



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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## Shane Evans pleads guilty to second-degree murder in Egypt's death

On April 7, Shane Lamar Evans, 34, of Sumpter Township pled guilty to second degree murder in the June 22, 2017 shooting death of Elizabeth (Egypt) Covington.

On Feb. 28, Evans was again found competent to stand trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda A. Evans and his final conference was set for Feb. 28. A jury trial previously had been set for Dec. 11, 2023.

After a review and recommendation by the court's probation department, sentencing will be held on May 4.

Evans had been charged with homicide-felony murder and home invasion-first degree. These charges were dismissed in exchange for his guilty plea. He has been in the Wayne County Jail since his arrest in late 2020.

Evans had testified at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court that he showed the two other defendants where a marijuana caregiver lived in a duplex on Hull Road in Van Buren Township and they allegedly went in the wrong door and killed Covington. Evans said he pointed out the house and the door and then left with his girlfriend.

The two still charged with murder counts are Timothy Eugene Moore, 37, of Toledo, whose jury trial is set for July 24. He has been in the Wayne County Jail since his Nov. 8, 2020 arrest and is accused of being the actual shooter.

Moore is charged with first degree premeditated murder, felony murder, home invasion-first degree, and four counts of weapons-felony firearm.

Shandon R Groom, 30, of Toledo, is the third defendant in the case. Groom has pled not guilty to charges of homicide-felony murder, home invasion-first degree, premeditated first degree murder, and three counts of weapons-felony firearm.

His jury trial had been set for Oct. 3, 2022 and was adjourned until April 10, 2023. Instead, a pretrial was held on April 10 and then adjourned to April 14.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

It is estimated that about 1,000 people came to Victory Park in Belleville on Saturday for the annual Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community and supported by many other groups and businesses. The children got free framed pictures with the Bunny, free candy, free kiddie cups of Kona Ice, free use of a bouncy house, and free tours of a fire truck. Their parents bought pizza and books and Girl Scout Cookies and donated more than \$223 to the CBC. This picture is of the candy hunt for children aged four and five. Members of the Belleville High School JROTC assisted.

## VBT approves Waste Management for paid solid waste pick up

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Waste Management will continue to pick up trash and recycling on a weekly basis the way it does now and yard waste two weeks longer into mid-December, but from sometime this year on out, residents of Van Buren Township will be paying for the services.

The price was estimated at under \$14 per household per month. The pickup had been free until a new host community agreement was signed by the township with WM agreeing to have customers pay.

In 2016, WM approached the township regarding the need to expand the landfill as the approved areas were filling up. The expansion would increase the life of the landfill by an additional 30 to 40 years. In order to do this the agreement would need to be amended.

During the 2016 discussions, the township made efforts to ensure that all existing provisions in the current agreement were

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## VBT Board

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maintained including free collections, but WM expressed concerns with maintaining this. The reasons identified were the unexpected growth of the township where the number of households nearly doubled. They said it would be difficult to project growth 30 to 40 years into the future and this uncertainty was a concern.

Other concerns were the variable costs associated with fuel, labor, and equipment in providing this service. This became a focal point in the discussions and ultimately WM agreed to extend the free collection and disposal for an additional five years.

After that, WM would still allow free disposal of the curbside trash and yard waste at the landfill, but would no longer provide free collection. There would be no change to the landfill pass program.

At the April 4 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the board voted unanimously to choose Waste Management for the service, out of four bidders. Township staff was directed to negotiate the contract for the service, which will be brought back to the board for consideration.

"We're negotiating," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara, "but we're not quite there yet. There are a few things."

Ron Akers, municipal services director, explained the project to the board at the April 4 meeting. He said the four bids were opened on March 6 from: Waste Management, Titan National, Priority Waste, and GFL. The bids were evaluated by a committee, based on comments from the community survey and comments on the service over the years.

Under the contract, the yard waste pickup was extended from ending Nov. 30 to the second full week in December. A consideration to reduce recycling pickup to every other week was not popular with residents so that idea was dropped, Akers said.

Besides the citizen survey, 25 to 30 residents attended an in-person meeting on March 13 to discuss the service. Others came in to talk during evening hours set up to discuss the issue. The most common concern was having to pay for collection, Akers said.

He said the committee recommended awarding the bid to Waste Management. Akers said the township has to change an ordinance to have a single hauler and a draft ordinance is under review by legal counsel. He said information has been posted on the township website.

When Trustee Kevin Martin asked about pickups of bulk items, Akers said residents can call the township, as they do now, or they will be able to request it on line.

Clerk Leon Wright said he was satisfied

with the lengthy process the township followed to get information from the residents on what they want. He said the township has a history with Waste Management and, "We know what we're getting." Clerk Wright said it was great to see the price was compatible.

He referred to the chart that showed costs per year for a home valued at \$250,000. Sumpter Township is \$108 on the water bill (does not include recycling or yard waste collection). The city of Belleville is \$248 on the water bill. Van Buren Township is expected to be under \$180 and this would be placed on the property taxes.

In other business at the April 4 meeting, the board:

- Approved an agreement with American Fireworks Company for not to exceed \$25,000 for the fireworks on June 24 (rain day June 25) at Beck Field. Jennifer Zaenglein, director of recreation, said this year they budgeted \$25,000 and asked bidders to come up with more bang for the buck for that amount. There were four bidders – Great Lakes, American, Pyrotechnico, and Zambelli – and after evaluation they agreed American of Hudson, Ohio, was the best;

- Approved the selection of PPM Tree Service and Arbor Care LLC for the Riggs Park Tree Removal Project at a total of \$28,000. Jason Locke, parks director, said PPM had the lowest price of 11 bidders. He said all the trees between East Huron River Drive and the Iron Belle Trail at Riggs Park will be cut down. He said they are dead, dying, have hazardous limbs or are invasive tree species. He said they are a hazard to the road traffic and now to the pedestrian traffic on the trail. "It's a pretty high priority," Locke said. "It's bad." Supervisor McNamara said, "I'm tired of our parks being hidden ... brush trees, garbage trees, an impenetrable block to the parks";

- Heard John Herman say that the Greenbriar road project is getting started and areas of construction are being marked. He said on April 5 they would be sawcutting and on April 6 they will clear all the spaces and begin pouring concrete on April 10. He said the cement work needed has been doubled since the first estimate. People will not be able to get out of their drives for several days during the work, he said. Those with questions may contact him at [johnherman@peoplepc.com](mailto:johnherman@peoplepc.com). He said the total project is expected to take six weeks and be done in the middle of May;

- Heard Mike Monroe, president of the Greenbriar homeowners association say the company doing the work will communicate with the homeowners before the work begins in their area. He said he would like to speak about the Woodland Meadows landfill that is expanding to the south. He said the main entrance should be changed from Van Born Road at the north end to the

Ecorse Road entry where the golfcourse used to be. He said this would give trucks direct access to I-275. The trucks now are going everywhere in the community and dirt is blowing everywhere. He said if the Waste Management landfill is going to be there another 30 years, the time to change the entry is now;

- Heard Clerk Wright ask for the township to put together a program to clean the streets and sideways and byways of the trash. He said WM trucks are moving while picking up which causes dumping on the road at the same time. He said a lot of the trash comes from residents and the township should teach residents how to keep the township clean. Director of Public Service Larry Luckett said the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court has committed to revamp its community work crew, that was shut down by COVID. He said the township has asked for a four-man crew for eight hours on Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse. He said they will bag up the trash and the township's Building & Grounds crew will scoop up the bags;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara say the township board allowed the township to use some of its money to clean up and the Downtown Development Authority is allowing streetscape money to clean up. Director Luckett said since the shoulders of the roads have been cut, the trash is more pronounced;

- Heard Treasurer Sharry Budd report the March 30 passing of Terry Schoenbach. She recalled that Terry and his wife Diane, who survives him, had trained German Shepherds and were part of the Van Buren

### Court Watching:

## Three Wayne County employees charged in time fraud scheme

Wayne County received an anonymous letter in the spring of 2022 alleging illegal activities involving employees of the Wayne County Bridge Department.

The letter alleged that county workers, using county materials and equipment were refurbishing a private business during work hours and being paid with county funds.

According to a news release from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, Prosecutor Kym Worthy requested an investigation in April 2022 that was conducted by Chief Brian White and Lt. Donald Farris of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Criminal Investigations Division, with assistance from the FBI Detroit-Public Corruption Task Force.

The investigation revealed that on Dec. 5, 2021, Scott VanPeeren, 54, of Wyandotte, John Everhart, 50, of Farmington Hills, and Justin Whorton, 40, of Detroit, were

Township Police Department in the 1990s;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara announce to the public that the township has the Tri-Community Museum and, "We need your help." He said the township is looking for volunteers who are willing to help with the museum; and

- Heard State Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, report on her first weeks in office. She said Jackson Pahle finished his master's degree and started in her office on Jan. 11. [Pahle now has also been appointed to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.] She said she has been appointed to House committees and appointed chairperson of the Agriculture Committee. She said she knows nothing about agriculture, but many of the communities in her district are rural, and she will learn. She said the House is in session three days a week – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – and she is in the district on Monday and Friday. She said she and State Senator Darrin Camilleri have been able to have use of the office in Harris Park on Fridays for meetings with individuals, courtesy of the VBT DDA. She listed the 168 meetings and 13 events she has attended, along with several coffee hours. She said she went to a coffee hour in Dundee and the next day that location was hit with a tornado and now is closed. She spoke of the now \$11.8 million available for the Denton Road Bridge and Iron Belle Trail. She said she requested a letter of commitment from House Speaker Joe Tate in case no one remembers this promise for the funds when it is time to pay.

employed by Wayne County and assigned to the Bridge Department.

On that date it is alleged that they worked at a private business, Romulus Nutrition, located in the 31250 block of Ecorse Road in Romulus, MI, and falsified their time sheets. They each received payment from the County for this work.

While working at Romulus Nutrition, it is further alleged that the three employees used Wayne County equipment and materials. The investigation is ongoing in this matter and no further information will be released at this time, the news release stated.

On March 28, Scott VanPeeren, John Everhart, and Justin Whorton were charged with one count of larceny - \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000, and one count of conspiracy to commit larceny - \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### BHS Head Football Coach resigns to take university job

The March 31 resignation of DeJuan Rogers from his positions as Belleville High School Safety Liaison / Head Football Coach was accepted by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on Monday without comment.

Rogers had been approved as head football coach in December to take the place of Jermain Crowell who resigned after the Michigan High School Athletic Association suspended Crowell from coaching for the rest of the 2022 season and through June of 2024 for violating the state's undue influence rule.

BHS was already on probation after an assistant coach within the football program self-reported an undue influence violation the previous April. That unnamed coach was suspended for the maximum four years for that violation.

The MHSAA describes its undue influence rule as "the anti-recruiting regulation."

Rogers had served as Crowell's assistant coach and Rogers took the football team through the final few games to its second state championship in a row.

Near the end of Monday's meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak explained that Rogers got a college coaching position at Tiffin University in Ohio as a backfield coach. His goal had been college football, Kudlak said. Kudlak said the district now has a committee conducting interviews for the position. The future of BHS football hangs in the balance.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On April 5, the city of Belleville sent out a Nixle alert announcing that due to the anticipated severe weather and current Tornado Watch, the city reminded residents, particularly in the Belle Villa and Lakeview mobile home parks, that Owen Intermediate School would be opened in the event a Tornado Warning is issued.

It is located at 45201 Owen Rd. marked by a traffic light at Sumpter Road.

The alert said the school building should offer improved shelter from the storm in the event a tornado should occur. City emergency department personnel will unlock the school if the need arises and will be on hand to direct the public. It said they would send out another Nixle alert when the shelter is opened for those wishing to use it.

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A Reader visited us to ask about when the veteran banners are coming down. We told him it had been announced as last January and he said at city hall they told him it was Feb. 1. They were still up when he came in on April 5.

We called Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt who is in charge of that project, actually, all banner projects in the city. He said the banners for the BHS graduates were due to be delivered on April 7 and the volunteers would be making the change as soon as possible after that. He said it will take more than one day.

When we mentioned that the banners on the bridge and in other places had been torn up by the wind, he said not to worry. He reminded us that the veteran banners didn't get up in time for Veterans Day last year because the banner company sent the wrong size banners and they had to redo them. Ken said that all the people who arranged for the banners will get a brand-new banner from the ones that

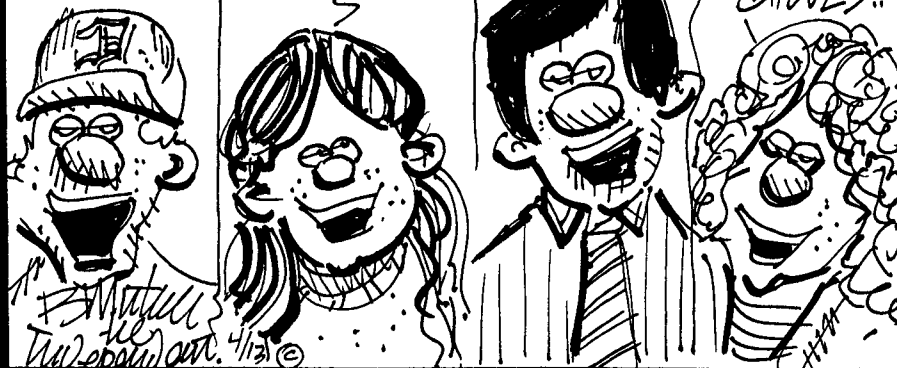
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NO HOCKEY PLAYOFFS LIKELY LEADS TO RED WING LAYOFFS..

IN MAY WE GIVE MOM A SPECIAL DAY, WHILE DAD WAITS TIL JUNE AND WE STILL MAKE HIM PAY..

JULY HEAT WAVES BRING AUGUST COMPLAINTS,

SEPTEMBER'S ARE BACK TO SCHOOL WHILE OCTOBER BRINGS OUT THE BOUVILLE GHOULS..



were first delivered. He said if a person put an email address on the application form, they will email that address when the banners are ready to be picked up. They will also put the information on social media, he said.

Ken said they made arrangements to have the pickups on the front porch of Shannon Photography on Main Street.

When we came into work on Monday, we saw BHS senior banners on the lamp posts, so that's a good clue.

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We received another anonymous letter, this time attacking two other letter writers who had their letters published and the anonymous writer disagreed with them. Both of the published letters were signed. If you want to insult someone, you need to come out from behind the bush and sign your name. They weren't afraid to sign their names. Signed letters are considered for publication. Once in a while a person has a good reason to ask to have a letter published without his/her name and that is taken into consideration.

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A Reader said he recently saw a Girl Scout cookie booth set up outside Blue Sky marijuana business on Savage Road in Belleville and thought that was a good idea, what with the munchies and all.

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At Monday's school board meeting, athletes and their accomplishments were celebrated and some of the students involved were at the meeting to shake hands with the board members.

Swimming coach Aaron Lang said swimmer Thomas Okubo broke the 1978 BHS school record for the 100-yard Butterfly at the Michigan High School Athletic Association District 1 state meet on March 10 with a time of 54.35. He said the school record was held by Chris Renton. Then, Donna Renton and Chris Renton called Thomas to congratulate him for breaking the record. Lang said he thought that was a really nice thing to do.

He said Thomas was practicing in the BHS pool before the meeting and he told Thomas he had to come to the school board meeting. Thomas reportedly said he was too busy practicing, but Lang influenced him to come to the meeting and it would "be short."

Thomas is now working to break another school record, Lang said.

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The Sumpter Township Clerk's office is seeking help to get a historical marker for the original township hall, which is located across Sumpter Road from the current township hall and now serves as the DPW office. The township has the 1873 deed from when Sumpter bought the land for an ear of corn. They are looking for any pictures or information any residents may have. The basement has many township offices, along with an old jail cell. Those with information may contact (734) 256-4406.

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## Letters

### BHS Choirs, Show Reunion set July 22

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate the Community and the VBPS Board of Education for reinstating the vocal music program in the secondary schools; hopefully, elementary music classes won't be far behind. Music programs, both choir and band, are integral to providing a well-rounded education for students. The lessons learned, both on the concert stage, as well as in the classroom, are far reaching and last a lifetime.

As a retired BHS Choir Director, I had the privilege of teaching thousands of teenagers. I treasure our shared memories and am pleased to announce that there will be a BHS Choirs and Show Reunion on July 22, 2023. Anyone who sang in the BHS choirs or took part in a Belleville High School play or musical (including pit orchestra, stage crew, staff, or show-kid parents), is invited to attend.

The Reunion has two components: A Sing-Along, complete with slideshow, solos, and mass choir singing, at the Belleville High School Auditorium, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a dinner at the Belleville Yacht Club at 6 p.m. This all-day event promises to be filled with music, fellowship, and lots of nostalgia! Tickets may be purchased online at: <https://myevent.com/bhschoirsandfriendsreunion>, or on Facebook by visiting the BHS Choirs & Friends page.

Thanks for helping me spread the word about the BHS Choirs and Show Reunion on July 22, 2023!

Louise Williamson (aka Pitcher)

### Join us for 'Paper Moon' tonight at 6:30

Dear Friends:

Please join us on Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. for the third free film in the Classic Film Series at the Belleville Area District Library.

The Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts are co-sponsoring the classic movies on the second Thursdays of the month.

This month it will be the classic comedy, "Paper Moon," directed by Peter Bogdanovich, starring Ryan O'Neil and his daughter, Tatum O'Neil.

Friends of the Belleville Area District Library

### It's Pothole Season

The Wayne County Department of Public Services said it can't fix potholes unless it knows where they are. Report Wayne County potholes to 1-888-ROAD-CREW.

### Monopoly for cannabis sales isn't fair

To the editor:

I am concerned that if I read correctly that Blue Sky Cannabis holds ALL the licenses for any growth in the area.

This is a MONOPOLY. I plan on speaking with the gentleman who is trying to start his provisioning center on Huron River Drive who keeps getting turned down because of "zoning."

If you look at a map, the two businesses are in alignment with each other, but not in fairness.

Also, Blue Sky is starting to be selective with their clients, as I have been kicked out for going there. No other reason than the "budtenders" (money takers) didn't "like" me?

Come on, it's RETAIL! Get a backbone. We CANNOT have monopolies like Budd's Produce Farm. Other roadside stands are ILLEGAL in the township except for that one.

Just a few people own the town and the area. Time to purge these out since everyone is more sensitive since COVID-19.

We have to find a reason why we are so evil with each other and FIX IT!

Donald S Keith  
Belleville

### Thanks for support of our Tootsie Roll drive

To the editor:

The Knights of Columbus Council 6549 would like to thank the Belleville-area community for its support for our recent fund-raising drive (Tootsie Rolls) at Five Points to assist the intellectually disabled in Michigan.

We also want to thank the Belleville City Council, the police department, and the mayor for allowing this important work to continue.

Thank you.

William Alati  
St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 6549  
Knights of Columbus

### BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, April 13** – Girls JV Tennis vs. John Glenn HS, 4 p.m.

• **Friday, April 14** – Boys & Girls Tiger Track Relays, 3:30 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Taylor HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Taylor HS, 4:30 p.m.

• **Monday, April 17** – Varsity Baseball vs. Dearborn HS, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. New Boston Huron HS, 4 p.m.

• **Tuesday, April 18** – Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Stevenson HS, 4 p.m.

• **Wednesday, April 19** – Boys Varsity Golf vs. Cass Technical HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metro Park; JV Baseball vs. Dearborn HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Dearborn HS, 4 p.m. doubleheader; Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Howell HS, 5:30 p.m.

Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary



# Obituaries



Jerry Dean Lewis

## JERRY DEAN LEWIS

(April 22, 1960 – April 1, 2023)

Jerry Dean Lewis of Chatsworth, GA (formerly of Belleville, MI), age 62, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023, due to complications of Covid. He was the fifth child of the late Nick and Jesse Pauline Lewis. Born in Sumpter, MI on April 22, 1960, he spent most of his life between Sumpter and Canton, MI.

Jerry was a major U of M fan. He also enjoyed fishing, roller skating, and listening to Bob Seger. Jerry remarried in December 2012 to his current wife Vivian. Vivian and Jerry moved to Deltona, FL in March of 2013 to take care of his father, Nick Lewis. He stayed there following his father's death in 2015 for an additional 6 years before moving to his final home in Chatsworth, GA in late 2021.

Jerry is survived by his wife Vivian Lewis; his children: Robinson (Holly) Lewis, Christine Lewis, and Tyler (Dayna) Lewis; stepchildren Justin (Sara) Propst and Christen (Dustin) Davidson; eight grandchildren: Autumn, Dawson, Sicily, Elan, Kylee, Jace, Scarlett, and Amelia; his sister Sherry (Wayne) Earhart; along with many nieces, nephews, and loved ones.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Susie and Connie, brother Keith, and wife Karan.

Visitation was between 12-1 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with a 1 p.m. Funeral Service with Pastor Bob Lafferty officiating. Interment was in Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## Woman accidentally discharges gun in vehicle at Belleville Post Office

On Saturday April 1, at approximately 1:13 p.m., the Van Buren Police Department responded to the parking lot of the U.S. Post Office to the report of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Deputy Chief Joshua Monte reported that, upon arrival, officers discovered a female sitting in the driver's seat of her parked vehicle, who had accidentally discharged her firearm, shooting herself in the thigh.

Responding officers provided first aid until the Van Buren Fire Department and EMS arrived. The female was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, Deputy Chief Monte said.

He said the female driver was holder of a Concealed Pistol License (CPL) and could legally possess the handgun. A one-year-old child was in the rear seat of the vehicle. Fortunately, she was not hurt, Monte said.

He said there are no pending criminal charges.

## Westland woman dies in single vehicle rollover on S. I-94 Service Drive

A 48-year-old Westland woman died in a single vehicle rollover accident on the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township on Saturday.

Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte said at about 8:49 a.m. on April 8 the Van Buren Police and Fire Departments, along with Huron Valley Ambulance, responded to a crash just east of Van Buren Park.

When officers arrived on the scene they found a vehicle on its side with the engine compartment on fire. Police officers used fire extinguishers to knock down the fire until fire personnel arrived to fully extinguish the fire.

HVA and Van Buren Fire personnel determined the victim was deceased at the scene due to injuries sustained in the crash, Deputy Chief Monte said.

The driver was the only occupant in the vehicle and the cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is asked to contact the Van Buren Police Department at (734) 699-8930 and ask for Detective Long or Sergeant Stanton.

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## Obituaries



Vera Jane Hickey

### V. JANE HICKEY

(October 8, 1920 – March 31, 2023)

Vera Jane Hickey, age 102, of Marietta, GA, formerly of Lambertville, MI, passed away Friday, March 31, 2023, at home, surrounded by family. She was born October 8, 1920, in Cleveland, OH, daughter of Francis H. & Johanna Vera (Smerke) Mervar.

She graduated from East High School, in Cleveland, OH. During her early years, singing with her mother in her father's club she realized her love of music. She studied music in Cleveland as well as in Berkley, CA where she met her husband William Preston Hickey, while taking singing lessons. She was a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church where she became President of the United Presbyterian Women's association, was an Elder and served on the session for 6 years. In 2010 she was honored by the Presbyterian Church in Roswell, GA, receiving the Presbyterian Women's honorary lifetime award. She loved singing in many church choirs. She was a devoted woman who served refugee children from many underprivileged countries for numerous years. Mrs. Hickey was dedicated to her family, as well. She enjoyed being a Camp Fire Girls Leader and a Cub Scout Leader for several years. Jane had a long struggle with Alzheimer's, and through it all, still remembered and continued to sing many of her favorite hymns. She loved service, faith, and most of all, her family.

Jane is survived by four children: William Preston "Bill" (Laura Hackenbrock) Hickey, Jr. of Tucson, AZ, Nancy Hickey (Stephen) Watts of Marietta, GA, John Curtis Hickey of Belleville, MI, and Carolyn (Reuben) Slone of Raleigh, NC; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; her 1<sup>st</sup> and close daughter-in-law Linda (Hickey) Alge of Waterville, OH; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her children's father William Preston Hickey, Sr., a son James Richard Hickey, a brother in childhood, John Mervar, also two adult brothers Frank and Larry Mervar.

Visitation was 10-11 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023, with an 11 a.m. funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to World Vision International and would be appreciated. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Charles Wenderski, Sr.

### CHARLES WENDERSKI, SR.

(June 24, 1943 – April 4, 2023)

Charles Wenderski, Sr., age 79, passed away on April 4, 2023. He was born in Belleville, MI to Stanley and Anna (Koszowski) Wenderski. He was a longtime Belleville resident and member of Faith Assembly Church. Charles taught Royal Rangers to boys for many years at First Assembly of God Church in Belleville. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 1998. Charles loved hunting for antiques and enjoyed being outside maintaining his yard and working in his flower garden.

Charles is survived by his wife of 54 years Carol (Wickner) Wenderski; children Charles Wenderski, Jr. of Taylor, MI, Susan (Gary) Herndon of Wyoming, MI, Anna (Jason) Kelso of Mason, MI; grandchildren Aubrey Del Rosario, Tyler Herndon, Austin Herndon, Mikayla Herndon, and Zachariah Kelso; great-grandchild Camden Del Rosario; a sister Christine Wenderski of Belleville, and many nieces and nephews.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Kathryn Killian and his brother David Wenderski.

A visitation and funeral took place Friday, April 7, 2023 from 9-11 a.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. The funeral began at 11 a.m. with Pastor Doug Valentine officiating.

In honor of Charles Wenderski, please plant flowers or a tree in his name. Please keep the Wenderskis in your thoughts and prayers at this time. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Craig Steven Viers

### CRAIG STEVEN VIERS

(August 30, 1960 – April 5, 2023)

Craig Steven Viers, age 62, passed away at his home. He was born in Belleville, MI to Fred and Betty (Kirby) Viers on August 30, 1960.

Craig attended Belleville High School and graduated in 1978. He spent over 30 years in automotive management and sales. Craig had a passion for going to and entering his car in shows, where he won a trophy for his Camaro Z28. He also enjoyed spending the winter months in Panama City Beach, FL.

Craig is survived by his children Brandi (Bobby) Sims of Ypsilanti, MI, Kami (Scott Springer) Viers of Panama City Beach, FL and Brett (Amanda) Viers of Belleville, MI. He had a grandchild Bryce Viers. He is also survived by a brother Derrick (Lynn) Kirby, nephew Jeff (Denise) Kirby, and niece Shelly (Steve). Craig was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Scot A. Viers. According to his wishes, cremation has taken place.

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# Obituaries



Laurie Anne Williams

## Laurie Anne Williams

(February 22, 1978 – April 7, 2023)

Laurie Anne Williams, 45, of Westland, MI, passed away late Friday, April 7, 2023, at Harper University Hospital, under hospice care, after a short battle with cancer. She was born February 22, 1978, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Ricky Aaron Brock and Diane Marie Couzens. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, class of 1999. Laurie enjoyed going to concerts and loved country music, especially anything by Garth Brooks. She was a good-hearted person who loved to laugh; many said her laugh was contagious. Laurie loved nature and being outdoors but most of all loved spending time with her family, especially her children.

Laurie is survived by three children: a son Justin Radomski of Milan, MI; two daughters: Crystal Williams and Stephanie Brock, both of Westland, MI; father Ricky (Karen) Brock of Belleville, MI; mother Diane Messina of Westland, MI; siblings Mandy (Jason) Morrow of Kentucky, brother Jesse Brock of Belleville, MI, Kimberly (Ritchie) Ryan of Belleville, MI; niece Alisha (Matthew) McMillen; nephews Devin Kruszewski and Anthony Morrow; great nieces and nephews Joshua, Bryce, and Makayla; also numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandfather Mike Couzens, also her stepfather Michael Messina.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life is being planned during the summer and will be announced. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## Court Watching

### Austin Lee Beachum-Lafleche

Austin Lee Beachum-Lafleche, 36, of Van Buren Township, is charged with uttering and publishing counterfeit bills or notes, receiving and concealing stolen property, and false pretenses on March 22 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court was April 5 and preliminary exam set for June 28. Personal bond is \$5,000.

### Darris Davon Caddell

Darris Davon Caddell, 20, of Ypsilanti is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Dec. 24 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was April 5. A preliminary exam was set for May 17. Personal bond is \$10,000 and there is to be no contact with the victim.

### Corey Shante Matthews

Corey Shante Matthews, 30, of Dearborn Heights, is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle on March 25 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was April 5. A preliminary exam was set for June 28. Personal bond is \$5,000. Judge Oakley said it was OK to return his firearm.

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

• **Thursday, April 13** – Enjoy the third free film in the Classic Film Series beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. The Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts are co-sponsoring classic movies on the second Thursdays of the month. This month it is the classic comedy “Paper Moon,” directed by Peter Bogdanovich, starring Ryan O’Neil and his daughter, Tatum O’Neil. John Monaghan, former *Detroit Free Press* film critic, will introduce the movie and lead a discussion afterward.

• **Saturday, April 15** – Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, is offering a Winner Winner Chicken Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Three pieces broasted chicken,

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• **Sunday, April 16** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

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Noah Richendollar of Belleville, a junior engineering student at Wayne State University, was one of the 12 WSU team members who took part in the Eastern Great Lakes regionals of the Concrete Canoe Competition on March 31 at Lake St. Clair Metropark. WSU's 280-pound nautical vessel competed with 11 other teams from Michigan and Ohio. The all-day event included buoyancy testing and culminated with the men's and women's 200-meter slalom races. The WSU women came in fourth in their race and the WSU men came in seventh, with Youngstown State University winning both races. Richendollar said he will be returning to the team next year.



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Swimming Coach Aaron Lang introduced Thomas Okubo who broke the 1978 BHS record for the 100-yard Butterfly during recent competition at the state level.



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All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

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Documents will be available for viewing on **April 10, 2023**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at [rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com](mailto:rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com).

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## Court Watching

### John Brain Green-Johnson

John Brain Green-Johnson, 32, of Detroit was present at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court for his April 5 probable cause conference by zoom from the Wayne County Jail where he is being held for murder and felony firearms charges in Van Buren Township on May 9, 2021. Bond has been denied. The probable cause conference was reset for April 26. His attorney passed away and a new Neighborhood Defender Service attorney will be appointed.

### Cody Douglas Harland

Cody Douglas Harland, 30 of Dearborn is charged with larceny in a building, possession of a financial transaction device, and stealing of a financial transaction device on March 24 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was April 5 via zoom from the Wayne County Jail where he was in custody. A probable cause conference was set for April 12. Personal bond is \$20,000. Six other like charges have been approved by the prosecutor for March 19 and also will be handled by the 34th District Court.

### Nicole Rene Royse-Bartz

Nicole Rene Royse-Bartz of Westland is charged with operating while intoxicated-third on July 3, 2021 in Sumpter Township. She was scheduled for an April 5 probable cause conference, reset for April 12. Personal bond is \$5,000.

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## More Letters

### Misinformation, divisive language divide us

To the editor:

I am writing to express my concerns about the divisive and misleading nature of the letter "Why wait for one day? Pray for America now" that was published in your newspaper. While the author calls for prayer and unity, their language and arguments only serve to further divide our communities and spread misinformation.

Firstly, the author suggests that "most media (written & electronic), wealth and politicians (both parties) are attempting to amend our Constitutional Amendments and freedoms." This is simply not true. Our Constitution has a process for amendment, and any changes must be approved by a two-thirds majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as by three-fourths of the states. There is no widespread attempt to amend our Constitution or freedoms.

Secondly, the author implies that illegal immigrants are solely responsible for the current state of our country, citing crime, drugs, and disease. This is a harmful and incorrect stereotype. The vast majority of immigrants come to this country seeking a better life for themselves and their families, and many contribute positively to our communities and economy. Furthermore, the author's claim that politicians are giving illegal immigrants "free food, housing, cell phones, driver licenses/I.D.s, voting rights/privileges" is simply false.

Finally, the author suggests that "anti-American" political movements and actions are traitorous and calls for corrupt politicians to be held accountable. This language only serves to further divide our communities and demonize those who hold different political views. We must remember that our country was founded on the principles of free speech and the right to hold differing opinions.

In conclusion, while prayer and unity are important, we must also be mindful of the language and arguments we use. Misinformation and divisive language only serve to further divide us and harm our communities. Let us strive to come together in a spirit of understanding and respect, and work towards a better future for all Americans.

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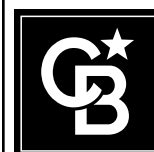
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# VBPS Board of Education approves amended budget

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Although the revenue was higher than expected for the 2022-23 school year, the expenses also were even higher, causing the school district budget amendments to take \$2,436,369 from the fund balance of the Van Buren Public Schools.

At Monday's meeting, the school board unanimously approved the amendments after an illustrated explanation by Finance Director Priya Nayak.

She said the budget had been put together estimating student count for the year at 4,212.87 and it came in at 4,313.34. The state aid was higher than the \$9,100 estimated and came in at \$9,150. Staffing also rose from 562 to 575 and ESSER funding, estimated at \$9.9 million, came in

at \$10.6 million.

Total revenue was \$72,070,259, which was higher than the \$67,167,662 expected. But expenditures were higher than expected in every category except Community Services, totaling \$74,506,628.

Taking the \$2,436,369 difference out of the fund balance leaves \$8,754,256 in the total fund balance. This is 12% of the budget up from the 8% estimated that it would have been.

Also during Monday's regular 55-minute meeting, the school board:

- Approved spending \$27,600 on a contract with Building Maps of Rockford to complete the District's Critical Incident Mapping as presented at the last school board meeting. It will create maps for emergency crews for seven buildings:

Belleville High School, McBride Middle School, Owen Intermediate, and Edgemont, Savage, Rawsonville, and Tyler elementary schools;

- Learned Bentonja Bond, a Bus Aide on a Special Needs Route, Bus 8, was nominated by her peers and selected by a committee to receive the 2023 Wayne County Excellence in Transportation Award. The award comes from Wayne RESA;

- Approved the retirements of teachers Cynthia Davis from BHS after 19 years of service as of June 21; Denise Willoughby from Edgemont after 42 years as of June 30; Ernest Krumm from BHS after 29 years as of June 30; Timothy Miller of McBride after 24 years as of June 21; Iris Rinaldi of BHS after 30 years as of June 30; and Laurie Kunz of Tyler after 13 years as of Oct. 6;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Blake Miller of BHS after 2 years as of June 21; Aminah Ali of Rawsonville after 2 years as of June 23; and Colbie Lee of Tyler after 2 years as of Aug. 31;

- Approved the employment of Emmanuel Jones as a second-grade teacher at Tyler as of April 10;

- Approved the resignations of non-instructional staff members: Tayler Babik, Early Childhood Center paraprofessional after less than one year of service on March 20; Laura Nichols as a bus driver after four years as of March 24; Amand Ellis as a bus driver of less than one year as of April 3; DeJuan Rogers, BHS Safety Liaison/Head Football Coach for less than one year as of March 31; Bryan Vannoy as bus driver for less than a year as of April 4; and Amy Ballard from ECC for less than a year as of April 5;

- Approved hiring the following non-instructional employees: Deseree Laginess, bus driver, as of March 13; Kayla Chapin, BHS Food Service, as of March 20; Toriyanna Mayes, Edgemont paraprofessional as of March 20; Cora Olivarri, Savage Food Service, as of March 20; James Anthony, bus driver, as of March 20; Joshua Morin, Building & Grounds custodian as of April 10; and Bette Ladouceur, Building & Grounds Supervisor, as of April 10;

- Heard school board president recount her experience as a chaperone on the five-day trip to New York with the BHS Symphony Band, her third-such trip. She said she was very impressed by the maturity and respect the students showed at the 9-11 Museum. They weren't born when the attack occurred, but they were really, really interested in the exhibits and had to be called away when it was time to leave, she said, adding, "They are just nice kids." She said they played phenomenally at Carnegie Hall and received the highest compliments from the adjudicators;

- Was reminded of the Career Day at BHS from 9 a.m. to noon on April 22 when local businesses will talk to students; and

- Heard parent Angela Mears report the BHS Marching Band is selling cards for discounts on meals and other things to help them earn money to fund their trip to Sea World in November. Cards are \$20 each and \$10 of that goes to the band. The discounts are good to March 31, 2024.



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## More Letters

### BHS Marching Band selling discount cards

To the editor:

Belleville High School Marching Band members have been given an opportunity to help offset the cost of their upcoming trip to Florida by selling discount cards.

They are \$20 (\$10 for each card goes to their fundraising account) and the savings are through March 31, 2024 -- so almost a full year. These are for businesses in or near our community:

- Arby's: Buy one/Get one - classic roast beef
- No Wayz Fish & Chicken: 15% off minimum \$20 purchase
- Lefty's: 10% off
- Culver's: Free scoop with purchase
- Johnny's on the Lake: 15% off
- Express Care (Goddard Rd.): \$ off oil changes
- Kabob Garden: 10% off
- Tornado's Pizza: 10% off
- Tim Horton's: Free donut with purchase of coffee
- Garden Fantasy: 10% off
- Dominos Pizza (Grove Rd.): \$7.99 large 3-topping pizza (pick-up)

- Leo's: 10%
- Jet's Pizza: 15%
- Van Buren Nutrition: \$2 off Mega Tea & Shake combo
- Goodlyfe: 10%
- Captain Nemo's: (Huron River Drive location) 50 cents/\$1
- Happy's Pizza: stuffed bread with \$25 purchase
- Team Designs: Free eyebrow wax with any service
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Ypsilanti): \$5 off \$25
- McDonald's (Michigan Ave.): Buy one sandwich, get one sandwich

My children are Cooper and Parker Mears. Our family would appreciate the support, however, if you actually know a Marching Band student, we encourage you to purchase the fundraiser card through them.

Angela Mears  
Van Buren Township  
[angelamears48111@gmail.com](mailto:angelamears48111@gmail.com)

### Walmart to have new EV stations across U.S.

To the editor:

Hope your day is going well. As you're probably aware, electric vehicle (EV) ownership in the U.S. is increasing each year,

as these cars, trucks and SUV's become more reliable and less expensive. According to the U.S. Dept. of Energy, between 2020 and 2021, Michigan has seen EV ownership increase by 64% (10,620 to 17,460 electric vehicles registered).

As this trend continues, so does the need for accessible EV charging stations. Currently, Walmart stores and Sam's Clubs house about 1,300 charging stations at 280 stores and Clubs, but the need to grow those numbers is obvious. Today, the company announced plans to build its own fast EV charging network,

expanding to thousands of markets nationwide by 2030.

We're still identifying which locations these charging stations will best serve our customers. Equally important, we wanted to give you a heads-up to Walmart's investment in this growing technology and its commitment to helping customers save money and live better while also benefiting our country and the planet.

Mark Rickel

On behalf of Walmart

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## Augusta Charter Township Public Notice

### JOB POSTING

**Augusta Charter Township Code Enforcement Officer**  
**8021 Talladay Rd., Whittaker, MI 48190**

Position Summary:

Under the supervision of the Township Supervisor, conducts on-site inspections throughout the Township to determine compliance with local codes, ordinances, and standards pertaining to health, welfare, and safety. Investigates potential violations, follows established procedures for achieving abatement and compliance where warranted, maintains related records, and performs other related duties.

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, abilities, and minimum qualifications necessary to perform the essential functions of the position. A qualified individual with a disability must be able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation.

Requirements include the following:

- A High School diploma or equivalent.
- A State of Michigan Vehicle Operator's License.
- Must be able to successfully pass a background investigation.
- Thorough knowledge and understanding of locally adopted ordinances, and of the principles and practices of code enforcement and site inspections.
- Knowledge of the legal system and liability issues as they relate to code enforcement.
- Skill in interpreting, applying, and enforcing related codes and ordinances.
- Skill in standard office software, including but not required, BS&A
- Ability to document, review, analyze, and communicate, verbally and in writing, pertinent information regarding ng code enforcement.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships and use good judgement, initiative and resourcefulness when dealing with property owners, the public, other professional contacts, and municipal officials.
- Ability to critically assess situations, solve problems, and work effectively within deadlines, and changing work priorities.
- Ability to work efficiently with limited supervision.
- Ability to convey and understand information effectively and promptly through speaking, hearing, reading, and writing.
- Ability to gather and analyze data for the purpose of preparing accurate and timely reports, memoranda, letters, and responses to requests for information.

This is a part-time position. The pay is \$20-\$25 per hour based on experience. If you are interested in applying for this position, email Lori Little, the Augusta Charter Township Zoning Administrator at [zoningasst@augustatownship.org](mailto:zoningasst@augustatownship.org). or call (734) 461-6117 x200.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES APRIL 4, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence and an audience of eight (8).

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

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

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023, Prepaid List of March 23, 2023, Prepaid List of March 30, 2023 and Voucher List of April 4, 2023. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** The Belleville Area Museum is looking for volunteers to help design exhibits, please contact the Supervisor's Office if interested and a moment of silence was held in remembrance of Terry Schoenbach who was a former officer and K9 dog trainer for the Township.

State Representative Miller presented an update on her accomplishments so far in Lansing such as: securing 11.8 million dollars for the Denton Road Bridge repair and Iron Belle Trail, holding 178 meetings, resolving 23 unemployment issues and advocating for much needed repairs to Milan's Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Martin moved, Frazier seconded to approve the bid for solid waste to Waste Management and direct staff to enter contract negotiations and bring back a contract to the Township Board for consideration. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve American Fireworks Company for the June 24, 2023 Van Buren Township Fireworks Show, cost not to exceed \$25,000. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of PPM Tree Service and Arbor Care LLC for the Riggs Park Tree Removal project for a total of \$28,000. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** The Greenbriar Subdivision Road Project is in progress.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Clerk Wright asked that the Board and Township Directors put together a program to clean up the trash off the sides of the streets. Director Luckett commented that a program is being put together in cooperation with the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved; Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
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# Court watching

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Both counts are felonies with a maximum penalty of five years in prison. On March 29 they were suspended from their positions with the county with pay.

“We continue our commitment to hold employees accountable who misuse Wayne County taxpayer dollars,” said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans in the news release.

“The employees charged today showed a blatant lack of integrity and respect for

the residents that we serve. My office will continue to collaborate with Prosecutor Worthy and local and state officials to ensure that everyone involved in this egregious operation is prosecuted.”

“We have been charging and holding defendants accountable for their unscrupulous criminal behavior for almost two decades,” said Prosecutor Worthy.

“It amazes me that despite this, corruption continues because corrupters think they will never be held to account. In this case, these three defendants allegedly knowingly accepted money from the county in the form of wages that they did not deserve. There is nothing right about this.”

Defendants VanPeeren and Whorton were arraigned on March 28 in 34th District Court before Judge Brian Oakley and each given \$1,000 personal bond. The probable cause conference was scheduled for April 5.

On March 29, defendant Everhart was arraigned before 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman and received a \$10,000 personal bond. He has the same court dates as defendants VanPeeren and Whorton.

It was emphasized that the charges are allegations and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

# Judges invite the public to annual Community Day at 34<sup>th</sup> Dist. Court

The judges of the 34th District Court are inviting the public to the second-annual “Community Day at the Court” from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

Community Day is open to the public, though it is targeted to residents of the five communities serviced by the 34th District Court: Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township.

“We are thrilled to showcase our new facility and be able to host a day of fun for the community,” said Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley. Also welcoming the public to the court are Judges Tina Brooks Green and Lisa Martin, along with Magistrate Al Hindman.

The newly constructed 34th District Court Building is located at 11129 Wayne Rd. in the City of Romulus Municipal Complex. It opened to the public last year.

The building is a state-of-the-art facility, comprised of two stories, four court rooms and 50,000 square feet.

In addition to tours of the facility, attendees at Community Day will enjoy a car show, food trucks, public safety demonstrations, pet adoptions and more.

Several community agencies are scheduled to be on site at the event including Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, Growth Works, Kroger, Romulus Christian Ministerial Alliance, Share Detroit, and Hegira Health, Inc.

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 10 am**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

**2003 Mitsubishi, Lancer, VIN: JA3AJ26EX3U088678**

**DATE: April 10, 2023** **BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**6 MAIN STREET**  
**PUBLISH: April 13, 2023** **BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111**  
**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,**  
**CITY CLERK**

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### CITY OF BELLEVILLE Notice of Adoption Ordinance No. 23-002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND INITIATED ORDINANCE 20-001, AMENDING/ADDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS, IN LIGHT OF THE CITIZEN INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT PASSED AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION.

#### ARTICLE 1

Section 1	Purpose
Section 2	Definitions
Section 3	Acts Prohibited
Section 4	Authorization of Marihuana Establishments (Recreational)
Section 5	Authorization of Marihuana Establishments (Medical)
Section 6	License Applications
Section 7	Fees
Section 8	License Requirements
Section 9	Licenses Generally
Section 10	Renewals
Section 11	License Revocation or Suspension
Section 12	Criteria for Non-Renewal, Suspension, or Revocation of License
Section 13	Penalty
Section 14	Severability and Execution
Section 15	Effective Date

Ordinance No. 23-002 amending Ordinance No. 20-001 regarding the licensing procedure for recreational and medical marihuana establishments and facilities in the City was adopted by the Belleville City Council on April 3, 2023 and will become effective on April 23, 2023. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 23-002 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 during regular business hours.

Briana Hootman  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
734-697-9323 ext 7010  
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## City of Belleville Public Notice

### CITY OF BELLEVILLE Notice of Adoption Ordinance No. 23-003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE, BY ADDING/AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS, IN LIGHT OF THE CITIZEN-INITIATED CHARTER AMENDMENT PASSED AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION:

ARTICLE 1	
Section 2.2	Addition/Amendment of Definitions
ARTICLE 2	
Section 3.1.15	Industrial Overlay District
ARTICLE 3	
Section 4.40	Marihuana Establishments and Facilities
ARTICLE 4	
	Severability
ARTICLE 5	
	Effective Date

Ordinance No. 23-003 amending the City’s Zoning Ordinance regarding the licensing and permitted locations for recreational and medical marihuana establishments and facilities in the City was adopted by the Belleville City Council on April 3, 2023 and will become effective on April 23, 2023. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 23-003 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111 during regular business hours.

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 345 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

**Sunday, April 2:**

- 0028 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr. / N. Woodbury Dr.
- 0213 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
- 0237 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
- 0351 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
- 0620 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
- 0831 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
- 1112 – fraud, Haverhill Rd.
- 1443 – harassment call, W. Adams
- 1622 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
- 1654 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
- 1824 – neighbor trouble, N. Prairiegrass Ct.
- 1852 – property check, Belleville Rd.
- 1911 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
- 2206 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
- 2339 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

**Monday, April 3:**

- 0132 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0837 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
- 0955 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
- 0959 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
- 1012 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
- 1052 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
- 1122 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
- 1221 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ryznar
- 1300 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
- 1306 – lost property/child, Kahla Dr.
- 1404 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Club
- 1413 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rdd.
- 1422 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
- 1433 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
- 1536 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./E. I-94 ramp
- 1604 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 1604 – narcotics crime, McBride Ave.
- 1607 – missing person, Wabash Rd.
- 1622 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- 1643 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1857 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anna Dr.
- 1952 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1953 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2022 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
- 2223 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 2230 – family trouble, Birch Dr.

**Tuesday, April 4:**

- 0525 – fraud, Lake Crest Dr.
- 0541 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
- 0721 – property damage accident, McBride Ave.
- 0846 – assist other dept., Carmell
- 0908 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
- 1428 – assist other dept., Beckley Rd.
- 1603 – assist other dept., Martinsville Rd.
- 1619 – weapons violation, Haggerty Rd.
- 1645 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
- 1713 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
- 1749 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
- 1920 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.
- 1944 – assist other dept., Paloma Dr.
- 1947 – disorderly, Timberland Dr.
- 2030 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.
- 2134 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
- 2144 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave./Belleville
- 2235 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 2235 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vine St.

**Wednesday, April 5:**

- 0011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookview Dr.
- 0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
- 0032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rock Creek Dr.
- 0327 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
- 0538 – intrusion alarm, Kahla Dr.
- 0747 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
- 0807 – larceny, Oak Ln.
- 0854 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
- 0900 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
- 0935 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 0956 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1012 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
- 1014 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1405 – follow-up by officer, Denton Rd.
- 1436 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

N. I-94 Service Dr.

- 1455 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.
- 1751 – neighbor trouble, McBride Ave.
- 1925 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Crest Dr.
- 2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd.
- 2140 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 2151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
- 2354 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

**Thursday, April 6:**

- 0009 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
- 0105 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0110 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
- 0327 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service/Denton Rd.
- 0420 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 0619 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0801 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
- 0905 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
- 0936 – found property/child, Chandler Dr.
- 1015 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1033 – juvenile complaint, W. Adams
- 1045 – juvenile complaint, S. Adams
- 1056 – ordinance violation, Pond Ridge
- 1108 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
- 1416 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
- 1435 – juvenile complaint, Ponderosa Trl. S.
- 1452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
- 1454 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
- 1516 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
- 1522 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
- 1523 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
- 1530 – larceny, Wildflower Ct.
- 1552 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village Green Ln.
- 1630 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1818 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
- 1840 – property check, Belleville Rd.
- 1913 – welfare check, Sawgrass Ct.
- 1950 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 2128 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2203 – mental subject, E. Spencer Ave.
- 2312 – shooting, Lancaster Dr.
- 2330 – domestic, Oak Ln.

**Friday, April 7:**

- 0024 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
- 0032 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 0133 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd.
- 0227 – mental subject, E. Spencer Ave.
- 0335 – intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.
- 0805 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
- 0933 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1019 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
- 1209 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
- 1327 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1419 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
- 1437 – domestic, Freedom Way
- 1627 – assist fire dept., Tavistock Dr.
- 1755 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1927 – noise complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
- 2037 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
- 2212 – property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area
- 2324 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
- 2343 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

**Saturday, April 8:**

- 0007 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
- 0302 – suspicious person/vehicle, NB I-275/Ecorse
- 0419 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
- 0440 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
- 0507 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 0708 – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
- 0736 – 911 welfare check, Westlake Cir.
- 0849 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
- 1145 – family trouble, Coolidge St.
- 1151 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/I-94
- 1233 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
- 1234 – welfare check, Union St.
- 1408 – traffic offense, Anna Dr.
- 1509 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
- 1558 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1614 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
- 1616 – intrusion alarm, Buchanan St.
- 1615 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
- 1625 – harassment call, Country Walk Blvd.
- 1759 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
- 1849 – disorderly, Coolidge St.
- 1914 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.

- 1930 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
  - 2039 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
  - 2201 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
  - 2345 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
- Also on this week’s log were 154 traffic stops, with 49 of those being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 2:**

- 1347 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
  - 2101 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
- Monday, April 3:**
- 0230 – noise complaint, Bedell St.
  - 1245 – misc. complaint, Main St.
  - 1348 – larceny from auto, Bedell St.
  - 1522 – assist fire dept., Main St.
  - 1605 – property damage accident, Main St.
  - 1955 – traffic stop, Main St.
  - 2009 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
  - 2014 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
  - 2325 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.

**Tuesday, April 4:**

- 0539 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
- 0606 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.
- 0608 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
- 0832 – disorderly, Carmell St.
- 0959 – abandoned auto, S. Industrial Pk. Dr.
- 1423 – animal complaint, Henry St.
- 1435 – animal complaint, Henry St.
- 1443 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1618 – private property impound, South St.
- 1715 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
- 1718 – retail fraud, Main St.
- 1806 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
- 2000 – traffic stop, High St./Edison St.
- 2010 – follow-up by officer, Harbour Pointe Dr.
- 2036 – traffic stop, Main St./South St.
- 2053 – assist other dept., W. Columbia/Main St.
- 2142 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
- 2214 – traffic stop, South St./Main St.

**Wednesday, April 5:**

- 0646 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
- 1835 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
- 2143 – assist fire dept., Brain St.

**Thursday, April 6:**

- 0213 – road hazard, Main St./High St.
- 2010 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
- 2109 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Liberty
- 2138 – traffic stop, South St.
- 2149 – traffic stop, Water Works

**Friday, April 7:**

- 0230 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
- 0442 – assist citizen, San Carlos St.
- 1205 – civil matter, Third St.
- 1237 – traffic offense, Main St.
- 1934 – welfare check, Carmell St.
- 2005 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
- 2023 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Biggs
- 2032 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
- 2258 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.

**Saturday, April 8:**

- 0055 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South St.
- 0422 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
- 0859 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
- 1307 – neighbor trouble, W. Thornhill Ct.
- 1405 – found property/child, E. Columbia Ave.
- 1612 – missing person, Main St.
- 1944 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
- 2023 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
- 2048 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/N. Liberty St.
- 2058 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
- 2223 – traffic stop, High St./Edison ave.
- 2234 – domestic, Carmell St.
- 2324 – domestic, Carmell St.

There are 24 traffic stops on this week’s log.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 2:**

- 1035 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
- 1148 – civil matter, 143 Texas St.
- 1447 – 911 hang up, 50333 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1938 – fire dept. assist, 43286 Harris Rd.

- 2134 – suspicious person, Carleton West/Arkona
- Monday, April 3:**
- 0039 – citizen assist, Bohn Rd./Traskos Ave.
  - 0139 – fire dept. assist, 107 Idaho St.
  - 0328 – fire dept. assist, 43970 Judd Rd.
  - 1019 – animal complaint, 18017 Sumpter Rd.
  - 1110 – fire dept. assist, 19940 Crandell Ave.
  - 1150 – property damage accident, 8111 Rawsonville Rd.

- 1253 – fire dept. assist, 45207 Paris Dr.
- 1326 – civil matter, 559 Delaware St.
- 1342 – suspicious circumstance, 407 Rustic Ln.
- 1413 – noise complaint, 30 Second St.
- 1521 – noise complaint, 30 Second St.
- 1540 – suspicious circumstance, 183 Magnolia Dr.
- 1611 – fire dept. assist, 19940 Crandell Ave.
- 1646 – animal complaint, 47315 Wear Rd.
- 1831 – civil matter, 22250 Prince Rd.
- 1853 – 911 hang up, 642 Oregon St.
- 2204 – 911 hang up, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
- 2335 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 93 Greenmeadow Dr.

**Tuesday, April 4:**

- 0108 – fire dept. assist, 47750 Wear Rd.
- 0357 – motorist assist, Elwell Rd./Wear Rd.
- 0548 – 911 hang up, 22770 Sumpter Rd.
- 0640 – fire dept. assist, 44219 Bemis Rd.
- 1011 – fire dept. assist, 50389 Wear Rd.
- 1123 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
- 1254 – 911 hang up, Judd Rd./Martinsville Rd.
- 1317 – civil matter, 18337 Elwell Rd.
- 1757 – animal complaint, 231 New Mexico St.
- 1810 – civil matter, 18337 Elwell Rd.
- 1856 – disorderly person, 22250 Prince Rd.
- 2140 – traffic complaint/hazard, 308 Edgewood

**Wednesday, April 5:**

- 0008 – suspicious vehicle, 45100 Willow Rd.
- 0133 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 183 Magnolia
- 0225 – traffic complaint/hazard, 47000 Executive
- 0623 – fire dept. assist, 43865 Willow Rd.
- 0815 – death investigation, 45207 Paris Dr.
- 1132 – animal complaint, 20305 Sherwood Rd.
- 1209 – 911 hang up, 709 Indiana St.
- 1635 – family trouble, 186 Magnolia Dr.
- 1818 – juvenile matter, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
- 2057 – harassment complaint, 127 Mulberry Dr.
- 2110 – assist other agency, 32 Carriage Ln.
- 2142 – suspicious circumstance, 639 Oregon St.
- 2349 – suspicious person, 19731 Sumpter Rd.

**Thursday, April 6:**

- 0039 – fire dept. assist, 19940 Crandell Ave.
- 0053 – fire dept. assist, 46068 Reed Ave.
- 0426 – fire dept. assist, 21 Birch Dr.
- 0554 – fire dept. assist, 21 Birch Dr.
- 0903 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
- 0953 – fire dept. assist, 48620 Wear Rd.
- 1409 – animal complaint, 50333 Willis Rd.
- 1930 – civil matter, 23589 Sherwood Rd.
- 2015 – civil matter, 49 Birch Dr.
- 2355 – family trouble, 44448 Clay Rd.

**Friday, April 7:**

- 0230 – alarm, 24092 Bohn Rd.
- 0834 – fire dept. assist, 23100 Clark Rd.
- 1051 – fire dept. assist, 45545 Bemis Rd.
- 1117 – alarm, 22570 Clark Rd.
- 1424 – 911 hang up, 639 Oregon St.
- 1500 – animal complaint, 19800 Sumpter Rd.
- 1620 – civil matter, 44701 Judd Rd.
- 1649 – alarm, 46670 Claxton Dr.
- 2059 – breaking & entering report, 21 E. Arizona
- 2137 – PPI violation, 44520 Wear Rd.

**Saturday, April 8:**

- 0106 – welfare check, 271 Mulberry Dr.
- 0248 – fire dept. assist, 18690 Sumpter Rd.
- 0800 – fire dept. assist, 46027 Traskos Ave.
- 0948 – fire dept. assist, 23560 Sumpter Rd.
- 1000 – fire dept. assist, 22655 Elwell Rd.
- 1104 – 911 hang up, 709 Indiana St.
- 1208 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty
- 1255 – family trouble, 223 Magnolia Dr.
- 1337 – civil matter, 457 Hampshire Dr.
- 1624 – civil matter, 128 Texas St.
- 1800 – fire dept. assist, 22251 Bohn Rd.
- 1903 – animal complaint, 258 Birch Dr.
- 1905 – assist other agency, 10441 Rawsonville Rd.
- 1942 – malicious destruction of property, 126 Texas St.

- 2101 – family trouble, 45160 Clay Rd.
  - 2247 – fire dept. assist, 13 Second St.
- Also on this week’s log are 158 patrol checks, 68 traffic stops and 16 misc. details.



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On April 6, a truck was ready to take down the CVS pharmacy sign at 444 Main Street in downtown Belleville. CVS closed its doors at that location on April 3. A new tenant for the building has not been announced.

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, April 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 17 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 18 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.
- Monday, April 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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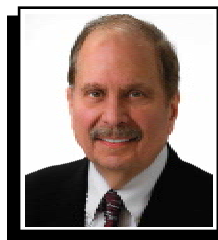
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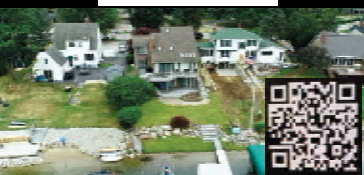
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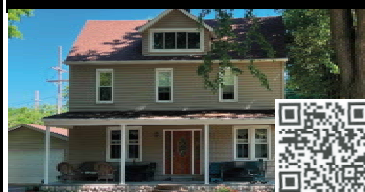
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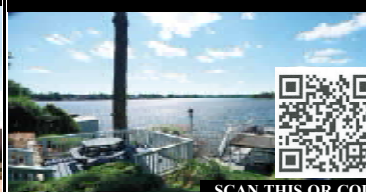
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