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The Belleville High School Varsity Boys' football team beat Saline High School, 65-14, on Saturday at the BHS field to win the MHSAA District 1 title, the third year in a row. At 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, BHS will play the Northville Mustangs at the Belleville High School field for the regional title. BHS has won 36 straight games without a loss.

Court Watching

Christopher Buckner shooting case heads back to Circuit Court

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The felony cases against Christopher Isaiah Buckner, 34, of Carleton, which had been bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, were back before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley on Sept. 27 for a "further exam."

Under consideration was a circuit court plea of "attempted CCW" but there was no evidence presented about a prior weapons charge during the preliminary exam on March 1 and so Circuit Court Judge Christopher Blount sent it back to district court for reconsideration of the exam.

On Sept. 27, after discussion between Judge Oakley and the attorney and prosecutor, with Buckner present, it was determined there was no evidence filed

on what the weapon was in the previous gun case.

"There was an improper bind-over on count 4," Judge Oakley agreed and so he removed the charges of possession of weapon by a felon and one of the felony weapon charges and sent the case back to circuit court through motions by the attorneys.

A second arraignment on the information at circuit court was set for Oct. 11. Then a final conference was scheduled for Dec. 7.

"It's not the court's fault at all," said court-appointed defense attorney Jonathan Cohen referring to district court at the Sept. 27 hearing. He said he hadn't presented that evidence and they didn't know what the weapon was in the previous case.

Buckner had been bound over to circuit

court on eight charges in a shooting on Rawsonville Road that left the victim's hand having to be surgically reattached.

The 40-year-old victim, Ulysee Kirkland of Van Buren Township, was in court in a wheelchair and testified to the events that took place on Jan. 30, 2023 around 6:45 a.m. He testified his left hand had to be surgically attached to his body for blood flow due to his hand being shot and losing two fingers.

Kirkland testified he was traveling north on Rawsonville Road near Grove, when defendant Buckner pulled in front of him, got out of his vehicle with a long gun, and fired three rounds into his GMC-Yukon, with the first round injuring his left hand.

Kirkland knew the defendant and identified Buckner to the police as the person who shot him.

In an attempt to escape the defendant, the victim crashed into the rear of the defendant's car, and pulled into Tim Horton's parking lot, to wait for police and a medical team.

Buckner had been bound over on these eight charges:

- Assault with intent to murder;
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Costume winners listed for Belleville CBC Trick or Treat contest

Infant – 3:

- 1st – Dino in Cage, Felliona Reed, 15 months, Garden City
- 2nd – A League of their Own, Dottie, Belleville
- 3rd – Firefighter, Denorris Williams III, Belleville

Age 4-6:

- 1st – Wednesday, Paityn Adkins, Belleville
- 2nd – Clown, Freya Halleck, Ypsilanti
- 3rd – Scream, Landon Leigh, Belleville

Age 7-9:

- 1st – Clown, Loraina Leigh, Belleville
- 2nd – It, Presslee Adkins, Belleville
- 3rd – Road Runner, Isaac Starkey, Belleville

Age 10-12:

- 1st – The Ring, Charli Gilbee, Belleville
- 2nd – The Joker, Marcus Williams, Belleville
- 3rd – Sea Creatures, Aprielle and Ellajure Hart, Belleville

Age 13 & Up:

- 1st – Steam Puny Girl, Gracelyn Bruce-Watson, Belleville
- 2nd – Vampire, Abigail Randall, Belleville
- 3rd – Dumb and Dumber, Colt and Conner, Belleville

Family:

- 1st – Looney Tunes, the Starkey and White families, Belleville
- 2nd – Magic Family, the Davis and Pineau families, Belleville
- 3rd – Little Red Riding Hood, identity unknown

*Names of winners
courtesy of Jennifer Jones*



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

It is estimated that around 1,400 people attended the downtown Belleville trick-or-treat event on Halloween, Oct. 31. Main Street was closed as a safety measure and trick or treaters in costumes visited stores and outside booths for their treats. A costume contest was held at the Fourth Street Square. Prizes were empty pizza boxes that could be turned in for hot pizzas at the winners' discretion. The event is put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.

VBT DDA recommends Wade Trim for Safe Streets Plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Oct. 24, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to recommend Wade Trim engineers to gather information and complete the SS4A Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The township received a grant of \$384,900 from the U.S. Department of Transportation which is matched by 20% -- \$97,000 -- from the DDA, for a total of \$481,500, which will fund implementation of this project in part.

Wade Trim proposed data collection to conduct modeling and complete the study, a truck route study, and a pedestrian traffic study (conceptual cost estimate).

There were proposals from six firms and the review committee recommended Wade Trim.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said the township is developing the plan with a goal of achieving zero roadway fatalities by the year 2028 and a 50% reduction in crashes resulting in injury along arterials, collectors, and local roads in the township.

The project includes the entire township,

but will focus on troublesome areas. The focus will be on the Belleville Road Corridor, where traffic volumes reach 35,000 a day.

With this plan in place, the township will be ranked higher for larger grants for the widening of Belleville Road, according to consultants.

In other business at the 27-minute, Oct. 24 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved the review committee's recommendation of Wade Trim for completion of the Belleville Road Corridor Safety & Complete Streets Plan out of proposals from three firms. The SEMCOG Planning Assistance Program Award for \$40,000 was received by the township which in part will fund this project. This plan, for Belleville Road only, overlaps with the SS4A plan for the whole township, Coburn said;

- Approved the price quote of Davenport Brothers Construction of Belleville to install the concrete pad for the benches and trash can on the former DNR property north of the Belleville Bridge at Quirk Road, now owned by Van Buren Township. Cost is \$3,800. Jamie's Custom Concrete and Construction of Livonia was high-bidder at \$5,485; Romana Construction

of Melvindale was \$3,700; and Saladino Construction Company of Ann Arbor was low bidder at \$3,200;

- Approved the 2024 meeting dates as 3 p.m. the fourth Tuesdays of the month: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26 and no meeting in December. The chairman can change the time of the meeting if necessary;

- Approved a budget amendment to move \$1.3 million from fund balance to the recently approved Belleville Road Right of Way Acquisition (\$1 million) and Engineering (\$300,000) for the design concept cost for the Belleville Road Widening Project. Staff had completed the budget projects for fiscal year 2023 and so the budget amendment spreadsheet dated Oct. 24 needed a resolution by the DDA board. This brings the fund balance for 2023 down to \$4,500,058.74;

- Heard Coburn report three property owners have replied to DDA offers of right-of-way acquisitions along Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse as determined by the DDA in a closed session during its last meeting. She said that started the 30-day clock ticking for agreements. After a

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

New Belleville City Council has its job cut out for it

On Tuesday, no one was running against the five candidates for city council, so they were certain to win.

Two of the present council members – Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilman Tom Fielder – have long-term information on city business since they have been around for a very long time. Since they did not run for reelection, that knowledge will be lost.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt, who is to be elected the new mayor, is the only one on the new council who remembers why things were done the way they were done way back in history. He served as a police officer in the city and retired from that post. He has been on many boards and commissions for the city and he has a good memory.

The council will have to rely on his good memory to guide them forward, since they have lots of work to do.

The city needs to name a new police chief and it is unclear whether the lame-duck council or the new council will be asked to vote on the city manager's recommendation on the chief. A list of applicants for police chief has been waiting for action since about June.

Then, there's the approved vote on a millage for upgraded streets that needs to be moved forward. And, the city hall roof needs to be replaced. And, there's all those vacant buildings downtown. The two new members and three current ones, have lots of work to do.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received the story about the BHS play coming up from our intrepid reporter Andrea VanDenBerg, along with a note about a former BHS Tiger Drama member.

"One of the 2023 graduates, David Grivas (Cat in the Hat in "Suessical", Earnest in "The Importance of Being Earnest"), was the only freshman who got a part in the Wayne State University production of "Rocky Horror Picture Show"! We went and saw it yesterday -- he did a great job and it was really good! When he is on Broadway we will be able to say he came from Belleville!"

The railroad crash in Romulus the morning of Nov. 2 made national news. A story was published the next day in *The Wall Street Journal*. The city said 10 to 14 cars derailed from the CSX railroad line about 9:30 a.m. near Shook and Wick roads. Students from an elementary school and a middle school were transferred to Romulus High School as a precaution, according to the city. It appeared most of the cars were empty and some of the cars tumbled upon each other. There appeared to be no threat to the public. There were no injuries reported.

On Monday we received an unsigned postcard addressed to "Van Buren Tax Paying Residents" and complaining about the Haunted House on Belleville Road just north of the bridge and cars parking in the Presbyterian Church parking lot without permission and people walking across busy Belleville Road in the dark. People also parked along both sides of Harmony Lane where it is unlighted and dangerous.



The writer said he/she called the township and was told they do not need a permit for a haunted house. The writer said the situation was very dangerous.

We're told the writer also complained about this on social media.

For the first time since March, the city of Belleville's Planning Commission is going to meet. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at city hall. Two items are on the agenda: a sign review for Health Markets at 186 Main St. and a review of the storage ordinance, with a proposed change for boat storage in a driveway, requested by a Victorian Commons homeowner.

The commission met in February and in March and this will be the third meeting this year although the planning commission is scheduled to meet monthly. In 2022 it met once and in 2021 and 2020 it met just twice each year. Of course, those were the COVID years, but zoom meetings were used for city council meetings. By state law a planning commission "shall hold not less than four regular meetings each year."

To be fair to the commissioners, many have been complaining that they haven't had any meetings. Although it was stated there were no agendas, they thought they could have had meetings to supply updates on state law changes and other things they should know.

We deliver *Independents* each Thursday

morning and drive west along the South I-94 Service Drive as part of our route. We watched with interest the construction and opening of the truck dealership on the north side of the freeway in Van Buren Township. Those crews worked nonstop to get the building up and finished. We liked to watch workers on the roof. It is a great building.

Now we watch the slowed westbound traffic on I-94 between Haggerty and Rawsonville roads caused by the construction around the confiscated left lane. Sometimes the line of trucks and cars waiting to go west is at a complete standstill. Sure hope the MDOT's plan for self-driving cars in that left lane turns out to be useful. It's a pilot project.

The city of Belleville moved its regular council meetings during November to different days to accommodate the clerk's office for the city election on Nov. 7, when workers have very long hours. That means the city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 27 meet the same day as the regular 7 p.m. meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. This is a conflict for me to cover, so maybe I'll have to choose one.



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Letters

Lots of help for Sumpter Trunk and Treat event

To the editor:

On Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, Sumpter Township's Community Outreach Committee held our Trunk and Treat event in the Community Center's parking lot.

I would like to personally thank Bill Abraham for bringing his haunted house, Esther Hurst, Karen Armatis, Christine Saksewski, Butch Armatis, Anthony Burdick, Mary Herring, Sue Dufresne, Sumpter Township Senior Center, Jina and Tim Grablick from Sumpter Ace Hardware, Tim Rush, Bart Patterson, Matthew Oddy, Malissa Paquette, Donna Shaw from Cedar Woods Assisted Living, Sumpter Township Police Department, Sumpter Township Fire Department, Erica Campbell, Sally Misiore and Scott Macshara for their time, donations of candy and being part of our community.

Each of these volunteers and supporters made our event a success. I cannot thank each one of you enough. A special note is that Mary Herring won the contest for the best-decorated trunk.

Thank you to all who attended, participated, and planned this event.

Scott Holtz

Sumpter Township Finance Director

Veterans Day is day we honor LIVING veterans

To the editor:

Veterans Day is Nov. 11, 2023. This is the day we honor our LIVING Veterans.

On Nov. 11, I ask you to show your support again and reach out to a veteran in our community.

Thank them for their service and tell them how valued they still are. Share a friendly talk or a meal together. And remember to also thank those who provide support to veterans in our community, including their families.

You really don't need a national holiday to display our U.S. Flag. Every day is a good day.

Pick up a FREE refurbished flag at 48 S. Biggs St., Belleville. These flags are from local graves of veterans who have lost their lives. Let's honor them again by flying their flag in front of your home this Veterans Day, 2023.

You can also drop off any old/faded/torn flag on the front porch container. Thank you.

Pete Pitzen, Chairman Flag Committee
VFW Post 4434

BHS at-home game

• **Saturday, Nov. 11** – Belleville High School Varsity Football will host Northville for a 1 p.m. game at BHS.

Diane Kiessel, BHS Athletics Secretary

Sam's kindness restored my faith in fellow man

To the editor:

I stopped today (Oct. 31) to get gas (\$15 worth) and a coffee at the Sumpter (BP) Market and used the opportunity to rid myself of \$3 in change I'd collected over the last month. I counted out my loose change and supplemented the amount by another \$12 using my Mastercard debit card. It took me several minutes, and as I finished paying, I commented to the clerk that I was trying to hurry, as I didn't wish to inconvenience the "young gentleman" who was standing behind me any longer than was absolutely necessary. The young man heard me say this, and assured me that I need not worry, he was happy to wait: indeed, a true gentleman. But I had no idea at this point how astute my observation would turn out to be.

As I fumbled removing my locking gas cap, I looked up to find that this young man had followed me to the gas pump, where he announced that when I finished pumping my \$15 worth of gasoline, he'd like to pay for an additional \$20 worth of gas for me: a very, very nice gesture. I introduced myself as "Bill" and he shook my hand and introduced himself as "Sam."

Over this past month, my sister (Darlene Davis) was diagnosed with Stage 4 bone cancer and within the week of her admittance to Beaumont Trenton ICU, we lost her to this terrible disease. I had been deep in the grip of depression over this, but with this one kind act, Sam restored my faith in my fellow man.

I will add this: the people who raised Sam did a first-rate job. Sam is a wonderful human being! Thank you again, Sam.

William G. Wilson

Sumpter Township



Nov. 2 – Pastor Doug Valentine

Nov. 6 – Allen Smolen

Nov. 9 -- twins Gary Strauss and Terry Strauss, Evelyn Larabell

Nov. 10 – Charity Fielder, Jim Graham, Jo Andes

Nov. 11 – Joey Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Dorothy Wagonlander, Nevaeh Robinson

Nov. 12 – Michelle Littleton

Nov. 14 – Christina Christman

Nov. 15 – Barb Rider

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Nov. 9** – Classic movie, "Footlight Parade," at the Belleville Area District Library, 6:30 p.m. Last in the series sponsored by the Friends of the BADL and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Friday, Nov. 10** – St. Aloysius Church Ushers Club Feather Party Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo begins at 7 p.m. at 37200 Neville St., Romulus, parish activity center. Bingo prizes are gift certificates for chickens and turkeys. Information: (734) 697-2061
- **Saturday, Nov. 11** – Veterans Day celebration at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument on High Street in Belleville. Brief event put on by VFW and PLAV.
- **Saturday, Nov. 11** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents Otter River at 8 p.m., \$10. Food available. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 15** – Light up the Park at 6 p.m. at Harris Park, 10101 Belleville Rd., sponsored by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.
- **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and Nov. 18** – The Belleville High School Tiger Drama club presents "Clue on Stage – High School Edition" for three performances – at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday at the BHS Auditorium. Ticket cost is \$10 at the door or at gofan.co.
- **Saturday, Nov. 18** – BHS Holiday Craft & Vendor Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 18** – St. Joseph Catholic Church Council of Catholic Women present their Holiday Festival Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holy Family Center, 9425 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti. Holiday luncheon, bake sale, raffle door prizes, winter scene starring Santa photo op.
- **Saturday, Nov. 18** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents Southern Express at 8 p.m., \$15. Food available. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.
- **Monday, Nov. 20** – Tree of Remembrance ceremony at the Brown Family Center begins with fellowship and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the outside ceremony around the tree at 7 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring a weatherproof ornament to hang on the tree in memory of a loved one.
- **Monday, Nov. 20** – Belleville Area Garden Club members invite the public to join them at 7 p.m. at the Cozadd Room at the Belleville Area District Library to hear guest speaker Ric Lawson of the Huron River Watershed Council. He will present: "Get your lawn a job! Rain Gardens and how they help restore the Huron River."
- **Thursday, Nov. 30, to Sunday, Dec. 3** – Winterfest in Belleville. Soup Crawl 6-8 p.m. Friday, with Holiday Village on Saturday from 10 a.m. to the lighted parade 5:30 Saturday afternoon, followed by dancing on the Fourth Street Square to live music, 8-11 p.m. Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carriage rides are Saturday and Sunday.

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


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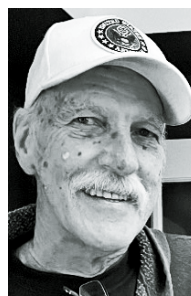
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Obituaries



Keith Allan Bradley

KEITH ALLAN BRADLEY

Keith Allan Bradley, October 31, 2023, age 76,
of Belleville.Beloved husband of the late Dianne Bradley.
Loving father of Kelly (Steve) Kachnowski and
Kirk (Dawn) Bradley.

Significant other of Doreen Linderman.

Keith proudly served his country in the U.S.
Army during the Vietnam War.Keith will be missed by the dogs in the
neighborhood, who enjoyed stopping by for
treats.Memorial contributions may be made to
American Legion Post #32, 9318 Newburgh
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Helen Caroline Johnson

HELEN CAROLINE JOHNSON

(February 19, 1925 – October 30, 2023)

Helen Caroline Johnson ("Caroline"), age
98, passed away on October 30, 2023, at The
University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor,
MI. She was born on February 19, 1925, in
Gulliver, MI to Charles and Sarah (Larson)
MacGregor.Caroline was 1 of 17 children and as a youth
Caroline enjoyed singing, dancing, and
spending time with her many older siblings.
Caroline was an animal lover; she often rescued
stray cats and dogs at her son's salvage yard
E&M Auto Parts, where she worked for over 25
years. Caroline was a talented poet and enjoyed
writing poetry, but most of all she loved to be
surrounded by her family.Caroline is survived by her son Brian
(Belynda Domas) Johnson of Belleville, MI;
6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and
many, many nieces, and nephews.
Caroline is preceded in death by her parents,
husband Norman John Johnson, and son Scott
Warren Johnson.A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday,
November 10, 2023 from 12 to 4 PM with a 4
PM service. Reverend Annie Kopko officiating
at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E.
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be made to the Gertrude House in Ypsilanti,
MI. <https://www.gilbertresidence.com/donations/>www.davidcbrownfh.com

Lawrence Joseph Maas

LAWRENCE JOSEPH MAAS

(April 3, 1940 – November 3, 2023)

Lawrence Joseph Maas, age 83, of Ypsilanti
Township, MI, passed away peacefully Friday,
November 3, 2023, at his home, under hospice
care, surrounded by family. He was born April
3, 1940, in Detroit, MI, son of Lawrence B.
Maas, Sr. and Mary (Kebaitis) Maas.He graduated from Cody High School, class
of 1958, where he played basketball and
football. Larry was an avid Detroit sports fan,
and loved nature. In his younger years, Larry
was a bicyclist, rode motorcycles and hunted
with his best friend, Tom. He was a diesel
mechanic for more than 40 years and retired
from Cummins. Larry was a member of BBC
Striders of Belleville where he and Myriam ran,
walked, traveled and celebrated life with their
friends who became family. Larry has always
had a passion for photography and capturing
the beauty and fun in life. He photographed
everything from the hummingbirds in his back
yard and high school sports, to classic cars,
weddings, road races and the Thanksgiving Day
parade for The Parade Company. Most of all, he
loved spending time with his family, especially
his children and grandchildren.Mr. Maas is survived by his loving wife of nearly
29 years, Myriam C. (Reeves) Maas; son John
Maas of Westland, MI; daughter Jeannine (Ted)
Billups of Rockford, MI; two bonus daughters
Kelly Correa and Brooke (Peter) Leite, both
of Plymouth Township, MI; 4 grandchildren
Miles, Lucia, Jack, and Henry; 5 siblings
Mary Jean, Carol, Jerry, Terry, and Betty; also
numerous nieces, nephews, extended family
and many friends. He was preceded in death by
his parents.Visitation will be 3-7 PM Thursday, November
9, 2023, at David C. Brown Funeral Home,
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2764, (734) 697-4500.Memorial contributions may be made to St.
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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Nov. 9 – Keystone Academy
school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township
Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 6 p.m.
Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 13 – "Wheels for Independence"
Senior Citizens Transportation Committee, 5:30
p.m., Brown Family Center. Also, Van Buren
Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. Also,
Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Sumpter Township Board
of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District
Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Van Buren Township
Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also,
Belleville Downtown Development Authority,
6 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 21 – Van Buren Township
work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools
Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Jerry Townsend

JERRY TOWNSEND

(October 22, 1958 – October 31, 2023)

Jerry Townsend, age 65, from Romulus, MI, passed away October 31, 2023 due to complications from COPD. He was born October 22, 1958 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Edward and Dorothy Townsend (Hall).

Jerry graduated in 1977 from Belleville High School and married his high school sweetheart Cynthia (Drotar) in 1979. Jerry worked for Van Buren Public Schools Transportation after high school and then opened Superior Services with his father in 1980 in his parents' back yard. In 1983 they purchased the building on Davis Street in Belleville, MI, where they became Superior Auto & Truck Services Inc. They ran the family business through the years and sold the business in 2021 when he then retired.

He enjoyed making projects with wood and metal that he fabricated himself and then made. In his leisure time he would ride his Honda Gold Wing that he was so proud of, but especially he enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter and his wife and family.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 44 years Cynthia Townsend (Drotar), daughter Kristen (Christopher) Lustic, son Jeremy (Moriah) Townsend, his granddaughter Fonia Lustic, and two grandsons Samuel and Johnny Townsend, his father Edward Townsend (Dorothy Townsend deceased), sisters Cindy (Terry) Edwards and Michelle (David) Traskos, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins and friends.

Honoring Jerry's wishes, he has been cremated and requested no memorial service.

MARY JANE HAGERMAN-PIZIKS

(December 8, 1932 – October 18, 2023)

The obituary for Mary Jane Hagerman-Piziks printed in the Nov. 2 *Independent* is corrected to include two more survivors: granddaughter Lisa McCarty of Wisconsin and daughter-in-law Sharon Hagerman of Canton, the widow of Mary Jane's son, James.



Douglas Lee Beard



DOUGLAS LEE BEARD

(June 17, 1943 – November 2, 2023)

Douglas Lee Beard, age 80, passed away on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Evangelical Home in Saline, Michigan. Doug was born on June 17, 1943 in Lansing, Michigan, to the late Walter and Nadine (Griffith) Beard.

Doug served 8 years in the Air Force deployed to Turkey and the Azores. In 1964 he married and is survived by Judy Meyers Beard. In 2005 he married the late Wanda Macomber. Doug is survived by his children Margaret Beard, William (Laura) Beard, and Douglas W. (Kyla) Beard, and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his sisters, Sally (Timothy) Sujek and Alice (Martin) Jannereth, special cousin Deb Eiseler, several nieces and nephews, and his fun friends at City Limits Diner.

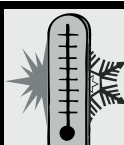
Music was a very important part of Doug's life starting at a young age, in church and school choirs, and as a main character role in Sexton High School's production of "Oklahoma." Doug enjoyed piano lessons which led to learning to play the organ with the help of Dr. Richard Klausli of Plymouth Congregational Church. With fellow musician and friend, Doug Cogger, the two Dougs entertained seniors at the Evangelical home in Saline and at community Christmas festivities. He also served as organist at Sharon United Methodist Church in Manchester. Doug was involved in youth scouting which led to decades of volunteering with the Boy Scout Program where he received the highest volunteer award given: The Silver Beaver Award.

Funeral Services took place on Tuesday, November 7 at 12:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Deacon Doug Cummings officiated the service. Military Honors were held under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veteran's Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. Inurnment will take place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI, at a later date. To sign Doug's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information please visit www.rbhfsaline.com.



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A display of some of the artworks of the late Bob Mytych was set up by Elaine Gutierrez of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts during the art council's Community Art Show on Oct. 13. Mr. Mytych worked for the *Independent* for more than 20 years in various positions. He was most recently advertising manager and served as the paper's editorial page cartoonist. He also provided artworks for many community projects, including drawing all the pages for the Central Business Community's Christmas Coloring Book. He died suddenly on Aug. 19 at his home in Sumpter Township.



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Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications Dept. Friends of the Belleville Area Friends of the Library pose for a picture at their used-book sale on Saturday at the library. The sale was also open on Sunday. From left are Alison Bennett, Donna Gilkey-Lavin, Jan Black, Cheryl Owen, Peggy Green, and Dee Crowe.

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- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder;
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Two charges now have been dismissed. Bond of \$500,000 cash/surety was set at arraignment, but then reduced to \$100,000 by Judge Lisa Martin at a probable cause conference on Feb. 15. Bond was posted through a bail bondsman.

The bond of \$100,000 was continued and he was not to be released without a GPS tether.

Benjamin Richard Williams

Benjamin Richard Williams, 45, of Detroit, was scheduled for his probable cause conference on March 22 on charges of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and police officer assault on Feb. 21 in Van Buren Township. He was scheduled for a probable cause conference on April 5. Bond is \$5,000/10%. A preliminary examination was set for May 3 for him and his co-defendant Tanya Joy Kinnen. The preliminary exams were reset for May 10 because one of the defense attorneys couldn't attend the May 3 date.

On May 10, Williams failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued.

Tanya Joy Kinnen

Tanya Joy Kinnen, who was at a rehab in a church in Warren and previously lived in Van Buren Township, is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle and assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on Feb. 21 in Van Buren Township. Her probable cause conference was March 8 and it was adjourned until March 22.

On March 22, she was not at court and her appearance was waived. A preliminary exam was set for May 3 and then adjourned until May 10 for her and her co-defendant, Benjamin Richard Williams. On May 10, she failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued.

On Aug. 28, she was video-arraigned on the bench warrant while in custody at Van Buren Township Police Department.

Her probable cause conference was set for Sept. 6. Personal bond is \$10,000.

On Sept. 6, her probable cause conference was adjourned to Sept. 20 because Kinnen did not appear and her attorney said she had had no contact with her client. The attorney said she would go to her house. On Sept. 20 her preliminary exam was set for Sept. 27 before Judge Oakley. But she failed to appear, so a bench warrant was issued. She was in custody at the Wayne County Jail so the warrant was canceled. An attorney was not available for an Oct. 5 arraignment, so it was postponed until Oct. 11 and then Oct. 18. An email from the defendant on Oct. 25 asked for a new date.

Destin Devon Russell

Destin Devon Russell, 24, of Belleville was arraigned on Aug. 10, 2022 and charged with having no insurance and a registration/plate violation on July 9, 2022 in the city of Belleville. His pretrial was held Aug. 10 and he was scheduled for a remote arraignment/pretrial on Sept. 7. He failed to appear and on Sept. 14 a default judgment was ordered and the case was closed.

David Lee Zirker III

David Lee Zirker III, 23, of Inkster was arraigned by Judge Green on a bench warrant on Aug. 19, 2022 for false pretenses between \$200 and \$1,000 in Van Buren Township on May 24, 2019. He had failed to appear on June 22, so a warrant was put out for his arrest.

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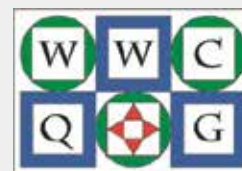
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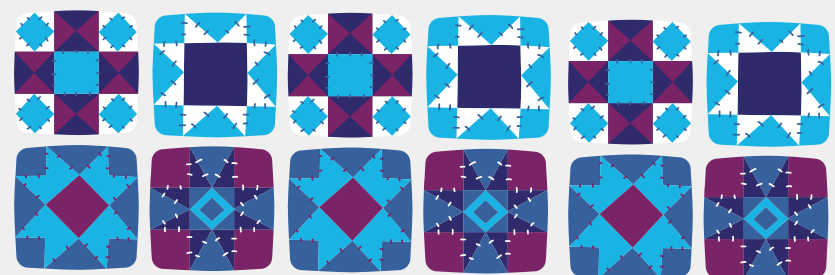


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Keystone Academy board allocates \$9,000 for special projects

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Oct. 12 regular meeting of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors, the board allocated a total of \$9,000 from its budget for cheerleading uniforms, perfect attendance awards, and staff recognition.

Principal Jorvonna Drain said the cheerleading uniforms were so old and worn that last year they just wore T-shirts and dark skirts.

"We have purchased new uniforms for all our sports teams except" uniforms for the cheerleaders, she said. "The old uniforms

no longer match nor fit all girls' sizes."

The board approved \$2,500 for 25 uniforms. When asked if they were pleated, Principal Drain said that's what she asked and the salesperson told her that pleated "was dated" and they are straight skirts now.

The board also approved \$2,000 for the perfect attendance awards budget. Principal Drain said, "To



Drain

emphasize the importance of attendance, we would like to recognize any student who achieves perfect attendance, with no absences, tardies, or early dismissal for the entire school year. These funds will be used to purchase items that the students can earn."

She said last year there were 12 students and one staff member that had perfect attendance and they were each able to get \$180, one dollar for each school day.

Drain said they also have monthly awards for perfect attendance and that is supported by pizza sales.

She said the students are very intent on perfect attendance and one student made his mother change all his doctors' appointments so he wouldn't have to miss a day or have early dismissal.

Drain said last year her two daughters, who come to school with her, were tardy once and lost out on the award. She said now they insist on her leaving early enough so that wouldn't happen again.

The board also approved allocating \$4,500 for the Staff Recognition Budget. Drain said 18 teachers who provide special services will get a \$250 stipend at the end of the school year for going above and beyond their normal duties.

She said this includes 10 team leads, two National Junior Honor Society coordinators, a yearbook coordinator, art club, newspaper, science, and PTO representative. All these roles require a year-long commitment from the staff which provides students with an enhanced educational experience, she said.

Drain said the after-school art club is popular, along with a new science club that does experiments. This month it's making slime and next month will be ice cream. The newspaper club, which will make a digital newspaper, has been formed for fourth through eighth graders. A new girls' coding club is being formed after school

for grades third through eighth.

In other business at the 38-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2024-25 offered seats schedule. A total of 721 seats will be offered in Young 5s through eighth grade, the same as the prior academic year. As of the board meeting, Keystone had 696 students enrolled, with one student starting the following Thursday, which is 65 more students than last year at this time. Board member Steve Harvath asked about the number of students in each class and Drain said they try not to go above 30. She said each class has a teacher and paraprofessional and up to two or three extra adults for workshops;

- Learned the school's social worker position still is not filled, but National Heritage Academy representative Andrew Roth said that there is a severe shortage of social workers throughout NHA and other educational systems across the country; and

- Was presented with comparisons of overall proficiency compared to the Van Buren Public Schools and Keystone continues to outperform Van Buren district in every grade level and every subject area. Drain reported that Keystone has a greater achievement gap (5% more) between it and Van Buren in comparison this year from last year. According to scores, Keystone had an overall proficiency rating of 59% in all grades and subjects in 2022-23. Van Buren had a 26% overall rating and the State of Michigan had a 37% rating.

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Recycling effort pays off for Emergency Food Closet in Belleville

Steve Dolot, a resident of Van Buren Township, has been collecting cans and bottles for recycling every Tuesday since the fall of 2020 to earn money for Belleville's Emergency Food Closet in the First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St.

In three years, he has raised more than \$7,200 for the food closet, said food closet director Marilyn Wood, who noted this has been a huge donation to help pay for food for the hungry in the community.

Dolot, 34, is non-verbal and has multiple impairments and this activity helps him improve his fine motor skills and become more independent, she said.

The Emergency Food Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to all residents of Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the City of Belleville. Everyone is given food on his/her first visit with a referral then required to continue to receive food.

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Court watching

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A remote arraignment/pretrial was scheduled for Sept. 1, 2022.

He was in custody of the Wayne County Airport police on Aug. 19, 2022 and was also arraigned by Judge Green for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on Aug. 17, 2022 at the airport. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 31 on that.

No police report was available yet, so they adjourned the probable cause conference to Sept. 7. At that time the preliminary

exam was set for Oct. 19. He was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information, which was adjourned until Nov. 2. A calendar conference was set for Nov. 17 and then continued to Nov. 28 and then Jan. 20, 2023. A final conference was set for March 3 then to March 24. Zirker was jailed on 19 charges, mostly weapons, from a Nov. 22 incident in Westland.

On March 24 he pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a dangerous weapon in the Westland case and all the other Westland charges and the Van Buren Township charges were dismissed. Sentencing was June 1. Bond was \$250,000 cash or surety.

He was set for a pretrial on Dec. 1, 2022 in 34th District Court for his false pretenses charge from 2019. He failed to appear so a bench warrant was issued.

Jessica Renee Montour

Jessica Renee Montour, 35, of Sumpter Township was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, domestic violence, and reckless use of a gun on Aug. 7, 2022 in Sumpter Township.

A probable cause conference was held Aug. 24 and defense attorney Sofia Nelson asked for an additional probable cause conference to give time to go over the discovery. Judge Martin set it for Sept. 7. At that time a live preliminary exam was set for Oct. 19. On Oct. 17 it was removed from the calendar for Oct. 19 and reset for Nov. 30. On Nov. 30, the concealed weapon charge was dismissed and pretrials set for the other two charges for Jan. 11. A pretrial on those charges was set for Feb. 14. A final pretrial with the complainant attending was set for Feb. 28 and at that time the charges were dismissed on a motion by the defense.

Allan Rikker Rains

Allan Rikker Rains, 27, of Sumpter Township was charged with malicious destruction of fire or police property, assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, two counts of assault or assault and battery, and disorderly person-drunk on Aug. 13, 2022 in Sumpter Township.

He was arraigned in custody at Huron Township police lockup on Aug. 16 and his probable cause conference was set for Aug. 24. Bond was set at \$5,000/10%.

His defense attorney said she was newly hired and needed to have time to research the disc with all the discovery. Judge Martin adjourned the probable cause conference to Sept. 14. A live preliminary exam was set for Oct. 26 and then reset for Dec. 7.

On Dec. 7, Judge Oakley approved Prosecutor Bryn Bailey's plea deals on the charges. The charge of malicious destruction of fire property was reduced to malicious destruction of property and he pled no contest and was fined. He pled no contest to a reduced charge of police officer assault and was fined. He pled no contest to two counts of assault and battery and was fined and the charges will be dismissed in 12 months if there are no violations. The charge of disorderly drunk was dismissed on a motion of the prosecuting attorney. Total amount of \$2,000 in fines is on a payment plan and had to be paid by March 7, 2023.

Daniel O'Neil Adams

Daniel O'Neil Adams, 20, of Redford was charged with receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and retail fraud-third degree in Van Buren Township on Aug. 21, 2022.

At his probable cause conference on Aug. 31 his defense attorney Somers Brush said she needed digital footage from the prosecution so Judge Martin gave her one week, and the probable cause conference was adjourned until Sept. 7. A live preliminary exam then was set for Oct. 19. It was held and he was bound over by Judge Oakley for a Nov. 2 arraignment on the information at circuit court. A calendar conference was set for Nov. 16. Final conference was set for Jan. 25 and adjourned to Feb. 8 and continued to March 8. A violation hearing was set for April 11 and continued to May 18 and reset to May 26. He pled guilty to both charges and sentencing was June 20.

Ahmed Ali Al-Najaar

Ahmed Ali Al-Najaar, 19, of Erie, PA, and formerly of Sumpter Township, pled guilty to an improper plate on vehicle infraction and his charge of no-insurance under the

Insurance Code was dismissed. This was from an incident in the city of Belleville at 11:42 p.m., April 26

On Aug. 31, 2022 Judge Martin approved the deal and fined him \$200. Case closed.

Jennifer Crystal McMullan

Jennifer Crystal McMullan, 38, of Detroit was arraigned on a bench warrant by Judge Oakley on Sept. 2, 2022 stemming from a Feb. 7, 2021 charge in the City of Belleville for receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and unlawful driving away of an auto. Judge Oakley canceled the warrant for her arrest and she was scheduled for her arraignment/probable cause conference on Sept. 14, 2022. Personal bond of \$10,000 was set. She was in the treatment home of New Vision in Washtenaw. Her probable cause conference was set for Oct. 19.

On Oct. 19, McMullan was present via video from the Washtenaw County Jail where she was being held on another charge. Her live exam at 34th District Court was set for Nov. 30, 2022 and at that time charges were dismissed without prejudice.

Derrick Douglas Gabbard

Derrick Douglas Gabbard, 36, of Van Buren Township and formerly of Willis, was arraigned on three bench warrants by Magistrate Al Hindman on Sept. 8, 2022. Two cases were from Van Buren Township and one from Romulus.

He was arraigned on one count of assault and battery and one count of malicious destruction of property in Van Buren Township on June 2, 2022. He also was arraigned on one charge of retail fraud in Van Buren Township on June 27, 2022. He had failed to appear for court sessions on those charges so the bench warrants were issued. He was given personal bond of \$5,000 and a remote pretrial date of Oct. 6, 2022. On Oct. 6, 2022 the charges were dismissed on a motion of the VBT prosecutor.

He also was arraigned on a Romulus charge of driving while license suspended in a traffic accident on June 19, 2020. A remote pretrial on that charge was set for Oct. 17, 2022 and he failed to appear, so a bench warrant was issued.

Nicole Ann Reese

Nicole Ann Reese of Lincoln Park and formerly of Van Buren Township, was arraigned by Magistrate Hindman on Sept. 8, 2022 on a charge of domestic violence on Sept. 5 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set at \$5,000 and a remote pretrial set for Sept. 27.

On Sept. 27, Wayne County Assistant

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VBT planners approve cutting 87 trees as first step for Ashley Capital

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Kyle Morton, speaking for Ashley Capital, explained that they need to get critical access to the east side of the site for Building 11, which is in an open field. The access, however, is now blocked by trees.

The site is on the south side of Van Born Road and west of Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township.

He said there is 12" of topsoil on the land, some 200,000 cubic yards, and the topsoil

is "not buildable." They were able to give away 50,000 cubic yards to a contractor who needs to build berms. He said another contractor is interested, but access is needed.

On the Oct. 11 regular meeting agenda of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission there was a request from applicants Tim Riedl and Dennis Schultz on behalf of owner Crossroads Distribution Center North 11 for a tree removal permit for 87 trees.

The two were not present at the meeting and Morton spoke for the project.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said Ashley Capital had provided a grading plan sheet, a permit from EGLE, and details of the 87 trees targeted. Also, Wayne County has worked with them on a soil erosion kit and will allow offsite hauling.

Director Power said 76 regulated trees and 11 non-regulated trees is just part of the 440 total regulated trees and 354 non-regulated trees they will ask to be removed at the final site plan application.

He said they will pay a bond of \$350 per regulated tree and a tree survey had been provided for this first group.

Morton said they hadn't planned on having access to Haggerty, but the county is putting in a traffic signal half way between Ecorse and Van Born roads on Haggerty in its upcoming road project, so a road will come into the Ashley site.

He said the project is on the agenda of the Wayne County Commission meeting next week and if they approve the Haggerty Road project, it will start in November.

Commissioner Bernie Grant said the township requires a bond of \$350 per tree no matter how big the tree they cut down. He asked if there were "monument trees" among those to be cut down. Director Power said he didn't know if "monument" trees were in the ordinance and he would check.

They are retaining 2,772 regulated trees on the site (86%). Morton said the company hired a firm which counted 7,096 trees in the development and made a listing of details for each tree.

Ashley Capital had provided the EGLE notice of authorization it received a year ago for wetland preservation and abandonment of 2,363 linear feet of the Bell Drain and a new storm water management pond, among other items. The authorization is good until Nov. 11, 2027.

Morton said there were two piles of topsoil of about 19,000 cubic yards each that were left over from other building on the site.

"We're trying to get rid of the topsoil," Morton said.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said this project was going in a different order than normal projects, with the tree removal permit request so early. He said the bond should be paid before the trees are removed.

Morton said the \$26,600 for the bond will be paid within the next few days.

The tree removal permit was granted unanimously by the planning commission, with stipulations.

In other action at the 45-minute meeting, the planning commission granted an extension of the final site plan for a 16,280-square-foot, multi-tenant light

industrial building at 6060 Schooner Dr. The final site plan was approved March 9, 2022 and there was no activity since then, Power said. Approval was for one year.

A building permit was sought on July 31 and so the extension procedure was started.

Scott Wright, architect, said owner Sam Patel had his wife pass away last summer and things were delayed and then they couldn't get a contractor. Now all the drawings are completed and they got their water main permit from the State of Michigan. He said they hope to break ground this year.

The extension was granted to Sam Patel for one year from this date, with building to begin no later than Oct. 22, 2024.

Under general discussion, it was noted that Commissioner Jackson Pahle has earned his Citizen Planner certification.

Commission Chairman Brian Cullin said he went to a state conference and the presentation by Vidya Krishnan, the township's planning consultant, and Director Power was on battery storage and had a lot of good information.

VBT DDA

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closed-door session at the Sep. 26 DDA meeting, the board voted to make the Just-Compensation Offers as presented in the amount of \$800,000 with a 20% incentive offer to each easement if accepted within 30 days of the offer;

- Heard Coburn report that the DDA Small Business Resource Session got off to a slow start but is gaining traction. She is continuing to survey small businesses in the district to determine their training needs. Resource Sessions are being held the first and third Tuesdays and Thursdays at the DDA building;
- Learned Coburn is planning the first-annual Light Up the Park event at Harris Park, tentatively at 6 p.m. Nov. 16. A \$600 frame tree will be in the center, with hot chocolate and treat hand outs; and
- Was informed Coburn is surveying the DDA district businesses to see who is interested in purchasing a banner to have it hung along the Belleville Road Corridor, between Tyler and Quirk roads. DDA chairman Craig Atchinson suggested business banners at a recent meeting and said he was interested in one for his business. The agreement calls for payment of \$125 for the banner plus a \$25 installment fee.

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Court Watching

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Prosecutor Sona Movsisyan made a motion to dismiss the charge and the case was dismissed by Judge Martin.

Patrick James Anderson

The defense attorney for Patrick James Anderson, 43, of Ypsilanti, told Judge Oakley she did not have digital discovery for her client, so on Sept. 7, 2022 Judge Oakley adjourned Anderson's probable cause conference to Sept. 28. Anderson is

charged with operating while intoxicated-third offense on April 10, 2021 in Van Buren Township.

On Sept. 28 his live preliminary exam was set for Nov. 2. Then, it was reset for Nov. 9 and he was bound over to circuit court for a Nov. 23 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for Dec. 6 and reset to Jan. 9. A final conference was set for Feb. 27. On March 22 he pled guilty. On April 28 he was sentenced to 6 months in the Wayne County Jail (minus 2 days served), 2 years of probation, a fine of \$1,348, and 60 hours of community service.

Tommy L. Robinson

Tommy L. Robinson, 31, of Woodridge, IL, was due for a Sept. 14, 2022 probable cause conference on a refiled charge of possession of a weapon by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and weapons-felony firearm on Aug. 6 in Van Buren Township.

The first charges were dismissed without prejudice by Judge Martin on Aug. 31 because the prosecution did not have the witness and failed to supply digital discovery. The charges were immediately refiled.

His probable cause conference then was set for Sept. 21 to give time for the defense attorney to get the digital discovery from the prosecutor. He was being held in the Wayne County Jail on a warrant from out of state and his attorney said time is of the essence.

On Sept. 21, a live preliminary exam was set for Oct. 12. On Oct. 12 the exam was held and Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for an Oct. 19 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for Dec. 9 and adjourned to Dec. 15. A pretrial was set for Dec. 20 and was adjourned until Jan. 12. On Jan. 12, he pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and the other charges were dropped. Sentencing was set for Jan. 30.

He was sentenced to \$998 in fees and two years of probation. A review of his extradition warrant was set for Feb. 2 and he was extradited.

Brandon Charles Frierson

Brandon Charles Frierson, 40, of Indianapolis, IN, had his probable cause conference on Sept. 21, 2022 on charges

of receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and operating with forged/ altered/false ID on Sept. 5, 2022 in Van Buren Township. His bond was set for \$20,000/10% and he was present for his conference by zoom from the Wayne County Jail.

His probable cause conference was adjourned to Oct. 5 because his attorney Roeiah Epps-Ward said she needed discovery. His bond included not returning to The Waverly apartment complex if released.

On Oct. 5, he was present via video from the Wayne County Jail. His live exam was set for Nov. 16. His defense attorney asked for a reduction in bond. She said he lives in Columbus, Ohio and was visiting his uncle in Sumpter. He has a bachelor's degree from Purdue and is an aeronautical engineer. She said he needs to work to get money to support his three children since school has started.

After hearing the information from Ohio on felonies in 2020 and 2021, Judge Martin, over the prosecutor's objection, reduced his bond to from \$20,000/10% to \$20,000 personal. "He'll be a man of his word or not," Judge Martin said of the chance he would not return from Ohio for his exam.

The exam was reset for Dec. 28. On that date they were unable to locate the file and it was to be sent to the warrant desk when located. The case was set to be reviewed on Jan. 31. On Jan. 20 a warrant for his arrest was signed for failure to appear.

Marcus Eugene Harris

Marcus Eugene Harris, 53, of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned while in custody on Nov. 7 for retail fraud on Oct. 28 and retail fraud, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of narcotic paraphernalia on Nov. 5 in Van Buren Township.

Judge Martin set personal bond at \$10,000 and the remote pretrial for Nov. 16. The defendant is not to return to Walmart.

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- Dr. Seuss, "Happy Birthday to You!"

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Save The Date: Van Buren Township DDA Presents Light Up The Park!
On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in Harris Park, 10101 Belleville Rd.
Experience the radiant glow of holiday lights!
Join us for a season-long celebration of dazzling lights that will illuminate your holiday spirit. Whether you choose to relax under the charming pavilion, the enchanting pergola, or any of the inviting benches along the scenic concrete pathway, you are in for a magical treat!
Your host, the VBT DDA, will provide free hot chocolate and donuts.

Publish: November 2nd
Publish: November 9th

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

On November 17th 2023, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

| | | | | |
|------|-----------|-----|-------------------|----------|
| 2005 | CADILLAC | CTS | 1G6DW677750149103 | 23-10693 |
| 1967 | CONDOR | MT | 20FXS2005 | 23-10569 |
| 2021 | BINTELLI | CY | LL0TCAPR8NG000699 | 23-11243 |
| 2008 | SATURN | 4D | 1G8ZS57N38F244275 | 23-11057 |
| 2022 | FORD | PU | 1FTEW1EP9NKD20378 | 23-11969 |
| 2004 | CHEVROLET | PU | 1GCDT136048169697 | 23-11621 |
| 2003 | NISSAN | 4D | 1N4AL11DX3C173827 | 23-11290 |

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

| | | | | |
|------|-----------|----|-------------------|-----------|
| 2010 | FORD | 4D | 3FAHP0HA4AR247475 | 23-10040 |
| 2014 | FORD | 2D | 1ZVBP8AM3E5297356 | 23-12067 |
| 2002 | SUZUKI | 4D | JS3TX92V424131256 | 23-12229 |
| 2012 | FORD | 4D | 1FAHP3F28CL167210 | 23-10938 |
| 2012 | CHEVROLET | 4D | 2G1WB5E36C1133951 | 23-10123E |
| 2016 | KIA | SW | KNDJP3A53G7355709 | 23-11273 |
| 2010 | DODGE | 4D | 1B3CC4FB0AN193549 | 23-11230 |
| 2009 | FORD | 4D | 3FAHP07Z89R179197 | 23-11091 |
| 2011 | DODGE | 4D | 2B3CL3CG5BH502355 | 23-10123 |
| 2006 | FORD | 4D | 1FAHP34N66W177024 | 23-11761A |
| 2010 | FORD | SW | 1FMCU9E75AKA34125 | 23-10565 |
| 2010 | FORD | 4D | 1FMCU0DG2AKC40354 | 23-10729 |
| 2012 | FORD | 4D | 1FAHP3F26CL221488 | 23-10353 |
| 2014 | FORD | 4D | 1FADP3F2XEL342882 | 23-10945 |

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: On or before November 9th, 2023

Public Notice

Belleville Lake East Boating Access Site Bidding for Mobile Food Concession Operator

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking a qualified vendor to provide mobile food concession services at Belleville Lake East boating access site, beginning with the 2024 season. The qualified vendor will be required to provide all equipment, personnel, and product required for the concession.

Interested parties may obtain a bid packet at www.michigan.gov/StateParkConcessions. Contact Traci Sincock, Park Supervisor at (248) 349-8390 for additional information. Bids are due December 20, 2023, at 3:00 pm.

Publish: November 9, 2023

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 230 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 29:

0025 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
0221 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0348 – intrusion alarm, Colonial Rd.
0839 – abandoned auto, Van Born/Haggerty
0932 – assist other dept., Maurice Dr.
0959 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1043 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1428 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1516 – animal complaint, Chatsworth Dr./Endicott
1626 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse
1756 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1829 – assist fire dept., Hull Rd.
2028 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2049 – assist fire dept., Dewitt Rd.
2117 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
2135 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sheldon Rd.
2204 – suicidal person, Fairbanks St.
2311 – assist other dept., E I-94/Belleville Rd.
2311 – welfare check, Meadows Ln.
2337 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd.
2347 – welfare check, Ash Dr.

Monday, Oct. 30:

0812 – repossession, Oak Ln.
0812 – animal complaint, Winchester St.
0905 – intrusion alarm, Berkdale Dr.
1021 – animal complaint, Beck Rd.
1046 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1129 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1201 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Sub.
1229 – threat, Savage Rd.
1244 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Denton Rd.
1247 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1253 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1304 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1357 – family trouble, Reene Dr.
1449 – suicidal person, Redwood Dr.
1652 – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.
1708 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1846 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1908 – parking complaint, Filmore St.
2006 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.
2224 – suicidal person, McKinley St.
2357 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, boat launch

Tuesday, Oct. 31:

0112 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0128 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lohr Rd.
0204 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0242 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0242 – repossession, Country Ln.
0526 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.
0709 – dumping complaint, Cobblestone
0738 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0828 – welfare check, Van Buren St.
0951 – civil matter, Westlake
1047 – suicidal person, Stonebridge Ct.
1205 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1207 – civil matter, Lighthouse Dr.
1237 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1248 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1226 – assist fire dept., Reedgrass Ln./Wheatgrass
1403 – property damage accident, Belleville
1447 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.
1451 – property damage accident, Haggerty
1504 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1556 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1610 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1628 – family trouble, Park Estates Dr.
1721 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1724 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haye St. / Hamilton St.
1804 – assist citizen, Lohr Rd.
1854 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1942 – harassment call, Colony Ln.

1942 – welfare check, Belle Pointe Dr.
1943 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2059 – retail fraud, Ecorse Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 1:

0125 – suicidal person, Locust Dr.
0745 – intrusion alarm, E. Walden Dr.
0840 – intrusion alarm, E. Schooner Dr.
0903 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
0922 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
0920 – private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Robson Rd.
1115 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1146 – intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.
1152 – fraud, Park Estates Dr.
1252 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1313 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1330 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1445 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1716 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1830 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1856 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1903 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2011 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.
1949 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 2:

0053 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0358 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
0358 – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0358 – repossession, Park Estates Dr.
0605 – disorderly, Lighthouse Dr.
0919 – threat, Sylvia Dr.
1001 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1023 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1019 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
1049 – abandoned auto, Milton Dr.
1108 – misc. complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1117 – road hazard, Harmony Ln.
1157 – welfare check, Lenmoore Ave.
1218 – property check, Milton Dr.
1221 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1328 – private property/property damage accident, Woodbury Green
1424 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1552 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1609 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1617 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1650 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1650 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1706 – hospice death, Stamford Rd.
1725 – missing person, Birch Dr.
1919 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1919 – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
1942 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. Grove St.
2007 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd.
2050 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
2201 – family trouble, Martinsville Rd.
2200 – harassment call, Martz Rd./Rawsonville
2228 – animal complaint, Martz Rd./Rawsonville

Friday, Nov. 3:

0150 – road hazard, Belleville ramp
0223 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Independence
0321 – repossession, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0741 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse
0823 – property damage accident, Tyler/Hannan
0830 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0840 – sexual assault, Oak Blvd.
0931 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1011 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1029 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1053 – welfare check, Morton Taylor Rd.
1053 – threat, Outer Dr.
1341 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1350 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.
1350 – threat, Chinkapin Dr.
1420 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1614 – warrant arrest, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1714 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, The Parks of Belleville

1730 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1818 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.
1849 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.
1819 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Winding Pon Dr.
1934 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull
2025 – property damage accident, Victorian Ln. / Savage Rd.
2028 – road hazard, Maple Leaf South
2113 – fireworks, Sheldon Rd.
2143 – assist citizen, Wheeler St.
2241 – family trouble, Pinewood Ln.
2247 – shooting, Mida Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 4:

0207 – malicious destruction of property, Brandi
0207 – repossession, Lake Villa Dr.
0519 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
0531 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0839 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
0840 – welfare check, Timberland Dr.
0907 – intrusion alarm, Riggs Rd.
1003 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1004 – property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.
1104 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1145 – fight, Locust Dr.
1202 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1242 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1254 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1254 – animal complaint, Chatsworth Dr.
1633 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1658 – animal complaint, boat launch
1704 – mental subject, Fret Rd.
1822 – welfare check, Woodgrove Dr.
1859 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1904 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
1953 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2031 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
2107 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
2140 – suicidal person, Pine Dr.
2333 – welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.

Also on this week's log are 48 traffic stops, five of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 29:

0028 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service
0043 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Venetian Ave.
0115 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
0130 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0455 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.
0556 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1056 – property damage accident, High St.,
1417 – property damage accident, Main St.

Monday, Oct. 30:

0130 – welfare check, Main St.
0758 – traffic stop, Roland St./Angola St.
0808 – traffic offense, Roland St./Angola St.
0815 – traffic offense, Roland St./Angola St.
0827 – traffic offense, Roland St./Angola St.
0845 – traffic offense, Angola St./Robbe St.
0900 – traffic stop, Robbe St./Bedell St.
0909 – traffic offense, Robbe St./Bedell St.
0949 – traffic stop, Bay Pointe Dr./W. Huron River
0955 – property check, wooded area/Light Tower Ct.
1130 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1404 – domestic, E. Columbia Ave.
1444 – assault & battery, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1536 -- suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

1540 – property damage accident, Main St.

Tuesday, Oct. 31:

0007 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
0536 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0812 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln. / Savage Rd.
0820 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1012 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1322 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1353 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1818 – domestic, Main St.
2002 – welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr.
Wednesday, Nov. 1:
0527 – repossession, Potter Dr.
1137 – malicious destruction of property, Loza Ln.
1534 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
2128 – fraud, San Carlos St.
2225 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 2:

1558 – fraud, Third St.

1654 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
2006 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
Friday, Nov. 3:
0928 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1036 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1313 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.
1334 – malicious destruction of property, Henry St.
1423 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1704 – assist fire dept., South St.
2019 – property damage accident, Victorian Ln. / Savage Rd.
2224 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 4:

0021 – assist other dept., EB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.
0025 – domestic, Main St.
0144 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0942 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.
1006 – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr.
1213 – property damage accident, Main St.
1245 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd.
1524 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1807 – road hazard, San Carlos St.
2008 – parking complaint, Estrada/Estrada
2049 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2103 – assist other dept., Henry St./South St.
2240 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
There were 19 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 29:

0027 – 911 hangup, 304 California St.
0130 – family trouble, 74 Brookview Dr.
0551 – alarm, 8251 Rawsonville Rd.
0958 – civil matter, 519 Washington St.
1009 – suspicious circumstance, 23501 Sumpter
1408 – follow-up investigation, 11811 Rawsonville Rd.
1619 – welfare check, 42181 Willis Rd.
1833 – follow-up investigation, 11811 Rawsonville Rd.

1853 – motorist assist, 46012 Willow Rd.
1858 – motorist assist, Harris Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1928 – property damage accident, Elwell/Bemis

Monday, Oct. 30:

0635 – public relations, 51039 Willis Rd.
1125 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Wear
1242 – shots fired, 44300 Willow Rd.
1300 – fire dept. assist, 22063 Fenster Ave.
1356 – harassment complaint, 60 Tulip Dr.
1533 – family trouble, 42082 Judd Rd.
1625 – fire dept. assist, 20423 Sumpter Rd.
2026 – suspicious person, 151 Rustic Ln.
2101 – family trouble, 174 Colorado St.
2146 – noise complaint, 120 Mulberry Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 31:

0433 – animal complaint, 18350 Lohr Rd.
0635 – alarm, 20717 Haggerty Rd.
0654 – suspicious circumstance, 533 Iowa St.
0841 – fire dept. assist, 17618 Sumpter Rd.
0945 – fire dept. assist, 19800 Sumpter Rd.
1313 – family trouble, 18 E. Arizona St.
1345 – juvenile complaint, 41088 Judd Rd.
1445 – fire dept. assist, 43710 Dunn Rd.
1535 – suspicious circumstance, 492 Vermont
1559 – harassment complaint, 42842 Judd Rd.
1602 – follow-up investigation, 23501 Sumpter
1611 – breaking & entering report, 40295 Harris
1617 – welfare check, 22035 Bohn Rd.
1646 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

1719 – assist other agency, Martinsville Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.

1945 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Judd
2012 – harassment complaint, 173 Birch Dr.
2104 – property damage accident, Willis/California
2255 – traffic complaint/hazard, 74 Brookview Dr.

Wednesday, Nov. 1:

0016 – family trouble, 19921 Crandell Ave.
0107 – mental health call, 236 Magnolia
0121 – suspicious circumstance, Martinsville/Judd
0149 – mental health call, 237 Magnolia Dr.
0737 – traffic complaint/hazard, 22154 Clark Rd.
0939 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
1209 – animal complaint, Hickory Rd./Birch Rd.
1432 – animal complaint, 848 Kansas St.
1816 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1829 – shots fired, Rawsonville Rd./Rustic Ln.
Thursday, Nov. 2:
1331 – alarm, 44565 Willow Rd.
1333 – civil matter, 19800 Sumpter Rd.
1614 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Rustic Ln.
1618 – fire dept. assist, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
1625 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
1645 – civil matter, 39915 Willis Rd.
1747 – noise complaint, 564 Delaware
1814 – welfare check, 45911 Bemis Rd.
1923 – traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1928 – property damage accident, Harris Rd./Martinsville Rd.

2012 – alarm, 8111 Rawsonville Rd.
2031 – neighbor dispute, 20160 Sherwood Rd.
2132 – suspicious person, 43795 Harris Rd.
0000 – shots fired, 20160 Sherwood Rd.
Friday, Nov. 3:
0041 – fire dept. assist, 43710 Dunn Rd.
0059 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Oakville Waltz Rd./Elwell Rd.
0136 – 911 hangup, 50 E. Arizona St.
0924 – felony warrant arrest, Harris Rd./Savage
1000 – 911 hangup, Sherwood Rd./Wear Rd.
1248 – suspicious circumstance, 28380 Sherwood
1409 – alarm, 24084 Karr Rd.
1529 – warrant arrest, 408 Rustic Ln.
1623 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Judd
1630 – fire dept. assist, 45601 Bemis Rd.
1708 – fire dept. assist, 21975 Elwell Rd.
1805 – animal complaint, 43040 Willis Rd.
1854 – mental health call, 279 Dakota Ct.
1904 – suspicious person, 40675 Bemis Rd.
2105 – alarm, 23480 Sumpter Rd.
2202 – assist other agency, 55 Birch Dr.
2221 – 911 hang up, 42450 Judd Rd.
2223 – suspicious person, 615 Maine St.

Saturday, Nov. 4:
0344 – fire dept. assist, 20927 Haggerty Rd.
0705 – fire dept. assist, 22883 Martinsville Rd.
0803 – fire dept. assist, 27900 Sumpter Rd.
0832 – assist other agency, 257 Edgewood Dr.
0930 – property damage accident, 17441 Sumpter
1109 – malicious destruction of property, 48150 Wear Rd.
1201 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1334 – noise complaint, 374 Utah Ct.
1720 – citizen assist, 23501 Sumpter Rd.
1737 – suspicious person, 41640 Wear Rd.
1809 – suspicious person, 48300 Willow Rd.
1905 – family trouble, 33 Carriage Ln.
1937 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Lohr
1943 – fire dept. assist, 19350 Sumpter Rd.
1947 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Haggerty
2015 – property damage accident, 17441 Sumpter
2123 – fire dept. assist, 42842 Judd Rd.
2134 – fire dept. assist, 19074 Sumpter Rd.
2232 – mental health call, 573 Delaware St.
Also on this week's log are 198 patrol check, 78 traffic stops and 13 misc. details.

BHS graduate David Grivas now on stage at Wayne State U.

2023 Belleville High School graduate David Grivas is now studying at Wayne State University and he is the only freshman to have a part in the "Rocky Horror Show," being performed Oct. 27 – Nov. 12 at the Hilberry Gateway theatre, 4715 Cass Ave., Detroit 48201.

In this cult classic, Brad and Janet, find themselves stranded on a dark and stormy night seeking shelter in a mysterious old castle. In his signature creepy rock and roll style, Dr. Frank-N-Furter and his house of wild and creepy friends unveil their latest creation: the perfect specimen, Rocky.

David plays the part of Phantom. He plans to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theater and dreams to one day perform on Broadway.

Sumpter Township Goodfellow applications now available

Applications for Goodfellows food and presents for Sumpter Township residents are available at Sumpter Ace Hardware, the Sumpter Township supervisor's office and at the Sumpter Police Department.

Deadline to turn in applications is Dec. 4, 2023. Pick-ups will be the week of Dec. 16, 2023. Any questions? Call Cathy Sykes at (734) 740-6300.

Garden Club to hear about Rain Gardens at Nov. 20 meeting

Belleville Area Garden Club members invite the gardening community to join them at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, in the Cozadd Room in the Belleville Area District Library to hear a guest speaker.

Ric Lawson of the Huron River Watershed Council will be presenting "Get your lawn a job! Rain Gardens and how they help restore the Huron River."



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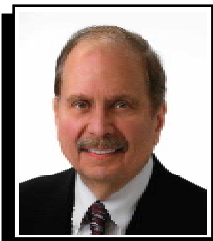
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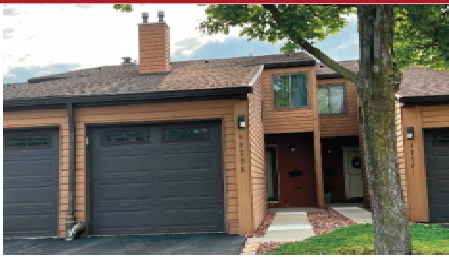
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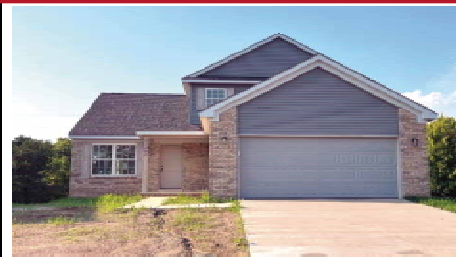
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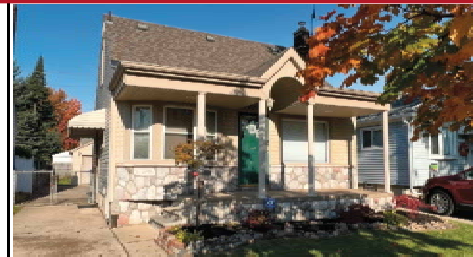
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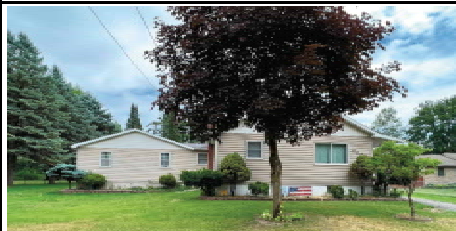
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