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## Rotary Club brings information on local human trafficking

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Karen G. Moore, who runs Sanctum House, and Irene Faziani, a former human trafficking victim who works at Sanctum House, gave a Feb. 13 presentation on human trafficking in this community at the regular meeting of the Belleville Rotary Club.

Members from Rotary Clubs in Wayne, Romulus, and New Boston also attended the presentation to bring information back to their clubs.

Moore, a former global executive at Ford Motor Company, is executive director of Sanctum House, and is certified by the U.S. government to train people in trafficking information.

"Irene is one of our heroes," Moore said, adding that Faziani graduated from the program a year ago and now is full-time staff.

She said all the Sanctum House business cards give the address on Haggerty Road in Novi, but it's not really there. That is a place you can send mail to Sanctum House. Moore said she lives within walking distance and picks up the mail.

Sanctum House actually is in a house with



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman  
Karen G. Moore, executive director of Sanctum House, right, and Irene Faziani, a former human trafficking victim who now works full time for Sanctum House, presented information on human trafficking at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Belleville Rotary Club.

12 rooms on 10 acres in another, protected location in the Oakland County area. They are buying another house on two and a half acres with HUD funds.

Moore presented a brief film clip that showed the basics of human trafficking

that includes people you wouldn't think would be victims – nurses and attorneys – with no race or gender left out.

Some victims say they were robbed of their childhoods because their mothers and fathers trafficked them.

"They come in hating themselves," Moore said of the victims, adding they get trauma therapists and the treatments are immersive. She said it gives them their dignity back, their hope back.

She said it is a long-term program and women come for two to two-and-a-half years. Moore said there are two kinds of human traffickings: un-paid laboring in the fields or domestic service and sexual exploitation. Sexual exploitation includes not only women but girls and boys, where they are sold to be raped and exploited and the trafficker keeps all the money.

Moore said this is the sixth anniversary of Sanctum House and it has serviced more than 150 women, ages 18 to 62. Some come food-insecure and from living in poverty areas, she said.

She said the face of human trafficking is vulnerability and it's common to start at a young age, including foster care, where intrinsic needs are not met.

"Human trafficking is the fastest, illegal network in the world," Moore said. With drug trafficking, you only sell the drugs once, but a boy or girl is a renewable commodity that you can sell several times

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## District Library to formally consider TV camera on the roof

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
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Belleville Area District Library Board member John Juriga advised the board that he had asked the Belleville City Council to contact WDIV-TV to see if its weather camera could be put on the library roof instead of on the city hall antenna, as proposed.

He said the city is considering tearing down city hall and the television channel may reconsider where the camera is placed to show scenes in the Belleville area.

At the library board's regular meeting on Feb. 13, Juriga said city manager Jason Smith told him he would call WDIV to

suggest the idea. Juriga offered to make a motion to put the camera on the library roof.

Board president Sharon Peters said it was too soon for official action and there were lots of things to consider before a decision is made. There would have to be no liability to the library, she said.

President Peters said library director Mary Jo Suchy should listen to all the information and then she should make the decision.

"It would have to be done a certain way," Director Suchy said, noting she would look into it.

Board member Joy Cichewicz said there

could be privacy concerns by the library's neighbors.

Juriga said at the city meeting someone was concerned about the bee hives on the roof, but he thinks the camera could be put on another part of the roof, facing the lake.

It was noted the architect would have to be consulted on whether the roof could hold a camera and they needed to look into whether camera technicians would be bothered by the bees.

Peters advised Juriga, "This is formally on our plate. This is formally before us."

In other business at the Feb. 13 meeting, the board:

• Heard president Peters say that she

attended the recent Friends of the Library annual meeting, which wasn't very well attended, and then the Friends' monthly business meeting. She said the library donors all got lifetime memberships in the Friends. She said she has suggested an event with the Friends, possibly in late September when other events aren't planned, to encourage membership and enhance involvement. Linda Priest said the marketing committee could have an exploratory meeting on the subject;

• Heard Suchy say that she talked with Art Committee chairperson Michele Montour and the Art Committee needs a policy

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## Trafficking

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a day, she said.

"Traffickers are making a fortune," she said, noting her goal is to get the community to understand the grooming process. She said the trafficker develops a relationship.

Moore said Claire was a successful lawyer who in midlife was a successful executive. She got a divorce and wanted to be rooted in her church. She rented a home in a very wealthy local neighborhood. She went to church, came home, and had no friends.

The home was owned by a trafficker who was very friendly. He came over one night, knocked on the door and asked to come in and talk. She invited him in and he took her car keys and took over her life.

Faziani said Sanctum House offers doctors and nurses for the victims and law enforcement and the public is not knowledgeable about the situation. She said they felt if they educated the public more, people would be able to notice things and help more.

She said someone is kidnapped and it could happen to anyone.

"I came from an abusive home growing up and we had little money," said Faziani. "There were painful behaviors and I continued to be vulnerable," she said. "I was very, very vulnerable when I was introduced to the trafficker. I didn't know. I loved this person. When I figured out what was going on, I was given drugs and alcohol and was more under their control. I was hooked on them and was in a terrible cycle and didn't know how to be free."

She said she didn't know how she would make it without substance abuse. She said at Sanctum House it's not just 60 days and you're better, she said, adding she came four years ago and still has therapy.

"I'm a big advocate for women," she said, adding she is strong.

She said she worked at a Walgreen's and saw a woman who was very scared. She said she had taped information on the wall in the restroom at Walgreen's because that's the only time a woman gets away from her trafficker and is not supervised.

A woman in the audience said women wouldn't know who to trust.

"Even today, I get scared really easy," Faziani said.

"Trust is hard to find," Moore agreed.

Moore said Trinity Health (St. Joseph Hospital) provides health care to all the women at Sanctum House without charge. They also have a very full mental health program.

She said women feel "stripped of their soul." The program gets money from the state and federal levels and individuals get mental therapy every other day and group therapy daily. Moore said they teach

victims how to shop for groceries, instead of eating chips and pop from the party story, and they teach anger management.

"I was extremely angry and I took it out on stuff," Faziani said. She said some of the women at Sanctum House don't believe they are being helped without charge and think their benefactors want something in return. They get food cards and money and, "What do you want from me?" They didn't believe Sanctum House didn't want anything.

Moore said the Art Van Elslander Foundation from the furniture store helps them. She said they are fully funded for the full years of 2023 and 2024 and can afford decent pay for the employees. A graduate is paid to live in a house with victims at night, while pursuing her own profession in the daytime while the women are in the program.

Moore said many of the women are from this local area, but others are coming to them from Alabama, New York, Ohio, Oregon and South Carolina. Many women have to get out of their areas for their own safety and there are so few services.

"We're on the national hotline," she said.

Faziani said when she was first trafficked it was in the 14 Mile/I-275 area and they would move the women. Then they were sold to the second trafficker who sold them to his cousin. "We ended up in a house in Detroit."

She said one of the women died and the place was raided and her trafficker was jailed. "But they get out," she said.

"Every trafficker is a different situation, but they are controlling, abusive, and you can't walk to the store by yourselves." If those trafficked escape, the traffickers get them back and hurt them or let them go and get new ones, she said.

Moore said the State of Michigan Legislature is looking to forgive crimes for those being trafficked because most of the women are felons. They have sold drugs and guns and take the hit for the trafficker because that's what they are forced to do.

Moore said a group of lawyers in the bar association formed the Joseph Project that offers pro-bono work for the victims of human trafficking and Sanctum House has an attorney appointed for each one of its residents.

She said the Attorney General had a round-table discussion a few weeks ago on how to prosecute human traffickers.

Moore said Sanctum House has one woman in protective custody from this area. She said the FBI called Sanctum House to take her in and protect her because she is going to testify to a federal grand jury on her trafficker. Moore said she gave up information on her phone that is being used as evidence. The FBI has come out to talk to her about the testimony a few times. She said for the grand jury testimony, three FBI

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman  
Lt. Charles (Chip) Bazy retired from the Van Buren Township Police Department on Feb. 16 after 34 years of service. Here he walks the gauntlet of police officers lined up outside the police department before heading inside township hall for the celebration and food.



Lt. Bazy poses with his family and officials before heading inside township hall for gifts and plaques and lots of speakers. From left, in front, are Lt. Bazy's father Charles Bazy, Sr. and Lt. Bazy's son William. In back, from left, are Lt. Bazy's wife Jennifer, Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, Lt. Bazy, his mother Karen, and his other son, Charles T.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Cozadd room at library is Rotary's community gem

The Belleville Rotary Club donated \$50,000 from its Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation to the Belleville Area Library in 2018 to help fund the Cozadd room. The library board was wrestling with its budget to get everything to balance for the new library it was building. Businesses, groups, and individuals in the community chipped in to help and now are lovingly referred to as "the donors." The Rotary was one of these donors.

The Cozadd Foundation has been the source of many grants for community groups, projects, and scholarships, but this Charles B. Cozadd Belleville Rotary Foundation Room is the gift that keeps on giving.

Now in the care of the library staff, so many community events – from quilt shows to used-book sales -- have taken place in this first-floor meeting/program room at the new library that they are hard to list.

The Belleville City Council takes advantage of the room when it needs more space for council meetings, special strategic planning sessions, and the like. The council was there Tuesday since the regular council chamber was taken up with the state's new Early Voting project with a voting machine in place to welcome ballots for the Feb. 27 election.

Thank you, Rotary, and thanks to the late, generous, forward-thinking attorney Charles Cozadd, who left this legacy to his community.

### EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received an unsigned email accusing the *Independent* of reaching a "new low" for printing someone's opinion: "Well, you have reached a new low. How do I respond to the Letter to the Editor, "The Poison of Division." Which you know is complete BS, unless your [sic] a MAGA Republican." \*\*\*

Our Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous confirmed on Friday that he is retiring at the end of the year. He is the former mayor of Wayne and a Wayne business owner as well, so he's been serving the community for many years.

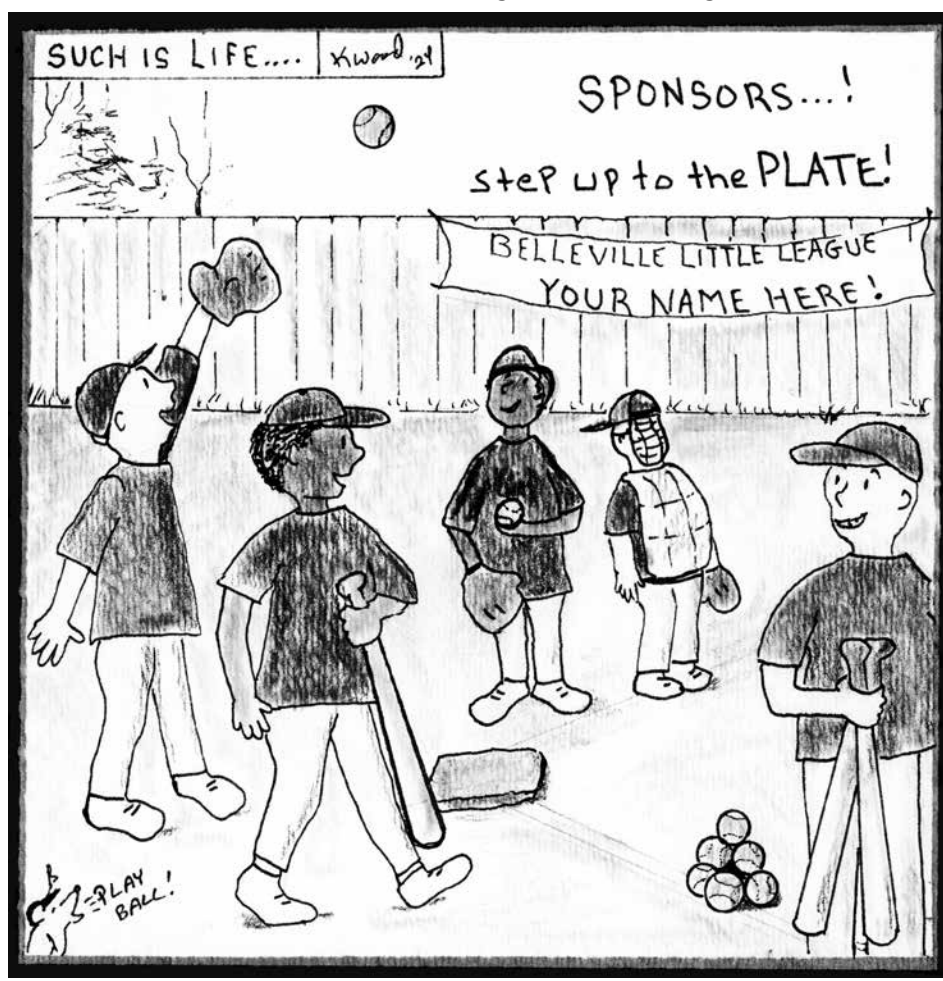
I told him, "Now, Sumpter will stop calling you about their roads" and he replied, "Oh, no. I want them to call me now." \*\*\*

I was sitting at the same table as Wayne County Commissioner Haidous and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara during Friday's celebration of the retirement of Police Lt. Charles (Chip) Bazzy.

I asked Supervisor McNamara about a rumor I heard that the township was negotiating with the Detroit Lions to buy the former Ford property across Tyler Road from township hall for their new athletic training center. He said that wasn't true.

I said, "So, that is a bad rumor?" and he said, "Well, not bad," and explained that the township is trying to get the Lions to build on property in the area of I-94 and Haggerty Road.

Ruth Bleeker's funeral on Saturday at Brown Funeral Home was well attended and there were lots of stories about Ruth to chuckle over and lots of people nodding



their heads to stories of how aggressively she pursued the ideas she felt were important – especially in her faith and her conservative values.

The new pastor at Bethany Bible Church told the story of how the first email he received after he was named the new pastor at the church was from Ruth. And, she continued to write to encourage him with her ideas.

The funeral was held at the funeral home and the after-service dinner at Bethany. He told those who didn't know the area where the church was and advised them after they came in the drive to turn right to the parking area there. He emphasized that Ruth would want them to turn right!

A grandson told the story of how he and his wife were sitting with Ruth in her final days when she was in a coma. They were talking together as they sat next to her, he said, and suddenly, Ruth came out of her coma and called out, "Stop talking! Stop talking!" and then went back into her coma before dying.

That was an amazing incident and something they will never forget. I doubt if I'll ever forget it, either. RIP, Ruth. We are all going to miss your letters to the editor. \*\*\*

Barbara Miller reports that there were more than 40 people who got on the brand-new bus that transported local residents to the Detroit Institute of Arts on Saturday for a day of culture. She said they viewed

the After Cubism special exhibit that soon was to close, saw a Black History exhibit, and took part in the live music available. She said they made people get up for the music and twirl around. It was a great day, she said.

A senior citizen, who is also a veteran, told us of his visit by two FEMA representatives after he contacted them for the funds they had available for those who suffered losses in last August's tornado. He said he saw it on TV a couple of times that FEMA was coming to help people who had losses from the storm, so he contacted FEMA.

His Van Buren Township mobile home was demolished by a tree that fell on it and he said he lost everything. He said he got a lot of donations from people who wanted to help and was able to recover 90% of what he lost.

He said two women, who had credentials, came to his home and questioned him for two hours. Later, they told him he was eligible to receive \$45,500 which would be coming directly to his bank account any minute. He hopes it's not a scam because he gave them his bank's routing number and later was told he shouldn't have done that. He hadn't received anything as of Tuesday, but he's hopeful.



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## Letters

### Peggy Dark needs your help paying for bypasses

To the editor:

Her name is Ms. Peggy Dark, a waitress at Leon's Coney Island in Belleville, at 9624 Belleville Rd., and she just had triple-bypass heart surgery.

The reason I'm writing is to tell you she's in need of financial help to cover the cost of the surgery and hospital care. The reason why I'm writing to tell you is that if you ever had Peggy wait on you and your family you would know she is a good person, a hard worker, and a very wonderful person.

Please, I pray to God you will find it in your heart to help her and her family. She is a single mom and had to raise her son to be a fine young man.

If you ever met Peggy you know but if you haven't let me tell you she is less than 4 feet, 10 inches tall and I don't think she weighs over 90 pounds. But that's just my guess.

But she is spunky and I know she is not one to ask for help, but would not hesitate to help one in need. So please find it in your heart to go to Leo's to leave a donation. A GoFundMe page has been set up for Peggy. To reach Leo's Coney Island, phone (734) 697-1000.

Thank you and God Bless You All.

Thomas G. Clayton  
A Customer of Leo's Coney Island  
Who always asks for Peggy to wait on us.

P.S. She said as soon as she gets well, she is returning to work. Well, that's Peggy! Smile, God loves you all.

**Editor's Note:** The writer said he does not have a computer and does not know about how GoFundMe pages work, but he knows our readers will figure out how to help Peggy.

### MSP, Soroptomists gather Purses w/Purpose

To the Editor:

Communities are coming together to help survivors of domestic violence.

Two businesses in New Boston will be collecting gently used purses to create care packages for women fleeing domestic violence.

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Soroptimist International of the Flat Rock Area (SIFRA) has embraced the Purses With a Purpose program created by the Michigan State Police. SIFRA is a global volunteer organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls.

The club has established eight drop off locations with designated boxes to collect gently used purses large enough to fill with necessary comfort items.

The purses will be collected at each location until April 1. The eight locations include Abs Fitness in Monroe, Faith Lutheran Church in Flat Rock, Atwater Street Taco in Flat Rock, Marlo's Cutting Crew in Flat Rock, The Traffic Jam Boutique in Wyandotte, and Karen's Place and New Boston Dental Clinic in New Boston.

UAW Local 387 Women's Committee and the Woodhaven Stamping Plant will be collecting the care items that will be used to fill the purses. Bridgewater, a Del Webb community, is also collecting purses for the program.

In a world where many women face the grim reality of domestic violence, support and empowerment are vital lifelines. Recognizing this need, the Michigan State Police initiated the Purses with a Purpose project, a beacon of hope aiding women who find themselves in dire circumstances, having to flee abusive situations at a moment's notice. Go to the State Police website for more information.

Karen's Place is located at 36968 Huron River Dr. in New Boston. Karen has been a hair stylist at the same location since 1970 and purchased the business in 2006. Karen is joined by her daughter Amanda and together they take care of their clients with love and dedication.

The second drop-off location in New Boston is the New Boston Dental Clinic located at 37228 Huron River Dr. The dental office was established in 1970 and Dr. Merlos has owned the practice since 1994. Dr. Merlos has generously pledged to donate tooth brushes, paste, and dental floss for every purse collected!

Purses with a Purpose is more than just a project; it's a symbol of hope, resilience, and solidarity. We invite you to join us in our mission. Together we can change lives and build a future free from violence and fear.

For more information about the program or the locations of the boxes contact Johan Sutton, (734) 782-5076.

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# Obituaries



Juanita Faye Harding

## JUANITA FAYE HARDING

(October 5, 1947 – February 11, 2024)

Juanita Harding, longtime resident of Belleville, Michigan, age 76, passed away at home on February 11, 2024. She was born on October 5, 1947, in Newberry, Michigan, to Benjamin and Dorothy (Benedict) Daves.

After her high school years, she married and had three children. Later on, she worked at Meijer in the grocery department. Juanita was very fun to be around. She was openly sarcastic and had fun with her family. Juanita was always making those around her laugh. She loved the casino and was very loyal to all the Detroit sports teams. Most of all Juanita loved her family and made all the family events better; she loved to gather for every holiday.

Juanita is survived by her children Frank (Sharon) Harding of Canton, MI, Michael (Tessa Burris) Harding, of Belleville, MI, and Heather (Richard) McDaniel of Belleville, MI; her brother Robert (Wendy) Daves of Harrison, MI; her grandchildren Kassidy Harding of Canton, MI, Peyton Harding of Belleville, MI, Paige Harding of Petoskey, MI, Baylee (Austin) Harding of Belleville, MI, Ryley McDaniel of Belleville, MI, and Delaney (Luke) McDaniel of Belleville, MI; her great-grandchildren Addilyn and Brielle Saunders, both of Belleville, MI; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Dean Daves.

According to her wishes dignified cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI.

If desired, donations in memory of Juanita to the Alzheimer's Association or Michigan Medicine Heart and Vascular Center are appreciated, but not expected. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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## LOUVERN VIERS

(February 15, 1931 – February 8, 2024)

Age 92, of Belleville, passed away in Ocala, FL. Survived by children Terry and Denise, brother Johnney, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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## CALVIN BRENDTKE

(February 14, 1941 – February 18, 2024)

Age 83, of Saline. Grew up in Belleville. Survived by wife Barbara, children Paula and David, five siblings, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. Service at 3 p.m. Feb. 24 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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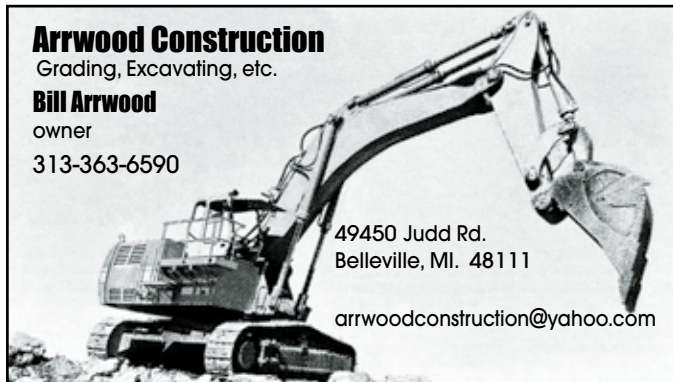
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## Obituaries



Ruth E. Bleeker

### RUTH E. BLEEKER

(November 3, 1925 – February 13, 2024)

Ruth E. (Scott) Bleeker was born on November 3, 1925, at the old Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI. Ruth was the last surviving member of her family: Parents Benjamin R. Scott (1898-1984) and Ada McBride Scott, (1900-1998) and three siblings: sister Betty Levick (2009), brother Earl Scott (1987), and sister Mary Lou Ratz (2004).

Ruth lived in Detroit until the age of 19 upon graduation from Mackenzie High School in 1943. She married her high school sweetheart, Richard Bleeker on August 4, 1945. Following her husband's discharge from the U.S. Coast Guard in World War 2, the couple lived in Detroit with Ruth's parents.

Ruth worked temporarily as secretary for her father who was elected Justice of the Peace in Romulus from 1950-1958. It was during this employment when she realized her respect for truth, justice, and the law, as well as small-town politics. Ruth was very active in city, township, and school campaigns as well as being an avid writer. She credits her parents for instilling within herself at a very young age, her prized, lifelong values of God, family, and country.

In 1954, Ruth, Richard and two children moved into their "dream house" a 10-room, 2-story, 100+ year-old farmhouse, with several "out buildings" on 10 acres in Van Buren Township where they grew their own fruits and vegetables while enjoying their newfound love of small, family farming. They loved entertaining neighbors and friends. Most fondly remembered was when Ruth hosted the many Scott family 4th of July reunions and Thanksgiving dinners over the years.

The sudden demise of her husband in 1967, forced Ruth to seek part-time employment as restaurant hostess and GMC/Willow Run cafeteria cook and server. When her children attended school full-time, Ruth was hired as secretary to Van Buren Township Supervisor Elton Gollwitzer, and finally, Administrative Secretary to three superintendents at Lincoln Consolidated Schools in Ypsilanti from which

she retired in 1991. Ruth was a member of Bethany Bible Church in Belleville and remained faithful to her heritage, wisdom, and guidance of both her Heavenly Father and parents – Benjamin and Ada Scott: "Love, Honor and Obey".

Ruth Scott Bleeker leaves behind her beloved son, Kenneth Ross Bleeker of Belleville, MI; among living grandchildren Richard (Rick) Baldwin (Alicia) of Fenton, MI; David Baldwin (Trisha) of Milan, MI; and Andrea Riddle of Milan, MI. Grandchildren living in Delaware are Keith Bleeker, Michael Bleeker, Daniel Bleeker, and Katrina (Maurice) Simpkins.

Great-grandchildren living in Michigan are Drew and Fletcher Baldwin, Chelsea Holcombe, Andrew Butterfield and Katie (Jake) Kehoe, Kendal and Mathew Baldwin, and William and Spencer Riddle. Remembered fondly and left behind are her attentive, loving and generous nieces and nephews: Carol Ratz, Mark and Dawn Marshal, Elizabeth Marshal, Donna and Gary Singles, Jacque and Donald Hickmott, Greg and Cathy Levick, Nancy and Frank Wade.

A Memorial Gathering for Ruth was held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, followed by a Memorial Service, with John Losen, Jr. officiating.

Memorial contributions in Ruth's name are suggested to Heart to Heart Hospice.

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## More Letters

### In response to letter from Mr. Hoppe

To the editor:

This is a response to Wayde Hoppe's letter in the Feb. 15 *Independent*, vol. 30.7. Dear Mr. Hoppe;

The role of education is to teach our kids the truths about such things and nothing I see in that assignment is untrue. I am sorry that you are feeling uncomfortable when faced with the way things are, but our students' proper education is more important than your feelings.

The division was sewn long ago, Mr. Hoppe. It's in the fabric and social structures of our own little community, here, past, and present.

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• **Thursday, Feb. 22** – Boys Swim & Dive hosting KLAA B Meet Prelims, 5 p.m.

• **Saturday, Feb. 24** – Boys Swim & Dive hosting KLAA B Meet Finals, noon

• **Monday, Feb. 26** – Hosting MHSAA Boys Basketball Districts, TBA

• **Wednesday, Feb. 28** – Hosting MHSAA Boys Basketball Districts, TBA

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Diane Kiessel  
BHS Athletics Secretary



# Obituaries



Kenneth Fuller



## KENNETH JOSEPH FULLER

(October 11, 1935 – February 17, 2024)

Mr. Kenneth Fuller, 88, of Rose City and formerly of Belleville, passed away on February 17 under hospice care surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 11, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan a son of Floyd and Helene (Howe) Fuller.

Mr. Kenneth Fuller proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was a life-long member of the Belleville Moose and was also a Mason. Kenneth was a teamster truck driver who retired in 2000. Kenneth and Geraldine moved to Rose City in 2003 where they enjoyed up north living. He enjoyed classic cars, his John Deere tractor, feeding his birds and deer. But most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Kenneth will be greatly missed by all who loved and cherished him.

Kenneth is survived by his beloved spouse Geraldine (Pawlowski) Fuller; loving father of Kenneth (Lisa) Fuller, Stanley (Michelle) Fuller and Valentina (James) Lester; and stepchildren Edward (Rona) Nowak and Karen (Ken) Gondoly; grandchildren Kaitlin, Taylor, Dominic, Zane, Brittany, Stanley Jr., Kory, Kyle, Jessica, Stephen, Brendan and Jared; great-grandchildren Bristol, Autumn, Lily, Clark, Lucy and one due in April; beloved brother Arthur (Nellie) Fuller. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Floyd Fuller, and sister Jean Poley. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

Visitation for Kenneth will be held on Thursday, February 22, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville 734-697-4500 from 1:00 P.M. until the time of the service at 6:00 P.M. A military service will be held under the auspices of VFW Post 4434 followed by the funeral service. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate.

A private interment will be held on Friday, February 23 at Rose City Cemetery, Rose City, Michigan. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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## District Library

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change to stagger the terms of members. It seems everybody is at the end of their terms. Suchy said they would like to have each board involved (such as Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the Friends) select its own member and length of term. The policy change will be put into writing and then sent to the attorney before coming to the board, she said;

- Heard Juriga note that 65 people attended the Phil Hale Jazz Quartet performance in the library in January. Suchy also reported that 150 people were in the children's department to take part in games and activities during the Bluey Party on Feb. 3. She explained that Bluey is highly popular pre-school television series;

- Heard Suchy report that the heater in the library entryway, powered by the library's boiler, sprang a leak and has been fixed. She said now they know where the water shutoff valve is for unit;

- Learned the library is partnering with the Belleville Rotary Club on two programs: "Midnight – Detroit and the Underground Railroad" on Feb. 27 and "The Potato Famine" on March 12;

- Was advised the new circulation clerk is Sully Gregoire and outgoing staff includes Harper Klotz, Lisa Meadows, and Esther Walker. Suchy said COVID has continued to impact the staff with four staff members having to call off over the past month;

- Learned a staff committee from multiple departments has attended vendor demos for a needed change in the library's events and room-booking software. Suchy said this is their immediate concern, but some of the companies also design website and the staff members are asking them some preliminary questions about those services, as well;

- Heard Suchy announce that the Friends' and Belleville Area Council for the Arts' classic movie series will show Alfred Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train" on March 14, with "Citizen Kane" shown in April, and Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" in May;

- Heard Juriga suggest bringing a paper-shredding truck monthly to the library, especially in April so people will be able to shred their old documents during the tax season. He said the library should pay for the truck. He was told they will look into it, but monthly is too often. Peters said Van Buren Township brings a shredding truck once a year but that's only for township

residents;

- Heard Peters encourage board members to visit the library and to attend library events, "to enjoy the fruits of our labor" expended when they worked to get the new library in place; and

- Was advised by Juriga that on Feb. 14, 21 years ago, he received seven heart bypasses and he is glad they worked.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 26 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS

- Tuesday, Feb. 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m.

- Wednesday, Feb. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Saturday, March 2 – Strategic planning session for Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at

the Belleville Area District Library. Open to the public. (This was originally set for Feb. 17.)

- Monday, March 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

- Monday, March 11 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS

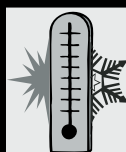
- Tuesday, March 12 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Thursday, March 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.

- Monday, March 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.



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By Janet Millard  
Independent  
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Speaking of restaurants, did you see that A & W opened Monday? Must be time to get my coney fix.

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Received a listing of the Spring 2024 Continuing Education Programs at Wayne County Community College District – Ted Scott Campus on Haggerty. For those of you who missed it, residents who are 60 or older may enroll at the District tuition-free. You may have to buy a book or class supplies but pay no other fee if there is room in the class. It would be worth your time to check out their website: [www.WCCCD.edu](http://www.WCCCD.edu) or call (734) 699-7008 to see which classes have room.

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## 34th District Court invites public to ‘Meet the Judge’ event

**What:** The 34th District Court will host a Meet the Judge event as part of National Judicial Outreach Week.

**Who:**

Honorable: Brian A Oakley / Chief Judge

Honorable: Tina Brooks Green

Honorable: Lisa Martin

Magistrate: Al Hindman

**When:** Wednesday, March 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** 34th District Courthouse

**Why:** This event will spotlight the pivotal role judges play in preserving the rule of law, building public trust, fostering confidence in the judicial system, and upholding the principles of fairness and impartiality. Developed by the American Bar Association Judicial Division, National Judicial Outreach Week encourages judges nationwide to host public engagement events such as open houses, town hall meetings, or coffee hours in an effort to connect with their communities. In particular, this engagement is intended to reinforce the commitment to the rule of law and strengthen the belief that local courts are unbiased, as well as serving as a vital check on other branches of government.

For more information, contact the 34th District Court at (734) 941-4463, Ext. 264, or [Ataylor@34thdistrictcourt-mi.org](mailto:Ataylor@34thdistrictcourt-mi.org)

## Veteran Resource Event set Feb. 29 at River of Life Assembly of God

The annual Veteran Resource Event is set from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29, at the River of Life Assembly of God church, 16650 Sumpter Rd., Van Buren Township.

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# Trafficking

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agents will come to the house and take her and bring her back by a circuitous route to avoid being followed.

Moore said the trafficking is "so big, massive."

A woman in the audience asked, "How do we tell? What kind of signs are there? What do we do?"

Faziani said there are different signs and she pays close attention to girls who look vulnerable and she can tell in 30 seconds of watching by seeing their body language and face.

"Don't go up to the trafficker or the person she's with," Faziani warned.

Moore said they work with the hospital on those who are overdosing or hurt. She said they can't look you in the eye and it

is not normal contact. They have few or no teeth because of drug use or abuse.

"We get them teeth," Moore said. She said victims usually have a lot of tattoos across the back or the neck, showing she's a piece of someone's property. One had the traffickers name across the back of her neck. Also, you can see the victim is not speaking for herself.

"Walking down the street she doesn't look different," Moore said.

She said the program has an ophthalmologist and gets glasses for those who need them. She said a dentist tried to pull teeth for one victim, but the novacine wouldn't take hold because of all the heroin use. They will have to put her completely out to pull the teeth, she said.

A woman in the audience asked if they have tried animal therapy and Faziani said they have horse therapy and puppy therapy.

Moore said labor trafficking is higher

in the north. The people are out in the field working. In front they have regular workers in houses and in the back are unpaid workers in small trailers.

A woman asked how you avoid traffickers and Moore said after they say, "You're so cute. You can be a model," you can say, "Get out of my face."

She said the traffickers watched the lawyer for nine months before moving in and they knew nobody would miss her.

A woman asked how to help the children and Moore said there are programs for girls and in Detroit there is Alternatives for Girls and they need more services.

"I've had difficult jobs, but this is the hardest job I've ever had," Moore said, adding recently a woman they were helping left in the middle of the program and went back to her old life.

She said it is important to have staff without burnouts because of the difficulty

of dealing with the women.

"It's second-hand trauma," Faziani said. "We give to these women all day and don't have that much left to give when we go home. We have to be sure to take care of ourselves."

Another woman in the audience asked how the women get away and Moore said the traffickers get arrested, but victims who agree to testify are retraumatized on the witness stand. One witness was a victim to her best friend's homicide and the trafficker was put away.

"I was arrested because of a situation that happened with him," Faziani said of her trafficker, adding an advocate in the Monroe Jail helped her with a rehab center and hospital.

Moore said those suspecting trafficking can use the national hotline to report crazy behavior and if one or two people call, that's how they set up a sting and get arrested. She said concerned people should not interfere because of the consequences to the individual or to themselves.

She said the program works with law enforcement in Washtenaw, Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties and some victims come directly from jail.

She said there is no accurate count of how many traffickers there are.

She said she recently did a presentation in two classes at Bloomfield Hills High School and after one class someone said, "That was me." She said after another class a student said five doors down from her home there are too many people going in and out. She said someone called the hotline and it turned out to be a trafficking ring.

Another woman in the audience said to Faziani that she is beautiful and asked if all of those trafficked are as beautiful as she is.

"I was not this way when I was trafficked," Faziani said. "Now I am strong, independent, caring, and loving and it comes from inside."

A man said he talked with police about trafficking and they told him there is a big event coming up and a lot of stings are being set up at the airport.

Moore said a trafficking ring was found at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, where many famous people like to stay.

A Rotary Club member from another community asked how Rotary Clubs can help her and Moore said they are always having fund drives. They like to give gift cards to victims so they can buy the clothes they want, not what someone else wanted them to wear. They come from the jail with nothing, she said.

Also they need coffee with caffeine -- lots of caffeine -- since they are fighting drug use, paper plates, plastic cutlery, and the things homes usually use. But they use a lot.

Moore said they have an Amazon Wish List that can be used and items can be picked out. Moore said Amazon has a different address to deliver packages to than the fake Novi location.

Moore said they had a lady 62 years old whose abuse started with her father. She

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



**VAN BUREN**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR IRON BELLE TRAIL SECTION J & K

Sealed proposals will be received by the Van Buren Township at the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren, Michigan 48111 until 2:00 p.m. local time (EST), on March 12, 2024 for construction of this project. Proposals are to be delivered to the Township Clerk's Office in a sealed envelope marked on the outside as described in the RFP.

#### Project Description:

The project consists of constructing a 7' wide concrete sidewalk and is located along East Huron River to Metropolitan Parkway. The project also consists of construction of a 10' wide asphalt path to connect the existing path in Lower Huron Metropark to the newly constructed sidewalk. The project includes the development of approximately 25,600 square feet of 7' wide concrete sidewalk and 110 linear feet of 10' wide asphalt pathway.

The drawings and specifications under which the work is to be performed are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

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46425 Tyler Road  
Van Buren Twp., MI 48111

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PEA Group  
7927 Nemco Way, Suite  
115 Brighton, MI 48116

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bid bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal amount. All questions regarding clarification or interpretation of the documents shall be directed to Jeffrey Smith, PLA, LEED AP, of PEA Group by the following means: Office: (517) 546-8583, Fax: (248) 689-1044, and e-mail: jsmith@peagroup.com.

The right is reserved by Van Buren Township to accept any proposal, to reject any proposal, and to waive irregularities in proposals. No bid may be withdrawn after the above date and time for receiving bids for a period of one-hundred-twenty (120) days.

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

• **Thursday, Feb. 22** – “Detroit’s City Walls Program: Highlighting African American History through Outdoor Murals” at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Detroit journalist and historian Ken Coleman will talk on Detroit’s City Walls program.

• **Friday, Feb. 23** -- St. Aloysius Lenten Fish Fry Cod Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m. Curbside pickup (313) 439-0864. Credit and debit cards accepted. Baked or fried, \$14; kids meals, \$8; pizza, \$6. Church is at 37200 Neville St., Romulus.

• **Friday, Feb. 23** – Tacos & Margaritas from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus (734) 941-3030. All proceeds go to the building fund.

• **Saturday, Feb. 24** – Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation fund raiser starting at 6 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr. The “Winter Wonder Celebration” includes dinner, drinks, dancing, and gaming. Tickets and sponsorships available at: <https://bit.ly/VBPSEFWINTER2024>.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 27** – Election Day. Presidential Primary Election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in your precinct. See local clerk for more information.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 27** – “Midnight: Detroit & The Underground Railroad” at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Billy Winkel, assistant curator at the Detroit Historical Society, will present Detroit’s role in the Underground Railway.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 27** – The Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church invites the public to a free stop-smoking program that has helped thousands to kick the habit and breathe free. The first session of Breathefree<sup>2</sup> is at 7 p.m. in Cozaad Room A at the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Friday, March 1** -- St. Aloysius Lenten Fish Fry Cod Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m. Curbside

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• **Wednesday, March 6** – The public is invited to Meet the Judge at the 34<sup>th</sup> District Courthouse in Romulus from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Hosting the event are Chief Judge Brian Oakley, Judges Tina Brooks Green and Lisa Martin, and Magistrate Al Hindman.

• **Thursday, March 7, to Saturday, March 9** – FIRST in Michigan district competition at Belleville High School, presented by the Belleville Yacht Club. About 40 teams expected including the Belleville High School team, the Bellevillains. Open to the public without charge.

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# Trafficking

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came to Sanctum House at age 61, but her addiction overcame her and they “lost her.” “Sometimes the journey’s too hard and it’s easier to run,” Moore said.

Belleville Rotarian Keith Bruder said they talk about all the money the traffickers make and he asked how much money are they talking about.

Faziani said it could be \$60 for 15 minutes, \$100 for half an hour, \$1,000 for

two hours, or \$1,000 or more for the night. It all depends on how long they’ve been trafficked. She said the ones that have been used the longest, get less because of their conditions. She said to remember they have eight to ten women to traffic at once, so it quickly adds up.

The hot line to give information or to ask for information is 888-3737-888 . The website for Sanctum House is [www.sanctumhouse.org](http://www.sanctumhouse.org) .

## Court Watching:

# Eric Comstock to face four criminal sexual conduct charges Feb. 28

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Eric James Comstock, 34, of Van Buren Township was arraigned while in custody at Van Buren Township Police Department on Feb. 14 on four charges of criminal sexual contact-first degree (relationship)

on Feb. 8 in Van Buren Township.

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Magistrate Al Hindman set cash bond of \$100,000 and scheduled his probable cause conference for Feb. 28. He is to have no contact with the victim and is not to be released without a GPS tether.

## Richard Louis Hollie

Richard Louis Hollie of Detroit is charged with retail fraud-first degree from an incident in Van Buren Township on Sept. 4, 2022. He was scheduled for a preliminary exam on Oct. 12, 2022 but that was changed and a probable cause conference was scheduled for Oct. 19, 2022. He failed to appear and so a bench warrant was issued. He was scheduled for a Dec. 21, 2022 show-cause hearing for bond, but he failed to appear. An order forfeiting bail bond was generated. He had posted \$500 for bond of \$5,000/10%.

## Jamar Jermaine Hamlet

Jamar Jermaine Hamlet, 39, of Van Buren Township was in custody and arraigned by video from the Van Buren Township police lockup by Judge Oakley on Oct. 14, 2022. Charges were assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence (a misdemeanor) in Van Buren Township on Oct. 11. Personal bond was set for \$1,000 and he is to have no contact with the victim and is not to be released without a GPS tether. His arraignment / probable cause conference was set for Oct. 26.

On Oct. 26, his preliminary exam was set for Nov. 30, 2022. His attorney asked that he be allowed to return to his home on Ponderosa Trail because the victim no longer lives there. Hamlet also asked that his GPS tether be removed because it hurts his leg. The prosecutor pointed out this is a habitual third offense with a weapon and the presence of the victim is not verified.

Judge Oakley said he would allow Hamlet to go home and if the victim is there he can’t be there. Also, he left the tether in place and said he was sorry it’s uncomfortable, but necessary.

On Nov. 30, 2022 the exam was held and the charges were dismissed by Judge Oakley. The tether was removed.

## Daquan Malik Baker

Daquan Malik Baker, 21, of Detroit, was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Sept. 28, 2022 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned on Sept. 29, 2022 and his bond set at \$5,000/10% and he must not return to an apartment on Denton Road and must not be released without a GPS tether. His probable cause conference was set for Oct. 12, 2022. On Oct. 12 his attorney Marc Hart said he needed discovery and the probable cause conference was set for Oct. 26, 2022 and then changed to Nov. 9, 2022 at Hart’s

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

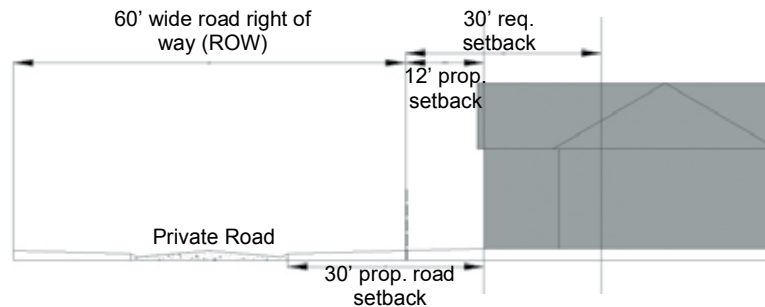
## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The BZA will meet to consider the following request:

**Case # 23-074-** Request for a **dimensional variance** by Arbor Farms Development to construct fifty-seven (57) detached single family residential dwellings which will be set back greater than or equal to 30.0 feet from the back of curb of an existing private road, and greater than or equal to 12.0 feet from the front lot line. The subject 13.1-acre property will encompass current parcels 83 043 01 0207-0212 000 and 83 043 01 0219-0232 000, located north of the Hickory Woods Condominiums on the north side of Tyler Road between Morton Taylor Road and Parkwood Street. The property is zoned RM - Multiple Dwelling Residential District. The request is contrary to the requirements of Section 3.107(E) of the Zoning Ordinance as described below:

### Section 3.107 (E) – RM - Multiple Dwelling Residential District– Dimension Regulations:

- Minimum required front yard setback for detached single family residential dwellings in the RM District: 30.0 feet
- Proposed front yard setback: 12.0 feet
- Variance requested: 18.0 feet (60.0%)



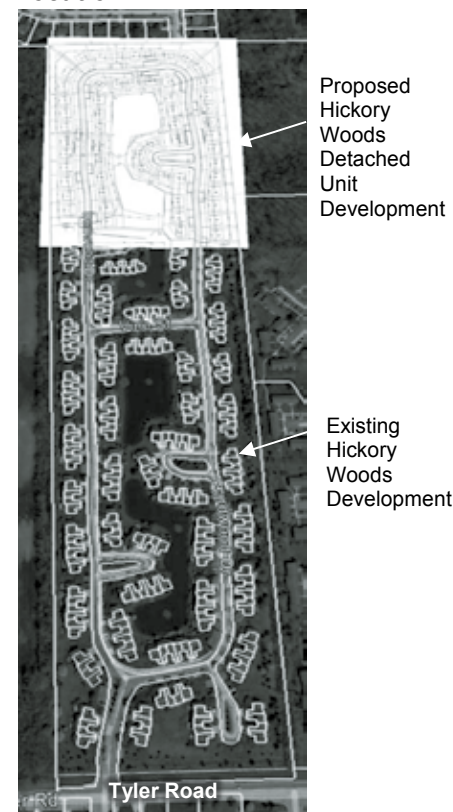
Members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) by **March 11, 2024**. On the meeting webpage, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**. On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org).

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk’s Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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### Location



# Court Watching

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request. The preliminary exam was set for Dec. 13, 2022 and at that time the charges were dismissed on a motion by the defense. Tether removed. Case closed.

## Jeffery Alan Stoops

Jeffery Alan Stoops, 45, of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned while in custody at the Van Buren Township police department on a bench warrant on Aug. 17, 2023 on a charge of interfering with police on Aug. 31, 2022 in Van Buren Township. He was in custody on Aug. 17 for a bench warrant arraignment and he asked to speak to an attorney. On Aug. 22, 2023 a warrant was re-issued for his arrest for failure to appear again.

## Jeremy Todd Stoops

Jeremy Todd Stoops, 44, of Ypsilanti who was in custody in the Van Buren Township police lockup, was arraigned by video by Judge Martin on Oct. 18, 2022 for interfering with police on Oct. 18, 2022. He also was arraigned on a bench warrant for driving while license suspended on Dec. 18, 2020, both in Van Buren Township. Personal bonds of \$5,000 and \$1,000 were set and the pretrials set for Nov. 3, 2022. He missed the hearings and the post office said it was unable to deliver his mail from the court. A show cause hearing was set for April 6, 2023 and he failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued.

On Aug. 17, 2023 he was video-arraigned while in custody on a bench warrant at Van Buren Township police department. His in-person pretrial was set for Sept. 21 but he failed to appear, so another bench warrant

was issued.

## Shirley Ann Stoops

Shirley Ann Stoops of Ypsilanti was arraigned by Judge Martin on Oct. 18, 2022 for possession of methamphetamine / Ecstasy on Oct. 18 in Van Buren Township. She was arraigned via video while in custody at the Van Buren Township police lockup. Bond was set at \$5,000/10% and she cannot return to an address on the North I-94 Service Drive. Her probable cause conference set for Oct. 26, 2022.

On Oct. 26, 2022 her attorney said Stoops was struggling with addiction and would like to be released to a treatment center. Judge Oakley told the attorney to find her a bed and he would approve her transfer from the jail. The probable cause conference was adjourned until Nov. 9, 2022.

On Nov. 2, 2022 attorney Vanessa Hamilton said her client wasn't able to get treatment in the first place Judge Oakley signed for but she does have a new place. Hamilton asked for a revised order signed and Judge Green said she's sure that won't be a problem because Judge Oakley just wants her to get treatment.

On Nov. 9, 2022 she was still in the Wayne County Jail and her preliminary exam was set for Dec. 14. On Dec. 14 she pled guilty before Judge Green and was fined \$500 and her sentence was delayed for six months and then will be dismissed if the fine is paid.

## Darick Golden, Jr.

Darick Golden, Jr., 34, of Sumpter Township was charged with aggravated assault and assault & battery on June 11, 2021 in Sumpter Township. At his final pretrial on Oct. 19, the charges were dismissed without prejudice because the

complaining victim failed to appear.

Judge Oakley reminded Golden that he missed a payment to the court in his malicious destruction of property case.

## Bennett Russell Smith

Bennett Russell Smith, 50, of Sumpter Township was due for his arraignment/probable cause conference on Oct. 26, 2022 but he failed to appear. He is charged with assaulting, resisting, obstructing a police officer on Aug. 27, 2022 in Sumpter Township. He failed to appear but a probable cause conference was set for Nov. 2, 2022.

On Nov. 2, 2022 attorney Vanessa Hamilton said she didn't have digital discovery and so Judge Green adjourned

the case for one week to Nov 9. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Bryn Bailey said she had a proposal to lower the charge to "attempt" and so this will give them all time to discuss this.

On Nov. 9, 2022 his preliminary exam was set for Dec. 14. At the exam he pled guilty to a reduced charge of "attempted" and Judge Green fined him \$400 and the sentence will be dismissed in six months if there are no further problems and if the fine is completely paid.

## Devontae Raevon Powell

Devontae Raevon Powell, 26, of Grand Blanc and previously of Van Buren Township, is charged with assault and

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



**VAN BUREN**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

**NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will be held on the following dates:

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**

**2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**(Organizational Meeting)**

**No Appeals Heard at this Meeting**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday**

**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### **REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

**Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 13, 2024.**

**Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by MARCH 5, 2024.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Agricultural	44.86%	1.1146
Commercial	48.08%	1.0399
Industrial	47.24%	1.0584
Residential	47.24%	1.0584
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

**Leon Wright**  
**Van Buren Charter Township**

**Publish: Thursday, February 15, 2024**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2024**  
**Thursday, February 29, 2024**



## They're reading the *Independent* Everywhere

Reading the *Independent* in Key Largo, Florida, while vacationing on Feb. 12 are these Belleville-area residents. From left are Sheralee Renton, Don Soja, Fritz Martin, Jona Ramey, Rona Nowak, and Ron Ramey.

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

If you aren't going to an exotic location, just send us \$55 for postage to an address inside Michigan or \$60 out of state, and we'll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won't miss a single, exciting issue.



# Court Watching

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battery on Nov. 6, 2019 in Van Buren Township. He was arraigned on a bench warrant on April 4, 2022 and released on personal bond. He failed to appear for his June 23, 2022 court date and a warrant was signed. His pretrial was set for Oct. 26, 2022 and because his newly hired attorney was not present, his pretrial was adjourned for a week, to Nov. 2. On Oct. 31, 2022 the defendant called to ask for discovery because he was going to defend himself. On Nov. 2, 2022 he failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued.

On Dec. 6 he called in and the warrant

was canceled. A remote pretrial was set for Dec. 21. At that time a final pretrial where the victim must appear was set for Jan. 4, 2023. Also, discovery was requested.

On Jan. 4, the complainant did not appear so the charge was dismissed.

## Simon Okechukwu Obi, Jr.

Simon Okechukwu Obi, Jr., of Westland was arraigned Oct. 28, 2022 on a bench warrant while in custody at Van Buren Township after failing to appear for a previous court session on a charge of fleeing police in a vehicle on Jan. 25, 2022 in Van Buren Township. Judge Martin set bond at \$5,000/10% and scheduled the probable cause conference for Nov. 9, 2022. On Nov. 9 a fill-in for the defense attorney said the

discovery was sent, but the attorney was in trial and needed more time. The probable cause conference was adjourned to Nov. 23 and then to Nov. 30. On Nov. 30, the court got a call that both the attorney and the defendant would be about an hour late. The live preliminary exam was set for Jan. 11, 2023.

On Jan. 11 the charge was dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

## Lakiya Lanette Brookins

Lakiya Lanette Brookins of Canton is charged with assault or assault and battery on Sept. 6, 2022 in Van Buren Township. She was scheduled to be arraigned on Oct. 5, 2022 and her show cause hearing was set for Nov. 2, 2022. She failed to appear and so a bench warrant was issued for her arrest.

## Amanda Ashlee Bias

Amanda Ashlee Bias of Westland was present by zoom for her arraignment/probable cause conference on Nov. 2, 2022 on charges of illegal sale of a financial transaction device, embezzlement, and larceny on Nov. 16, 2020 in Sumpter Township. Her attorney needed discovery so her probable cause conference was set for Nov. 16, 2022. Then, a live exam was set for Dec. 28, 2022.

On Dec. 28 a settlement offer was signed with the defendant pleading guilty to larceny less than \$200, the third charge, with the others dismissed. There would be 12 months of probation, \$363 restitution, and \$825 in fees to the court. She also is

to have no contact with Little Town Liquor Store, where she was an employee and took less than \$200.

Her defense attorney said she is a single mother of five now working at McDonald's and hoped to pay the amount owed in the time allotted.

## Jodi Marie McWhirter

Jodi Marie McWhirter of Van Buren Township was charged with operating while intoxicated and carrying a concealed weapon under the influence on Aug. 22, 2022 in the city of Belleville. At her remote pretrial on Nov. 2, 2022 the charges were dismissed without prejudice.

Defense attorney Royce Nunley said there was no police report, no anything, no evidence. Judge Green said it could be set for trial but, "I don't know how they can prove anything without evidence." Prosecutor Bryn Bailey said her office does not prosecute on tickets. She said it could be refiled.

On Dec. 20, 2023 the charges were refiled and the arraignment/pretrial was set for Jan. 10, and the pretrial for Jan. 17.

On Jan. 17, she pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon while intoxicated and a reduced charge of operating while visibly impaired by alcohol and the open intoxicant charge was dismissed. She was turned over to the probation department for recommended sentencing. Sentencing will be March 4.

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### 2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

#### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City Of Belleville will be held on the following dates:

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
(Organizational Meeting)

#### No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

**Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 12, 2024.**

**Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-252-4314 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. by MARCH 5, 2024.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Commercial	47.66%	1.049
Industrial	49.19%	1.016
Residential	43.72%	1.143

Briana Hootman  
City of Belleville

Publish: Thursday, February 15, 2024  
Thursday, February 22, 2024  
Thursday, February 29, 2024

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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.

2009	DODGE	SW	2D8HN541X9R519260	23-12815
2022	PRATT	TL	1P9UT1419NN343116	23-12511
2002	SATURN	4D	1G8ZH52832Z130766	23-12746
2009	FORD	4D	1FAHP34N59W231742	23-12712
2003	FORD	PU	1FTYR10U93PB47303	23-12815
2003	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCHK23U43F203188	23-13271
2010	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB5EK6A1179638	23-13267
2008	FORD	4D	1FAHP35N48W295400	23-13454
2008	JEEP	SW	1J8GR48K98C144201	23-13384
2009	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZG57B39F257048	24-1162
2007	VOLKSWGN	2D	3VWEG71K17M133106	23-13516
2010	MAZDA	4D	JM1BL1SFOA1236280	23-13704
2010	FORD	SW	2FMDK3JC6ABA08959	23-13137

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.

2001	DODGE	PU	3B7HF13Y61G737306	24-1348
2006	FORD	4D	3FAFP07Z86R202335	24-629
2003	FORD	2D	1FAFP44443F400550	24-1239
2007	FORD	4D	1FAFP34N27W190748	24-10
2007	MERCURY	4D	3MEHM08Z87R635003	23-118
2010	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HA4AR247475	23-10040
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JH52FX47268863	22-7381
2001	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KY54911U132866	23-7578

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: February 22nd, 2024



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 250 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Feb. 11:

0252 – civil matter, N. Woodbury Dr.  
0707 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0949 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.  
0955 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.  
1121 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1121 – assist other dept., Peninsular Dr.  
1306 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.  
1633 – animal complaint, Hardwood Dr.  
1807 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.  
2152 – warrant arrest, Main/Third  
2353 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.

### Monday, Feb. 12:

0034 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0357 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
0438 – noise complaint, Rose Blvd.  
xxxx – assist other dept., E. I-94/Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.  
0840 – assist other dept., Belle Villa  
0910 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd./N. I-275  
1053 – warrant arrest, Outer Dr.  
1109 – mental subject, Fret Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Dover Ct.  
1254 – welfare check, Mulberry  
1306 – fraud, Sawgrass Ct.  
1430 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1459 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse  
1505 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton/bridge  
xxxx – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.  
1737 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.

xxxx – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1843 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
1944 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1940 – assist fire dept., Oak Blvd.  
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1959 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
2051 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2209 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2233 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.

### Tuesday, Feb. 13:

0224 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0249 – welfare check, Oak Blvd.  
0801 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0824 – misc. complaint, Victoria St.  
0852 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1018 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1258 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.  
1315 – threat, Independence Ln.  
1318 – assist other dept. Outer Dr.  
1436 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1833 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1832 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. /Belleville Rd.  
1845 – assault & battery, Wheeler St.  
1937 – assist citizen, Michigan Ave.  
2009 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2029 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.  
2125 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2147 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
2213 – noise complaint, Vernon St.  
2344 – property check, Greenbriar

### Wednesday, Feb. 14:

xxxx – repossession, Village Green Ln.  
0903 – fraud, Martinsville Rd.  
1009 – assist other dept., Park Estates Dr.  
1127 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1156 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.  
1133 – background investigation, Mom's Dr.  
1156 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
1206 – welfare check, Holly Ln.  
1358 – assist fire dept., Lighthouse Dr.  
1511 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1512 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.

1612 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1631 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Lacy Dr.  
2126 – welfare check, W. I-94/rest area  
2301 – animal complaint, Belleville/Ecorse

### Thursday, Feb. 15:

0108 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0152 – noise complaint, Rose Blvd.  
0500 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
0653 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0725 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.  
0905 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.  
xxxx – civil matter, Mitchell Dr.  
1015 – mental subject, Outer Dr.  
1054 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1105 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

1320 – 911 welfare check, Outer Dr.  
1151 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cape Condos  
1226 – property damage accident, Robson Rd. / Marlowe Ave.  
1239 – assist other dept., Belle Pointe Dr.  
1354 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
1423 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
1431 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1434 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1645 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.  
1500 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1521 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1644 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse  
1851 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Vernon St.  
1948 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates  
2137 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
2213 – assist other dept., Van Buren St.

### Friday, Feb. 16:

0336 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.  
0358 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0634 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.  
0912 – larceny from auto, Vernon St.  
1048 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd.  
1517 – animal complaint, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1555 – 911 welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1641 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Water's Edge Ln.  
1718 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1943 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
2100 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
2216 – assist other dept., Old Michigan  
2245 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

### Saturday, Feb. 17:

0153 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
0159 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ashbury Dr.  
0355 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
0729 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
0755 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
0832 – fraud, Peninsular Dr.  
0913 – found property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1019 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.  
1058 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1133 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1230 – welfare check, Brandi Dr.  
1248 – warrant arrest, Michigan  
1247 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1445 – traffic offense, Martz Rd.  
1457 – 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr.

1510 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1510 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.

1544 – domestic, Outer Dr.  
1648 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Hull Rd.

1647 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1701 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1731 – threat, S. Sunset Ln.  
1810 – disorderly, Water's Edge Ln.  
1859 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Woodbury Dr.  
xxxx – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2000 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2204 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Stanley Rd.  
2208 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2219 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martz Rd.

2244 – welfare check, Victoria St.  
2245 – assist fire dept., Capitol Dr.  
2258 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Also, on this week's log are 98 traffic stops, 21 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Feb. 11:

xxxx – repossession, S. Biggs St.  
0845 – property check, Horizon Park, High St.  
0847 – property check, Fourth St.  
0852 – property check, Doane's Landing, Liberty N. & Belleville Rd.  
0854 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0908 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0930 – misc. complaint, Main St./High St.  
0946 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
0958 – property check, Village Park  
1001 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
1005 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
1018 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
1128 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, High St./Edison St.

1618 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
1922 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.  
1934 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.  
2015 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.  
2050 – traffic stop, Water Works  
2111 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
2144 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2329 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

### Monday, Feb. 12:

0100 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
0229 – assist fire dept., Estrada Dr.  
0721 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
0839 – suicidal person, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0909 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.  
1124 – background investigation, Main St.  
1306 – property check, Grace Baptist Church, Roys St.

1309 – property check, Belleville First United Methodist Church, Church St.  
1312 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.  
1649 – property check, S. Edgemont St.  
1658 – property check, Savage Rd.  
1711 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.  
1910 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
2306 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
2312 – noise complaint, Carmell St.

### Tuesday, Feb. 13:

0057 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1147 – property check, Liberty Gospel Church, Liberty N.  
1155 – property check, Harbour Pointe Sub.  
1211 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.  
1720 – property check, Main St.  
1826 – property check, Main St.  
1943 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
2131 – property check, Main St.  
2348 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.

### Wednesday, Feb. 14:

0030 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0132 – property check, Hull Rd.  
1123 – malicious destruction, Henry St.  
1215 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.  
1233 – threat, Main St.  
1348 – animal complaint, Carmell St.  
1614 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.  
2240 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.  
2343 – sexual assault, N. Liberty St.

### Thursday, Feb. 15:

0139 – property check, Hull Rd.

0314 – property check, E. Columbia Ave.  
0329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oxford Ct.  
0820 – misc. complaint, E. Thornhill Ct./Victorian Ln.  
1052 – threat, Owen St.  
xxxx – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave./Sumpter Rd.  
1106 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty St.

1416 – property check, N. Liberty St.  
1424 – mental subject, N. Liberty St.  
1600 – misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1601 – property check, High St.  
1603 – property check, Grace Baptist Church  
1604 – property check, Fourth St.  
1608 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
1820 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
1824 – property check, Lifepointe Church  
1836 – property check, Butzin's Lumber Yard  
1838 – property check, Sumpter Rd.  
1846 – property check, Loza Ln. Trailer Park  
1849 – property check, Kingdom Hall Church  
1851 – property check, Edgemont Elementary School

1855 – property check, Zax Car Wash  
2007 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
2051 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.  
2117 – traffic stop, Third St./Church St.

### Friday, Feb. 16:

0553 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0612 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.  
0740 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
0859 – mental subject, San Carlos St.  
1258 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.

### Saturday, Feb. 17:

0016 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
0217 – property check, Main St.  
0400 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
1418 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./Roys St.  
1959 – traffic stop, South Stl/E. Wabash Ave.  
2120 – larceny, Main St.  
2124 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.

There are 12 traffic stops on this week's log, along with 36 property checks.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Feb. 11:

0020 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0138 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.  
0943 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.  
1114 – family trouble, Indiana St.  
1334 – suspicious circumstances, Second St.  
1545 – suspicious person, 8600 bl. Rawsonville  
1615 – welfare check, Hampshire Dr.  
1714 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1758 – follow-up investigations, 25000 bl. Elwell  
1817 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1823 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1848 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1855 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
1908 – welfare check, 8200 Oakville Waltz Rd.  
2113 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2120 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.

### Monday, Feb. 12:

1207 – 911 hang up, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1309 – 911 hangup, Oregon St./Florida St.  
1508 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1734 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1812 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1853 – suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
2049 – suspicious vehicle, Colorado St.  
2108 – motorist assist, Oakville Waltz/Clark  
2227 – suspicious circumstances, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.

2332 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

### Tuesday, Feb. 13:

1026 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville  
1130 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1238 – suspicious circumstances, 50000 bl. Wear  
1302 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1304 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.  
1324 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1358 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1454 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1553 – assist other agency, Mulberry Dr.  
 1632 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
 2308 – suspicious circumstances, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

**Wednesday, Feb. 14:**  
 0006 – suspicious vehicle, Willow Rd./Haggerty  
 0034 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 0927 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
 0957 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 1006 – follow-up investigations, 6700 Oakville Waltz Rd.  
 1014 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.  
 1052 – follow-up investigations, 46000 bl. Bemis  
 1154 – property damage accident, Bemis/Savage  
 1442 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
 2009 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.  
 2158 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
 2227 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
 2341 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

**Thursday, Feb. 15:**  
 0009 – suspicious circumstances, Tulip Dr.  
 0032 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 0838 – neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
 0844 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
 0850 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
 0853 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1108 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
 1243 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.  
 1312 – mental health call, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1330 – suspicious circumstances, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 1345 – alarm, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
 1413 – follow-up investigations, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 1444 – personal injury accident, 49000 bl. Judd  
 1601 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.

**Friday, Feb. 16:**  
 0341 – 911 hang up, Washington St.  
 0929 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.

0934 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
 0953 – suspicious circumstances, Rustic Ln.  
 1229 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
 1310 – suspicious circumstances, Arizona St.  
 1516 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.  
 1538 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.  
 1558 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 1634 – traffic complaint/hazard, Carleton West Rd. / Judd Rd.  
 2013 – family trouble, Arizona St.  
 2029 – noise complaint, Washington St.  
 2138 – neighbor dispute, Colorado St.

**Saturday, Feb. 17:**  
 0038 – citizen assist, Mulberry Dr.  
 0614 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.  
 0616 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Clay Rd.  
 0747 – 911 hang up, Carriage Ln.  
 0830 – fire dept. assist, Tulip Dr.  
 0938 – animal complaint, Oregon St.  
 1533 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
 1719 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.  
 1814 – subpoena service, Delaware St.  
 1844 – suspicious person, Oregon St.  
 1937 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
 2009 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
 2225 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 2235 – suspicious circumstances, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 2314 – 911 hang up, Maine St.

Also, on this week's log are 218 patrol checks, 102 traffic stops, and nine misc. details.

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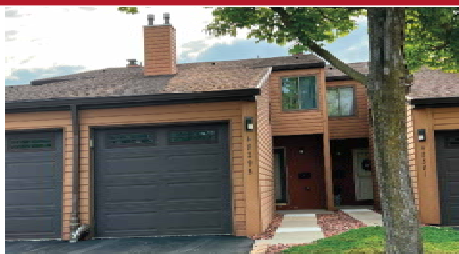
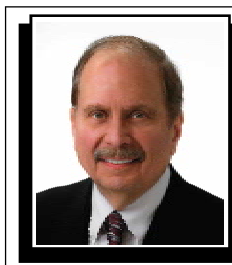
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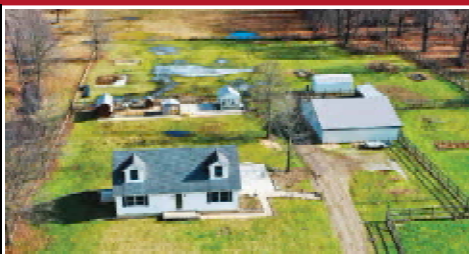
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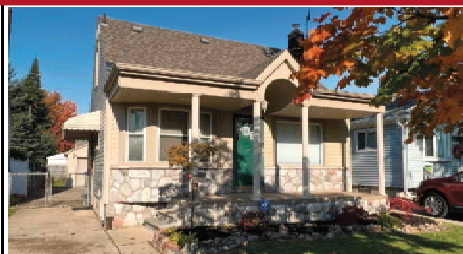
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