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## **David Robinson** selected as Monroe **City Manager**

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor David Robinson, who has been serving as City Manager/Police Chief for the city



the new City Manager for the city of Monroe. At a special meeting April 20, with just one item on the agenda, Robinson was selected over a second finalist

on a 5-2 vote of the Monroe City Council.

Robinson will replace current City Manager Vince Pastue who told the council in late 2022 that he wished to retire from his position in late April 2023. Human Resources Director Dr. Julie Everly prepared materials and began her search.

Eight letters of interest came from potential candidates and Dr. Everly presented the top three candidates to council. The council interviewed the top three candidates and one candidate bowed out of the process.

The final two candidates were asked to give their thoughts about what they would do if a serious issue developed in the city under their watch and a background check was performed. On April 20 they selected Robinson.

The other candidate was Tecumseh City Manager Dan Swallow, who had served as Director of Planning and Economic Development in Van Buren Township before he left to work for the city of Monroe in January 2011. He then went on to become Tecumseh City Manager.

The next step is to make a conditional offer of employment to Robinson and then negotiate terms and conditions of his Employment Agreement.

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Photo courtesy of Anthony Tedaldi

## BHS Tiger Drama to present spring musical on April 28 and 29

By Andrea VanDenBergh

Belleville High School Tiger Drama will be presenting "Disney's High School Musical On Stage" on April 28 and 29 at the BHS Auditorium.

"High School Musical On Stage" is based on a Disney Channel Original Movie written by Peter Barsocchini and adapted for the stage by David Simpatico with music adapted, arranged, and produced by Bryan Louselle.

The story focuses on Troy, a popular basketball star, and Gabrielle, an intelligent girl new to the school, who become friends and audition for the lead roles in the school musical.

They get called back for the second round of auditions, which infuriates the drama club stars who have always been the leads, twins Sharpay and Ryan Evans.

Sharpay and Ryan try to prevent Troy and

Gabrielle from beating them for the roles, and many hijinks ensue.

BHS senior Austin Cameron, who stars as Troy, said, "This show is honestly one of the most enjoyable ones I've been in. The cast comes together with so much chemistry that it is hard not to laugh on stage."

Sophomore Sara Veenhuis, who plays Sharpay, said "I'm so honored and ecstatic to play Sharpay Evans! I'm so excited for everyone to see our amazing show!"

"As we continue to build our program, we strive to do shows that our students can really get into and enjoy," said BHS drama leader and teacher Jessica Carlin. "What better than their beloved show from their youth? Our group went wild when they found out we were bringing the East High Wildcats to Belleville.

"They have worked tirelessly to build all the sets bringing each piece to life. We can't wait for the community to see the amazingness that is Tiger Drama," Carline said

The musical will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28; and at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Disney's High School Musical On Stage is presented through special arrangement with Music а Theater International and all authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.



The Belleville Area Museum has been closed by Van Buren Township for 1,151 days as of today. Set for reopening in Dec.

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## Four BHS Distinguished Graduates inducted at Friday ceremony

Four Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates were honored on April 21 at the Belleville High School Auditorium. A fourth former student Derrick May, who attended BHS and is a member of the Belleville Three, was honored but not given the designation because he did not graduate from BHS.

Before the Distinguished Graduates were honored the annual induction of the BHS National Honor Society was held at the auditorium.

#### Juan Atkins -- Class of 1980

Detroit Techno pioneer Juan Atkins was born on Dec. 9, 1962 in Detroit. He grew up on the east side of the city before moving to Belleville in his teens. Atkins developed an interest in playing music as a child, and eventually was led down the path of experimenting with electronic music. He absorbed influences from a diverse range of artists – particularly that of George Clinton and the electronic sounds of Germany's Kraftwerk. Detroit radio DJs like the Electrifying Mojo were instrumental in bringing new sounds to listeners, and played music that inspired techno creators, and later played those creators' pieces on air.

At BHS, Atkins became friends with two young men who shared an interest in this new style of music - Derrick May and Kevin Saunderson. The trio would later be referred to as the "Belleville Three" credited with the rise of Detroit Techno. Before long, Atkins was making trips into Detroit to DJ parties as part of a collective he formed with May called Deep Space. Juan continued his education at Washtenaw Community College.

Atkins formed the group Cybotron with Rick Davis in 1980, and produced music inspired by their shared interest in futurism. Their most notable hit was "Clear," which made its way onto top charts around the U.S. The two parted ways in 1985, and Atkins began making music under the name Model 500, and soon started his own record label - Metroplex.

Techno's appeal expanded overseas in the late 1980s, and continued to grow until the music had solidified as a Detroit staple. Atkins's mark on the genre is everlasting, and as the first of the "Belleville Three" to begin DJing, he is often seen as the father of Detroit Techno. The genre became known as "techno" as a result of one of his songs - "Techno City," appearing on a British compilation record.

#### Linda Clayton -- Class of 1971

Linda Clayton has been involved with Van Buren Public Schools for most of her life. Starting with Edgemont Elementary through graduation from Belleville High School in 1971, and later teaching almost every grade and subject from kindergarten through sixth grade. Beyond retirement after 35 years, she has remained connected



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates for 2022-23 were honored on Friday at the Belleville High School Auditorium. They stopped for a picture before being led to the auditorium stage by a bagpiper. From left are Linda Clayton, class of 1971; Elaine Gutierrez, class of 1963; Kevin Saunderson, class of 1982; and Derrick May, who was given special acknowledgement for being one of "The Belleville Three" but did not graduate from BHS. The fourth Distinguished Graduate, Juan Atkins, BHS class of 1980, was not present because he was recovering from kidney surgery.

through the BHS Alumni Reunion, currently chair of the group.

While a sophomore at Eastern Michigan University, Linda joined the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. Members saw her leadership potential and elected her as president in 1974. Over the years Linda has been a member of the Tri Sigma Foundation Board of Directors; President, Vice President, and Secretary of her alumnae chapter; State Day Chair; and for over 30 years has been a part of the Advisory Board for EMU's collegiate chapter.

When Linda graduated from Eastern, teaching jobs were difficult to find. She worked as a substitute and teacher's aide for three years before finally signing a contract with the district. Three years later, layoffs occurred. During that period Linda was recalled to work and laid off two times, but was able to find employment as the Children's Coordinator at SAFE House, a shelter for battered women and children in Washtenaw County. When she returned to full time teaching, Linda remained working evening four nights a week at SAFE House until the early 1990s.

Living in Ypsilanti, Linda joined the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels Holiday Home Tour fundraiser committee. She was a Chief Tour Guide for 18 years until COVID restrictions changed the in-person event.

In 2006, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs recruited Linda to serve on the Board for Girlstown, now called Guiding Harbor. She said yes and has been the President of the Board of Directors since 2017. This leadership role

gives her a seat on the State GFWC Board and requires her to regularly travel to six district meetings a year to speak about the agency and to fundraise for its foster care programs.

The Belleville and Ypsilanti areas continue to benefit from Linda's community service and volunteerism. In Linda's work and volunteer positions she has encouraged the sorority members to participate in community service and networking activities. Linda uses her leadership skills to connect people with resources and opportunities.

#### Elaine Gutierrez -- Class of 1963

Elaine Giblin was a charter member of the BHS National Honor Society and served as Student Council Representative. Elaine was Editor-in-Chief of the Tiger News Tribune (TNT) and swam in the Flamingoes Synchronized Swim Club. Graduating third in her class, she was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her classmates.

Elaine received a bachelor of arts degree with a teaching certificate from Central Michigan University and an master of arts from Eastern Michigan University. Elaine was married and taught elementary education in Taylor Public Schools.

Her professional leadership roles began in Brighton after receiving her real estate license. She became associate broker of Red Carpet Keim Realtors, president of the Women's Council of Realtors, and elected secretary/treasurer of the Livingston Association of Realtors, chairing the Budget & Finance and Education Committees.

Returning to Belleville in 2003, Elaine

dedicated herself to community service. She was instrumental in developing the Belleville Area District Library Agreement. Elected to the newly formed District Library Board of Trustees, she helped formulate plans for a new library. Her vision came to fruition at the Library Dedication and Open House on April 9, 2022.

Elaine has also been dedicated to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, organizing and implementing various art programs and activities for the community.

#### Kevin Saunderson ~ Class of 1982

Kevin Saunderson is one of the godfathers of techno but he's never rested on his laurels. He has dedicated himself to electronic music for over three decades, creating timeless records that have consistently kept him at the cutting-edge of club culture.

This forward-thinking approach comes as no surprise from an artist whose name is synonymous with the futuristic sound and attitude of Detroit. Kevin is written into dance music history as one of the Belleville Three and he continues to focus on introducing the new generation of club kids to real house and techno.

The impact of his projects and his styles Inner City, E-Dancer, the KMS record label, his invention of the Reese bass and pioneering remixes (his reworks of Wee Papa Girls were some of the earliest rap/ house crossovers) continue to be felt across dance music culture thanks to legendary records like "Good Life" and "Heavenly" and, crucially, because Kevin is still active and committed to the craft of house and techno. Inner City, which now includes Kevin's son and creative counterpoint Dantiez Saunderson, recently reaffirmed their status as house royalty with their fourth album "We All Move Together" (which included an incendiary collab with Idris Elba) and a stunning remix of Aluna and Jayda G. E-Dancer has been on a rich run of form, releasing jackin' tracks that come accompanied with a mind-boggling live show, as experienced when Kevin blew the roof off Printworks in London. And the KMS imprint moves into the future by releasing the highest quality productions from artists in Kevin's orbit, from legends like MK and Chez Damier to legends-inthe-making like Patrick Topping.

Kevin's relentless creativity means he's in the spotlight for pushing the music and the culture forward. He was recently on the cover of DJ Mag, featured in GQ and stood up for Black Lives Matter in Rolling Stone and Mixmag, highlighting the black roots of house and techno. Hollywood came knocking when he was asked to soundtrack the nightclub scene in the new Batman movie, alongside Patrick Topping. And, yes there's been some nods to his Godfather status - the Belleville Three took part in Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2022.

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**EXTRA THINGS I KNOW** 

#### Editorial

## The Veterans **Banners** are on Shannon's porch

Spring is here. The Belleville High School seniors' banners with their smiling faces on them are now hanging along Main Street and adjoining thoroughfares in the city of Belleville.

And, the Veterans' banners that have been hanging on the light poles since just after Veterans' Day last year have been carefully removed and are waiting for pickup by those who made arrangements for them. They are on the porch of Shannon Photography at 374 Main St. in downtown Belleville. Just pick them up.

Many family members of the veterans have been anxiously waiting for the time when they could get their banners and hang them in their private places. At last, they are ready to be taken home.

Some were concerned that the banners had been torn and damaged by the winds that whip off the lake and into the streets and byways. Some were a mess. Some were damaged. One was brought to Egan's Pub by someone who found it on the ground.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt is in charge of the banner programs and he assures everyone that their banners will be brand new. He reminds us of last year when the banners were printed the wrong size and had to be redone. That's why the hangings missed Veterans Day by a smidge. Those new banners are the ones people will be getting. What a deal.

Now we get to enjoy the senior banners.

Six Sumpter Township residents picked up more than 40 big bags of trash in Van Buren Township over the past few days. Their spokesman said they drive the route and it was so blighted and ugly that they decided to clean it up.

It's the area of Haggerty Road that runs between E. Huron River Drive and the VBT Senior Center (Haggerty School). Actually, it's a little south of the school - almost a mile

They were out again from 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m. on Monday to finish up at the corner of Haggerty and E. Huron River Drive. They asked about the party store on the corner that needs cleaning up and I told them the construction there was due to begin in the next few weeks.

Our caller said he is thinking about going to a Van Buren Township meeting to discuss the trash along the roadways in the township. I told him they are very aware of the problem and are working with the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court which plans to reinstate the former work crews that were dismantled by COVID.

Our caller said he has saved a billboard that is four feet tall that has been in a ditch near Haggerty School for more than a year. He said in the past a school bus driver used to clean out roadsides all by herself.

He said there were lots of glass whiskey and wine bottles and the worst were the plastic foam takeout boxes. He said people eat their food and then just throw the containers out their vehicle windows.

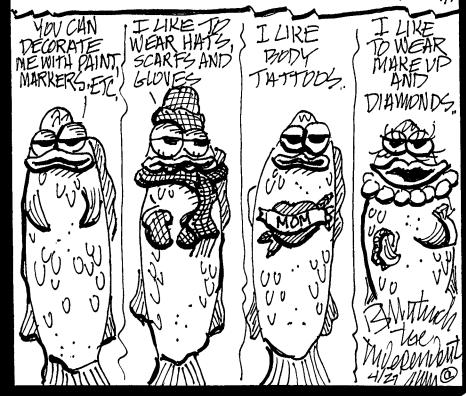
He said the people who took part in this project also clean up the roadside near their homes in Sumpter, but some of their neighbors aren't interested.

The workers don't want their names used



## ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

THE LOWIMUNITY ART FIGH PROJECT RETURN S-TO HORIZON PARKTHIS SUMMER, BLANK WOODEN FIGH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BELLEVILLE LIBRARY,



because they aren't patting themselves on the back. They just know it's the right thing to do and wish others would join in.

I drove past the corner of Haggerty and E. Huron River Drive on my way to the school board meeting on Monday and was amazed at how clean that area became in just a few hours of hard work by some dedicated people.

#### Thank you, for your work.

Some of the people who attended last Friday's Distinguished Graduate ceremony at Belleville High School commented on the police they saw at the library as they drove by on the way to the 7 p.m. event. Those that drove home afterward, around 9:30 p.m., also asked about what was going on at the library.

The library was closed on Saturday and Sunday and that really got people interested in what was going on. The news release from Chief Robinson explains it somewhat. It was still under investigation as we went to press on Tuesday afternoon.

According to Van Buren Township, Norfolk & Southern Railroad reports that the crossings will ride a little rougher until the rail crew installs the rail in June. The crossings were closed to allow their train to slide off the rails that will be needed later when they start installation. Then, they will address patching when needed in the next few months.

Last week was perplexing some days, with

the crossings that were supposed to be open, being closed. Especially on April 18, when the electric power went out over a large area for about an hour and a half knocking out traffic signals when many drivers were trying to find their way.

Some of the holes in the crossings are quite deep - especially the Savage Road crossing - and we've had some really angry drivers asking us about it.

One of our readers said if City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson leaves the city for a new job, as expected, he guesses that means the city isn't going to get transformed into

Disneyland after all. That was Robinson's professed goal. He wanted everything in the city neat and clean and was working in that direction. That was to welcome all the people who would be coming to shop in Belleville.

I asked Steve Jones if he was the new city manager now and he said he wasn't and that no decisions have been made.

The city's going to have to fill the city manager's position as well as the police chief's position and most candidates wouldn't be into doing both of those roles.

We'll see what this will do to the budget that is just getting finalized. The special meeting at 6 p.m. today is to discuss the police and fire budgets.





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#### Meijer campaign brings \$17,800 to Food Closet

To the editor:

The Meijer Winter Simply Give Campaign held from Jan. 1 through April 1 at our local Meijer store, located at 9701 Belleville Rd., raised \$17,800 for the Emergency Food Closet housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St.

The Emergency Food Closet has distributed 766 bags of food since Jan. 1 and served 104 families. The food closet is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to all residents of Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the city of Belleville.

A BIG *thank you* goes out to all who made this fundraiser a huge success! Your continued support to feed the hungry in our community is a blessing!

Marilyn Wood, coordinator Emergency Food Closet

#### Information in letter to editor was correct

To the editor:

This is in response to Hugh Little's letter in the April 13 *Independent*.

I am unsure where you get your info, sir. Please review the April 13 front page of *The Detroit Free Press*: "Michigan bill would restore access to driver's licenses for immigrants."

Or, page 8A, *The Detroit Free Press*, April 14: "Biden expanding health care access for immigrants." Kind of sounds like the letter you were referring to. That author is correct.

I'm sure there are more freebies. The above info was just in the past week's *Free Press*. Maybe you should investigate more.

Jeff Kotlarek Romulus

#### Seniors in Belleville need bus transportation

To the editor:

Re: Transportation in Belleville This letter is in support of maintaining bus service in the City of Belleville. We have many residents who are dependent upon bus service in our area in order to meet their needs, such as grocery shopping, doctor/ dental appointments, church services, etc.

Many residents are dependent upon wheelchairs, scooters, canes, etc. for assistance in getting around. Not having transportation to meet other needs would greatly complicate their lives. Maintaining bus service would help to alleviate some of their concerns.

Carol McClune Belleville resident I hope Wheels for Independence returns

To the editor:

I hope Wheels for Independence will return. I don't drive. I need rides to the doctors, stores, and other appointments.

Patricia Cowell Belleville resident

#### **Beggars in Belleville put there by handlers**

To the editor:

I would like this in the paper, but I do not want my name used. Initials are ok. Due to the nature of this topic, you just never know who is "behind the scenes" of these ladies.

I was in Belleville last week for a wedding and saw this lady and another at the intersection of Belleville Rd. / N. Service Drive by Wendy's. I have seen many beggars here and there and most beg to get liquor or drugs.

Truly homeless people know where to go for help. I decided to test a theory I had and rolled my window down a bit when I was stopped at the intersection. I knew the lady would come to the car seeking money. I asked her if she was homeless. She said no. I was curious how her sign said she was needing money for rent and why she didn't have a job if she had a place to stay. Surely, she could not support her family by begging.

I then asked her to read her sign. She seemed to not understand what I said and had an expression of confusion. I pointed to her sign and asked her to read it. She just looked at it. I asked her if she could read. No response, just mumbling. She had no clue what she was asking for. This only meant one thing, she and another lady were placed there by someone.

This scene is all too common around the U.S. with our open borders. NGO's – Non Government Organizations – are receiving millions upon millions of dollars to bring illegals in. Once in, they give them some money, a place to stay for a while, tell them how to get on Welfare, and even Joke Biden's administration gives them an IPhone! After a while, these people are made to leave to live on their own, while the NGOs pocket the money for themselves. No accountability.

People have to stop giving to these individuals. If you truly want to help them, give to a responsible group. It would be interesting to look at footage from the cameras at that intersection to see where these ladies go. I suspect they have handlers who make them stand there all day long to earn themselves money. You are not helping these ladies. You are helping those behind the scenes.

When my grandparents came to America, they had to prove they had a job waiting for them. They had to prove yearly that their kids were in school by providing their report card. The way people are

## Robinson (continued from page 1)

The Monroe City Manager position was advertised as having a salary from \$140,000 to \$160,000 per year commensurate with experience and education.

Robinson was hired as Police Chief for the city of Belleville on Feb. 17, 2020 after three finalists were interviewed publicly. He added the position of City Manager to his duties on May 3, 2021 and had a base salary of \$93,803.20 and a total compensation of \$105,979.19 for 2022.

Before becoming Police Chief in Belleville, Robinson retired in July 2019 as Deputy Chief of the city of Dearborn Police Department after 30 years of service.

Robinson, 56, his wife Tara, and family have lived in an historic home in downtown Monroe for the past four years. Before that, his family had lived in Newport for 15 years. Their son Nicholas attends St. Mary Catholic Central in Monroe and their daughter Jordan is in her fifth year at the University of Toledo.

Robinson said on Monday that the Monroe contract is yet to be negotiated and so things are not settled.

"We'll see what they offer," he said.

His Belleville contract requires 30 days' notice. He said if he leaves, he will have a transition plan for everything.

"I love Monroe," Robinson told the Monroe News for Saturday's edition. "It's absolutely beautiful. It's a great place, it really is. ... I just thought about being able to do all of this right where I live. It's been a lot of years since I've been able to live in the city where I'm working."

The Monroe City Council expects to have the contract on its May 1 agenda for a vote. Pastue's official departure date is May 19.

"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them." - Ray Bradbury



#### **Belleville Chorus to** present 'Life's Musical Sound Stage' on May 7

Belleville Community Chorus members invite everyone to join them at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 7, to celebrate their 16th-annual spring concert. The concert will be performed at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville.

The performance, titled "Life's Musical Sound Stage: Melodies, Meanderings, Memories," features a variety of songs ranging from classic rock and roll to popular movie themes.

Director Mary Butler Loring with accompanist Judith Weed, backed by drummer Joe Laurell, bass player Eston Keller, and electric guitarist Eric Loring

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have a great afternoon planned.

As always, the concert is free, although donations are encouraged, and sponsors are welcome.

The Belleville Community Chorus offers opportunities for performance of mixedvoice choral music in a variety of styles. The chorus strives to improve its musical quality through education and commitment to a rehearsal and performance schedule.

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#### CAROLYN JOYCE DUPERRON (February 28, 1939 – April 17, 2023)

Carolyn Joyce Duperron, age 84, of Pittsford, NY, April 17, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Emery "Larry" Duperron. Loving mother of Maria (John) Mazzacane and Daniel (Christy) Duperron. Dearest grandmother of Anthony Mazzacane and Cammarata Mazzacane. She is survived by her brother Donald Fawl and many loving family and friends. Carolyn was a proud graduate of Belleville High School in 1957. Donations may be made to The American Heart Association. Visitation, Friday, April 21, 2023 from 12:00 ~ 3:00 PM. Service following at 3:00 PM. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park.



#### GERALD MANNERS

Manners, Gerald, age 74, of Belleville, Michigan, passed away at his home on March 13, 2023.

Gerald attended St. John (Ypsilanti) and Belleville schools ('66). He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War from November 1968 through October 1969 as a watercraft operator.

Upon his return home, Gerald was employed by Ford Motor Company, Ypsilanti plant for 35 years. Outside of work, in his younger years he enjoyed playing tennis and golf and singing in the Ypsilanti Community Choir. He was especially charitable, a weather enthusiast and had an extraordinary knowledge of world geography. He enjoyed watching and conversing about professional sports and was a lifelong Detroit Lions fan.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Germaine Manners; brothers Anthony, John and Francis Manners; and sisters-in-law Marion (Richard) and Peggy (Francis) Manners.

He is survived by brother Richard Manners, sister-in-law Carol (John) Manners, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral Mass to remember Gerald and celebrate his life will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, May 1 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W Columbia Ave, Belleville, MI. The family will greet guests from 10 a.m. until Mass begins. Father Bryan Shackett will serve as Celebrant.

#### JAMES WILLIAM WOOLBRIGHT

(July 17, 1939 – April 15, 2023) Age 83, of Ypsilanti, MI. Survived by wife Diane, daughter Lisa, brother John, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Graveside service at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

#### Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, April 27 – Belleville City Council special budget session to study Police and Fire budgets, 6 p.m.

• Monday, May 1 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 2 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. held jointly with DDA to hear presentation from a representative of

## Police investigate Friday's death outside library

On Friday, April 21, at about 5:50 p.m., the Belleville Police Department was dispatched to the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., on a report of a male down next to the library in a gated area.

Upon arrival, officers found a 41-year-old male, unconscious, and visibly bleeding. The Belleville Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance responded.

The male was pronounced deceased at the scene, according to a news release from Belleville Police Chief David Robinson.

Van Buren Police Department responded and assisted Belleville with securing the scene. Belleville PD requested assistance from a Michigan State Police forensic team to assist in this investigation.

Upon review of video, it currently appears that the male was in the library several hours before this incident and the preliminary assessment of the evidence indicates that the deceased male had injuries consistent with a fall or jumping from the second-story balcony of the library.

The police department has identified the deceased male, however, are waiting to release his identity until notification of next-of-kin.

Chief Robinson said on Monday that this investigation is still in the early stages as his department awaits the results of the forensic examination as well as the findings of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

Chief Robinson thanks the Van Buren Township Police Department for its unwavering support and assistance as well as the Michigan State Police for its forensic assistance.

The library was closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said on Saturday she had been asked by police not to comment because the incident was still under investigation.

"I do want to thank my staff for their skill and professionalism during this difficult time," she said.

FUSUS. Regular VBT board meeting at 6 p.m. • Monday, May 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Tuesday, May 9 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

Also, Belleville Area District Library Board,
7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10 – Van Buren Township

Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 11 – Keystone Academy

School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, May 15 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

## **More Letters**

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PLEASE HELP ME HAVE 2 KIDS FAMILY REFUGEES NO MONEY FOR FOOD AND RENT

coming over now is not good. Biden and Pelosi cooked this up to only bring in votes for Democrats on the premise that since Biden's Democrats let them in, they would vote Democrat. Why do you think they are pushing so badly to allow illegals to vote? C.E.

It's time for VBT to clean up its roadsides

To the editor:

As discussed with you, I am one of six Sumpter Township residents who finally couldn't stand to look at the blight along Haggerty Road south of Huron River Drive. Our group worked for two days to clean up the trash along the sides of Haggerty running from the Party Store corner of Huron River Drive and Haggerty south down to the Metro Park entrance of Bemis Road. A distance of about a mile.

We ended up collecting over 45 large garbage bags of trash. This trash has been building up for many years with no maintenance being done. We are Sumpter Township residents, but we all are members of the Belleville community and we sure would appreciate it if Van Buren Township





Before

would do a better job maintaining this

section of Haggerty which falls under its

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Oh, Holy Saint Jude, Apostle and martyr great

in virtue, rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus

Christ, faithful intercessor to all who invoke

your prayer. To you, I have come from the depths

of my heart, and humbly beg to whom God has

given such Great Power to come to my urgent and

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• Saturday, April 29 – "May the Force Be with You" runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library for all ages. At 11 a.m. there is a lightsaber demonstration with a lightsaber hands-on workshop for ages 8-18 in two sessions, one at 11:30 a.m. and one at 12:30 p.m. Learn the ways of the Jedi. Space is limited, so register early: (734) 699-3291.

•Thursday, May 4–U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell hosts a hazardous waste public forum at 7 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township. Representatives of the EPA, EGLE, Norfolk & Southern Railroad, and Republic Services are expected to be present, along with other elected officials. They will provide



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• Friday, May 5 – Community Day at the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court, at 11129 Wayne Rd. in Romulus, runs from noon to 6 p.m. Tour the new building, talk with the judges and staff, see the car show, buy from the food trucks, watch demonstrations, and more. Everyone welcome.

• Saturday, May 6 – BHS Bands Spring Craft & Vendor Show, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Belleville High School. Over 70 vendors. Bring the whole family. Kids craft area, bounce houses, food trucks.

• Saturday, May 6 – The Belleville Area District Library is a busy place with the Perennial Plant Swap outside the library from noon to 1 p.m., kick-off of the Friends of the Library three-day used book sale, and celebration of National Comic Book Day inside all day, where kids can choose a free comic book to take home.

• Saturday, May 6 – Sumpter Township volunteers are cleaning up Graham Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call township clerk's office at (734) 461-6201 to register.

#### BHS at-home games

• Thursday, April 27 – Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Dearborn HS, 4 p.m.

• Friday, April 28 – Girls JV Soccer vs. Edsel Ford HS, 4 p.m.; JV Softball vs. Tecumseh, DH, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Taylor HS, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Edsel Ford HS, 5:30 p.m.

• Monday, May 1 – JV Baseball vs. Stevenson HS, 4:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 2 – Boys Varsity Golf vs. Garden City HS, at Willow Metropark GC, 3 p.m.; Girls JV Tennis vs. Fordson HS, 4 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 3 – Varsity Softball vs. Stevenson DH, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Taylor HS, 4 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. Stevenson HS, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Lacrosse v.s Hartland HS, 5:30 p.m.

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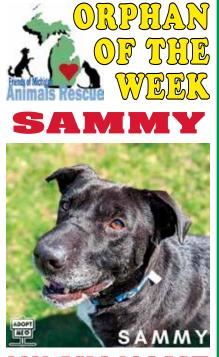
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## Two suspects to share July 24 jury trial for Egypt's murder

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

On April 14, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda A. Evans said she would allow the joining of the jury trials of two suspects in the shooting death of Elizabeth (Egypt) Covington on June 22, 2017 in Van Buren Township.

Originally the three accused were each set for a separate jury trial. On April 7, Shane Lamar Evans, 34, of Sumpter Township got a plea deal and pled guilty to seconddegree murder in the case and reportedly will testify against the other two.

The jury trial for Timothy Eugene Moore, 37, and Shandon R Groom, 30, both of Toledo, is set for July 24 before Judge Evans at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. The Wayne County prosecutors reportedly have given copies of jailhouse phone calls to the defendants' attorneys that the prosecutors plan to use in the trial.

Evans had been charged with homicidefelony murder and home invasion-first degree. These charges were dismissed in exchange for his guilty plea and testimony against his alleged accomplices, his halfbrother Timothy Moore and a cousin



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## A dozen library staff members receive CPR/AED training

#### By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

A dozen staff members at the Belleville Area District Library have received training from the Red Cross in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy told the library board at its regular meeting April 11.

CPR is a longstanding hands-on resuscitation technique.

AED is equipment used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Director Suchy said the training was intensive, with students having to take part in four hours of online education before being shown how to do it hands on. She said they plan to have one AED on each floor.

At the last board meeting, Suchy said the library is buying AEDs from the Red Cross and the training is required for the purchase. Due to the chip shortage, lead time for the AEDs is six to nine months.

Suchy said the Belleville Fire Department is very graciously loaning the library an AED to use in the meantime.

In other business at the 31-minute meeting, the board:

• Learned the library is setting up a meeting with the city of Belleville about the troublesome sidewalk on Roys Street that cannot be paved because of a drainage problem. The library and Grace Baptist Church across the street have been grappling with the situation for months;

• Was advised by Dan Fleming that the policy committee has more work to do in polishing up the updates to the Materials Selection Policy before it brings the policy before the board for consideration;

• Heard board president Sharon Peters report that art committee chairperson Michele Montour has a calendar of art exhibits going out to 2025. She said the art committee is operating like a well-oiled machine. Suchy said the student art will be on display until the end of the month;

• Heard Suchy announce that May 6 will be a very busy day at the library, with the annual perennial plant swap outside and the Friends of the Library's used book sale inside, along with free comic books of kids inside;

• Heard board member John Juriga ask if having two staff members at the Sumpter Media Center is cost-effective, since use of the facility has been small. Peters said the library is providing a service and Suchy said those staffing the media center can continue to do their work while on duty there. Board member Joy Cichewicz said the circulation there is almost double from the previous year and is growing. At the request of the board, Suchy has been presenting charts with figures in the monthly board packet showing the media center's use;

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Photo courtesy of Belleville Area District Library

A pair of Mallard ducks looked like they wanted to come into the Belleville Area District Library recently.







## **District** Library

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• Learned the library will be closed on Monday, May 1, for a staff in-service training day. Library emergency safety will be one area of focus, in addition to staff tutorials from each department (adult services, youth/teen services, and circulation);

• Learned the May 11 Classic Movie Series will show the 1942 horror film "Cat People";

• Heard Barbara Miller tell of the afterschool Tiger Success Institute for ninth grade students every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The 60 students who need personal tutoring are tutored an hour, have a snack and a power walk, and then more tutoring and a bus ride home. BHS Principal Nicole Crockett gives an inspirational moment to encourage the students. Miller is the only tutor from the community. The rest are teachers and members of the Honor Society. She asked if they could set up a tour of the library for the Success Institute and Director Suchy was enthusiastic over the idea and such a tour will be set up; and

• Heard board president Peters thank Miller for setting up the previous weekend's bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to tour the DIA and see a foreign film. Three members of the library board took part in the trip that was sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.







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April 27 - Amy Hinks, Nicholas Hinks

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April 30 - Kelly McWilliams, Kim Hawkins

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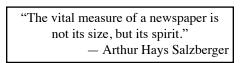
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## School Board considers hiring food service management company

#### By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

With the retirement of the school district's Food Services Supervisor Karen Waller coming up, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education is being asked to consider hiring a food service management company for the next five years.

The contract would be approved on a yearly basis, but the price would stay the same for that period.

At Monday's regular meeting of the school board, School Supt. Pete Kudlak explained this was for management only and that the employees will still be the district's employees.

The district received three bids: Aramark, Chartwells, and SFE. Supt. Kudlak said the administration is recommending Chartwells which offered the lowest price. He said the management company would purchase the food and would be able to get a lower price because it would buy in bulk for the many schools it services. He said Waller bought the district's food through consortiums. Kudlak estimated saving \$60,000 the first year.

Kudlak said at least one manager would be on site and the district would get to meet and evaluate whether the person would be a good fit at the district.

He said the food service workers union is OK with the proposal, but members worry that they will be replaced in the future.

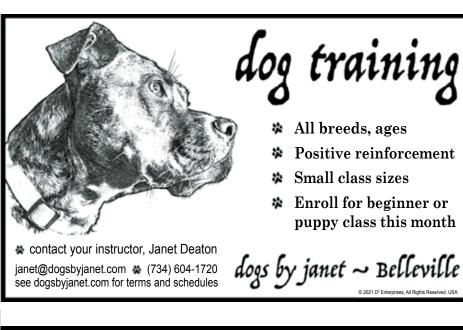
"Not on my watch," Kudlak said he told them.

The proposal is expected to be on the agenda of the May 8 meeting for a vote.

Before Kudlak gave his presentation, Todd Mears, a parent of two BHS students,



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VISIT WWW.EXPRESSTIREMI.COM FOR DIGITAL COUPONS & TIRE PRICING! questioned whether this was a move toward outsourcing.

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

· Approved Schools of Choice with unlimited openings in all grades for the district for the first semester of the 2023-24 school year. Applications may be made May 15 through Oct. 4. At the beginning of the meeting under public comment, Reg Ion said he was not in favor of Schools of Choice because it encourages sketchy recruiting of atheletes and discourages smaller classrooms. "That's why I don't support your millages," he said. Board president Amy Pierce asked Director of Instruction Jeff Moore how many Schools of Choice students the district has, or the percentage of Students of Choice, and Moore said he didn't know but will get the information and send it to the board members:

• Heard information on a project to updgrade BHS card access that will be voted on at a board meeting in May. James Williams, director of plant operations, said in the past BHS was the only school with card access and the district wanted all the schools to have them. He said the BHS system is antiquated and they had a new system with all the other schools. He said they hoped to eliminate keys throughout the district. Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Cresa said there were two bidders, with bids of \$67,662 and \$69,193, and they are bringing in the lowest bidder for a post-bid meeting and the information will be sent on to the board. Treasurer Simone Pinter asked if the power or internet goes out, what then? Williams said there are safety features and battery backups;

• Approved signing an interagency agreement with Corner Health Center of Ypsilanti to provide individual and mental health services at BHS to adolescents and young adults attending the schools. Director Moore said in 2020 the Michigan Department of Education gave grants for this kind of service and the Van Buren Schools got a \$100,000 grant for this in November 2020. He said the state wishes the board to approve the renewed agreement that lasts to 2025 and is funded by a grant. He said the last agreement was not brought to the board;

• Had a presentation on a new science program that is being recommended for middle school students, grades 6-8. Renea Kurek, secondary instructional specialist, said these grades have been using Battle Creek Cereal City for the last seven years. She said the curriculum was the best fit at the time science standards were transitioning to Next Generation Science Standards, but now the curriculum needs to be changed. Out of 11 bids, the team of science teachers recommends STEMScopes at a cost of \$112,500 for five years. This will be voted on at the May 8 board meeting;

• Heard director Williams say that the playground equipment for the schools will take 40 to 70 weeks to come after approval by the board. He said \$250,000 and been

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#### City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION MEETING PUBLIC SAFETY



The Belleville City Council will hold a Special Budget Session Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 6 Main Street. The purpose of the meeting is to study the Police and Fire Budget.

David Robinson, City Manager/Police Chief Publish: April 25, 2023

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allocated from bond funds for playground equipment. He said he will bring the recommended items to the board for action at the May 8 meeting;

• Approved hiring Patrick Burrage, II as a Belleville High School social studies teacher as of April 25.

• Accepted the retirements of Sherry Browning, a paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center, as of Aug. 31 after 25 years of service; and Michelle Loechli, a secretary at BHS, as of July 31, after 23 years of service;

• Approve hiring the following noninstructional employees: Samuel Rhodes as a bus aide starting April 12, LaKeila Terrell as a safety laision at BHS as of April 10, and Romeo Whigman as a custodian for the Building & Grounds Department;

• Approved the minutes of the April 15 special board meeting for a Strategic Planning Workshop that started at 8:35 a.m. and ended at 1:47 p.m. Kudlak said there were 36 people there who took part. It began with discussions in small groups around tables, with a board member at each table. The workshop was led by Dr. Rod Green from the Michigan Association of School Boards. Kudlak said this type of work is done ever five years;

• Heard a presentation from Tyler School about the Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program that has restarted at the school. Tyler Principal Aleisa Pitt said it was a very successful program in the past and then it was closed down by the pandemic. After the pandemic she held a meeting to start it up and 183 came. A father and grandfather were at the board meeting to explain their experiences;

• Got up from the board table and walked into a cleared portion of the BHS Commons to see a demonstration of the robots used in the recent competition at the school. Aaron Lange explained the program and four students worked the robots. Mentors of the robotics program were also present to help. In his report at the end of the meeting, Kudlak announced that BHS senior Krishna Sharma, a member of the robotics team, had earned a \$40,000 scholarship from Amazon to continue computer science studies; and

• Went into closed-door session at about 9:12 p.m. to consider reinstating a student who had been expelled during the 2022-23 school year. The board came back into open session at about 10:28 p.m. to make their decision in public. They voted not to reinstate the student.

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#### Used Book Sale, Plant Swap coming up next weekend at library

For area garden enthusiasts, the Belleville library will be hosting a Perennial Plant Swap on Saturday, May 6, noon-1 p.m. It will be held on the Belleville Area District Library Lawn, adjacent to the parking lot on Charles Street.

Adults and children are invited to participate. Plants to swap should be in containers and labeled. The event will be sponsored by the Belleville Area Garden Club. Members will be available to answer questions and give gardening tips.

The Friends of the Library three-day used book sale will start on Saturday, May 6.

A members-only preview sale will take place from 11 a.m. to noon for the Friends of BADL. New memberships will be available at the door.

The "Bee a Reader" Book Sale will be open to the public as follows:

Saturday, May 6, 12-3 p.m.

#### Rep. Debbie Dingell sets hazardous waste forum on May 4 at WCCC

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-06, will host a hazardous waste forum at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 4, at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., with Reps. Rashida Tlaib, MI-12, and Shri Thanedar, MI-13, to provide information and answer questions about the transportation and storage of hazardous wastes in local communities.

The panelists at the forum will include U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Debra Shore, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Acting Director Daniel Eichinger, Norfolk Southern Regional Vice President of Government Relations Herbert Smith, and a representative of Republic Industrial and Energy Solutions (RIES). Sunday, May 7, 1-4 p.m. Monday, May 8, 3-7 p.m. Monday only, there will be a bag sale. Fill a bag for \$4 each.

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## **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

#### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2004	GMC	SW	1GKDT13S342266753	22-11399
2003	ΤΟΥΟΤΑ	4D	4T1BF28B83U310527	23-3469
2017	FORD	VA	NM0LS7E7XH1310407	22-12917
2000	ACURA	4D	19UUA5663YA025067	23-2799
2007	MERCURY	4D	4M2EU48E97UJ22175	23-3146
2015	FREIGHTLINE	TK	1FUJGLBG4FLGG5588	23-3480
2005	GMC	PU	1GTHK23245F931580	23-2461
2013	DODGE	4D	1C3CDFBA2DD321602	23-2599

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.

2006	FORD	TK	1FTRW12W66FA57905	23-3179
2008	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3LC46KX8N151435	23-3170
2007	JEEP	SW	1J8FT47W47D171218	23-3157

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: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023





Arrwood Construction of Sumpter Township is a grading and excavating specialist that serves the tri-community. See the ad in today's paper and call owner Bill Arrwood at (313) 363-6590.

We welcome Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Belleville to our weekly Church Directory. Located at 89 South Edgemont St., the church is one of

the oldest churches in Belleville, forming in 1889 in nearby Willis, before building its own building on Liberty Street near City Hall around the turn of the century. Following a rebuild of the church on Liberty Street, the church sold the building in 2003 and rented before purchasing at its present location on Edgemont. Today, the church is the largest in its history as it continues to serve the community with services, health seminars, vacation Bible schools, clothing programs, cooking schools, and the Christmas parade. The church offers Saturday morning service starting with Bible study at 10 a.m. and service at 11:30 a.m. Visit www.bellevillesda.com . Seventh Day Adventists have more than 21 million members in over 210 countries around the world. To learn more on how you can list your church in our weekly directory, call me at (734) 699 9020.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 19109 Craig St. in New Boston is having its Annual Indoor Flea Market this weekend, April 27-29, featuring antiques, collectibles, furniture, and more. Proceeds will go to the St. Paul's Ladies Aid and Men's Club. \*\*\*

Robson Greenhouse on Haggerty Road just north of Tyler Road in Van Buren Township is opening for its 94<sup>th</sup> season tomorrow, April 28 with everything from annuals and starter vegetables to specialty

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT (OMA) 1976 PA 237, MCL 15.261 ES SEQ.

## NOTICE OF A WORK STUDY

Of the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:00 PM

The Authority will participate in a joint work study with the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees:

To hear a presentation from a Representative from FUSUS

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Meeting to be held at: **Township Hall** Board Room 46425Tyler Road Van Buren Township, MI 48111

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice by calling 734-699-8941

Posted: April 20, 2023 Published: April 27, 2023 plants, pots, and hanging baskets. Owners Arleen and Lynn Robson and family will greet customers seven days a week, starting at 8 a.m. Visit <u>www.robsonflowers.</u> <u>com</u> and call (734) 397-2252. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township is celebrating 20 years of operations this month, providing a nokill safe haven for dogs and cats. Founded by Pete and Marcy LaFramboise in April 2003, the non-profit 501 c 3 shelter is run by volunteers and a board of officers and directors. FMAR started with a 6.5-acre farm on Arkona Road that contained two barns. Today, they've grown to include a Cat Haven, a large community for cats, and Dog Retreat, an area that can accommodate up to 24 canines. A third building is used as an office and veterinary location isolated for sick animals and strays that come in from Sumpter Township. Pet adoptions are available by appointment by calling (734) 461-9458. Visit the website at <u>www.</u> friendsofmichigan.org for adoption info, pet profiles, volunteer info, coming events, and lots more. Be sure to see their Orphan of the Week, a pet available for adoption every Thursday in this newspaper. \*\*\*

Rich Pietrogallo, a Master Personal Fitness Trainer and former NFL wide receiver (NY Jets), brings his famous bootcamps and training sessions to Belleville and is looking for 15 serious individuals that are dedicated to getting healthy with improved physical strength, stamina, and endurance. Be sure to see Rich's ad in today's paper and call him for a free evaluation at (956) 226-2944.

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Since 1979, Leonard and Doreitha Armstrong of Armstrong's Funland have been offering ice cream, and mini golf on Belleville Road just north of Tyler Road. With some medical issues hopefully behind them and the pandemic further behind, the family-owned business will be opening for the summer on Saturday, May 6, with the car shows to resume on May 14. Bring Mom in for a free carnation on Mother's Day. Call (734) 699-3550.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020.



Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following Public School Academy: Keystone 47925 Bemis Rd., Belleville 734-697-9470 May 11, 5 p.m. A copy of the Budget for the listed Public School Academy will be available on the transparency page of the school's website. Published: April 27, 2023

#### Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

There were 308 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following. Sunday, April 16: 0025 - noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr. 0044 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 0150 - domestic, W. Adams 0213 - welfare check, Lancaster Dr. 0309 - domestic, Lancaster Dr. 0321 - suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd. 0731 - civil matter, Hull Rd. 0816 - neighbor trouble, Fairbanks St. 0906 - found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr. 0930 - welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd. 0955 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. 1021 - suspicious person/vehicle, Rayna Ct. 1053 - malicious destruction of property, Sondra 1059 - suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. 1122 - welfare check, Colony Ln. 1500 - animal complaint, Belleville Rd. 1529 - property check, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave. 1658 - larceny from auto, Belleville Rd. 1759 - welfare check, Belleville Rd. 1806 - domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1844 - property check, Belleville Rd. 2111 - welfare check, Michigan Ave. 2209 - property damage accident, Outer Dr. 2251 - animal complaint, Tyler Rd. 2349 - suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln. Monday, April 17: 0031 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 0200 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 0657 - suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler Dr. 0720 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton 0817 - larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd. 0818 - 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. 0955 - malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln. 1009 - intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Creek Dr. 1109 - assist fire dept., Michigan Ave. 1120 - suspicious person/vehicle, Sandlewood Dr. 1239 - welfare check, Martinsville Rd. 1337 - vehicle impound, Denton Rd. 1408 - assist other dept., Main St./Denton Rd. 1440 - malicious destruction of property, Denton 1502 - parking complaint, Chandler 1506 - animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. 1510 - mental subject, Quirk Rd. 1542 - fraud, Locust Dr. 1559 - fraud, Bayshore Dr. 1620 - vehicle impound, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1643 - larceny from auto, Belleville Rd. 1718 - property damage accident, Bemis/Renton 1719 - 911 welfare check, Bemis/Renton 1749 - assist other dept., Kroger 1756 - vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd. 1818 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd. 1841 - suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl. 1852 - family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1938 - animal complaint, Pond Bluff Dr. 2003 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. 2034 - motorist assist, SB I-275/Tyler Rd. 2045 - lost property/child, Denton Rd. 2105 - mental subject, Parkwood Dr. 2135 - suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Ct. 2215 - sexual assault, Colony Ln. 2226 - malicious destruction, E. Schooner Dr.

- 2232 follow up by officer, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- Fuesday, April 18:
- 0235 noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 0300 breaking & entering, Rawsonville Rd.
- 0527 disorderly, Oak Ln.
- 0604 911 welfare check, Riggs Rd.
- 0631 unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
- 0818 intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
- 0922 road hazard Ecorse Rd /Denton Rd.
- 1057 suicidal person, Elwell Rd.
- 1104 domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1156 road hazard, Jackson St.
- 1209 assist other dept., Sumpter/tracks
- 1232 intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.
- 1248 civil matter, Pinewood Ln.
- 1331 assist other dept., Oak Ln.
- 1435 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.
- 1451 property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis 1529 - civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1550 property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S.
- -94 Service Dr.

- 1614 assist other dept., Edgemont 2140 - suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. 1640 - breaking & entering, Peninsular Dr. 2314 - animal complaint, Rickman Dr. 1956 - intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr. 2359 - welfare check, America 2205 - noise complaint, Anna Dr. Saturday, April 22: 2221 - motorist assist, Beck/Ecorse 0003 - welfare check, Martinsville Rd. 0039-911 welfare check, N. Cumberland Dr. 2343 - repossession, Richard Run Dr. Wednesday, April 19: 0153 - follow up by officer, Village Green Ln. 0203 - shooting, Parkwood Dr. 0158 - assist other dept., Michigan Ave. 0352 - intrusion alarm, Hoeft Rd. 0253 - larceny, Haggerty Rd. 0718 - property damage accident, Ponderosa Trl. 0331 - larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr. / Holly Ln. 0343 - suicidal person, Meadows Cir. 0756 - trespassing, Belleville Rd. 0449 - assist other dept., E. Columbia Ave. 0524 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / 1023 - threat, E. Schooner Dr. 1042 - trespassing, Rawsonville Rd. N. I-94 Service Dr. 1119 - suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave. 0533 - family trouble, Lancaster Dr. 0624 - road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd. 1533 - animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave. 1551 - malicious destruction of property, Denton 0628 - property damage accident, Beck/Tyler 0729 - intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd. 1600 - mental subject, Lohr Rd. 1610 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. 0940 - larceny, Ecorse/I-275 0947 - welfare check, Parkwood Dr. 1613 - suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards Rd. 1629 - malicious destruction of property, E. 1109 - trespassing, Rawsonville Rd. Schooner Dr. 1138 - vehicle lock out, S. Ponderosa Trl. 1638 - civil matter, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd. 1245 - welfare check, Mida Dr. 1730 - welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1735 - assist other dept., W. Archwood Dr. Woodbury Dr. 1828 - malicious destruction of property, Denton 1336 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / 2002 - noise complaint, Westlake Cir. Westlake Cir. 2112 - neighbor trouble, Cross St. 1345 - welfare check, Oak Blvd. 2112 - welfare check, Martinsville Rd 1501 - assist other dept., Bedell 2113 - road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd. 1514 - domestic, Christina Ln. 2121 - welfare check, Daisy Blvd. 1613 - threat, Sheldon Rd. 2341 – 911 welfare check, Michigan Ave. 1626 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd. 2357 - suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd. 1713 - hold-up alarm, Bemis Rd. 1729 - intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr. Thursday, April 20: 0001 - assist fire dept., Patty Ln. 1820 - assist other dept., Lohr Rd. 0107 - noise complaint, Maple Dr./Pine Dr. 1916 - overdose, N. I-94 Service Dr. 0705 - assist fire dept., Endicott St. 1924 - animal complaint, Belleville Rd. 0730 - leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. Diamonds 2147 - neighbor trouble, Van Born Rd. 0749 - animal complaint, Belleville Rd. 2154 - noise complaint, Winchester St. 0820 - warrant arrest, Tyler Rd. 0912 - private property/property damage accident, 2201 - suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. Belleville Rd. 2224 - suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. 1026 - suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / 2247 - suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl. Belleville Rd. Sunday, April 23: 1102 - private property/property damage accident, 0023 - disorderly, N. Timberview Dr. 0333 - intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd. Belleville Rd. 1203 - civil matter, Ayres Ave. 0340 - intrusion alarm, Paloma Dr. 1352 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd. 0408 - suspicious person/vehicle, birch Dr. 1500 - suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir. 0633 - property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr. 1513 - harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr. 0711 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty 1556 - larceny, Bemis Rd. Rd./Tyler Rd. 1600 - larceny, W. Huron River Dr. 0907 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 1055 - assist fire dept., Tyler Rd. 1646 - private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd. 1135 - private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
- 1650 vehicle lock out, S. Bellridge Dr.
- 1715 civil matter, Maple Dr.
- 1806 threat, Belleville Rd.
- 1904 noise complaint, Hull Rd.
- 1943 assist fire dept., Fairfield Dr.
- 2023 civil matter, Hull Rd.
- 2051 welfare check, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.
- 2132 malicious destruction of property, Martz Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
- 2145 assist other dept., Michigan Ave.
- 2209 civil matter, Denton Rd.
- 2308 domestic, Parkwood Dr.
- 2322 welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
- Friday, April 21:
- 0009 suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
  - 0014 shooting, Ecorse Service B. Dr.
  - 0041 suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
  - 0732 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk
  - 0817 assist other dept., Anaheim St.

  - 0905 found property/child, Haggerty Rd.

  - 1128 parking complaint, Chloe Ct.
  - 1141 parking complaint, Barkley St. 1219 - road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./Textile Rd.
  - 1301 domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
  - 1441 juvenile complaint, McKinley St.
  - 1626 threat, Tyler Rd.
  - 1652 animal complaint, Belleville Rd./Ecorse
  - 1700 malicious destruction of property, Denton
  - 1702 trespassing, Lancaster Dr.
  - 1732 fraud, Belleville Rd.

  - 1743 assist fire dept., Spencer Ave.
  - 1803 assist other dept., Fourth St.
  - 1848 civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
  - 2010 suspicious person/vehicle, Patty Ln.
  - 2013 assist fire dept., Truman 2034 - misc. complaint, Jackson St.
  - 2126 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.

**Belleville Police Dispatch Log** 

1254 - malicious destruction of property, S.

2009 - suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Ball

1203 - suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

1238 - intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

1324 - assault & battery, Michigan Ave.

1658 - 911 welfare check, Walden Ct.

2225 - assist other dept., N. I-275/I-94

2240 - welfare check, Park Estates Dr.

2315 - parking complaint, Denton Rd.

2331 - fleeing & eluding, Belleville Rd.

1452 - breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.

1659 - assist other dept., Rawsonville/S. Grove

2004 - welfare check, Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.

There were 78 traffic stops on the eight days of this

2059 - abandoned auto, N. I-275/Ecorse I-275 ramp

1950 - private property impound, Outer Dr.

1303 - missing person, Oak Blvd.

1322 - mental subject, Sheldon Rd.

1530 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

Sunday, April 16:

Dr./Beckley Rd.

- 0043 traffic stop, N. Liberty St.
- 0911 noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
- 1029 warrant arrest, Main St.
- 1444 noise complaint, Bedell St.
- 2050 felony assault, W. Thornhill Ct.
- Monday, April 17:
- 0046 traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln. 0812 - traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
- 0931 trespassing, Loza Ln.
- 0931 larceny, Loza Ln. 1055 - civil matter, Loza Ln.

Belleville Area Independent/April 27, 2023 1143 - parking complaint, Clarence St. 1322 - traffic stop, High St./Main St. 1406 - personal injury accident, Main St./Denton 1523 - fraud, Menlo Park Dr. 1621 - malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd. 1651 - harassment call, Menlo Park Dr. 1740 - animal complaint, Loza Ln. 1907 - welfare check, S. Biggs St. 2141 - noise complaint, Bedell St. 2216 - traffic stop, Main St. Tuesday, April 18: 0612 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln. 0626 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service 0818 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave. 1051 - property damage accident, Five Points 1209 - welfare check, Sumpter/tracks 1313 - misc. complaint, Main St. 1400 - traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St. 1507 - intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln. 1611 - traffic stop, S. Edgemont Ave. 1917 - dumping complaint, W. Columbia Ave. 1828 - 911 welfare check, Edison Ave. 1959 - civil matter, Harbour Pointe Dr. 1955 - traffic stop, Main St./First St. 2005 – civil matter, Main St. 2223 - follow up by officer, Hanover Wednesday, April 19: 0606 - neighbor trouble, Bedell St. 0926 - animal complaint, Church St. 0954 - intrusion alarm, High St. 1813 - suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr. 1951 - assist fire dept., San Carlos St. 2119 - traffic stop, Tuscan Manor 2203 - welfare check, San Carlos St. Thursday, April 20: 0052 - intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave. 0946 - juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave. 1554 - juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave. 1623 - PPO violation, E. Waterbury Ct. 1718 - property damage accident, Main St. 1745 - private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. 1815 - suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia Friday, April 21: 0027 - traffic stop, Sumpter Rd. 0222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln. / E. Huron River Dr. 0233 - assist fire dept., Santa Clara St. 0814 - domestic, Anaheim St. 1203 - parking complaint, Main St./High St. 1723 - fraud, Loza Ln. 1752 - assist fire dept., Fourth St. 2205 - disorderly, Main St. Saturday, April 22: 0435 - suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia 0926 - civil matter, Bedell St. 1336 - fraud, South St. 1414 - neighbor trouble, Loza Ln. 1501 - traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave. 1604 - breaking & entering, Main St. 1935 - traffic stop, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville 2011 - larceny, Menlo Park Dr. 2346 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Harbour Pointe Dr. Sunday, April 23: 0930 - assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct. 1235 - larceny from auto, W. Columbia Ave. 1402 - traffic stop, Main St. 1513 – neighbor trouble, Loza Ln. 1616 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd. 1623 - traffic stop, Main St./Roys St. 1641 - traffic stop, Main St./High St. 1711 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd. 1739 - traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell There were 20 traffic stops on the eight days on this week's dispatch log. **Sumpter Township** 

## **Police Dispatch Log**

#### Sunday, April 16:

- 0237 motorist assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 0847 civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
- 1038 animal complaint, Walnut St.
- 1324 welfare check, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1735 family trouble, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1758 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1857 suspicious person, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1859 family trouble, W. Arizona St.
  - (Continued on page 19)

log, with three of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

0847 - suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.



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## **Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log**

#### (continued from page 18) 2149 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. 2237 - animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd. Monday, April 17: 0101 - fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln. 0720 - juvenile matter, Colorado St. 0818 - fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Wear Rd. 0840 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. 0858 - fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 0945 - noise complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1002 - fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West 1148 - civil matter, Idaho St. 1331 - 911 hang up, Utah Ct. 1350 - animal complaint, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1453 - suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1524 - suspicious person, Tulip Dr. 1554 - fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd. 1743 - welfare check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1859 - alarm, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. Tuesday, April 18: 0050 - misdemeanor warrant arrest, 44000 bl. Judd 0110 - noise complaint, Rustic Ln. 0548 - fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd. 0943 - welfare check, 188000 bl. Elwell Rd. 1012 - 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Harris Rd. 1133 - citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1201 - larceny, 45000 bl. Willis Rd. 1246 - follow-up investigation, 29000 bl. Elwell 1302 - 911 hang up, Indiana St. 1321 - 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1343 - citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1423 - assist other agency, Wayside Dr. 1452 - assist other agency, Sumpter Rd./Bemis 1507 - property damage accident, 45000 bl. Judd 1513 - suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. Willis Rd. 1527 - welfare check, 45000 bl. Judd Rd. 1628 - fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd. 1653 - citizen assist, Elwell Rd./Wear Rd. 1724 - suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 1242 - animal complaint, Kansas St. 1902 - suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. 1405 - suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville Martinsville Rd. 1425 - reckless driver, 48000 bl. Willis Rd. 2014 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 1609 - civil matter, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2150 - motorist assist, Martinsville Rd./Harris Rd.

- 2331 fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave. Wednesday, April 19:
- 0436 fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
- 0602 fire dept. assist, Montana St.
- 0734 animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
- 0811 suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis 0846 - family trouble, Virginia St.
- 0919 civil matter, Rustic Ln.
- 1200 family trouble, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1325 suspicious circumstance, Vermont St.

1550 - civil matter, 49000 bl. Willis Rd. 1718 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.

## The City of Belleville Fire Auxiliary **Scholarship Program**

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**Deadline for submission** is April 30th, 2023

#### Two (2) \$500.00 Scholarships will be awarded to eligible candidates!



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1850 - fire dept. assist, Oregon St. 1856 - civil matter, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd. 2125 - harassment complaint, Nevada St. 2214 - animal complaint, Nevada St. Thursday, April 20: 0015 - 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 0058 - property damage accident, Rustic Ln. 0308 - suspicious person, Dakota Ct. 0822 - 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd. 0917 - mental health call, 22000 bl. Martinsville 1053 - noise complaint, Maine St. 1124 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1213 - civil matter, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 1259 - citizen assist, Willow Rd./Elwell Rd. 1326 - suspicious person. Indiana St. 1508 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd. 1807 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd. 1842 - welfare check, Tulip Dr. 1853 - citizen assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd. 1920 - civil matter, Brookview Dr. 2004 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. 2047 - fire dept. assist, 17i000 bl. Savage Rd. 2118 - disorderly person, 48000 bl. Willis Rd. 2330 - alarm, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd. Friday, April 21: 0220 - family trouble, Mulberry Dr. 1001 - 911 hang up, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd. 1046 - citizen assist, Huron Twp. PD 1238 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1459 - follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell 1546 - alarm, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd. 1754 – 911 hang up, Butternut Ct. 1932 - felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Bemis 1939 - welfare check, Rustic Ln. 1956 - fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd. 2035 - 911 hang up, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd. 2054 - noise complaint, Arizona St. 2312 - operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd. Saturday, April 22: 0150 - noise complaint, Rustic Ln. 0609 - follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD 0834 - fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1027 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1207 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1644 - suspicious person, Birch Dr.

1726 - larceny, Stonecrest Dr.

1701 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1859 - civil matter, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1932 - juvenile matter, Washington St.

1907 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

2118 - alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

traffic stops, and nine misc. details.

1648 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.

1808 - misdemeanor warrant arrest, New Mexico

1939 - death investigation, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

Also on this week's log are 123 patrol checks, 58

1751 - neighbor dispute, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

1834 - follow-up investigation, Texas St. 1845 - alarm, 7300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.





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