
1108 – animal complaint, Second St.  
2113 – traffic complaint/road hazard, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.  
2151 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

### Tuesday, June 22:

0814 – juvenile complaint, Timberlane Dr.  
0843 – 911 hang up, Willis Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
1116 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

1406 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1456 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1640 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1708 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1930 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2202 – citizen assist, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.  
2212 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

### Wednesday, June 23:

0109 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.  
0152 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0847 – citizen assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1032 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1045 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Willis  
1322 – suspicious circumstances, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1504 – civil matter, Redwood St.  
1522 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1622 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1930 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.  
2111 – juvenile complaint, Wayside Dr.  
2346 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.

### Thursday, June 24:

0015 – 911 hang up, Utah St.  
0229 – alarm, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0334 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.  
1200 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1558 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1610 – 911 hang up, Hampshire Dr.  
1715 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1734 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2014 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Cir.  
2221 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Karr

### Friday, June 25:

0950 – larceny, Rustic Ln.  
1259 – suspicious circumstances, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1325 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.  
1337 – civil matter, Utah St.  
1414 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1434 – fire dept. assist, Third St.  
1526 – suspicious circumstances, Redwood St.  
1559 – fire dept. assist, Hawaii St.  
1928 – traffic complaint/road hazard, Willis Rd. / Sumpter Rd.  
2008 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis  
2013 – 911 hang up, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2028 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2119 – patrol check, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2131 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2151 – suspicious vehicle, Colorado St.  
2206 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.

### Saturday, June 26:

0029 – disorderly person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0112 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1333 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1420 – shots fired, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1612 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1839 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.  
1855 – missing person, Oregon St.  
2226 – traffic complaint/road hazard, Martinsville Rd. / Judd Rd.  
2342 – traffic complaint, road hazard, Harris Rd. / Savage Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 60 patrol checks, 19 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

## COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remains at 74, positive tests at 3,471

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 74 as of Monday, June 28, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,471 on Monday, June 28, up from 3,459 the previous Monday, June 21.

On Monday, June 28, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-county were: Van Buren Township, 2,323 positive cases, 42 deaths; city of Belleville, 490 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 658 positive cases, 11 deaths.

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Belleville's Classic Car Show on Main Street, sponsored by Egan's Pub, was in full swing on Monday at 6:30 p.m. when this picture was taken. The car shows set for last week end were canceled due to the possibility of more rain. The skies did open up again on Monday at 8 p.m. for a downpour.



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