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About 1,500 people turned out for Van Buren Township's Candy Loop at Quirk Park – and at least 1,100 of them were children. Downtown Belleville will host trick or treaters from 5 to 7 p.m. on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31.

Suspect arrested after firing shots, barricading self in home

A suspect is in custody after police say he fired shots from his residence early Monday morning then barricaded himself inside a home in the 800 block of Sumpter Rd. in Van Buren Township.

According to a news release from Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte, police responded

at 12:34 a.m. to a call about someone indiscriminately firing shots from his residence.

After arriving on the scene, officers continued to hear gunfire from inside the home, so they took cover and established a perimeter.

When officers contacted the suspect, he

was agitated and not willing to speak with them.

After an approximate three-hour standoff, the subject exited his residence and was taken into custody without further incident.

There were no reported injuries.

On Tuesday morning, 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green arraigned Carl Londa Phelps, III, 55, on charges of assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer and reckless use of firearms on Oct. 24 in Van Buren Township. Bond was set at \$20,000 cash or surety.

His probable cause conference was

scheduled for Nov. 2. He was in Van Buren Police custody at a hospital and was arraigned by video.

Deputy Chief Monte said, "We are very fortunate to be part of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team (SOT) and the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT); they are a tremendous asset for us. The combined resources of the Western Wayne SOT, the CNT, the Belleville Police Department, and the Sumpter Police Department greatly assisted with a peaceful resolution to a volatile situation."

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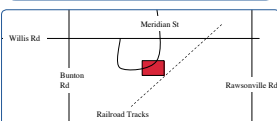
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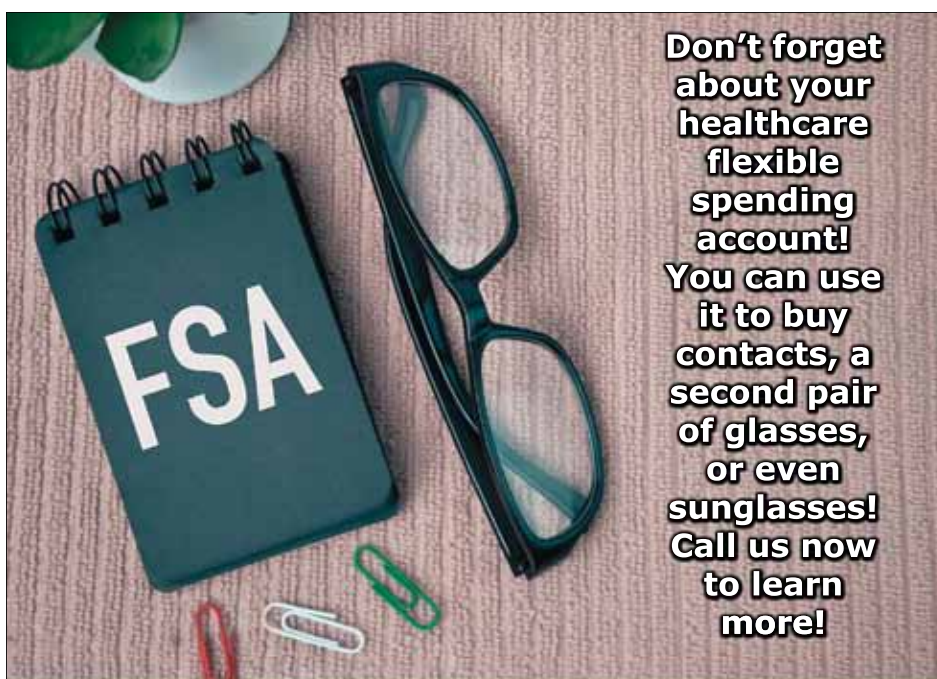
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Van Buren School Board introduced to new Director of Finance

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the beginning of Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Human Resources Director John Leroy introduced Pryia Nayak as the new director of finance as of Nov. 1.

She replaces Sarah Cortese who resigned to take a position with the Dearborn Public Schools.

Nayak served a chief financial officer for the Ypsilanti Community Schools from July

2020 until the present. Before that she was director of business and finance in that district from July 2019 to July 2020.

She also has worked at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Fitzgerald Public Schools, OneWorld Global HCM Solution in Canton and H&R Block in Canton.

She earned her bachelor of computer science degree at the University of Pune in Pune, India, and is certified as a Business Office Specialist and a Chief Finance Officer.

Also, in Monday's two-hour meeting, the school board:

- After discussion, approved changing the way public comment is recorded in the minutes by giving the first initial and last name of the speaker and then the topic of the comment as written on the required card that must be turned in before speaking. This was after the *Independent* spoke to say the way the Sept. 26 minutes had recorded the



Pryia Nayak

comments of a mother was incorrect. They decided not to record comments altogether. The Sept. 26 minutes were approved as amended with the addition of "She felt the school did not protect her son so she took him to another school";

- Approved the McBride Middle Schools' eighth grade bus trip to Washington, D.C. May 18-20, 2023. Approximate cost to student is \$750;

- Heard Director of Instruction Jeffrey Moore give a presentation on an application for some of the \$52 million in federal funding available in Michigan to address learning loss. As part of the application process, a presentation must be made at a public board meeting that shares how funding received will be used to address learning loss;

- Heard Principal Fred Abel of McBride Middle School, Principal Aleisa Pitt of Tyler Elementary, and Principal Becky Ross of the Early Childhood Center give fall presentations on improvement initiatives they will be working on this year. Ross announced that the Early Childhood Center is full and there is a waiting list;

- Approved the second, final reading of proposed board policy updates as recommended by Thrun Law Firm. The first reading was at the last board meeting. Resident Reg Ion asked that the police concerning guns in school be discussed. Policy #5206 was briefly discussed and he was told it's what was always was the policy, that a student with a gun has mandatory expulsion, with three exceptions. It's almost word for word what is in the state statute, said School Supt. Pete Kudlak. The only change is that the "superintendent" was added to

the "board" as making the expulsions. "We make it very clear to students that weapons are not allowed on the premises," said board president Amy Pearce;

- Approved the resignation of Colleen Kaliseski as of Oct. 21 after less than a year as a teacher at Belleville High School;

- Approved the hiring of Raquel Searles as of Nov. 1 as BHS music/vocal teacher. She currently is high school/middle school choir teacher at Grosse Ile;

- Approved the resignation of Francine Tate from the Building Department as of Oct. 10 after less than one year of service;

- Approved hiring the following non-instructional employees: Amanda Ellis as a bus driver as of Oct. 6; Tosha Suggs, for food service at Owen as of Oct. 10; Michael Maus, as custodian as of Oct. 17; and Pryia Nayak as director of finance in the Administration Building, as of Nov. 1;

- Heard parent Kristine Hickman again complain that her 10-year-old black son was removed from a safe place on the bus next to the driver where he was placed to keep him from being bullied by a student who chased him home. She said the bus driver's white daughter took over that front seat and he was told to sit next to the bully. Hickman said she has the bus rules that say students not assigned to the bus couldn't ride on it and the white girl was not assigned to the bus. It was a baby-sitting situation, she said. She said she is purchasing her home in West Willow and that makes her paying school taxes and being part owner of the district. Her son took the microphone and told of the incident and being chased home. She said she had been unable to get the videos inside the bus for that incident and others.

Her daughter also spoke about being told to talk to the family of the bully and she did and got hit in the face with a gun. She said Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies did nothing about it. Hickman said these are Civil Rights offenses. Board President Pearce said Hickman had been talking for 19 minutes and the limit was 3 minutes so she was ending her comment. Hickman said she would be back;

- Heard parent Kevin Farr ask what "Tiger Time" is. He said his son hates it and several other students dislike the program. He said it takes away from learning regular subjects. Supt. Kudlak said he would talk to him about it and the principal would call him;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say the big football helmet in the Commons (cafeteria) was dedicated before the Homecoming football game. He said the BYC donated quite a bit of money to get it made. He said they thought it might stay outside at the stadium, but it wouldn't last long outside. It is a permanent fixture in the Commons now, except for times it might be used for rallies; and

- Heard Kudlak say the Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies who were at the parents' meeting after the gun incident at BHS said that kids were getting guns by trying door handles of cars. Kudlak said they were told by the police that leaving a gun on your dashboard in an unlocked car is not a crime and there are no repercussions to the gun owner if it's stolen. Whoever takes it is liable, he said. But, he said they were told, the gun can be unsecured anywhere and the owner is not liable for it. He said everyone was surprised to hear that was the law.

Belleville City Council OKs order for \$650,000 fire truck from R&R

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its Oct. 17 regular meeting, the Belleville City Council added an item to the agenda and then unanimously approved it. Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt and Councilwoman Amy Henry were absent.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger asked approval for him to order a fire truck from R&R Services, which could get it to the city after a 220-day wait. Approximate cost would be \$650,000.

He said prices are going up and the fire truck has a \$600,000 average now with the costs going up 7% every three months. He chose R&R to recommend because it is local and deals in units they trust. Also, its wait time is shorter.

He said West Shore has a two-year wait and most others have a one-year wait.

Chief Loranger said the basic price is without options and options would add

about \$30,000 to \$40,000 more.

"We didn't ask for the world," he said of the options, adding the sooner they can get the order to R&R, the better. He said the department already has the hoses and ladders.

He said among options, they will get the prewired headset system, siren like Van Buren Township trucks use as they go through town, outlets for power, and a booster reel where you can pull and go which is good for small fires.

The city recently learned it was approved for a \$490,000 federal grant for a fire truck to replace the 1989 truck.

At the 25-minute meeting on Oct. 17, the council also:

- Approved the Special Events Application for a Veterans' Day ceremony at the monument on High Street at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11. This is put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars #4434 and the Polish League

of American Veterans #167. High Street will be closed at the monument. City Manager / Police Chief David Robinson said it will be done the same way as in the past with the honor guard shooting a volley at the end. He said it's good to let dispatch know about this in advance;

- Approved the Special Events Application for Winter Fest, which will start the evening of Dec. 1 and run through Sunday, Dec. 4, with the tent on the Fourth Street Square taken down Dec. 5. Main Street will be closed at noon on Friday and the bounce houses moved to between Roys and Fifth to keep the children safe. The event is put on by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and director Martha Hanoian said they are trying to work out how to handle the fireworks planned for Saturday night of the event since the Denton Road Bridge is closed. They are considering using the land that goes up to the closed bridge to

hold what is needed or to use a barge. There will be no Jingle Belle Run this year;

- Approved accounts payable of \$307,116.04 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Atchinson Ford Sales, \$640.99 for new fuel injector and plugs for 2017 Ford Explorer, police department; to Brown Funeral Home, \$1,380 for moving a vault that was buried in the wrong spot in the old section where there are poor records, DPW; to Osborne Concrete, \$712 for footings for headstones, DPW, and \$996, for replacement of road after sewer main break on Edison Street, DPW;

- Heard Brad Traskos thank the council for allowing the tractor parade and asked them, if they approve having it next year, to consider having it turn at High Street and proceed to Huron River Drive and then Elwell to return to Sumpter Township because there is less traffic.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

VBPS reassigns Dan Wright to oversee safety

Belleville High School Assistant Principal Dan Wright has been reassigned to be Safety Coordinator for the whole Van Buren Public Schools district.

At Monday's regular meeting of the VBPS Board of Education, School Supt. Pete Kudlak said Wright's office will remain at the high school, but he will oversee the whole district to make sure there are better practices and procedures in place. Supt. Kudlak said drills will be done differently, as well as other things.

The firm the district has consulted on school safety will have a report that Kudlak said he would present to the board in November.

He said Wright's current position will be posted and an interim assistant principal will be assigned from within the district. They will hire a teacher to replace the new interim assistant principal.

Kudlak said this position for Wright will last until at least the end of the school year. Treasurer Simone Pinter said she thinks the district will need that safety position from here on in. She pointed out there was another school shooting that morning, referring to the one reported in St. Louis.

Although Kudlak has turned down metal detectors, the district has applied for funds for another school resource officer and hired this company to suggest the latest school safety techniques. And, appointed Wright to his new position. Hope it works.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Josh Monte informed us that, "We experienced a rash of larcenies from vehicles on Saturday night, which occurred in the parking lot of a couple of businesses located on Haggerty between Ecorse and Van Born. The malicious destruction of property reports were the result of windows being broken from some of the vehicles parked in the businesses and nothing being stolen."

Pat McBride, a longtime employee of the Van Buren Township Seniors Citizens department, was escorted out of her office last week, with Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara seen carrying the box containing her belongings. She doesn't want to talk about it.

I remember when we started our paper on Jan. 5, 1995, one of our first stories was about Jennifer Delano being fired from her post as VBT senior citizen director. The reason for that, as I recall, was that she was suspected of being a Republican. The seniors were outraged. Jennifer is still helping seniors, but she's in Belleville now.

Debbie Moss is turning 61 on Oct. 24. She was born in 1961, so that makes her birthday special. The person calling in her birthday pointed out this was a Beddian Birthday.

Basically, a Beddian birthday is when you are the same age as the year you were born. But there's a quite bit more to it than just that.

On Nov. 5, 2007, *The New Yorker* published an article written by Lizzie Widdicombe entitled, "The Firefighter's Theorem." This article recounts a story about Bobby Beddia, a New York firefighter, and his now-famous



birthday observation. On a sunny August Saturday, Bobby chatted with Rhonda Shearer, a visitor to his fire station, about his great luck in getting to live during his birth year. He explained that he was born in September 1953, so his age in 2006/2007 matched the final two digits of the year in which he was born: 53. This phenomenon happens to everyone, but only once in a lifetime, and Bobby Beddia was thrilled to be experiencing his. Tragically, later that day, Bobby was killed in the line of duty.

As a tribute to her friend, Rhonda reached out to her physicist and mathematician friends for more insight, and the "birth year" eventually came to be known as a Beddian year. Richard Brandt, a former NYU physicist, observed that Beddian birthdays will only ever happen in even-numbered years. That's because, mathematically, the event is essentially a doubling. Think of it this way: if you were born in 1960, your Beddian year is 2020, the year you turn 60. $1960 + 60 = 2020$. If you were born in 1953, your Beddian year was 2006: $1953 + 53 = 2006$. Do you see the doubling effect? One of the most basic math concepts is that the result of doubling any number is always an even number; hence Beddian birthdays are strictly an even year occurrence.

Mathematician Barry Cipra took the math one step further. He posited that, at any given time, everyone in the world is either pre- or post-Beddian in their age; in other words, everyone has either already had their

Beddian birthday, or they haven't had it yet. There's more to this, so you can Google it and have fun.

But what's the takeaway from all this? Beddian years only come around once in a lifetime. Everyone gets one; noticing that yours has arrived is a very big deal. And really, you can celebrate a Beddian birthday all year long!

District Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she didn't record the recent presentation by Al Hodge of Hodge Plastic Group at the library, but she did pass on some information.

She said the speaker pointed out how currently 286 pounds of plastic per person is used (in 1980 it was 60 pounds per person) and half of all plastic production is for single-use containers. Regarding bottled water, he said it takes three times the amount of water to produce the bottle as it does to fill it.

"He definitely inspired me to try harder to reduce my plastics consumption!" she said.

There was a turnout of about 1,500 people for Saturday's Candy Loop in Van Buren Township's Quirk Park and nowhere to park – no parking allowed on Quirk Road. Good thing the trick or treaters were young and didn't mind walking for blocks.



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Letters

VBT Candy Loop drew 1,500 to Quirk Park

To the editor:

We had our Candy Loop trick-or-treating event at Quirk Park this past Saturday and it was a HUGE success! The weather was beautiful and the 1,500 attendees were so happy to join us on such a gorgeous day!

We are, as always, so grateful to our community partners who make Candy Loop not only a pleasure to run, but also an overwhelming success. We could never run this event without the generous support and a mountain of candy provided by the following businesses, organizations and elected officials:

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Thank you to all of you for your time and sweet treats! Our residents greatly appreciated each of you!

A special thank you goes out to our student volunteers who spent their Saturday to set-up and assist our department in running Candy Loop: Trinity Young, Owen Kernsmith, Mia Crowdis, Avery Carcone, Lily Swan and Ryann Zaenglein. We are grateful for your help!

Thank you to all who made this year's Candy Loop the best one ever!

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To the Editor:

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Without the support of our local churches, businesses, and community residents we could not provide our current level of service. Nearly all grocery categories are up by double digits. Two weeks ago, eggs were \$2.49 a dozen. Last week, the same eggs were \$3.29 a dozen! Since Jan. 1, 2022, 145 families have been served and 1,650 bags have been distributed.

The Emergency Food Closet is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located at the Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. It serves residents of Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the City of Belleville.

Again, thank you for your continuing support to feed the hungry in our community.

Marilyn Wood, Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet, Belleville

Monetary donations to Goodfellows buy toys

To the editor:

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Pam Fleming, Coordinator
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More Letters

We will do everything to remove Sumpter board

To the editor:

We, the people, will do everything possible to remove those on the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. In my opinion, this is the worst do-nothing board in recorded history, shared by many.

My fellow taxpayers and citizens, what have they done to improve the living conditions of our community? Nothing. The answer is nothing but collect their paychecks and grandstand every two weeks at the board meetings. For the last several months, this board has talked about nothing but how they are going to improve the parks to the tune of perhaps millions of dollars or more. The project alone, if implemented, brings hardly any revenue to the township and at best it will be seasonal.

We have major food shortages for hundreds of men, women, and children in Sumpter Township. No jobs for those that want to work. This present board has nothing to offer. Remember the lies that were told us when this board wanted our votes? The motto was "Drain the Swamp." The only thing that was drained and continues to be drained is our taxed dollars to the tune of millions of taxpayer dollars yearly.

We still have bad road ditches and plugged up culverts littered with trash and overgrown weeds, and hundreds of fire hydrants not serviced? Growth around those fire hydrants in the hundreds have been serviced by a concerned private citizen without cost to the township. Taxpayers are forced to clean and cut the tall weeds so they can safely exit their driveways.

Apathy and neglect are going to get someone killed or seriously injured. The best way to combat and prevent such a tragedy is to remove the present board of trustees from office and not replace them with their hand-picked friends, relatives and neighbors or replaced with people that were recalled. We want and need a board that will work with and for the people.

We have asked for observers from the Wayne County Treasurer's office in Detroit to observe our Tuesday, Nov. 8, election for treasurer to ensure it is fair and lawful, especially our absentee ballots.

Ronald Barry Robinson
Elected Precinct Delegate
Sumpter Township

"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'"


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












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Obituaries



Glenda June Wright

GLEND A JUNE WRIGHT

(April 28, 1933 – October 17, 2022)

Glenda June Wright, age 89, resident of Belleville, MI for 25 years, formerly of Warren, MI, passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022. She was born April 28, 1933 in Elkmont, AL to Howard Alfred Blackwell and Bensie Pearl (Holland) Blackwell.

Glenda graduated from high school and worked as a cashier at a local grocery store for many years. Glenda was widowed in 2015 but remained active, enjoying traveling, reading, gardening, crafts and sewing. She was also a member of Van Buren Township's September Days and was active in the ceramics and newsletter activities. Most of all, Glenda loved spending time with her friends and family.

Glenda is survived by her children, her daughter Sherri Ann Wright of Ypsilanti and her son William Gordon Wright of Belleville; her siblings Wayne (Betsy) Blackwell of Ardmore, AL, Judy (Johnny) Troupe of Elmont, AL, and Jane Jenkins of Ardmore, AL; and sister-in-law Judy Blackwell of Ardmore, AL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William Wright (2015), sister Betty Inman, brother Jerry Blackwell, sister Edith and her husband Jerome Clem, brother Markus Blackwell, sister Carol Sue and her husband Wayne Bland, and brother-in-law Jimmy Jenkins.

A visitation was held on Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 4 until 7 p.m. A funeral service was held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 11 a.m. with an hour visitation prior to the service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. She was interred at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

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More Letters

Time to smell the coffee

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again, can you feel it? No, I'm not speaking of the gradual worsening of our weather, though there is that. Neither am I speaking of the imminent arrival of Saint Nicholas and his levitating reindeer, though there is that as well. I am speaking of election season. It seems I cannot access about any media without being subjected to one political party railing against the other for this or that reason, be it abortion, the economy or that most heated and serious issue we Michiganders must deal with daily, the roads. Is this constant bickering and lowest common denominator media war between red and blue the best our nation can do now?

A democracy where we elect our leaders is only as good as the citizens that make it up, so what does this say about us? Many of us feel as if all parties are failing us in some fundamental way, yet was it not us who put these elected leaders in office? "I mean they may not be all that great, but hey, they were the lesser of two evils."

If our elected officials are failing us then we can only blame the society that put them there, and if society is failing then it is because the basic unit that makes up society is failing, the family. If the basic unit of society is the family, then the basic unit of the family is the individual, and why does the individual fail? Perhaps there are many reasons but I'll offer one. I believe the individual fails when they do not direct the proper attention to what they should, this varies from person to person. Maybe somewhere down the line we got distracted from what was worthy of our attention (and you will inevitably move towards where you are directing your attention).

It's time to wake up and smell the coffee. If we direct our attention to what matters then maybe we can fix ourselves, if we can fix ourselves then maybe we can build a strong family, and strong families can build strong societies who can bring forth leaders who then can truly strengthen the nation, and a nation like that can make the world a better place.

Zachary Tanana
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More Letters

Sumpter weeds: How to get the work done

To the editor:

Most of us are aware of the county's failed policy to maintain the roads. "ROAD-CREW," which, instead of relying on regular maintenance, hopes that a resident will call *after* a problem has occurred.

For over three years, now, I've been trying to resolve the problem of obstructed roads, signs, fire hydrants, etc. in Sumpter township. In March of 2021 I contacted supervisor McNamara in Van Buren Township, where, among other things, I learned that Van Buren was purchasing their own equipment to address the problem; information which I passed along to trustee Rush. I also talked at length with Kathy Carlton-Beh at Huron Township. At the county level, I had many contacts with Commissioner Haidous, with the manager of the Drain Commission, a supervisor and engineer at the Public Service department, the director of the "Adopt a Road" program, an employee of the Forestry Department who operated the mowers, or "brush hogs," and through that conversation, and time spent watching them in use, learned of their capabilities and limitations.

In addition to the reduced visibility due to obstructions, high speeds are a factor in automobile accidents in the township. I spoke for quite some time with a township supervisor in Michigan who is most knowledgeable, and published an article on the subject, including the process of reducing speed limits on county roads located in townships. On March 4, 2021, I contacted the Conference of Western Wayne (WWW), and got information which I also passed along to trustee Tim Rush. Regarding the fire hydrants, I spoke with two national firefighters' organizations, and with the regional director and local field agent of the ISO. I spoke with many other persons, but most importantly, with many township residents, who had a better grasp on the subject matter than anyone in township hall. The only person who failed to return my phone calls was the current supervisor of Sumpter Township.

Because of those conversations, previous experiences, and my actively working in the field, I became an expert on the subject, and, therefore, the last person they wanted to hear from. They told me to take a hike, then, in July of 2021 came up with their

own plan, "ROAD-CREW 2.0".

In August of this year the intersection at Sherwood and Willow roads needed maintenance from the last time I worked it, and also having been reduced to one lane, due to road construction. Even a "near miss" between vehicles could be hazardous; there was no place to swerve towards, except guard rails or county workers. I parked my vehicle on Sherwood and walked onto Willow Road. A man wearing a safety helmet was there, and I explained that I was going to work at clearing the overgrowth along the guard rail, and planned on stepping into the closed lane, on occasion, depending on traffic. Now, if he had been an employee of Sumpter township, there would have been a sudden flurry of text messages, phone calls and emails. A team would have quickly assembled, putting on tactical vests, ready to respond at a moment's notice. Tires from the automobiles of trustees would have kicked up gravel, or burnt rubber, as they all sped towards township hall, where they would convert the clerk's office to a temporary "war room". Trustees and supervisors and deputy supervisors and Grand Dukes, and other notables, would map out alternate plans of action, and prepare writs, and "cease and desist" orders, and fret and worry until the wee hours of the morning.

But it wasn't a township employee, but a county contractor working "Traffic Control," and he said, "Why don't you pull your car up here and I'll cone it off; that way you won't have so far to walk."

Which I did.

While working that intersection I discovered a serious problem; a county supervisor was called, and showed up a short time later. He parked, and we walked over to a section of road by the guard rail. Erosion had scooped out a very large area of soil, leaving the asphalt, already cracking, without any supporting foundation. It was a disaster waiting to happen. He promised he would take care of it, which he did, the next day. An operator of a brush-hog would have never noticed that problem, something I had learned quite a while ago.

With Sherwood blocked at Willow, some traffic was diverted west to the intersection of Wear and Rawsonville roads. I found the southeast shoulder almost completely obstructed and cleared it until visibility was 100%. Following that, I drove to Wear and Sumpter roads, and cleared a large section on the southwest corner.

For decades now, this administration, and those previous, have been doing a lot

of talking, and have come up with excuse after excuse why they couldn't solve the problem, and not one reasonable plan was produced in all that time. Not one. I've heard how "monumental" the task would be, and even that, "It can't be done." The solution is actually quite simple, if they would only appraise the problem from a different, and more realistic perspective. But, unfortunately, most people would rather *be* wrong, than admit they're wrong, and, in this case, at the expense and safety of the public.

On a positive note, though, there has been a crew working the township over the past three years. The jobs worked by that crew were varied, and necessary; each taking several minutes to several hours to complete. Last year, every street sign on the dirt roads in the township was completely cleared and visible, with one exception which was partially cleared (a neighbor's dog took too much of an interest in the proceedings). Most of the signs on the paved roads were cleared, with a few exceptions (for safety reasons) which the township said they would take care of, but failed to do so. That crew on May 28 of this year, cleared 18 fire hydrants, 26 signs, and three guard rails, in less than an eight-hour work day. Over 800 jobs were completed over the past two years, on a part-time basis, and seasonal. That "crew" consisted of one man, not with the best equipment, and with a 12-year-old vehicle, not in the best of shape. The ability he did have, though, was to stop talking and to get the job done.

Another crew has been working in the township even longer. Not everybody has the means, or the ability, but so many residents of this community have stepped up, for decades, keeping fire hydrants clear, street signs near their homes clear, and have mowed and cleared long stretches of easements, and nearby intersections. They have spent their own money (in addition to paying taxes) to hire contractors to clear out drainage ditches in front of their homes, and to cut down branches and trees

that were possible threats to motorists.

These crews are not asking much from their employees at the township level, but to stop paying lip-service to them, and pay attention instead. I was hoping it wouldn't come down to this, but, well, here it is: When I was a real estate broker out West, I paid a bribe to employees of the "multiple listing service," in order to get preferential treatment for my own listings. I'm willing to offer the same thing to the current board of trustees in Sumpter Township. If the board of trustees will listen to myself and other residents, and actually finally adopt a workable plan, I will, in the spring of each year, give each trustee one fire cracker *and* 84 cents.

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Randall Miller, resident
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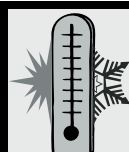
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Al Haidous, Corey Blue contend for Wayne County Commission

Incumbent Democrat Wayne County Commissioner Abdul "Al" Haidous and newcomer Corey Blue of Sumpter Township are vying in the Nov. 8 general election to represent the 11th district.

Haidous, 79, 39225 Glenwood, Wayne, has lived in the district for 48 years and

he and his wife Mary have five children: Sarah, Norman, Randa, Lena, and Dania.

He was a small business owner who retired before being elected Wayne County Commissioner.

He was elected to the Wayne City Council and served as Mayor of Wayne. Haidous is an honorary member of UAW Local 900 Retiree Chapter.



Haidous

"I love spending time with my grandchildren and have been known to enjoy taking care of my lawn," he said. He said he is running for this office because, "I believe everyone has a responsibility to serve their community in whatever capacity they can. For me, public service has been the way I give back to my community."

"I started as a City Council Member, then Mayor, and now as Wayne County Commissioner of District 11. My service and experience provide me with a great wealth of knowledge, skills to get things done, and not just weather the storm but emerge stronger."

"I see great possibilities in District 11 and Wayne County and want to continue to work with my constituents to find solutions and new opportunities to improve District 11 while moving us forward. While running a small business and raising my family in the city of Wayne I have seen this District evolve and grow. This gives me a deep and unique understanding of the city of

Belleville, Romulus, Wayne, and Flat Rock and the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren which comprise District 11.

"This knowledge has helped me tackle the issues facing our communities. I have a strong track record of involvement and working with all community stake holders across a wide array of projects. I want to continue engaging with the community and working hand in hand with all constituents to help our communities and citizens succeed."

When asked what his goals are, if he is reelected, he replied: "My goals are to continue working on infrastructure issues and economic development in District 11 as these have the biggest impact on the community. By strengthening and improving these areas we create a stronger core and position our communities to take advantage of greater opportunities. I have been working systematically with the cities and townships of District 11 to identify infrastructure areas in need of repair and new developments and securing the funds to ensure these projects are completed successfully. In the area of economic development, I have been working with Michigan Workforce to make training programs accessible to our workers and prepare them for new employment opportunities and to draw new businesses to District 11. District 11 has many great resources available to businesses that set up here. As County Commissioner, I will continue to work with stakeholders to promote the cities and townships of District 11 to draw in businesses. This means continuing to create a strong, reliable infrastructure, well trained and prepared work force, and economic development plans and incentives that encourage business growth and benefit our communities."

Corey James Blue

Corey James Blue, 19234 Sumpter Rd., Sumpter Township, ran unopposed on the Republican side of the Aug. 2 primary ballot for Wayne County Commissioner, District 11.

Blue, 38, is married to Elizabeth and they have three daughters, El, Violet,

and Guinevere, and one son Colin. He has lived in the district for five years. He is a mechanical engineer with a bachelor of science degree in Mechanical Engineering and an A.S. in Manufacturing. This is his first bid for public office.

He is an automotive enthusiast, enjoying race cars and restoration of classic vehicles, 1/10th and 1/8th scale radio-controlled car racing, and is a weekend welder, machinist and fabricator. He also is a concerned citizen of Wayne County District 11, Belleville



Blue

Independent reader, and editorial submitter.

Blue said he is running for the commission, "Because the only time the current commissioners care about the electorate is during election season. We are nothing more than votes to them. Elected officials around here view 'their' positions more as a career path than actual service to the public. This can be observed in their reactions during public discourse. They never have the realization that their position is actually the people's position."

"When it came to COVID mandates, our commissioners never once listened to the public. They marginalized the public. I seek to give the public its voice back."

Once elected, his goals are to: "Stop all local unconstitutional mandates associated with personal health choice and business closures. Giving the public their voice back through listening and improving transparency. Address inflation at the local level by fighting property tax increases that the current administration is pushing. Work to end the sealed bidding process and stop local elected officials from using their various townships as their personal kick-back schemes."

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More Letters

Pumpkin Factory: Spending money locally

To the editor:

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Tori Long

Van Buren Township

Positive COVID tests total 11,016 for residents in 48111 zip code

The Wayne County Health Department announced that as of Sunday, Oct. 23, positive COVID test results have totaled 11,016 for the population in the 48111 zip code. That number had been 10,981 on Sunday, Oct. 16.

The number of deaths from COVID in the 48111 area stayed at 145, where it had been

since Oct. 10.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 7,628 positive cases and 95 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,189 positive cases and 17 deaths; and Sumpter Township 2,199 positive cases and 33 deaths.

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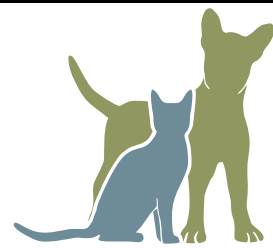


Danyell Glover of Belleville made history on Sunday, Oct. 16, by being the first patron of the Belleville Area District Library to enter the library on a Sunday. The library started its first-ever 1-5 p.m. Sunday hours on Oct. 16 and is opening at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. the rest of the week. Glover, a frequent visitor to the library, rode her bicycle to the library on Sunday from her Belle Villa townhouse. She said she decided to come to the library instead of watching the Lions lose another game. Then she found out the Lions weren't playing Sunday anyway.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 27** – Quartermania fund raiser is set at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, to benefit the Belleville Community Chorus. Doors open at 6 p.m. and fun starts at 7 p.m. Participants must be 18 years old or older. Entry fee is \$10 for two bidding paddles.

• **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29** – Sumpter Vendor Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the Senior Center gymnasium at 23501 Sumpter Rd., Sumpter Township. Information: (734) 461-9373 or email: maryannwatson@sumptertwp.org. (Original date was Sept. 10.)

• **Monday, Oct. 31** – Trick or Treat at Sumpter Township Hall offices, 23480 Sumpter Rd., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Oct. 31** – Trick or Treat along Main Street in downtown Belleville from 5 to 7 p.m. Costume contest with prizes at Fourth Street Square at 6 p.m.

• **Friday, Nov. 4** – Blues Concert at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren

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• **Sunday, Nov. 6** – The St. Anthony Catholic Church Men's Club serves its annual Breakfast to Benefit Homeless Veterans, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fr. Folta Building behind St. Anthony Church in Belleville. Donations: adults, 18 and up, \$10; children, 6 to 17, \$5; and children 5 and under are free. The club pays for all the food, so all donations go to homeless vets. The Men's Club annually presents the check to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

• **Sunday, Nov. 6** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Monday, Nov. 7** – Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Belleville is presenting a free culinary event at 6:30 p.m. in the Cozadd Room of the Belleville Area District Library. Chef Miguel Larcher, from Southern France and Martinique, has trained in classic French, Caribbean, and international cuisine. He invites you to dive into the God-given world of health and flavor. He will inspire you to have a healthy relationship with food. Learn how to use spices.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 9** – Drive-through Carry-Out Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, from 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Cost is \$14 for carry-outs; cash or check only. Call ahead for faster service by 5 p.m., (734) 654-9020. Four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner-style biscuits & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of pie.

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BHS at-home games

• **Friday, Oct. 28:** Varsity Football vs. Woodhaven, 6 p.m.

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Belleville High School Athletic Secretary



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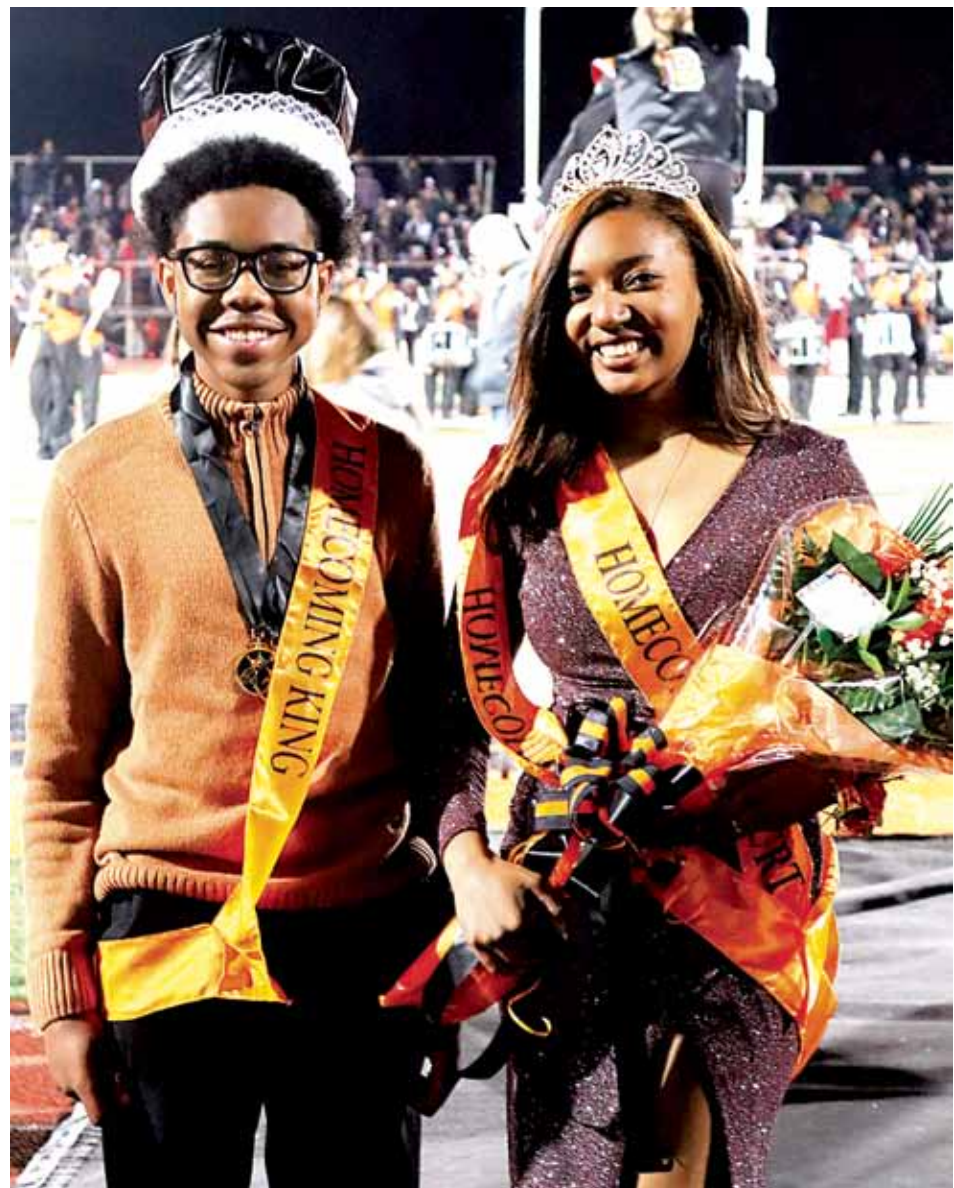


Photo courtesy of Belleville High School Yearbook Staff
Belleville High School Homecoming King Danard Harvard and Homecoming Queen Nila Hooper were crowned during half-time ceremonies at the Oct. 14 football game against Livonia Franklin. BHS won 42-14, remaining undefeated this season.

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Before the Belleville High School Homecoming football game, the public was introduced to the new Belleville Tigers Giant Helmet. Steve Strickland has created larger-than-life artworks in the form of giant helmets for teams in the National Football League, the National Hockey League, Major League Baseball, the Canadian Football League, and college teams in the NCAA. Oxford High School and BHS are the only high schools to have Giant Helmets. When the Belleville Tigers won the state championship last year, members of the community contacted Strickland to obtain a Giant Helmet to honor its team. It will be on permanent display in the BHS Commons. The crowd applauded all the people who participated in the t-shirt fundraiser along with the Belleville Yacht Club and Barb Astor from OTW Real Estate, who gave significant contributions. Taking part in the ceremony were, from left, BHS football coach Jermain Crowell, BYC member Mike Gentz, and Van Buren Public Schools Supt. Pete Kudlak.

2022 City of Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Applications for Assistance Begin Tues., Nov. 1, thru Fri., Dec 2

Applications to receive assistance for the 2022 Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution Program will begin 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov 1.

Application forms will be available 24/7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.

Printable forms will also be available online on the Van Buren Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Program is open to City of Belleville and Van Buren Township residents only. Sumpter Township has its own Goodfellows program.

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Debbie Dingell, Whittney Williams vie for seat in Congress

Incumbent Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, a Democrat, is being challenged by Whittney Williams, a Republican, for a 6th district seat in Congress.

Whittney Williams

Williams, 39, of Canton, is a first-generation immigrant from Taiwan, having moved to the United States at the age of ten without knowing any English. As a beacon of freedom, America has taught her the significance of its founding values (Life. Liberty. Pursuit of Happiness) and has provided her endless opportunities in

achieving her American dream, she said on her website.

A veteran of the automotive and marketing industries, Whittney has worked as a U.S. auto show product specialist throughout the country and appeared in commercials and advertisements for Haworth, Jeep, Ford, Gardner White, Pure Michigan, and many others. Additionally, she has been on stage with the American Ballet Theater and has performed in annual Nutcrackers and other dance productions with local ballet companies.

Williams holds a Master of Science degree in Strategic Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations from Purdue University. She also holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ballet Performance from the University of Utah. Whittney is fluent in Mandarin-Chinese and Taiwanese Hokkien. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with her husband of 13 years and their 3 rescue puppies.

In her primary campaign, Williams heavily focused on lowering taxes and "securing our border." Williams has also expressed support for restrictions on abortion and 2nd amendment rights.

Williams tells supporters not to donate money for her campaign but to save their hard-earned money to fight inflation. If supporters insist on donating, she asks them to donate it to a list of non-profit organizations, including help for the victims of Hurricane Ian.



Debbie Dingell

The following questions were asked by the League of Women Voters' election page. Williams did not participate.

Debbie Dingell, now of Ann Arbor, has been a representative in the U.S. Congress' 12th district for nearly eight years. After districts were realigned, she is now vying for the 6th district.

She holds a B.S.F.S. in Foreign Services and an M.S. in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University.

Q. What is the government's role in health care? Given the COVID-19 pandemic, what are your concerns and plans regarding public health in the U.S.?

A. Dingell: Health care is a human right. Government must make good on that promise for all Americans, and that's why I am the co-author of Medicare for All in Congress. Over the last few years, we have seen – once again – in vivid detail that our fractured health care system leads to worse health outcomes with higher financial costs. It is immoral and unacceptable that we are the only industrialized nation on earth that does not guarantee its citizens access to health care.



Q. ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support for a healthy economy and to help Americans without financial security improve their economic positions?

A. Dingell: We must pass legislation to provide relief at the pump, in the grocery store, and for housing. I have confronted oil executives price gouging consumers and advocated for policies to support families struggling to afford groceries and infant formula. As a proud supporter of labor and working families, I fight for policies that put workers first. From the PRO Act to the Raise The Wage Act, I have led efforts to guarantee workers a living wage and workplace protections. Also, I have long been calling on Congress to strengthen our supply chain and support local manufacturers.

Q. ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding elections,

campaign funding and voting rights?

A. Dingell: We must increase access to the ballot box and restrict the influence of special interests in our elections. I am a cosponsor of the For The People Act that would reform our nation's election laws to restore power to voters, end partisan and racial gerrymandering, and shed light on the dark money being spent to influence elections. To strengthen voting rights, I am a proud supporter of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore critical protections for Black and Brown voters in this country who have been marginalized in our democracy for far too long.

Q. SOCIAL JUSTICE: How would you address racial, economic, health and education inequities, including our country's 16% of children and 10% of seniors living in poverty?

A. Dingell: As the co-author of Medicare for All, I am leading efforts to increase healthcare access for Black and Brown patients who have been marginalized for centuries. I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 40 so we can finally begin to make good on the promise of reparations for African Americans and the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act to reform our law enforcement system. Finally, I'm the lead sponsor of the THRIVE Act in the House which would create jobs for 15 million Americans, focused on advancing economic recovery, racial justice, and climate action.

Q. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations?

A. Dingell: As an author of the 100% Clean Economy Act, I understand we can only create change by bringing together environmental advocates, labor and local leaders. I introduced the USA Electrify Forward Act to invest in EV infrastructure and to incentivize retooling auto plants. I have led conservation efforts by introducing the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, which passed the House, and am a strong defender of NEPA and ESA laws. I am also the author of the PFAS Action Act, a bold and comprehensive package to protect human health and the environment.

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VBT accepts gift of 12.5 acres between Parkwood and Kirkridge apts.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The 12.5 acres of wooded, unlevleed property between the residential developments of Kirkridge and Parkwood were offered as a gift to Van Buren Township from a family that had owned the property for 60 years.

At the Oct. 18 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said it could possibly be developed into a lovely neighborhood park in the future.

The \$1 charge to the township for the property, RM Multiple, was offered by Mark and Jonathan LoPatin of Southfield.

The VBT website shows the property was recently transferred from the Trust of Rev. Florence LoPatin to them with an estimated land value of \$576,600.

Jonathan LoPatin told the board that a large amount of property between Tyler and Ecorse was purchased by his grandfather 60 years ago because he wanted to develop a racetrack. He said he did develop the Michigan International Speedway elsewhere and the Van Buren Township property was developed over the years.

He said his grandfather passed away in 1993 and it made sense to pass the property on to the township since there was no use for them.

The board accepted the land donation and Trustee Sherry Frazier called it "a generous donation."

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

- Watched a brief State of the Township address videotaped by Michael Japowicz of the Communications Department for the Homeowners Associations in the township and then used as the report at the recent Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Tri-Community State of the Community breakfast at the BYC. In the report it noted, "The museum was on its last legs," but didn't follow that with any other information on the

museum, which has been closed for more than two years;

- Held a public hearing, during which there was no comment, on the 2022 Amended and 2023 Proposed General Fund Annual Budget and the Water & Sewer Fund Annual Budget. Approval of the budgets will be considered at an upcoming meeting;

- Approved the purchase of two Dell Servers, at a total cost of \$26,415.48, and one Disk Storage Array Unit, at \$29,218.46, to replace the township's current main servers that are reaching their end-of-life cycle;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Norm Debuck and Tony Gibson to the Environmental Commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2025;

- Approved the personal service agreement for Blake Worthy as a desktop support technician. He graduated from Baker College with an Associate's degree in Applied Science/Information Technology. He began in Ecorse as an intern to their now I.T. specialist, who said he was a "very astute employee ... but a little quiet." He is certified in LEIN and LASO. He graduated from Ecorse High School in 2016 and was in the top-ten graduates;

- Approved the title change and job description change of Casey Schmidtke from Public Safety Administrative Assistant to Public Safety Administrator. Police Chief Jason Wright said she is the "gatekeeper of public safety," an office manager "who handles everything for us." He said the title change is to match her actual duties. Clerk Leon Wright said her reporting figures correctly helped the township get a higher MMRMA insurance refund;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to rezone 1166 Sumpter Rd. from C-Local Business District to Sumpter Road Mixed-Use District. This is the first rezoning under the newly adopted 2022 Sumpter Road Corridor Plan. The building was built in 1930, according to records, and has been zoned commercial for as long as the township has records;

- Approved the purchase of a F-150 for the Water & Sewer Department Fleet for \$39,265 from Atchinson Ford. This originally was in

the 2023 budget, but it was available now so they wanted to get it now. The last similar truck was first \$45,000 and then lowered by Atchinson to \$40,500, Supervisor McNamara said;

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright announce the township will be closed for Election Day on Nov. 8 and there will be no township meeting that day;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara say the township received three letters concerning people grateful for police officers' training in dealing with mental disabilities. One letter said, it "changed my own outlook of police" and another said police intervention, "calmed the scene down." A letter from a Monroe resident who had a problem on Belleville Road praised the officers. McNamara said Police Chief Jason Wright and Deputy Chief Josh Monte embraced the special training for officers;

- Had held a closed-door session at 5 p.m.

before the regular meeting to discuss the strategy and negotiations of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) collective bargaining agreement and the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command collective bargaining agreement. The approval of the 2022-25 MAFF contract that was on the agenda for action was stricken from the agenda and not discussed in open session; and

- Heard resident Reg Ion say the situation at Willow Run Airport is no better and the water being used to reduce the dust is not working. He said it looks like they are just moving the dirt back and forth. He requested an air-quality check, noting, "I'm ready to call the EPA." He also told Clerk Wright that a premiere community has flags at its polls and he will be checking on Election Day to make sure every polling location has a flag. "You'll have flags everywhere," Clerk Wright promised.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Martin. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Director of Public Works Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, DDA Director Ireland, Police Chief Wright, Deputy Police Chief Monte, Administrative Assistant Schmidtke, Director of Information Technology Rankin, Communications Specialist Japowicz and an audience of seven (7).

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Amended Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2022, Prepaid List of October 6, 2022, Prepaid List of October 13, 2022, Voucher List of October 18, 2022, Approval of the purchase of two Dell Servers and Disk Storage Array to replace current devices that are reaching their End of Life Cycle and Approval of the reappointment of Norm DeBuck and Tony Gibson to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire on October 1, 2025. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to open the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. to receive comments on the 2022 Amended/2023 Proposed General Fund Annual Budget and Water & Sewer Fund Annual Budget. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Boynton seconded to close the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E /

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The Candy Loop is taking place on Saturday, October 22 from 4-6 at Quirk Park; a Monroe resident emailed to thank Officer Bidwell for assisting her obtain a tow truck; two residents wrote in complimenting Officers Barry and Evans in how they handled individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.

The State of the Township was presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve accepting a land donation of parcel 83 043 99 0001 0001 commercial vacant property located off Tyler Road from Mark and Jonathan Lopatin. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve Blake Worthy's Personal Service Agreement and for Supervisor McNamara and Clerk Wright to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the title change and job description from Public Safety Administrative Assistant to Public Safety Administrator. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 10-18-22(1) to rezone 1166 Sumpter Road from C- Local Business District to Sumpter Road Mixed Use District. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the purchase of an F-150 for the Water & Sewer Department Fleet in the amount of \$39,265.00. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: A resident commented on the state of the road and air quality near Willow Run Airport, flags on election day and a need for Van Buren Public Schools resource officer

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: There was a discussion on the training of School Resource Officers.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Published: October 27, 2022

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI.

This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 8, 2022 State General Election. Test will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010).

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

Posted: October 21, 2022
Publish: October 27, 2022



Casey Schmidtke, at right, had her title upgraded to Public Safety Administrator at the Oct. 18 Van Buren Township board meeting. At left is Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter and, in the middle, Police Chief Jason Wright.

Reg Ion urges VBT board to train two school resource officers

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Resident Reg Ion told the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on Oct. 18 that the township needs to provide two school resource officers to make sure one is on duty in case the other one's wife has a baby or he got a better job.

Ion is increasingly concerned over the safety of the students in the Van Buren Public Schools. Recently a third student this year was found with a loaded gun at the high school.

Ion said Belleville High School currently has one school resource officer from the Belleville Police Department. She's been there 20 years, which is 15-17 years too long under the current police agreement for 3-year terms, he said.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said that the three fulltime elected officials just signed approval for an officer to go out of state for training.

When Ion stressed the need for a second Van Buren Township officer, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said they have to come to an agreement with the school. Supervisor McNamara agreed the school

needs two officers and the current officer will stay in place.

Ion said if the township needs money, it has two supervisors and could get rid of the deputy supervisor and use that money for a school resource officer.

"We need a backup plan," Ion said. "You have money for everything else." He listed signs and tents.

Ion said there are problems in the schools and while the football scores are high the SAT scores are way down.

"If we can't keep it safe, nobody's going to want to come," Ion said.

"Van Buren Township won't be a premiere community unless the schools come with it," McNamara said.

"If we get this resource officer, when would he begin?" asked Trustee Reggie Miller and as far as the need for two, "The day they're not on duty, that's when something happens."

Deputy Police Chief Josh Monte said the officer being trained will bring the training back and train other officers.

He said they want to get in the elementary schools and other schools, adding they will bring in other resources for the schools with Growth Works.

Trustee Miller said mental health issues are important to address and Deputy Monte agreed.

He said a holistic plan for the whole district and an agreement with Growth Works will be brought back to the board.

Treasurer Budd said the students spoke highly of the DARE program when that was offered. She recalled the township had two resource officers and then funding became a problem.

The board was told the officer being trained is passionate about the program.

McNamara asked about the status of the grant for a resource officer and Deputy Monte said it has to come through the school and the township has been working with the school superintendent.

"I hate to depend on a grant," Ion said.

"It is in the budget," Budd said of the money for a resource officer.

"We still go after the grant," McNamara said. He said there's money out there and the township gets about half of the grants it seeks.



City of Belleville Public Notice



Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Flag Placement for Veteran's Day 2022
8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov 6th
(Rain date: Thur. Nov 10th)



The Cemetery Advisory Committee will be placing American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road.

We will begin placing flags on Sunday, Nov 6th at 8:30 a.m. and need volunteers to help. Each Cemetery section takes only about one hour of work.

Should you wish to volunteer, contact the City Clerk. If you would like to work in a specific section, the Clerk must be contacted, or that section will not be guaranteed.

Please consider this small sacrifice of time and join us to honor our veterans who fought to keep us free.

Note: The Denton Rd. Bridge remains closed indefinitely. Due to the closure, please utilize Denton Rd. eastbound from the I-94 Service Drive as an alternate route.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Oct. 27 – Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m., to consider a dimensional variance to a freestanding ground sign that was damaged by an automobile accident and applicant wishes to rebuild at 17441 Sumpter Rd. (Sunoco).

- Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting

- Monday, Nov. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

More Letters

How can I check the validity of this audio?

To the editor:

I have noticed many yard signs around Sumpter Township with a “Warning” on them. The signs go on to give the web address SheenaBarnes2022.com. Because I was still considering who would get my vote, I went to web site. What I heard was shocking and disturbing! Could what I heard possibly be true? I have never talked personally to Ms. Barnes so I would not recognize her voice. How can I check the validity of this audio? My vote depends on it.

Also regarding Sumpter Township, I just called the clerk’s office because I never received my Absentee Voter Application and spoke to Samantha Herman. Her kindness and professionalism was very much appreciated. She e-mailed my application immediately and when I signed it and e-mailed it back she let me know she received it, and what my next steps were.

This is the kind of people I would think that all of Sumpter Township residents would expect from the employees who take care of our business.

Kelly Boelter
Sumpter Township

Halloween poem to customers in Sumpter

To the editor:

A short little Halloween poem pinned to the “board” at Ace Hardware in Sumpter.

A Sumpter Halloween
There is one night each year when children change
From something quite normal to something quite strange!
They become the devil, a demon, a king or a queen
For the night, of course, is Halloween!

When they walk out the door on that dark spooky night
They are hoping for candy, but might just get a fright!
For there are other things moving under that blackened sky
And they may hear a “boo” from a ghost, or the banshee cry!

The bones of skeletons, and coffins are there
And things that jump out to give such a scare!
It becomes hard to walk on unsteady feet
To reach a front door and yell, “Trick or Treat”!

There is one place to fear, though, on Sumpter road.
Where the flick of a wand can change a child into a toad!
There is a dark building where spells are cast
You must not look there, but hustle past!
Don’t trip or stumble, you dare not fall
For real monsters lurk within Township Hall.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION-TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the General Election will be held TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #2	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler Elementary School	42200 Tyler Road
Precinct #4	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #5	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #6	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #7	Belleville High School	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Belleville High School	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Edgemont Elementary School	125 S. Edgemont St.

All polling place are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

STATE: GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL

CONGRESSIONAL: REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 6TH DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE: STATE SENATOR 4TH DISTRICT

STATE BOARDS: MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

COUNTY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE, SHERIFF- PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2024 AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11TH DISTRICT

JUDICIAL: JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT, JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 1ST DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 1ST DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION PARTIAL TERM ENDING 01/01/2027, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT COURT INCUMBENT POSITION PARTIAL TERM ENDING 01/01/2027, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT NEW JUDGESHIP 6 YEAR TERM, JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION AND JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: BOARD MEMBERS

LIBRARY BOARD: BOARD MEMBER BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

PROPOSALS: PROPOSAL 22-1: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ANNUAL PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS BY LEGISLATORS AND OTHER STATE OFFICERS AND CHANGE STATE LEGISLATOR TERM LIMIT TO 12 TOTAL YEARS IN LEGISLATURE.

PROPOSAL 22-2: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE SATE CONSTITUTION TO ADD PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS.

PROPOSAL 22-3: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH NEW INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM, INCLUDING RIGHT TO MAKE ALL DECISIONS ABOUT PREGNANCY AND ABORTION; ALLOW STATE TO REGULATE ABORTION IN SOME CASES; AND FORBID PROSECUTION OF INDIVIDUALS EXERSICING ESTABLISHED RIGHT.

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909, by visiting the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org or www.mi.go/vote where a sample of the ballot may be viewed.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats' can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Leon Wright, MMC
Van Buren Township Clerk

Posted: 10/13/22
Published: 10/27/22



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF STATE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the STATE GENERAL ELECTION will be held:

DATE	NOVEMBER 8, 2022
POLL HOURS	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM - EST
LOCATION(S):	PRECINCT 1 & 2: ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH (FATHER FOLTA BUILDING) 409 W COLUMBIA, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

The polling place location is handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

The November State General Election will be conducted for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor	Secretary of State
Attorney General	State Senator – 4th District
Representative in State Legislature – 31st District	Member of the State Board of Education
Regent of the University of Michigan	Trustee of Michigan State University
Governor of Wayne State University	County Executive
Sheriff Partial Term Ending 12/31/2024	County Commissioner – 11th District
Justice of Supreme Court	Judge of Court of Appeals – 1st District – Incumbent Position
Judge of Court of Appeals – 1st District – Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027	Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – Incumbent Position
Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2027	Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – Non-Incumbent Position
Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – New Judgeship – 6 Year Term	Judge of Probate Court – Incumbent Position
Judge of Probate Court – Non-Incumbent Position	Judge of District Court – 34th District – Incumbent Position
Board Member – Van Buren Public School District	Board Member – Belleville Area District Library

The November State General Election will also be conducted for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

<u>Proposal 22 – 1</u> <u>A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature</u>
<u>Proposal 22-2</u> <u>A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections</u>
<u>Proposal 22-3</u> <u>A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right</u>
<u>Van Buren Public Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal</u>
<u>Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the City of Belleville by Adding Section 19.16 and Repealing Sections 19.3-19.5 Regarding Marihuana</u>
<p>The proposed Amendment would, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a section 19.16 allowing for up to two (2) marihuana retailers, one (1) marihuana processor, five (5) class C marihuana growers, two (2) medical marihuana provisioning centers and two (2) designated consumption marihuana establishments in the City; • Repeal sections 19.3-19.5 of the Charter and authorize the city to enact related police power and zoning regulations, except those that are unduly burdensome and unreasonably impracticable or that conflict with the Charter; and • Repeal any city ordinances or regulations that conflict with this Charter. <p>Shall the City Charter be so amended?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Full text of what will appear on the ballot can be found at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index> or in the City Clerk's Office.

Absentee Ballot Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadlines for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot are as follows:

Ballot sent via mail – Application must be received by 5 p.m., November 4, 2022
 Ballot provided in person – Application must be received by 4 p.m., November 7, 2022

Briana Hootman
 City Clerk

Publish: October 27, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 280 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 16:
0044 – parking complaint, Harmony Ln./Fisher
0135 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
0404 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0807 – animal complaint, Parkwood
0837 – vehicle lockout, Oak Ln.
0924 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
0935 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
1110 – civil matter, America
1202 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
1336 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.

1351 – property check, Beck Rd.
1355 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1426 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1623 – intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.
1902 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
1909 – domestic, Daisy Blvd.
2016 – disorderly, Park Estates Dr.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2219 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
2350 – family trouble, Daisy Blvd.

Monday, Oct. 17:
0048 – family trouble, Daisy Blvd.
0210 – welfare check, Village Green Ln.
0245 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0628 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
0803 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Beckley
1031 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Sunrise Ln.

1121 – noise complaint, Beacon Trl.
1210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1235 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1247 – assist citizen, Bemis Rd.
1431 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1543 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1652 – welfare check, Timberview Ct.
1918 – warrant arrest, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1928 – civil matter, Price Rd.
1944 – intrusion alarm, Greenbriar Dr.
2027 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2043 – 911 welfare check, Dover Ct.
2049 – vehicle lock out, Belleville Rd.
2101 – civil matter, Lighthouse Dr.
2137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 18:
0048 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
0059 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0548 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0733 – animal complaint, W. Huron River/Hoeft
0808 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
1037 – animal complaint, Michigan Ave.
1204 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1217 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1338 – LIQUOR/all 4100 MICR codes, Belleville
1352 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1501 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1500 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.
1632 – trespassing, Harmony Ln.
1632 – animal complaint, E. Main St.
1635 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1644 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1749 – lost property/child, Borgman Ave.
1749 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1751 – assist fire dept., Rose Blvd.
1757 – threat, Lighthouse Dr.
1908 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1912 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2001 – assist other dept., Barnwell Dr.
2001 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.

2108 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
2302 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2328 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 19:
0753 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1006 – private property impound, Van Born
1011 – assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
1049 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1346 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.
1348 – welfare check, Meadows Ct.
1434 – unattended death, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1525 – civil matter, W. Huron River Dr.

1530 – fraud, Harmony Ln.
1629 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1806 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / E. Archwood Dr.
1832 – private property impound, Michigan Ave.
1911 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rose Blvd.
2100 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
2134 – mental subject, Bog Rd.
2223 – welfare check, Rose

Thursday, Oct. 20:
0015 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
0443 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0520 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0647 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Cir.
0826 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0835 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0838 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0849 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd./Tyler
0921 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

1113 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1114 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1154 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1207 – vehicle lock out, Belleville Rd.
1231 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1332 – intrusion alarm, Maurice Dr.
1334 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd.
1500 – PPO violation, Tyler Rd.
1530 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1708 – intrusion alarm, Robson Rd.
1712 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1748 – intrusion alarm, Peninsular Dr.
1857 – personal injury accident, Bemis/Haggerty
1922 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2026 – overdose, Westlake Cir.
2043 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2155 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ayres/Beck
2227 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2235 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2320 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, Oct. 21:
0100 – suicidal person, Cross St.
0105 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
0303 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0826 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1117 – vehicle lock out, Parkwood Dr.
1143 – court detail, Tyler Rd.
1153 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1216 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.
1249 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1440 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1448 – fraud, Edwards Rd.
1517 – intrusion alarm, Oak Ln.
1521 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1550 – assist other dept., E. Sadie Ln.
1602 – juvenile complaint, Lake Point Blvd.
1618 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1615 – mental subject, S. Woodbury Dr.
1622 – threat, Riggs Rd.
1846 – juvenile complaint, Sawgrass Ct.
1923 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
2129 – assist other dept., W. I-94 rest area
2207 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
2211 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2223 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
2259 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2334 – malicious destruction, Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 22:
0027 – assist other dept., Stephanie
0041 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
0102 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0107 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0112 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0115 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0118 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0134 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0135 – malicious destruction, Haggerty Rd.
0239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0253 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0301 – overdose, McKinley St.
0328 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0435 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster DR.
0610 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
0711 – domestic, Outer Dr.
0747 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse
0801 – assist other dept., Bak Rd.
0858 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0941 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.

0946 – animal complaint, Alden Ave.
0949 – misc. complaint, Jeremy Rd.
0950 – misc. complaint, Juniper Dr.
1114 – mental subject, Ecorse Rd.
1145 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1205 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
1353 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1413 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1515 – fight, Rawsonville Rd.
1536 – disorderly, W. Huron River Dr.
1612 – indecent exposure, Sumpter Rd.

1652 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1735 – malicious destruction, Park Estates Dr.
1736 – fraud, Briarwood Dr.
1805 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Riggs
1820 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1837 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1905 – traffic offense, Haggerty/Woodbury Green
1920 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2158 – K-9 call out, Greenbrier
2207 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2205 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2325 – noise complaint, Mission Pointe
2346 – fight, Vernon St.

Also on this week's log are 75 traffic stops, including one on I-94 and one on I-275.

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Sunday, Oct. 16:
0100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fourth St.
0243 – intrusion alarm, South St.
0454 – 911 welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.
1452 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1637 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1909 – unattended death, Victorian Ct.
2052 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
2140 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
2301 – assist other dept., Main St.

Monday, Oct. 17:
0057 – suspicious person/vehicle, High/Church
0711 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
0717 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
0911 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
1058 – fight, E. Huron River Dr.
1826 – traffic stop, Main St.
1851 – traffic offense, Main St./Fifth St.
1909 – welfare check, Church St.
2011 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
2032 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
2236 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell St.
Tuesday, Oct. 18:
0743 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
0757 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.
0933 – neighbor trouble, Clarence St.
1221 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1610 – family trouble, San Carlos St.
1702 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
1711 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1752 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
2036 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2308 – domestic, Henry St.

Wednesday, Oct. 19:
0753 – suspicious person/vehicle, Charles St.
0842 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
1400 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.
2035 – welfare check, Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 20:
0223 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter Rd.
1041 – found property/child, W. Columbia Ave.
1043 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1748 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.
2013 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2122 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.

Friday, Oct. 21:
0204 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0226 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0256 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
0959 – abandoned auto, E. Waterbury Ct.
1249 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
1539 – disorderly, Main St.
2208 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
2215 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2215 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

2327 – property damage accident, Church St.
Saturday, Oct. 22:
0114 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.
0529 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0725 – traffic stop, Main St.
0740 – traffic stop, Main St.
0838 – traffic stop, Main St.
0919 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1016 – traffic stop, Main St.
1027 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1124 – property damage accident, Main St.
1148 – traffic stop, Main St.
1201 – traffic stop, High St.
1213 – traffic stop, Main St.
1231 – traffic stop, Main St.
1408 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1432 – traffic stop, Main St.
1442 – traffic stop, Industrial Park Dr./South St.
1459 – traffic stop, Main St.
1509 – traffic stop, South St.
1527 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1549 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1603 – traffic stop, Main St.
1722 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1854 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2118 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell St.
2308 – traffic stop, Main St.
2317 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

There were 33 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 16:
0252 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
1017 – 911 hang up, Mulberry Dr.
1029 – 911 hang up, Arizona St.
1342 – civil matter, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1557 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1615 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1615 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1646 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1844 – follow-up investigation, 27000 bl. Elwell
1918 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
2016 – traffic complaint/road, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
2306 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.
Monday, Oct. 17:
0001 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
0027 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
0347 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1157 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1208 – welfare check, Wayside Dr.
1330 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1352 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1422 – animal bite, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1628 – assist other agency, Delaware St.
1808 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1948 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
2224 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
2300 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.
2324 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Harris
2354 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 18:
0015 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr. / Rustic Ln.
0105 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
0159 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0852 – citizen assist, Willow Rd./Sumptre Rd.
1009 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1109 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1120 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1301 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1315 – lost/missing juvenile, New Mexico St.
1538 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1610 – citizen assist, Birch Dr.
1737 – welfare check, New Mexico St.
1747 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1834 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.
2001 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Schrock Dr.
2006 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
2105 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
2243 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.
2250 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2257 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 19:
0130 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
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0230 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Dr.

0410 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.

0712 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1025 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.

1158 – mental health call, Hampshire Dr.

1454 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.

1804 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2101 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.

2104 – harassment complaint, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

2123 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

2200 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis

2253 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willis

Thursday, Oct. 20:

0851 – 911 hang up, Kansas

1228 – assist other agency, N. I-275/Will Carleton

1346 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

1902 – malicious destruction of property, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2045 – traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

2129 – civil matter, Birch Dr.

Friday, Oct. 21:

0123 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.

0342 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

0530 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1109 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1311 – identity theft, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1342 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

1342 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.

1522 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

1608 – lost/missing juvenile, 21000 bl. Sumpter

1626 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

1636 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

1745 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

1909 – juvenile complaint, Edgewood Dr.

1959 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Sumpter

2020 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.

2147 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Sumpter

2152 – property damage accident, Lohr/Davenport

2224 – ORV complaint, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 22:

0058 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.

0233 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.

0415 – juvenile complaint, Birch Dr.

0510 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.

0628 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

0910 – civil matter, Birch Dr.

1014 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.

1439 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.

1446 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1530 – juvenile complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

1854 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1908 – PPO violation, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.

2030 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Willis

2155 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.

2237 – traffic complaint/hazard, Karr Rd./Ray Ln.

Also on this week's log are 154 patrol checks, 47 traffic stops, and 16 misc. details.

Therapy are excited to announce the opening of the Pryde Fitness Studio at 539 Main St. in the new construction along N. Liberty Street. The Belleville location will offer fitness classes only at this time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5 a.m., 6 a.m., and 9 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. Your first class is free. For details, call Eros Vasquez, Director of Operations at (734) 895-1901. Their Canton location offers personal training, group bootcamp classes, and message therapy.

Monday, Oct. 31 is Halloween and trick or treat on Main Street, from 5 to 7 p.m. Downtown merchants will be passing out candy while the Belleville Central Business Community will hold its annual costume contest, starting at 6 p.m. at Fourth Street Square. Prizes will be awarded for first place and runner-up in six categories: Infant to 3 years, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-and up, and Family. Food trucks will be available across the street at Fourth Street Place. The presenting sponsors are Genisys Credit Union and Belleville Downtown on the Lake while the treats and contest sponsors are Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and Wayne County Community College District. See the CBC's ad in today's paper.

The Yankee Air Museum's Historic Presentation Night on Nov. 3 will feature the program "Wings of Gold - The Story of the First Women Naval Aviators." It is a story of a group of six women who were selected for Navy flight training as an experiment back in 1972. They weren't expected to succeed nor make a career in the military. The story reveals their achievements and record-setting firsts, leading by example, confrontation, and overcoming challenges and skepticism. The guest speaker is Pulitzer Prize winning author Beverly Weintraub. Admission is \$10 for non-museum members and free for members. Call (734) 483-4030 and visit www.yankeearmuseum.org.

The Belleville Tigers football team improved to 9-0 this season with a 42-3 victory over unbeaten Brighton last Saturday, Oct. 22, to capture the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association Conference Championship title. Belleville starts its playoff run this Friday, Oct. 28, at home against Woodhaven (6-3) starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are available online only at <https://gofan.co/app/events/749155?schoolId=MI9892>. Gates open at 5 p.m. Go, Tigers!

Congratulations to Carmen Stovall and Crafted Modern Handmade as they celebrate their eighth business anniversary this weekend with a customer-appreciation event. Carmen first started out on East Columbia Avenue as a small business artist and offered weekly art and jewelry-making classes. She then relocated her business to Main Street, where she expanded her floorspace and merchandise selection, including more Michigan-made products. This paved the way for her to open Crafted Beanery. Follow them on Facebook for this weekend's activities.

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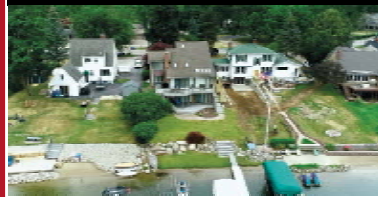
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