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This National Weather Service map shows the southeasterly route of last Thursday night's tornado in Van Buren Township. It began near W. Huron River Drive and proceeded to Martinsville Road and disintegrated around Fret Road.

Tornado tracks through Van Buren Township with no injuries

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A weak tornado tracked through about three miles of southern Van Buren Township beginning at about 10:23 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24. There were no injuries reported.

The National Weather Service reported that an EF-1, weak, tornado about 200 yards wide touched down near, or just south of the Wagner Homestead Farm, on West Huron River Drive, with mainly leaf and twigs blown down.

The tornado tracked southeast and crossed Elwell Road near Belmont Drive and trees were downed and uprooted. Then, the tornado hit the Mobil Manor trailer park at 600 Sumpter Rd., with a tree broken in half and uprooted softwoods noted.

More significant tree damage was noted as the tornado approached Martinsville Road, generally tracking close to the Hubbard Drain. Trees were down and siding peeled off some homes, along with a large tree limb down on a home, the National Weather Service report said.

The tornado appeared to have dissipated in between Pebblebrook Drive and Fret Road. Estimated peak wind was 90 mph.

The National Weather Service has confirmed that six tornadoes touched down in Southeastern Michigan during Thursday night's storms bringing down trees and power lines and causing multiple road closures. Many people lost power and there was a lot of flooding.

At least four people were killed in the

state as a result of vehicle accidents related to the storms, with an 84 year old woman in Lansing dying when a tree fell on her house.

An EF-1 tornado was in nearby Livingston County and an EF-0, weak, tornado in Canton Township.

The Canton tornado produced 80 mph winds and touched down at 10:19 p.m. just north of the Pheasant Run Golf Club. The tornado tracked southeast and crossed numerous roads, tracking across Summit Parkway and Canton Center Road, bringing down large limbs in the process. As the tornado reached Sheldon Road, trees were sheared and a hardwood tree fell onto a

house. The tornado dissipated just north of the Lower River Rouge at 10:21 p.m. after going 1.7 miles. It was 200 feet wide.



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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT planners OK final site plan for new Mobil station

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a discussion on when the pole sign for the old Mobil station was going to come down, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously approved the final site plan for the new Mobil station, with the stipulation that the certificate of occupancy for the new building would not be granted unless the sign is gone.

At the commission's Aug. 23 meeting, a request for final site plan approval was sought by Stonefield Engineering and Design on behalf of owner I.S. Real Estate LLC/Belleville Oil Company.

The former station at the northwest corner of Haggerty Road and the North I-94 Service Drive has been demolished and the Stonefield representative said the pole was taken down ten days ago.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said it was still up at 9 a.m. that day and planner Vidya Krishnan also stated the pole is still there. Treasurer Budd added that the sign is still on the pole.

The representative said he thought all the demolition was done and the owner said he would make sure it's taken down. They said they were lucky that the contractor for the project was present that evening, but the contractor quickly said, "I'm not the demolition guy!"

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the pole issue concerns him and the demolition should be completed before the building

permit is issued.

Newest member of the commission Peter Creall asked if the applicant could apply for a building permit and move forward and he was told that is possible. He said he was in favor of having the business move forward.

"But he won't be able to occupy the building if the pole's not down," said Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said she agreed they should be able to move forward with construction.

Commissioner Jahr made the motion, seconded by Creall, to grant the applicant final site plan approval, subject to the details in letters written by staff and consultants, and it was approved by the commission. There would be no certificate of occupancy until the pole sign is down they all agreed.

"We're all going to be driving by," said Commissioner Atchinson to the applicants and they said they knew that would be the case and the pole is coming down.

The new gas station will include a convenience store with retail and food service, including a drive-thru lane and one drive-thru window, gasoline pumps and related site improvements.

In other business at the hour-long meeting, the commission:

- Approved a request by Kimberly M. Lehr of Continental Café on behalf of owner FSC CON Van Buren MI, DST to allow the installation of chain link fencing up to six feet tall with three strands of barbed wire on top. The site is located at 7850 Haggerty



The former Mobil gas station at the northwest corner of Haggerty Road and the I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township has been demolished and this is a rendering of the new station to be constructed. The present pole sign must be demolished before an occupancy permit is issued to the building by Van Buren Township.

Rd. on the west side of Haggerty between Ecorse Road and Coca-Cola Drive. Jim Martin, director of loss prevention for Continental Café, said catalytic converters have been stolen from their fleet of box trucks parked in the area to be fenced. He said this happened three times and three catalytic converters were stolen each time and they are expensive to replace;

- Directed staff to set a public hearing to consider a zoning ordinance amendment to modify a minimum separation distance of 1,500 feet between two licensed group day care home uses. Dan Power, director

of planning and economic development, said the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act allows planning commissions to modify the 1,500 feet between sites. No other changes are recommended. The public hearing is expected to be set for Sept. 27; and

- Heard an update on DTE Gas Company projects. There is construction of valves and minor access, fencing and landscaping improvements associated with an underground natural gas pipeline at 7015 Haggerty Rd. and 45581 Ecorse Rd.

School Board OKs \$280,516 for food service equipment for BHS

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously on Monday to buy \$280,516 in new food service equipment from Stafford Smith Inc. for Belleville High School.

Treasurer Simone Pinter was absent from the meeting.

James Williams, director of plant operations, said the district has had a need to improve the food service experience for the students and staff throughout the district regarding service time and food options to increase participation.

He said while the district was looking into food service management companies, it was also looking into improving these areas which requires upgrades to some equipment and reconfiguring some serving lines.

He said the district is focusing on BHS this year and McBride Middle School next year.

The school board previously voted to provide free breakfasts and lunches for all

students with federal funds because the district qualified. Later the state decided to pay for all breakfasts and lunches for schools in the state, as well.

There will be signs in the cafeterias that will lead the students to the food without cost, while some of the menu items will need to be purchased.

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

- Voted unanimously to enter into a 15-year Power Purchase Agreement for 100% of the district's annual electricity usage with NorthStar Clean Energy at a fixed rate not to exceed \$0.075/kWh for the generation and delivery of solar electricity, with commercial operation expected to begin in June 2025. This program is only for school districts. A solar field is to be erected in Genesee County and possibly a second field, if needed. If NorthStar can't provide all the energy to the school, it will provide DTE energy to the school district at the reduced rate;

- Heard a presentation by BHS Principal Nicole Crockett on the BHS Media Center

(library). She said the previous BHS Media Specialist resigned in the fall of 2020. COVID closed the media center at that time and the district didn't have any luck in finding a replacement. Officials decided to wait until COVID allowed them to reopen the area to decide how to proceed. She said last year they found a part-time person to work in this role and that person is not available this year. The district will continue with the Media Center being open only for the fourth hour of the school day. She said they plan to try to find someone to staff the center before and after school for student use and research student-centered options for utilizing the space;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Devin Girbach of McBride as of Aug. 22 after three years, and Peter Cender from BHS as of Aug. 17, after one year;

- Approved the following instructional employees, all as of Aug. 23: TaShana Rembert, to teach CTE at BHS; Zachary Nowak to teach CI at McBride; Dominic Freda to instruct the NJROTC at BHS; and Michael Mayes to teach SS at McBride;

- Approved the retirement of Collen Holmes from food service after 24 years, as of Aug. 22; the resignation of Ashleigh Testorelli as of less than a year at Tyler; and the resignation of Kimberly Beyer as of Aug. 22, as a paraprofessional after one year;

- Approved hiring the following non-instructional employees: Jordan Parsons and Devin Sharp as custodians as of Aug. 21; Amanda Riggs as social worker at Edgemont/ECC as of Aug. 23; and Shannon Beach as secretary at Tyler as of Aug. 28; and

- Discussed the issue of parents wishing to pay registration fees for their students by internet having to pay a 3% handling fee for the payment. Andrea Mears said she was asked to pay a \$14 processing fee. She was told the old service had a handling fee, too, and the district picked up the fee of \$70,000 last year. School Supt. Peter Kudlak said the district is still accepting cash and he will look into the situation.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Mayor Conley breaks tie on city manager selection

On Monday, the Belleville City Council had one item on its special meeting agenda: Select a city manager. And, after an hour of discussion, the selection was Jason Smith, current city manager of the city of Litchfield. Now the contract will be negotiated and Smith will take his position in about 60 days, if all goes well.



Jason Smith

The voting came to Councilmembers Fielder and Bates voting yes on a motion to hire Smith and Voigt and Beebe voting no. The mayor broke the tie with a yes vote for Smith.

The no voters were not against Smith. They just wanted to have Steve Jones promoted to city manager. A large number of entries on social media wanted Jones selected, but reportedly, only a handful brought their idea to council members.

The council agreed to ask Smith to train Jones as city manager, so if Smith decides to take a better-paying job someday, Jones would have the skills to handle the job.

Jones currently is acting city manager. He was hired by the former city manager to be projects manager. Then the city manager took a much higher-paying job in the city of Monroe and the council asked Jones to fill in.

Smith was watching Monday's meeting via zoom and he immediately agreed to train Jones. More details next week.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We apologize for the spotty deliveries to stores and other places of our free paper last week. One store operator said people had been asking for the paper and he told them it was the storms.

Well, some of that was closed roadways because of the storm in the Van Buren Township area and some was from having different people deliver part of the route because of the death of our advertising director, who also delivered some papers.

On Wednesday night into Thursday morning, a storm caused power outages and flooded roadways throughout the tri-community. On Thursday night into Friday morning there was a power outage to many residents and businesses and then another storm ripped through our area. Some outages lasted until this week.

On Friday morning, DTE reported there were some 211,387 customers without power in Southeastern Michigan and the number was rising. More freeways were flooded, trees and branches down, and some yards turned into lakes. DTE was still working on the Wednesday night storm and the Thursday night outage and storm came.

A tornado warning was broadcast for the tri-community and sirens rang during Thursday evening.

Organizers of the Taste of Belleville were very glad they didn't try to reset that event for Aug. 24, as proposed, because it would have been washed out like the original Aug. 17 date.

A man and his wife report they were walking on the new Iron Belle Trail link in the Lower Huron Metropark last Thursday after the first floods and saw fish swimming on the Trail walkway.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



The Washtenaw County Road Commission started work on Rawsonville Road on June 20 and said it would take a month for it to complete the ditch upgrades. When we delivered papers last week, for our Aug. 24 edition, the road was still closed to through traffic.

At the Aug. 22 meeting of the Sumpter Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke was asked when it would reopen. He said he was told it would be Aug. 21, but it didn't happen.

A neighbor to the mobile home destroyed by the tornado last Thursday night told me that on Saturday someone in a Cadillac parked in front of his house. He had told the family in the destroyed home that he would keep an eye on the home and so he went out and asked the person in the car what he was doing.

The man said he was a reporter and it was none of his business what he was doing. He wouldn't say who he worked for. The neighbor said the man got out and took a couple of pictures of the damage and knocked on the door of the destroyed house where no one was home. Then he drove off.

He said that left a really bad taste in his mouth for reporters and he was really pleased that when I approached him and I told him my name and that I was with the *Belleville-Area Independent*. That's the way it's supposed to be done.

Looks like the Festival of Holiday Trees is set for Dec. 2-23 at the Belleville Area Museum. The Central Business Community has sent out a letter to its contacts to get their trees ready for the event, the first of its kind since COVID.

Apparently, Van Buren Township is going to let Santa in this year to talk to children on two days in December. After the Christmas parade, however, Santa will meet with kids at the library.

Many supporters of the museum are skeptical about what the township announces for the building, so we assume they'll believe it's open when they can walk inside. It's been three and a half years since the Van Buren Township closed the museum.

On Monday we had two meetings at the same time. The city council set one for 6 p.m. to select a city manager. Shortly after 7 the council voted on the winning candidate, but then council members chatted about what the contract should look like – and that took a while.

At about 7:30 p.m. we left for the school board meeting that started at 7 p.m. We missed the beginning of that meeting but got the second half. Now, there are no more meetings until after Labor Day.



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Letters

BHS needs full-time media specialist

To the editor:

Belleville High School does not have a full-time media specialist. As a student going into high school next year, this is very concerning. I read quite a lot and there are many people that can testify to this. For instance, Mr. Richards, Ms. Koscielny, Ms. Bradley and Ms. Morton have been the media specialists at my schools for the entirety of my learning career.

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Studies have shown that students who use their school library achieve higher grades and test scores. And because libraries provide a wide range of resources, they can help students with everything from doing homework to writing papers to preparing for college. If Belleville High School continues to only have the school library open twice a week, for only one hour, then we cannot truly expect students and the school itself to perform at more than two-fifths of its full potential.

Five weeks ago I emailed this letter to Peter Kudlak, the superintendent; Nicole Crockett, the principal; Brian Roberson, the vice principal; and Amy O'Brien, the acting librarian twice a week. So far, the only response I have had is from Ms. O'Brien who sent me a very helpful Google drive of resources about the high school library. As a school raising the next generation, I believe it should have a full-time library and better communication.

Unsigned

The Bible is the only source of absolute truth

To the editor:

Reflecting on today's written and electronic media, much of which reeks of chaos, deceit and deliberate "MIS-information."

I truly believe the intent is purposely planned POLITICAL brainwashing. Who is to believe?

Without question, our only source of the absolute truth is the BIBLE.

In Proverbs 19:21 ESV, we read: "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker, Belleville
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Dysfunctional light at bridge needs fixing

To the editor:

Belleville has what seems to be all the appearances of becoming a modern, beautiful city. A new shopping center with ample parking spaces features what many of us thought would be an impossible feat.

Kudos to the visionaries who were responsible for this reality. Hence, many other areas in the city are trying to make things happen with insightful ideas for success. All good stuff.

However, there are some areas which could use some improvement. Such as the Hillside Cemetery which looms front and center with all that attention from our dormant bridge. Which has gone by the wayside as did the New Boston Bridge debacle. Meanwhile, the Hillside Cemetery was and is a very beautiful area for deceased loved ones.

Gazing "from afar," it seems as if trees and bushes could use trimming and pruning. I should have driven over for a close-up look, but I was too lazy to drive around for a closer check.

People who come into the city should be able to see all the splendor and beauty of which is the Gateway to our City. Probably it will be a rather long look, being stuck on the main bridge due to a dysfunctional signal light just over bridge (Liberty Street and Denton Road). Some brainiac in the city needs to wake up to this asinine problem. It's not broke, but it needs fixing!

Does anyone hear the cries of the residents and registered voters from the other side of the demonized bridge, which is called the Denton Road Bridge? These people deserve much better from the elected officials who need to step up and be held accountable for their non-action posture. Maybe we could try the New Boston method of parking at the bridge location and leave it there as window dressing. Thus, quieting the angry residents for a while.

Can anyone imagine the result of the jet crash scenario if that aircraft had gone down in a different location? That could have been a nightmare of horrendous proportions. A miraculous result.

In conclusion, how much longer can this shameful example of non-professional planning and action be allowed to continue? Expectations for growth and improvement are but fading memories of what should have taken place. One step forward and two steps back needs reversing. This community deserves better.

Rodger King
Van Buren Township

The new St. Jude prayer really works

To the editor:

The new St. Jude prayer works. St. Jude answered my prayer.
P.M., Allen Park

BHS at-home game

• Thursday, Aug. 31 – Varsity football vs. Stevenson HS, 7 p.m.

More Letters

Severe storms show global climate crisis

To the editor:

This was a week, with the end of it upending many plans as severe storms hit Michigan, specifically the 6th district. Over two nights, we experienced two waves of extreme weather. The first storm struck on Wednesday night, bringing heavy rainfall, area flooding, and strong wind gusts.

I woke Thursday morning to news that Dingell Drive at the airport was flooded and had shut down the airport, and Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner Evan Pratt let me know we had experienced a once in 500-year storm.

Then, 24 hours later, there were supercell thunderstorms with wind gusts hitting more than 80 mph and four tornadoes in my district alone, and seven total tornadoes statewide that tore across Michigan.

Sewers were already at capacity before the second storm hit, many basements flooded, and roads closed because of flooding and significant storm damage. Day two did more than double the damage. The aftermath resulted in significant flooding, property damage across our state, and fallen trees and power lines that caused power disruptions.

I spent the last few days with county officials in the field, assessing the damage, fighting for help, supporting communities, yelling at DTE, evaluating the extent of the damage, and figuring out what needed to be done.

Last night I was looking for woodchippers to lend to communities. This weather is deeply impacting people and is challenging and disruptive. And bluntly, this isn't tornado season.

What we are witnessing is the impact of the global climate crisis. I think I have been through once in a hundred-year storms multiple times in the last decade. We have to address this. We are going to have to do more to prepare. No community is prepared to handle seven inches of water in four hours, which two of mine did on Wednesday night -- Belleville and Rockwood. We need to be addressing how to be better prepared at the federal, state, and local levels...

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Obituaries



Marilyn Watson

MARILYN KAY WATSON

(June 12, 1943 – August 19, 2023)

Marilyn Watson of Potterville, MI, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and teacher, passed away after a short illness on August 19, 2023 at the age of 80. She was surrounded by her loving family in the days preceding her passing.

Marilyn was born on June 12, 1943 and grew up with her parents and three sisters in Belleville, MI. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1961 and attended Eastern Michigan University (EMU) to obtain her bachelor's degree in elementary education, as teaching children was her passion. There she met her future husband, Dewain (Bill) Watson, also from Belleville, and they were married on June 19, 1965, one week after graduating from EMU. Bill took a job that would transfer them to various states, and Marilyn would teach at the local elementary schools. After a few years, Bill returned to EMU to obtain his master's degree in education administration, and they lived on Marilyn's family farm with their two young children and Marilyn's grandmother. After completing his degree, Bill was offered a position in Charlotte, MI, and the couple moved their family to their current residence. As an example of Marilyn's love for family, she asked her grandmother, Helen Riggs, if she would like to move with them, and Helen accepted. Marilyn spent the next seven years caring for her, planting gardens for her to enjoy as they both loved gardening and making her last years happy ones.

After her grandmother's passing, Marilyn returned to teaching as it was one of her greatest joys, particularly children with disabilities. Her dedication to her students was evident to all, and she gave endlessly of herself to her young pupils. Her love for her family and friends also knew no bounds, and she was known for the care packages that she would send with her delicious baked treats, thoughtful gifts, crafts, and seasonal items. She took particular delight in holidays and making family gatherings festive and memorable. In recent years, she was especially devoted to her grandchildren, and strove to attend as many of their school functions and life events as possible.

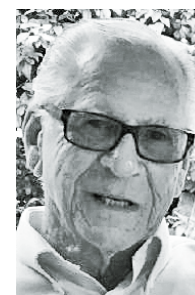
She enjoyed traveling, and went on many trips, within the U.S. and abroad, with her husband, mother, and sisters. She loved gardening and sharing her produce, was a bird enthusiast and kept her feeders full year-round, enjoyed baking, cooking, and sharing her creations, and was an avid reader and former library board member, focusing on programs for children. Her devotion to her family, friends, students and community will live on forever in all of our hearts and will never be forgotten. Her work is now finished, the lessons that she taught us have been learned, and her rest is well deserved.

Marilyn is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Bill Watson; children, Julie (Robert) LaMacchia and James (Deb) Watson; grandchildren Derek (Hannah) Watson, Brooke Watson, Carter Watson, and Alex

Feighner; great-granddaughter Zoey Watson; sisters Joanne (Mark) Williams and Debbie Cartwright; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Alice (Riggs) Herkimer, her sister and brother-in-law Janet (Robert) Loria, and brother-in-law Paul Cartwright.

Marilyn is in the care of David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 E. Huron River Dr. Belleville, Michigan, 48111 and will be laid to rest in Belleville's Hillside Cemetery in a private family memorial and interment this fall. The family invites you to make a donation in Marilyn's memory to the charity that was close to her heart, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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John H. Graves

JOHN H. GRAVES

(July 14, 1936 – August 20, 2023)

John H. Graves, 87, of Belleville died in his home, surrounded by his family, on August 20, 2023. He was born July 14, 1936 in Rector, Arkansas, the son of Leonard and Hattie Graves. He is survived by three children, Patrice Graves, John Graves, Jr., and Richard Graves; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Celebration of Life is 11:30 a.m., September 24, 2023 at 15950 Sheridan Rd., Clinton, MI 49236. Service is at noon by Minister Larry Rothman.



EUSTACE 'SHORTY' HORKHEIMER

(November 8, 1930 – August 22, 2023)

Age 92 of Van Buren Township. Served in Korean War at Pearl Harbor. Inspector for Hoover Ball Bearing Division in Saline for 38 years. Survived by daughter Tina Parmelee, granddaughter, great-grandson.

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GARY A. UDOVICH

(April 29, 1961 – August 26, 2023)

Age 62 of Belleville. Served in U.S. Navy with three commendations from the captain of his ship. Was a writer, researcher, and historian. Survived by his lifelong love Valerie Jones and brother Robert Udovich.

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COLLEEN WOODS

(September 19, 1929 – August 26, 2023)

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After the storm, on Thursday, Aug. 24, the Belleville Area Museum was drained of water.



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Haircuts went on Friday because school was beginning on Monday. At the Kutz barber shop in Belleville, a generator was used outside to power an electric shaver on a student because electric power was out from last week's storms.

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Angela Netro takes over advertising position at *Belleville Independent*

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Angela Netro, who has spent her whole life in Belleville and graduated from Belleville High School in 1967, is the new advertising director for the *Belleville-Area Independent*.

She has spent 38 years selling Real Estate in this area, with the last 27 years owning her own business.

She replaces former longtime *Independent* advertising director Bob Mytych, who died suddenly on Aug. 19.

Netro said she started her life of work as a car hop at Ball's Dairy, which now is named Frosty Boy on Main Street. Then, as teenager, she worked at the Belvil Theater, which was in the building where her new office is located.

Netro then started work at the Ford Motor Company's Rawsonville plant and worked on assembly for five years. Then she was elected a UAW official and served for eight years before being selected for training as a tool & die maker. She did that for two years before leaving Ford to pursuing a career in real estate.

She worked for Earl Keim Realty in Belleville for ten years and then set up her own business, Angela Netro & Company Real Estate in Belleville which she has run



Angela Netro

since 1996.

Netro has taken management/business courses at Henry Ford College. As a Broker, she followed continuing education classes and also took tax assessor courses. She served for 15 years as a member of the Van Buren Township Tax Review Board, is a 30-year member of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and is a past member of the Lions Club.

"I'm looking forward to a new career in the news business and I truly am fascinated that this local paper has been in business for almost 30 years," Netro said. "And how this community needs it and loves it," she said.

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On Monday morning, the first day of school, retirees from the Van Buren Public Schools stationed themselves at Five Points in Belleville to wave to the busloads of students heading to classes. From left are Rona Nowak, retired driver; Teresa Bishop, retired aide; Cheryl Parent, retired aide; and Janet Key, soon to be retired driver.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Sept. 5 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Sept. 12 – Sumpter Township

Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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The chorus invites singers from age 16

to 96 to join them - veterans who have sung with them in the past or those new to the group. Whether soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or not really sure, consider yourself welcome to be part of this dynamic group.

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Lori Day, Geof Bush to speak on WWII at Yankee Air Museum

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The trip took them from D-Day in Normandy in June 1944 across France,

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands and ending in Berchtesgaden, Germany in May 1945. This "On to Victory ... 1945" presentation is a continuation of a 2019 trip they made for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D Street, on the east side of Willow Run Airport. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Entry is free to museum members and \$10 per person for non members.

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- **Monday, Sept. 4** – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and

crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

- **Monday, Sept. 4** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets
- **Wednesday, Sept. 6** – At 7:30 p.m., Yankee Air Force members Lori Day and Geof Bush of Van Buren Township share their May 2023 adventures retracing the route of the final decisive battles of World War II. The trip took them from D-Day in Normandy in June 1944 across France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and ending in Berchtesgaden, Germany in May

1945. This is a continuation of a 2019 trip they made for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. At Yankee Air Museum. Museum members free; non-members \$10 each.

- **Friday, Sept. 8** – Soup & Sandwich at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. 5-7 p.m., \$12. (734) 941-3030
- **Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10** – City of Belleville Citywide Yard Sale
- **Monday, Sept. 11** – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.
- **Monday, Sept. 11** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather

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- **Wednesday, Sept. 13** – Drive-Through Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. \$14 for carry-outs. Cash or check only please. 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Menu: Four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner-style biscuits and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of pie. Call ahead for faster service, (734) 654-9020.

• **Monday, Sept. 18** – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Monday, Sept. 18** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• **Friday, Sept. 22** – Taco Margarita Night at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. 5-7 p.m. or until they run out. (734) 941-3030

• **Saturday, Sept. 23** – Steak Dinner, \$20 at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. 5:30-7 p.m. or until they run out. Steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad & roll. (734) 941-3030



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NTSB releases preliminary report on Aug. 13 MiG crash School Board

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Location: Belleville, MI

Accident Number: CEN23FA361

Date & Time: Aug. 13, 2023, 15:15 Local

Registration: N23UB

Aircraft: Mikoyan Gurevich MIG-23UB

Injuries: 2 Minor

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Air race/show

On Aug. 13, about 1515 eastern daylight time, a Mikoyan Gurevich Mig 23UB, N23UB, was destroyed when it was involved in an accident near Belleville, Michigan. The pilot and pilot rated observer received minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 airshow exhibition flight.

The flight was performing at the "Thunder over Michigan Airshow" held at the Willow Run Airport (YIP), Ypsilanti, Michigan. The accident flight was scheduled to be the second to last act. The accident airplane was a privately owned Russian designed military fighter airplane that employed variable geometry wings that allowed the wing sweep angle to be changed in-flight.

The airplane was powered by a single turbojet engine with afterburner capability.

The pilot reported that the flight departed from runway 23 at YIP, followed by a right turn to a "banana pass" (a low-level knife edge pass) along runway 23. Following the pass, he started banking the airplane and

noticed that the engine afterburner did not ignite, and the airspeed began to decrease. He brought the swing wings into the fully forward position (16° sweep) to increase lift and began troubleshooting the problem.

He was actively troubleshooting when the rear seat observer stated that they needed to eject. The pilot reported that he was not ready to eject and was still troubleshooting the problem and maneuvering the airplane toward runway 27 at YIP when his ejection seat fired, and he was out of the airplane. He stated that if either occupant pulls the ejection handle, both seats eject.

The rear seat observer stated that the airplane made a pass along the runway and the plan was to go to the left for another pass followed by a landing. He stated that the engine was not accelerating. He and the pilot had a brief discussion and began to climb up and gain altitude.

They determined that they had some type of engine problem and needed to get back on the ground. He stated that they determined they did not have sufficient altitude to make it to a runway at the airport. He said they were compressed for time and needed to get out. When asked if he had pulled the ejection seat handles, he stated that he could not specifically remember but thinks that he would have pulled them. Video evidence indicated that the airplane

was in a left bank when the ejection seats fired. The airplane continued in the left bank and descended into the ground about 1 mile south of the approach end of runway 27 at YIP. The wreckage path was about 600 ft. long on a heading of about 35°.

There was a postimpact explosion and fire. The fuselage section that contained the tail surfaces and engine came to rest adjacent to an apartment building. The remainder of the airplane was fragmented and distributed along the wreckage path. There were no reported injuries on the ground.

In the NTSB report the owner of the MiG, that was manufactured in 1981 in the USSR, was listed as Daniel W. Filer of Alto, Texas.

This information is preliminary and subject to change.

"We have to make sure we have a cash option," he said.

At the end of the regular meeting, the board went into closed-door session to consider reinstatement of Student 21-22-012. After that meeting the board came into regular session and voted to reinstate the student with conditions.

Before the regular meeting, at 6 p.m., the board held a special closed-door meeting to consider the reinstatement of another student, Student 22-23-012, and then went into open session to reinstate the student unconditionally.

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The event will be hosted LIVE on WAA's official Facebook page and broadcast over Wreaths Across America Radio.

"Now, more than ever, it is so critical for communities to come together to remember all those who served and honor

their service and their family's service, especially those who volunteered during the War on Terror following the events of September 11, 2001," said WAA Executive Director, Karen Worcester.

"But more than anything, we must teach our children about these men and women and the courage and commitment it takes to be a part of the small number of Americans who protect all our freedoms. Please join us on Sept. 12, as we wave the American flag proudly like we do each Tuesday morning, and never forget that freedom isn't free and must be protected."



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Sumpter board approves putting up larger warning signs at pond

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the two-hour-and-13-minute meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on Aug. 22, the board voted unanimously to increase the size of the "Swim at your own risk" signs at Sherwood Pond instead of prohibiting swimming altogether.

The issue had been discussed at a previous meeting and was on the Aug. 22 agenda for a decision on prohibiting swimming because the water is untested and there are no lifeguards.

Some board members had been concerned because there had been drownings at several area swimming sites.

They postponed action from the previous meeting, hoping someone would come to the planning commission meeting to comment on ponds because there was a public hearing on residential ponds. Trustee

Matt Oddy reported that no one came to speak on ponds at the public hearing.

Trustee Oddy said it might technically not be a pond, but might be a lake because of its size and depth.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said it's always been called a pond.

"I don't see taking swimming away," said Trustee Morgan. "It seems like we keep taking, taking and the residents get nothing back."

She said there are ropes in the pond to mark the swimming area, but historically people go beyond the ropes.

Township manager Tony Burdick said part of the issue is the regime for testing. He said every three weeks they could come out for testing, take it back to the lab, and then get back to the township with the results. When the weather is hotter, it would be more often, up to three times a day.

Trustee Don LaPorte said he was for leaving it the way it is and put up larger signs telling them to swim at their own risk. He suggested there should be faster lab tests than what Burdick described.

When it came up for a vote, Oddy made the motion for the larger signs, seconded by Trustee Tim Rush, who was chairing the meeting, and it was passed unanimously. Oddy said the goal was not to prohibit use of the water until a way to test it can be worked out.

He said it is almost the end of the swimming season. At minimum he wanted to have more conspicuous warning signs.

In other business at the Aug. 22 workshop and regular meeting, the board:

- Approved naming Rush to chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Tim Bowman;
- Heard a presentation of the financial

audit for the fiscal year ending April 1 that produced and unmodified opinion, the best possible;

- Heard Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke read a proclamation signed by all the board members in memory of former Police Chief James Pierce. Director Luke said he read the proclamation at Pierce's funeral;

- Accepted the resignation of fire fighter Richard Landskroener, effective July 30, with regrets. Landskroener works for the Belleville Fire Department and said he would help out at Sumpter, but it was taking too much time away from his family;

- Approved having KCI of Grand Rapids as the billing service for all water, sewer and utilities billings, at an approximate quarterly rate of \$2,500 which includes the cost of postage, with Trustee Morgan voting no. There are 3,300 water bills per quarter. The data will be compiled by the township and sent to KCI who will print, sort, and mail the bills as of Oct. 1. The bills will be in envelopes instead of on postcards, as in the past;

- Tabled for more information, the draft position descriptions and inventory for township management and employee direction and use, as prepared by Burdick;

- Approved unanimously the revised 2014 township employee policy manual, as presented by Burdick;

- Approved sending Dawn Hadyniak to attend the MAMC fall conference Nov. 28-30 at a cost not to exceed \$1,200;

- Approved the planning commission's recommendation to amend the Ponds and Farm Ponds ordinance, section 6.39;

- Tabled a proposal for a grinder pump purchase program and the planned in-house pump repair program, for more information;

- Heard John Danci give a Water & Sewer report that more than \$154,000 is owed in water bills, but that last year at this date there was more than \$335,000 owed. He said any balance owed over \$300 gets a shutoff notice;

- Heard Oddy report a public hearing will be held on Nov. 9 by the planning commission to discuss large commercial and small commercial solar farms;

- Heard Burdick announce that plans are being made for a Sept. 13 employee appreciation lunch and a December holiday lunch;

- Heard resident Mary Ban complain about the brush along the roadsides making Sumpter a jungle. She said Wayne County continues to ignore the brush. People who call the numbers to the county get no response, she said; and

- Heard Director Luke report on the success of the Stuff A Truck event where school supplies stuffed a new patrol unit. He said the donations were split up earlier that day and delivered to three elementary schools: Brick, Keystone, and Savage. He read the names of those who participated in the event and said earlier that day he got word that J&T is donating \$2,500 to the department's community outreach.

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Special Bulk Trash Collection Setup this Weekend & Extended Office Hours

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Saturday, September 2
Sunday, September 3
Saturday, September 9
Sunday, September 10

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Tuesday, August 29
Wednesday, August 30
Thursday, August 31

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 356 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 20:

0125 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
0314 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Rawsonville ramp
0409 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0447 – mental subject, McBride Ave.
0902 – unauthorized driving away of automobile, Lighthouse Dr.
0929 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1012 – malicious destruction of property, Solitude Ln.
1011 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lohr Rd.
1109 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1121 – private property/property damage accident, Wildbrook Dr.
1121 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1240 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1241 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1301 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1259 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1306 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1309 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1308 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
1311 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1317 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1344 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
1413 – misc. complaint, Harmony Ln./Belleville Lake
1415 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1421 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1425 – family trouble, Water’s Edge Ln.
1442 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1521 – animal complaint, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1613 – suicidal person, Pond Ridge Dr.
1627 – assist other dept., Pond Ridge Dr.
1636 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1644 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1652 – harassment call, Westlake Cir.
1709 – domestic, Bentley Dr.
1739 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1754 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1812 – welfare check, Victoria Ln.
1823 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1828 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1848 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
1914 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1921 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1926 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1954 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodbury Dr.
1959 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
2014 – fight, Huron River Dr.
2037 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2043 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2049 – welfare check, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2200 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
2215 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
2244 – shooting, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2337 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tallgrass Ct.
2336 – overdose, Quirk Rd.
2340 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, Aug. 21:

0004 – sexual assault, Sadie Ln.
0029 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0043 – 911 welfare check, Kent Dr.
0636 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0728 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mott Rd.
0757 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0813 – abandoned auto, Martz Rd.
0917 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
0946 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1048 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1102 – lost property/child, Denton Rd.
1203 – larceny from auto, Meadows Circle
1318 – warrant arrest. S. Canton Center

1324 – civil matter, Maple Dr.
1349 – assist fire dept., Bog Rd.
1400 – larceny, Oak Blvd.
1429 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lacy Dr.
1441 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
1511 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler Rd.
1537 – sexual assault, Wildflower Ct.
1538 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1547 – larceny from auto, Old Rawsonville Rd.
1549 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Bak Rd.
1650 – unattended death, Parkwood Dr.
1707 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. Ponderosa Trl./Spruce Ln.
1805 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2029 – trespassing, Dover Ct.
2053 – trespassing, St. Joe’s Hospital
2055 – trespassing, Daisy Blvd.
2233 – PPO violation, McBride Ave.
2307 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lighthouse Dr.
Tuesday, Aug. 22:
0006 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0036 – suicidal person, Louisa Dr.
0107 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0251 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0302 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0325 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0356 – warrant arrest, W. Huron River
0431 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pon Dr.
0605 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
0751 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1010 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1038 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1152 – abandoned auto, Van Buren St./Millard St.
1301 – civil matter, Harbour Club
1321 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1407 – intrusion alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.
1442 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1447 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1452 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1520 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1527 – larceny, Hannan Rd.
1615 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1615 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1615 – 911 welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.
1652 – threat, Denton Rd.
1707 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1729 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1738 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1809 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1856 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1917 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2025 – hospice death, Harbour Pointe Ct.
2150 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2335 – fight, Belleville Rd.
Wednesday, Aug. 23:
0030 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victoria St.
0701 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Bayshore Dr.
0744 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ln.
0819 – property damage accident, Westlake Cir. / Belleville Rd.
0828 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0935 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1000 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1025 – trespassing, Rayna Ct.
1127 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Wilson Ave./Harmony Ln.
1218 – disorderly suspicious, Denton Rd.
1223 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1334 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1419 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1539 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1622 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
1619 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Purple Sage Ct.
1636 – civil matter, Parkside Dr.
1734 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1822 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
1943 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1946 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
2005 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
2118 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

2204 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
2305 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
2323 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
2332 – repossession, Kirkridge Park Dr.
Thursday, Aug. 24:
0112 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0202 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0302 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0308 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0321 – assist citizen, Sylvia Dr.
0325 – road hazard, Belleville/Yost
0330 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0358 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
0404 – assist citizen, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.
0508 – road hazard, Hannan Rd./Van Born
0532 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2054 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0549 – Road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
0633 – traffic offense, Jeremy Rd./Patty Ln.
0732 – traffic offense, Michigan/Michigan Ave.
0737 --- intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
0739 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0751 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
0819 – abandoned auto, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0831 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
0831 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0838 – neighbor trouble, Jeremy Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0854 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, rest area
0855 – intrusion alarm, Wildflower Ct.
0859 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
0923 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
0952 – vehicle impound, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1004 – vehicle impound, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
1012 – vehicle impound, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
1016 – vehicle impound, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
1026 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1050 – vehicle impound suspicious, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1105 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1132 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1142 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.
1147 – intrusion alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.
1217 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1219 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1235 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
1303 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Sylvia Dr.
1314 – repossession, Jackson St.
1340 – mental subject, Pond Ridge Dr.
1408 – misc. complaint, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1407 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service
1603 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
1451 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
1539 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.
1540 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1544 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1623 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1616 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.
1627 – motorist assist, Beck Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1633 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville/I-94
1636 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1640 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1728 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1734 – trespassing, Jeannette Ave.
1801 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
1815 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1817 – road hazard, Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.
1818 – larceny, N. Bellridge Dr.
1919 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1924 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd./Van Born
1935 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1957 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
2033 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2158 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
2211 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
2329 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Linda Vista
2341 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.

2342 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Friday, Aug. 25:
0048 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0053 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0130 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0212 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0230 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0457 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse ramp
0626 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
0702 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd.
0841 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
0915 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
0950 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1015 – misc. complaint, Christina Ln.
1021 – parking complaint, Arlene Ln.
1049 – traffic offense, Mott/Barr
1050 – assist other dept., Ash Dr.
1059 – assist other dept., Bentley Dr.
1135 – misc. complaint, Beck Rd.
1254 – assist fire dept., rest area
1442 – harassment call, Harmony Ln.
1514 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1521 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1616 – property damage accident, Fourth St.
1659 – assist fire dept., Richard Run Dr.
1745 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1811 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
1947 – traffic offense, Maple leaf South
2005 – shooting, Winding Pond Dr.
2027 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
2052 – property check, Meadows of Van Buren
2055 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2157 – intrusion alarm, Belmont Dr.
2322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
Saturday, Aug. 26:
0005 – malicious destruction, Parkside Dr.
0157 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0205 – noise complaint, Ellen Ave.
0242 – welfare check, S. I-275/Ecorse
0357 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
0506 – civil matter, Parkside Dr.
0510 – family trouble, Farm Rd.
0657 – civil matter, Parkside Dr.
0810 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd.
0854 – intrusion alarm, Basswood Cir.
0951 – abandoned auto, Walden Woods
1017 – assist citizen, Fret Rd.
1029 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1106 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1116 – repossession, Purple Sage Ct.
1123 – threat, Harmony Ln.
1213 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1221 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
1244 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1314 – 911 welfare check, Togowtee Pass
1332 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
1345 – traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1447 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1421 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1621 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1642 – larceny, Old Rawsonville
1649 – 911 welfare check, Jackson St.
1824 – traffic offense, Maple Dr.
1849 – shooting, Ecorse Rd.
1855 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1912 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.
2018 – intrusion alarm, Burlwood
2126 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2214 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
2245 – domestic, Denton Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 72 traffic stop, 15 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 20:

0954 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
1038 – neighbor trouble, Loza Ln.
1519 – assist other dept., Farm/W. Huron River
1628 – assist other dept., Pond Ridge Rd.

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1955 – traffic stop, Third St./Church St.
2021 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2053 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2357 – assist other dept., Parkwood

Monday, Aug. 21:

0026 – assist other dept., Oak
0702 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0758 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
0805 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1100 – domestic, Main St.
1909 – noise complaint, Bedell St.
2041 – noise complaint, Main St.
2235 – noise complaint, Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 22:

0716 – mental subject, Carmell St.
0903 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1147 – traffic stop, Main St.
1300 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Belleville Rd.
1409 – traffic stop, South St.
1559 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2030 – traffic stop, Venetian/Belleville Rd.
2045 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

Wednesday, Aug. 23:

1024 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1302 – civil matter, Main St.
1320 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.

1658 – assist other dept., Carmell St.

2133 – family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 24:

0214 – intrusion alarm, Water Works
0224 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1051 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1314 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1327 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Biggs Ave.
2041 – parking complaint, High St.
2059 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
2206 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.

2227 – road hazard, W. Columbia Ave./Church
2237 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
2253 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Friday, Aug. 25:

0908 – mental subject, Carmell St.
0933 – mental subject, Carmell St.
1027 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
1518 – assist fire dept., High St.
1605 – private property/property damage accident, Fourth St.

1657 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.

1751 – traffic stop, Main St.

1800 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon

1940 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

1949 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

Saturday, Aug. 26:

0018 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
0716 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
0817 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
0854 – 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
0925 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1244 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.

1500 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.

1512 – traffic stop, High St./W. Columbia Ave.

1536 – disorderly, Main St.

1556 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.

1614 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

1707 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

1737 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.

1851 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.

1952 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs

2008 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr./Edgemont

2015 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs

2059 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

2141 – assist fire dept., Church St./Henry St.

2358 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

There are 26 traffic stops on this week's log.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 20:

1119 – flee & elude police, Harris/Sumpter
1239 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1310 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1405 – damage to property, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1440 – threats complaint, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1503 – larceny, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1521 – flee & elude police, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1527 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Judd
1544 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1616 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1653 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
1756 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1840 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1944 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2002 – noise complaint, Martinsville/Harris
2106 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Sumpter
2142 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

Monday, Aug. 21:

0313 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0902 – 911 hang up, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1014 – traffic complaint/hazard, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1016 – fraud complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1225 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Bemis
1313 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Lohr
1346 – suspicious vehicle, Willis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1404 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1459 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1542 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Dale Dr.
1559 – assist other agency, Bemis/Rawsonville
1722 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1814 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Savage
1914 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1935 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Rawsonville
2004 – larceny, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
2047 – assist other agency, Willow Rd./Clark
2141 – suspicious vehicle, Carleton West/Willow
2156 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2312 – misuse of 911, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville
2358 – follow-up investigation, 39000 bl. Wear

Tuesday, Aug. 22:

0024 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.
0539 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0815 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
0843 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0940 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Willis
1045 – harassment complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1151 – mental health call, Magnolia Dr.
1244 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1543 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1555 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
1645 – family trouble, California St.
1702 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1744 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1751 – misuse of 911, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1915 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1931 – suspicious person, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
2132 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2135 – suspicious circumstance, Maine St.
2306 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2308 – suspicious person, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 23:

0627 – 911 hangup, Willis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0744 – assist other agency, Delaware/Maine
0902 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
0948 – damage to property, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1041 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1204 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1512 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1654 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Elwell
1753 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1753 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2012 – suspicious circumstance, 8600 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.

2242 – mental health call, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
2253 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 24:

0141 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0212 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Harris
0321 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0339 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0359 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0415 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0508 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
0511 – fire dept. assist, Victoria Ave./Sumpter
0555 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0723 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sherwood/Wear
0842 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1010 – damage to property, California/W. Arizona
1150 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1247 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1358 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1552 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
1619 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1922 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2200 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Willis
2248 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Sumpter
2313 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2314 – traffic complaint/hazard, Elwell Rd./Willis
2319 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willow/Sherwood
2339 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2343 – traffic complaint/hazard, Wear Rd./Elwell
2343 – 911 hang up, Colorado St.

Friday, Aug. 25:

0011 – property damage accident, Virginia St.
0447 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd/Haggerty
0540 – traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Sumpter
0617 – property damage accident, Judd/Haggerty
0648 – traffic complaint/hazard, Kozma/Wilmoth
0805 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0859 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1029 – civil matter, Oregon St.
1203 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1234 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Bemis
1314 – suspicious person, Bemis/Bak
1552 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1556 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1631 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1646 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
1653 – animal complaint, Carleton West/Willow
1704 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2002 – animal complaint, Carleton West/Willow
2105 – civil matter, Oregon St.
2158 – suspicious circumstance, Elwell/Bemis
2203 – civil matter, Nevada St.
2259 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2310 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2313 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.

Saturday, Aug. 26:

0537 – suspicious vehicle, Willow Rd./Sumpter
0726 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0747 – civil matter, Oregon St.
0845 – dumping complaint, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1057 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1117 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Fenster/Judd
1223 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1244 – disorderly person, Arizona St.
1325 – identity theft complaint, 19000 bl. Elwell
1332 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1513 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
1540 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1633 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1645 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1645 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1742 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1805 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.
1859 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville Rd./Arkona Rd.
1901 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1903 – citizen assist, California/Alaska
1927 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1959 – traffic complaint/hazard, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2103 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
2225 – traffic complaint/hazard, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2305 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.

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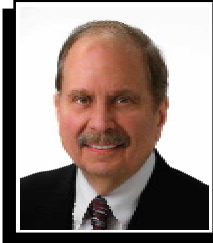
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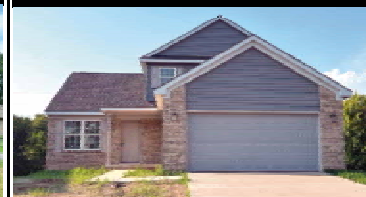
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