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Police identify persons of interest in Aug. 31 shooting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville police have obtained nine search warrants in the ongoing investigation into the shooting of two people in the city's downtown at about 11 p.m., Aug. 31.

Sgt. Todd Schrecengost is filling in for Acting Police Chief Kris Faull as she recovers from surgery.

"Acting/Acting" Police Chief Schrecengost said police have identified several persons of interest in the case. He said his department is working with police from Detroit, Inkster, Ecorse, and the Michigan State Police.

They have examined the suspect and victim vehicles and have processed fingerprints.

Chief Schrecengost said police have determined that the shooting on Main Street is not related to the city of Belleville, the football game at the high school that evening, or Egan's Pub which was filled with revelers that evening.

He said they have learned that the man and woman who were shot had issues in Detroit and so moved elsewhere and this was a targeted attack.

The Dodge Charger SXT was shot multiple times, wounding the male driver and female passenger, but missing the two-year-old girl and infant in the back seat. After the shooting the car careened into a building at the corner of Main Street and Fourth Street Place. The wounded were taken to a local hospital.

That evening, Van Buren Township police had alerted Belleville police that a stolen Jeep was coming into the city after the Jeep got off the I-94 freeway and dinged the township's camera that identifies wanted vehicles.

A city police officer located the Jeep on E. Huron River Drive and chased it

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville City Council honored Mary Winter on Monday for her lifesaving efforts that saved a man who was shot in front of her parents' business, Egan's Pub, on Aug. 31. The council presented a proclamation and then Acting City Manager Steve Jones presented her with a plaque as well, marking the saving of three more lives at or around Egan's in the recent past. She was honored for being an asset to the community. From left are Councilman Tom Fielder, Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt, Mary Winter, Mayor Kerreen Conley, Councilman Jeremiah Beebe, and Acting City Manager Jones.

Keystone Academy plans 20th anniversary celebration Sept. 29

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Keystone Academy charter school on Bemis Road in Sumpter Township began operation 20 years ago and a special celebration is planned during the school day Sept. 29 that will include students and special dignitaries.

Staff and school board members will be wearing special T-shirts to mark them as part of the school community for the outdoor event conducted from a decorated stage.

Special guest will be J.C. Huizenga who in 1995 started National Heritage Academies, which operates Keystone Academy, and present NHA official Jason Pator. There

are now 100 NHA schools in several states.

Plaques of recognition will be presented to the three staff members who have been at Keystone for the entire 20 years.

Current school board president Vesta Losen has been on the board for the entire 20 years and she said she was among those working on the formation of the charter school for two years before that.

Tom Bowles was the first board president and Losen said she has lost contact with him when he moved to the upper peninsula, but she was hoping he could be present for the celebration, as well.

Both Losen and Bowles had been elected members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and tried to improve the teaching and business operation of the school, but were rebuffed. They decided to start their own school and they did. Now the majority of students at Keystone live in the Van Buren Schools district.

Keystone held its official ribbon cutting at its new building on Aug. 21, 2003 and

started teaching 330 students in grades

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching

Tiggs: Preliminary exam set Sept. 25 on 9 charges including murder

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Matthew Torrey Tiggs, Jr., 22, of Eastpointe, has been scheduled for a 11 a.m., Sept. 25, live preliminary exam at 34th District Court on nine charges including second-degree murder and assault with intent to commit murder.

He is accused of the Aug. 4 shooting death of 26-year-old Jean Thomas Butchart in Van Buren Estates mobile home park in the 16800 block of Lohr Road. Butchart did maintenance for Van Buren Estates.

Butchart identified as a transgender male and did not identify himself using his legal name "Catherine," according to a news release from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Van Buren Township Police found Butchart dead with a bullet wound to the head. Tiggs allegedly had approached the victim and produced and fired a handgun multiple times before fleeing the scene. For this, he is charged with one count of second-degree murder, one count of felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of felony firearm.

Tiggs also is accused of pulling a firearm after an argument with a 45-year-old man around 11:31 a.m. on the previous Friday, July 28, in the 30 block of Birch Drive in the mobile home park. He allegedly pointed the weapon at the man before fleeing the scene. This assault wasn't discovered until after the shooting on Aug. 6.

For this he is charged with one count of felonious assault, one count of felon in possession of a firearm and one count of felony firearm.

Van Buren police were at the mobile home park on Sunday, Aug. 6, investigating the Aug. 4 murder, when they were dispatched to a residence in the 40 block of Birch Drive for multiple gunshots. Officers found a 47-year-old victim suffering from gunshot wounds to the right upper arm and lower back. He was transported to a hospital.

It is alleged that Tiggs approached the victim while he was in his vehicle and produced and fired a handgun multiple times, wounding the victim. The defendant then allegedly barricaded himself inside the next-door residence. After a two-hour standoff with the Western

Wayne SWAT team negotiating, Tiggs was taken into custody.

For this he is charged with one count of assault with intent to murder, one count of felon in possession of a firearm and one count of felony firearm.

He is considered an habitual offender with a second-offense notice. He pled guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on Jan. 27, 2019 in Macomb County and served two years in state prison. He was released July 29, 2021.

Patricia-Jan Mary-Margaret Favors

Patricia-Jan Mary-Margaret Favors, 55, of Lachine, MI was due for her remote arraignment/pre-trial on Aug. 30 and that was changed to Sept. 7. She was charged with a moving violation causing death on July 31 in Van Buren Township. Her probable cause conference was scheduled for Sept. 13 and personal bond set at \$1,000. She pled no contest and the case was sent to probation for a sentence recommendation.

A notice will be sent to the victim's family to allow them to give statements, if desired, before the sentencing on Oct. 2.

Her defense attorney said Favors has been in counseling and prays every day for the family. Favors told the judge she was making a left turn into a parking lot when the accident occurred.

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte said that on July 31, 2023 at around noon, Patricia Favors was driving a semi-truck, without a trailer (bobtail), north on Belleville Road. She was in the left-turn lane, making a left turn from northbound Belleville into the Costco parking lot (near Yost Road), when she turned in front of a motorcyclist travelling south on Belleville Road. The motorcycle collided with the semi-truck killing the motorcycle driver, who was identified as John Divetta, a 68-year-old male from Brownstown Township.

Following the investigation by the police department's accident investigation team, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged Favors with committing a moving violation, causing death, a one-year misdemeanor.

Drugs and alcohol were not a factor in this fatal crash, Deputy Chief Monte said.

Belleville City Council approves employment agreement for Smith

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting, the Belleville City Council approved the at-will employment agreement with its new city manager, Jason Smith, who will be behind his desk at city hall on Oct. 16.

Smith currently is the Litchfield city manager. He said he would be moving to this area around Oct. 9 and has located a few options, but hasn't decided yet where he will be.

The agreement runs through Nov. 1, 2026 with a salary of \$85,000 a year. But on his date of hire he will be paid \$80,000 in bi-weekly installments and \$5,000 as an advance on the contract, no later than his start date.

Smith had asked for \$5,000 for moving expenses. He currently lives in Jackson.

Upon Smith assuming the city manager duties, Acting City Manager Steve Jones will resume his previous job of city project manager. Jones was filling in after the resignation of former Police Chief/City Manager David Robinson, who now is city manager of Monroe. Robinson's last day on the Belleville job was May 31.

In other action at Monday's one-hour-ten-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the contract, as amended, for EV Charging Stations on city property, with the elimination of the one at Horizon

Park, since council members agreed there was not enough room in that small parking lot. The two-pump pedestals at city parking lots are now proposed for two at Victoria Park, three at the library, two at North Liberty Street, and one at Victory Park. Jones said after the contract is approved the company will do a walk through to plan for electrical drops, which they will get from DTE themselves. There is no cost to the city for the installations. Mayor Kerreen Conley suggested that pictures be taken of the present locations so they will know how to restore the present conditions once the pedestals are removed in the future, as outlined in the contract;

- Approved supporting the contract sale of Republic Services residential trash pickup in the city of Belleville to Priority Waste. Council members noted they did not have a choice since it has already been done. Rochelle Bowen of Republic was present at the meeting to explain and say the service will not change. The smooth and seamless transition will be complete by Sept. 30. She said they will be using the same trucks for pickup, but will switch branding;

- Approved closing the topic of a left-turn-light at North Liberty and Main, at the recommendation of Acting Police Chief Kris Faull to follow the recommendation of Wayne County Traffic Engineers and not

install the proposed left-turn signal at this time. The county said it would reassess the intersection after the Denton Road bridge is back in place when it is upgrading the signal at that corner. The council agreed that a three-cycle light at N. Liberty at one end of town and a three-cycle light at Five Points at the other end of town, with two regular lights in between would lead to problems with traffic;

- Approved accounts payable of \$2,429,573.93 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Belle Tire, \$1,099.96 for new tires for police vehicle #221; to Grainger for \$500.05 for a hydrant pump; to Hennessey Engineers, \$1,080 for survey for roads; to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$4,622 for fittings for the new fire truck, to Safety Track, \$2,154.60 for one-year monitoring subscription; and to Snider Electric, \$644 for half of Main St. light pole repairs;

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt thank the BYC for the work it has done on the pumphouse on N. Liberty Street. The work is not complete yet, but it will look like a cute little house when the Garden Club gets done with it, he said. Voigt also said the deadline for veterans' banners has been extended to the end of the month because they didn't get enough by the deadline of Sept. 15 and they may have to cancel it this year;

- Discussed the Downtown Development Authority's suggestion to have paid parking at the North Liberty Street lot, with no one speaking in favor of it;

- Heard comments from Adam Beyer, president of the Victoria Commons Homeowners Association, his wife Kim Beyer, and Ray Martin, vice president of the homeowners concerning problems of the Beyers' not being allowed to park their boat in their drive, speeding in the subdivision by parents delivering their students to Owen Intermediate School next door to avoid traffic, and a stop sign that can't be seen because of an overgrown tree; and

- Heard Jones say the city police spoke to the schools about the traffic problems on Owen Street and at Belleville High School. He said Acting Police Chief Faull had a conversation with School Supt. Pete Kudlak and asked him to have an ongoing conversation with parents about the traffic situations. Mayor Conley, who lives near BHS, said the traffic there this year blocks exit from her subdivision and is the worst she has ever seen.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

City Council praises Egan’s Pub for its work

While the city council was praising Mary Winter for her life-saving efforts in helping a man riddled with bullets to survive, some words of praise were also said for Egan’s Pub.

Mary was working in her parent’s pub on Aug. 31 when she was alerted to a shooting victim right out front and she immediately went to work to stop the bleeding. HVA was unable to get there for 22 minutes and so her work and the work of first responders kept the victim from bleeding to death.

During the ceremony to honor Mary on Monday, Mayor Kerreen Conley thanked John and Jennifer Winter for bringing Egan’s Pub to Belleville and being such a great member of the community.

“You could have gone anywhere,” she said of their choice of Belleville.

The mayor said Egan’s has been supportive of the police and fire departments over the years. Acting City Manager Steve Jones added that Egan’s fed the police and fire at the scene of that recent shooting.

Jones also said Mary has saved three other lives recently with CPR, one while she was very pregnant and about to have her latest child.

The city council meeting room was full of family members who came to help honor Mary, including daughter Maci who kept running around, the oldest Peyton, and Josie the baby in her father’s arms.

Thank you, Egan’s, for your positive presence.

On Saturday afternoon, I was looking for the docent from the Detroit Institute of Arts who was walking with a group of local people around Belleville to explain the details of the Inside/Out art renditions erected around town. I thought I saw them and so turned my car around to wait until they got to the last artwork on their walk, which is in front of the former Higgerson Funeral Home.

They explained that Deb Green, one of the group, asked them to stop at Frosty Boy on the way and they did, delaying them slightly. The group members were able to eat their ice creams while the docent explained that final painting.

Ken Voigt, who directed the Art Walk, said there were nine people for the first walk at 1 p.m. and nine people for the second walk at 3 p.m.

At the All-Class Reunion at Belleville High School later Saturday afternoon, Linda Clayton, class of 1971, welcomed everyone and made announcements. She said that School Supt. Pete Kudlak was unable to attend this year because he was recovering from COVID.

Supt. Kudlak did send word, however, that the \$500 the reunion committee had donated to the school a few years ago has finally been used. He said the “Fallen Tiger Wall,” not far from the BHS entrance, has been enhanced with lights and more benches using the donation.

The wall is used to memorialize students who died during their high school years. It started with two suicides and then expanded to those who died from other causes.

At the event, we were informed that the high school is organizing a student newspaper. Back when I was in school we always had a school newspaper and I was



part of the staff and then editor. It was “The Tiger Tribune” or “Tiger Tales.”

I asked what they were going to call it and the students told me they don’t know yet. Of course, I am glad they are getting back their newspaper.

A reader brought us a printout of an opinion published on a local social media site. It was under the name of Bruce Ross, who is a former VBT employee, but you never know for sure on social media. It reads:

“Be happy that a lot of kids on this team are coming to Belleville via Detroit to play. It’s about time that Detroit gets its due for developing and having incredible football talent. As a former Detroit Public Schools athlete, I’ve known that talent for years. Belleville would have never won a state title without that talent, period.”

A reader was delighted to see the picture of Thomas Guynes on the front page of last week’s paper. Thomas is a Warhog club member and Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Deputy and he is shown with the new recliners for the Belleville Fire Department. He’s the tallest man in the picture.

We’re told Guynes went to the University of Michigan and played offensive guard and tackle on the football team for four years.

Guynes then played professional football for the Arizona Cardinals in the 1997 NFL season. He also played in the NFL Europe for the Berlin Thunder in 2000 and 2001. His mother lives in Chicago and he recently

got married. A lot of information.

I liked him because of his big smile and gentle manner. Wikipedia said he is six feet, five inches tall and that kind of grabs your attention.

Savage Elementary School was closed on Monday because a lot of the staff was out sick. On Monday, a healthy Debbie McWilliams, assistant to School Supt. Kudlak who was back at work after recovering from COVID, said there was no specific illness named. Just “out sick.”

Word on the street, however, was that a student came down with meningitis. I called Supt. Kudlak and he said there was no meningitis that he heard of and teachers don’t have to say what sickness they have when they take a sick day.

On Tuesday there were enough teachers to have school, he said.

During the ceremony to honor Mary Winter at the city council meeting on Monday, Mary, who was honored for her life-saving efforts to help a man who was shot, was pushed to say something public and after a thoughtful pause she said that HVA didn’t get there for 22 minutes, so the help of the Belleville and Van Buren police and fire first responders was crucial and without blood the man would have died.





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Letters

Senior citizens can get help with water bill

To the editor:

Sumpter Township currently uses a *base rate* when charging its residents for their water usage. That *base rate* is purportedly to help cover some of the costs in insuring a clean and safe supply of fresh water to the residents.

In some instances, that *base rate* may actually be higher than the amount of water actually used, resulting in a higher water bill. To help residents who are at least 65 years of age, and who own or are purchasing their own residence, the township offers an exemption, which insures that those residents only pay for the amount of water they actually use.

To claim that exemption, the resident needs to fill out a very simple SENIOR CITIZEN AFFIDAVIT and show a driver's license or other form of identification.

This exemption is only for those seniors who get their water from the township and does not apply to those who may get their water from a mobile home park or through other outside sources.

You can pick up the SENIOR CITIZEN AFFIDAVIT form at township hall, located at 23480 Sumpter Rd. If you want the form mailed to you, or dropped off at your residence, along with important water-conservation tips and energy-saving tips, email randbryce6@gmail.com or call 734-358-2823 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Randall Miller, resident
Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: After the letter writer learned of the program, he decided to be the first one (lately) to give it a try. He said he just received his three-month water bill on Saturday and it was for \$108.05.

Sumpter Vietnam Vets: Attend Sept. 26 meeting

To the editor:

We want to invite all veterans living in Sumpter Township to attend the township board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

That evening, we will recognize our nation's effort to honor Prisoners of War and Missing in Action service members from Vietnam that are not here but they are not forgotten.

Sept. 15, 2023 was the actual day of observance for our POW-MIAs but because we weren't able to make that day viable on our part we are doing this observance on Sept. 26.

All veterans attending the meeting will have the opportunity to receive a Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin if they haven't already received one. It doesn't matter where they served in the world. If they served at any time from 1955 to April 25, 1975, they

could receive a pin.

Veterans, please come out and be a part of our observance to honor and remember our POW-MIAs.

LZ (Landing Zone) River of Life – Leroy Paige, leader
Anthony Burdick, Sumpter Township manager
Commemorative partners of the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War commemoration

Belleville Fire Auxiliary sets benefit dinner to 'Dress Our Truck'

The Belleville Fire Department is due to get its new fire truck soon and the Belleville Fire Auxiliary is putting on a benefit dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct 7 at the Belleville Yacht Club to "Dress Our Truck."

In 2022, the fire department was awarded a federal grant for a new fire truck. The new truck is on track to be in service by the end of 2023.

This new truck will be outfitted with the basic first-responder package that includes emergency lights and sirens. However, it will require many additional items in order to provide excellent service to the community, the Auxiliary said.

Some of the equipment needed includes:

- Tool mounting brackets;
- Carousel for jaws;
- Different size nozzles;
- Couplings;
- Box lights;
- Halligan tools;
- Electric PPV fan; and
- Discharge fittings.

The benefit event will include dinner, music, basket raffles, 50/50, and a cash bar. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., cocktails begin at 5 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m., and the raffle at 8 p.m.

To make it all work, the Auxiliary needs more sponsors and there are several levels to choose from. The event is limited to 200 attendees.

Tickets at \$30 each that include entry and dinner can be purchased at Loranger Family Chiropractic Center, Garden Fantasy on Main, and Egan's Pub.

To arrange for pick up of donated auction items or donations, call Kimberly Keenmon at (734) 536-8881. For information see info@fireauxiliary.org.

Court Watching

Dean Patrick Hauter, 48, who had an Ann Arbor address but said he was homeless, was present by zoom before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green for a bench warrant video arraignment on Aug. 17. He was in custody at the Van Buren Township police department. He is charged with violating park rules and regulations in Van Buren Township on Sept. 29, 2022. His remote pretrial was set for Sept. 21. His personal bond is \$10,000.

This year's final Adopt-A-Highway event takes place starting Saturday

Fall colors will soon take over the roadsides, but not before thousands of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway volunteers fan out across the state to collect litter along highways from Saturday, Sept. 23, through Sunday, Oct. 1.

This is the third and final scheduled pickup period of the year.

Every year, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers regularly collect more than 60,000 bags of trash. The popular program began in Michigan in 1990 and has grown to

involve more than 2,900 groups cleaning more than 6,000 miles of highway.

Motorists should be on the lookout for the groups as they clean the roadsides beginning Saturday. Safety is a top priority for the program. When working in a highway right of way, volunteers wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations. MDOT provides free vests and trash bags and arranges to haul away the trash.

Adopting a highway is straightforward. Volunteers include members of civic groups, businesses, and families. Crew members must be at least 12 years old, and each group must include at least three people. Groups are asked to adopt a section of highway for at least two years. There is no fee to participate. Adopt-A-Highway signs bearing group names are posted

along the stretches of adopted highway.

Sections of highway are available for adoption all over the state. Interested

groups can get more information on joining the program at www.Michigan.gov/AdoptAHighway.

Keystone

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K-5. The school has 700 students this year back up after a drop in numbers due to COVID. Classes now are pre-K through 8th grade.

The upcoming anniversary celebration was discussed at the regular Keystone school board meeting on Sept. 14. In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Heard Principal Jorvonna Drain report that this school year started with 74 more students than last year, with a total of 700 students as of Sept. 14 and 15 students more on the waitlist. She also reported that 507 students attended Family Fun Night and 55 families attended the Barnyard Bash Kindergarten and pre-K event that spent an evening with families meeting their child's teacher while enjoying a petting zoo and pony rides. Summer school attendance for at-home participants was 133 students and in-school participation was 57 students;
- Approved allocations totalling \$17,000, which covers \$13,000 stipends for coaches and athletics, \$1,500 for the school store, and \$2,500 to help with costs for the 20-year anniversary event. The board has \$101,826.09 in its account to use during 2023-24;

- Approved the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty resolution as required by Bay Mills Community College, which authorizes Keystone's charter. This affirms that Keystone's staff is all properly certified under state law;

- Discussed state law on the third grade reading requirement and approved the Reading Assessment System Selection resolution naming the aimswebPlus system for the whole school this year;

- Heard NHA representative Andrew Roth report that Keystone's proposed use of ESSER funds has been sent to the state for approval and after approval Keystone can start spending the federal funds;

- Discussed details of the Oct. 23-24 NHA Board Symposium at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids;

- Learned Mrs. Roberts, K-2 Dean, had her first child, a boy named Karson. She now is on maternity leave; and

- Went into closed-door session to review the School Emergency Operations Plan and then reconvened in public session to approve the plan.

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Obituaries



Henry Wilder Foote IV

HENRY WILDER FOOTE IV

(February 25, 1931 - September 10, 2023)

Henry Wilder Foote IV, age 92, of Belleville, MI passed away at the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI on September 10, 2023. He was born February 25, 1931, to Henry and Marcia Foote in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Wilder married his high school sweetheart, Joan Ada Longworth, on September 20, 1952, in Eastchester, NY. He served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Mr. and Mrs. Foote shared a passion for traveling. After Joanna's passing, Wilder toured the country in his travel trailer with his faithful four-legged companion, Charlie. He was a photographer; he enjoyed listening to classical music and was an avid reader. He also enjoyed talking to the many friends he made on his daily walks around Belleville.

Mr. Foote is survived by his children, Kimberly (Ian) Smith of Aliso Viejo, CA, and Wilder Foote of Belleville, MI; grandchildren Suki Smith of Laguna Beach, CA, Mac Smith of Aliso Viejo, CA, Elizabeth Foote of Belleville, MI; great-grandson Damian Smith of Laguna Beach, CA; and former daughter-in-law Tamar (David) Doulette of Whitmore Lake, MI.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Susanna Foote in 1977 and wife Joanna Foote in 2004.

According to Mr. Foote's final wishes, there will be no service. He will be cremated, and his ashes taken to his family's burial site in Salem, MA.

The Foote family wishes to express their gratitude to the medical staff at the Ann Arbor V.A. Hospital for the care and kindness shown to him and to them throughout this difficult time. www.davidcbrownfh.com

PAUL ANTHONY VELEZ

(April 29, 1967 - September 15, 2023)

Age 56, of Bloomfield Hills. Belleville High School, 1986. Survived by mother Carol Moss, sister Julie Tacia, and three nephews. Cremation rites accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

ESTELLE (GROCE) WILLIAMS

(February 21, 1937 - September 4, 2023)

Age 86. Survived by brother Ernest Groce, daughters Deborah Butler and Jacqueline Lang, son Carl Armstrong, stepson Aquino Burston, grandchildren. Service at Romulus Community Baptist Church. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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PATRICIA ANN SCARBERRY

(October 27, 1965 - September 15, 2023)

Age 57 of Ann Arbor. Survived by siblings Deborah Scarberry, Susan Marks, Jeff Scarberry; many nieces and nephews. David C. Brown Funeral Home. Celebration of life in near future. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Chamber announces annual breakfast to hear reports of public officials

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce invites the community to join it for the annual State of the Community breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Belleville Yacht Club.

Speakers will be Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, a representative from Sumpter Township, and Merrie Coburn, executive director of the VBT Downtown Development Authority and also board member of the Belleville Area Chamber.

Cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non members. Register at <https://bit.ly/3PGLLQT>.

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Sept. 21** – Freshman Football vs. Franklin HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV Football vs. Franklin HS, 6:20 p.m.

- **Saturday, Sept. 23** – JV Volleyball vs. Tiger Invite, 8 a.m.

- **Monday, Sept. 25** – Boys JV Soccer vs. Monroe HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Monroe HS, 5:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 26** – Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Dearborn HS, 4 p.m.

Go Tigers!

Diane Kiessel

BHS Athletics Secretary

Police

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to Haggerty Road, where it reentered the freeway and raced to Inkster with police in pursuit. Three occupants ditched the car with an AR-15 in the back seat near an apartment complex in Inkster and disappeared.

Reportedly, police pursuing the Jeep heard about the Belleville shooting enroute and presumed they were following the shooter.

Chief Schrecengost said the city police department has seven people on the street, but it needs to hire an officer to fill a vacancy immediately. He said candidates submitted applications for the position after the council recently passed a policy to offer top pay for an applicant's experience.

With Acting Chief Faull out of the office and Officer Sarah Dzagulones on light duty, schedules are tight. They have to plan for Officer Bart Devos' spring retirement, as well, he said.

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District Library Board approves three tax levies for Dec. 1 tax bill

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Three tax levies for the Dec. 1, 2023 tax bill were approved by the Belleville Area District Library Board at its regular meeting on Sept. 12.

This is for property owners in the city of Belleville and townships of Van Buren and Sumpter which make up the district library service area.

The taxes are:

- A tax of 6.864/10th of a mill on the district's total taxable value of \$1,869,542,214, bringing in a total in the amount of \$1,283,254 for operations. This was approved by voters on Aug. 2, 2022;
- A tax of 7.318/10th of a mill on all the district's taxable value for a total tax in the amount of \$1,368,131 for operational purposes. This was approved Nov. 8, 2016;
- A tax of 4.2/10th of a mill to make bond payments for 20 years on the \$14 million borrowed to build the new library. This was approved by voters on Nov. 8, 2016. This year it raises \$785,208.

In other business at the 47-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard a report that members of the building committee, John Juriga and Linda Priest, heard the library architect Dan Whistler say that he has designed many terrace decks and has never had a suicide happen before, referring to the April 21 suicide at the Belleville library. Whistler said welding additional railings to the existing railing is not a viable option and if the board wishes to pursue this, he recommends a complete replacement of the railing. Juriga said the request to look at options to change the deck to make it safer is an over-reaction and if someone was intent on doing this, the person will find a way. Board chairperson Sharon Peters said the terrace is a gift to this community and the library kept it closed a while after the suicide. "It was very well-used this summer," said library director Mary Jo Suchy. "Airplanes can fall out of the sky," Peters said, referring to the MiG crash in Van Buren Township on Aug. 13 as an unexpected thing that can happen;

- Approved \$114,768.03 in accounts payable which included a \$300 fee for a lecture for the Oct. 14 Harvest Fest by the Bees in the D group, the group that manages the bees in the hives on top of the library. Director Suchy said the programs for Harvest Fest at the library have been completely revamped;

- Heard Director Suchy report that Councilman Tom Fielder told her the city's engineering firm recommended the city open up Roys Street in order to troubleshoot the sanitary sewer. She said the previous day the city was working on Roys Street, digging and digging, and trying to resolve

the church's problem. This is not a library problem, she said;

- Heard Suchy report that the storms at the end of August knocked the technology at the branch in Sumpter, as well as the main library's analog phone lines (fax machine, elevator, fire system). She said as of now, AT&T has not come out, although the ticket has been escalated. She said the main library did not lose power and was able to serve those in the community who were without power. Juriga said he called from Key West to ask if the bees were all right after he heard about the storms;

- Learned the library was open the Sunday before Labor Day and reports that business was steady. Suchy said she was covering the youth services desk that day and was delighted in seeing how the children's area was being used that day;

- Was presented with the 53-page Public Library Services for Strong Communities Report, the results of the 2022 Public Library Association's annual survey that tells people's needs and what other libraries are doing; and

- Heard Julie Kissel announce the Belleville Fire Auxiliary is holding a "Dress Our Truck" benefit dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Belleville Yacht Club to earn money to add equipment needed for the fire department's new fire truck, expected to be in service by the end

of this year. The event includes dinner, music, basket raffles, 50/50, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30 each and include entry and dinner. Sponsorship package are available.

Call Kimberly Keenmon at (734) 536-8881 for information. Suchy offered two swag bags for the raffle – one for adults and one for children.

St. Anthony Catholic Church Halloween Dinner/Dance is Oct. 21

St. Anthony Catholic Church's annual Halloween Dinner/Dance put on by the Men's Club is set from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the St. Anthony Fr. Folta Building.

Tickets are \$30 per person and dinner is served at 8 p.m., with dancing until midnight. There will be three prizes for the best costumes.

The drawing for the 53rd-annual Men's Club Raffle, with a grand prize of \$5,000, will be at the dance between 8 and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each or three for \$100.

For dinner or raffle tickets, contact Len Szweda at (734) 699-3519. For more information, call John Zaroff at (800) 845-1284 or any Men's Club member.



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Sumpter moves forward in problem of misplaced water line

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted 5-2 to pay Hennessey Engineers up to \$25,000 to design and go out for bids for the relocation of 1,000 feet of a water line put in the wrong place in 1978 and discovered during Washtenaw County's recent ditch project on Rawsonville Road.

Voting against the expenditure were Trustees Peggy Morgan and Don LaPorte who said they wanted to wait on spending township money until it was determined who made the error in placement of the line and who should pay for replacement.

This was at the two-hour-and-36-minute workshop/regular meeting of the board of trustees on Sept. 12, that began with almost an hour of discussion of the issue with Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous.

The total cost of moving the water line is more in the area of \$400,000 after the initial planning is done, Trustee LaPorte said, noting that "this is an old project coming back to bite."

During the discussions on the line it was noted that the township couldn't have put in the line where it was without the approval of

Wayne County.

Commissioner Haidous said he wants to get everything in writing on the 1978 project.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said the water line problem is not what has shut down Rawsonville Road and Washtenaw County is working elsewhere in that area. The water line is an emergency, he said, since the line is now only covered by a small amount of earth and if a car goes in the ditch it could hit the water line and cut off safe water service to users.

Haidous asked to set up a meeting to get more information. Trustee Oddy said Haidous should set up the meeting for information and, "If we have to do this, we will do it."

LaPorte said the township should see if there's a project file from 1978 lying around somewhere and he was advised they have found a drawing from Wade Trim from 1978, with no information on inspections and that will be given to Haidous.

While he was there, Haidous also was asked questions about cutting the brush along the roadways, the condition of the roads in winter, and the closed bridge on Kozma Road.

In other business at the Sept. 12 meetings, the board:

- Was informed that Republic Waste has sold its Sumpter contract for waste pickup to Priority Waste as of Oct. 1 and the service will not change. The item will be on the board's Oct. 26 agenda for approval. Township attorney Rob Young said he would like to see a change in the proposed agreement to say Republic still stands behind the agreement and will work to get it in place;

- Approved the position descriptions and inventory for township management and employee direction and use, with removal of the new executive assistant clerk, which was yet to be considered by the board. This document was prepared by Township Manager Anthony Burdick;

- Approved an additional purchase of 20

grinder pumps in 2023 and up to 60 pumps per year for each year 2024 through 2027 at a current cost of \$2,900 each;

- Sent the fence bids for Martinsville Cemetery back to the two bidders for clarification of the bids about the scope of the project;

- Approved the Board of Review alternate dates;

- Approved an appreciation lunch for township employees on Sept. 13 in the board meeting room;

- Approved issuing a purchase order for the fire department's new engine from West Shore Fire for a total amount of \$445,000;

- Approved the Washtenaw County Mutual Aid Agreement language, with an effective date to be determined;

- Approved the recommendation of Hennessey Engineers to award the sewer lining project to Monchilov Sewer Service and conduct inspections and administration at a total cost of \$118,240.60;

- Tabled the proposal by Manager Burdick to post for resumes the position of executive assistant clerk that would report to the township manager;

- Approved the tree-cutting bid of \$5,500 from TNT Tree Service for work at Martinsville Cemetery;

- Heard a long report from Finance Director Scott Holtz and Deputy Clerk Karen Armatiss about work being done at the Martinsville Cemetery. They reported all the veterans' graves now have flag holders and they found markers for decedents of a person who came over on the Mayflower. They also said bids are in for ground-penetrating radar and for a smaller mower for maintenance. It was noted most of the cemetery records were destroyed in the township's fire in the 1980s;

- Was informed by Burdick that Supervisor Tim Bowman has a recommendation for a proposed dock to replace the deteriorating dock he removed at Sherwood Pond of 30' wide x 24' into the pond or 12'x30'. He also would like a canoe and kayak launch, as well, with it all estimated at \$80,000 to \$85,000. It will be on the Sept. 26 board agenda for consideration;

- Heard Burdick announce that language for the fire millage is being prepared and Parks and Recreation is now slated to meet quarterly, like the planning commission, with meetings being set for strategy for events and other things; and

- Heard resident Mary Ban tell of a senior citizen friend of hers who is legally blind who got a letter and then had two men come to her door. She kept the screen door locked and her dog barked a lot. They didn't give their names and she didn't see a badge, but they had a clipboard. They said they were from the assessor's office and asked about the things her nephew had for a garage sale that had been delayed by the weather. The woman said the men were snooping around on her property to raise her taxes. The woman, who has a master's degree and whose husband died of COVID, asked them why they didn't just use Google Earth to see her property. Ban was told the woman should call the township and the men should be identifying themselves.

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Class members from Belleville High School in the 1940s posed for a photo during Saturday's BHS All-Class Reunion. From left sitting, are Mildred Mida Baker, class of 1944, and Betty Jean Morris, 1946. Standing, from left, are Thelma Griffin, the widow of Neil Griffin, class of 1943, and Darryl Raymond, class of 1946.



Members of the Belleville High School Class of 1954 pause for a photo at Saturday's BHS All-Class Reunion. From left are Lois Mida Zilka, Connie Watts, Valera Haft Jones, Rosemary Kuchta Otzman, Hugh McArthur, Esther Paylor Taylor and her husband George Taylor, and Fred Knofske.



Lois Mida Zilka and Paul Smith lead the singing of the Belleville High School song, "The Orange and the Black" during Saturday's All-Class Reunion.

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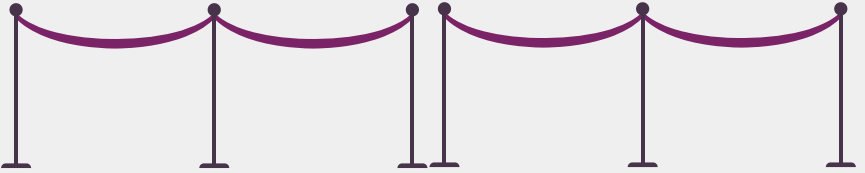
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The Belleville Area Museum is currently closed to the public but will reopen December 2023.

County Commissioner Al Haidous named Volunteer of the Year

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, D-Wayne, has been recognized by Michigan WORKS! as its Volunteer of the Year for 2023.

Haidous represents the tri-community of Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter, as well as Flat Rock, Wayne, Huron Township and Romulus.



Haidous

"I am humbled in receiving this honor and take great pride in volunteering for Michigan WORKS! and the great people of Wayne County," Haidous said.

"Michigan WORKS! is an organization that keeps Michigan moving by educating and inspiring people to seek employment and help build up their communities."

Haidous is chairman of the county commission's Economic Development Committee and a member of the Committee on Public Services, is vice-chairman of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation board and a member of the Detroit Wayne County Airport Authority board. He is also a former mayor of Wayne.

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Camilleri, Churches secure \$20 million for Grosse Ile Bridge

State Senator Darrin Camilleri, D-Trenton, and State Representative Jaime Churches, D-Wyandotte, on Sept. 5 announced they were successful in securing \$20 million in the State Budget for repairs and fortification of the Grosse Ile Bridge.

The appropriation was formally announced at a community meeting at Grosse Ile Commons where they were joined by Grosse Ile Supervisor Jim Budny and members of the Grosse Ile Board of Trustees, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, and representatives from Wayne County, as well as more than 100 community members.

"The Grosse Ile Free Bridge is the lifeline to the island," said Sen. Camilleri. "We have spent a lot of time advocating for this project, and I'm proud we were able to secure this \$20 million to make sure the bridge can keep serving our Downriver community for years to come."

"Growing up on Grosse Ile, I understand the massive inconvenience, financial burden and safety concerns that come with living on the island," added Rep. Churches. "That is why I tirelessly advocated for this funding in Lansing — so we could work with our local, county, and state partners to begin this vital project — and I will continue to advocate for future investments for Downriver."

The state budget also contains \$10 million for the Denton Road Bridge, announced by State Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township.

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Louise Catherine Montie celebrated her 100th birthday on Aug. 22, 2023. She was born in Detroit but lived approximately 80 years in Belleville. She currently lives in a senior facility in Brighton. Her birthday was celebrated with family and friends from near and far, including her two sons, five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Above is Louise with her son Charlie and daughter-in-law Donna Montie at left and son Len and daughter-in-law Karin Montie, at right. She also is shown with five generations: Charlie Montie, granddaughter Cheri Bednarz, great-granddaughter Alison Buffin, and great-great-granddaughter Penelope Buffin.



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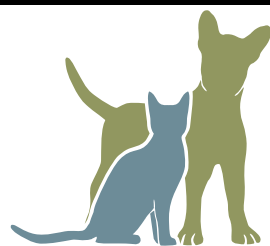
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Members of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees helped Michigan Kenworth – a CSM Company conduct its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 14. The recently completed building is on the North I-94 Service Drive. From left are Senior Vice President of Michigan and Florida Kenworth Rick Ender, VBT Trustees Don Boynton and Kevin Martin, Clerk Leon Wright, Chief Executive Officer of CSM Companies Bill Kozek, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VBT Trustee Bryon Kelley, and General Manager of the new Michigan Kenworth -- Metro Detroit location Zach Flavin. The company sells and services medium-and heavy-duty commercial trucks.

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Veteran trapped in bed by Aug. 24 storm at Town & Country MHP

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

James Barnowsky, 84, was lying in his bed at 2 a.m., Aug. 24, when he heard a big storm going by his home in Town & Country Mobile Home Park. He rolled over.

Then he saw a big flash, and two minutes later there was a loud bam and he said it seemed like the whole earth opened up. His roof came falling in on him, pinning him to his bed. A huge branch was now next to him in his bed.



James Barnowsky

Barnowsky said the Van Buren Township police and fire department arrived. They worked to free him and asked him to put his arms through the hole in the wall. He did and they were able to pull him out and carry him to the stretcher, then to the waiting HVA ambulance.

He said the emergency workers later crawled into his home and determined if he had rolled over six inches, the tree would have killed him.

"I lost everything," Barnowsky said he told the nurse at the VA Hospital, apologizing for being in his underwear when he arrived. She said that they were all veterans and, "We will take care of you."

Barnowsky had served in the Air Force from 1958 to 1965.

He was discharged from the hospital and then brought to the emergency room two days later.

He said groups set out to help him. The Red Cross gave him \$250 for a motel room and later gave him \$300 more to extend his stay. He was staying at the Red Oak Motel in Van Buren Township. The Fallen Soldiers worked to get him aid. At the VA Hospital he received four big bags of new clothes and shoes to wear, since he had none.

Barnowsky said three months earlier he had two major heart procedures and so he had to go in for that to be checked out. He said there was no damage to his heart. But, he said, the stress of the ordeal has him forgetting things now and stopping in the middle of sentences.

He said he had no insurance on his home and recently got a tag on the door of his demolished home saying his lot rent was due.

He said he had been warning the mobile home park management about their tree and trimming it as he could. He was afraid it would fall on him home. He said they told him that the tree

limb came as a result of an "act of God," but he has filed a complaint against the park.

Detroit News Channel 7 wanted to do an interview with him and the VA Hospital staff wouldn't let the crew in for the interview. They planned to come back to interview him.

He said Channel 7 told him that they couldn't do it, but someone needs to set up a GoFundMe account on the internet for him and they could put the address on TV.

He said he didn't know what GoFundMe was and wasn't on the internet. He said people could donate to Serviceman in Need of Help at the Ann Arbor Bank in Ypsilanti, MI.

He said before this happened, he used to get free food from churches to take to those in need and now he finds he is the one in need.

Barnowsky has advertised the sale of used cars in the *Independent* for several years, but he said that business is no more. His phone number is (734) 695-0819.





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VBT planners OK changes to architecture in 3 subdivisions

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

As builders are completing construction on vacant lots in three uncompleted subdivisions in Van Buren Township, minor changes in the architecture to be used were requested at the Sept. 13 meeting of the township planning commission.

The commissioners approved three revisions to the previous Planned Residential Developments, with the provision that the subdivisions' homeowners associations would also approve the plans.

In its 53-minute meeting on Sept. 13, the commission:

- Approved a request by builder Lawrence Duty to allow minor changes for a house to be built in Country Walk subdivision, Phase III, at 42482 North Cumberland Dr. This is being built on an existing foundation. Township Trustee Donald Boynton said he was president of the HOA and they will meet soon and will review the plan and let Dan Power, director of planning

and economic development, know if they approve the change in building material. The house still would comply with the township's requirement for more than 50% brick on the exterior;

- Approved the request of Brad Gilbert of Gilbert Homes for an amendment to the approved elevations for three lots in the Walden Woods subdivision. Director Power recommended the changes, subject to the approval of the HOA;

- Approved the request of Gilbert Homes for an amendment to the approved elevations for the Belle Pointe Estates site plan for homes on three empty lots, subject to the approval of the HOA;

- Directed the staff to work on a text amendment to the zoning ordinance to remove references to a required permit for fence installations for residential property. Power said there have been no permits issued for residential fences since at least 2015 and, "We do not inspect, so we do not do permitting." He said if people build on their neighbor's property there are ways to resolve it and this very often is handled privately; and

- Heard Power say he has been exploring a requested joint meeting with the planning commissions of the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township, but has nothing to report yet.

Ypsilanti Orchestra opens 25th season Oct. 15 at Lincoln High School

Music Director Adam C. Riccinto and the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra are returning to the stage to launch their 25th anniversary and celebrate the 200th birthday of its hometown of Ypsilanti.

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The concert's highlight is the return of special guest Paul Keller and friends to the orchestra to perform Keller's "Ypsilanti Orchestral Jazz Suite," composed as a commission for the YSO and premiered by the orchestra in 2010.

The concert also includes the YSO-commissioned "Unsung Heroes" for brass and percussion by local composer, musician, and educator Brooke Pierson, as well as "Africa," a Symphonic Poem for orchestra by African American composer William Grant Still.

"We can't think of a better way to kick off YSO's 25th season than by celebrating our home base of Ypsilanti and honoring the legacy of this rich and historic city," said Music Director Adam C. Riccinto.

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Court Watching

Devon Juwan Thompson

Devon Juwan Thompson, 28, of Ypsilanti, was present before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley on Aug. 16 for his arraignment/pretrial on a charge of assault and battery on July 1 in the city of Belleville. His final pretrial was set for Sept. 20 when the complaining victim must appear.

Allen Jiaqi Liu

Allen Jiaqi Liu of White Bear Lake, MN, was video arraigned in custody by Judge Tina Brooks Green Aug. 25 on a charge of domestic violence on Aug. 23 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set at \$10,000. His remote pretrial was set for Sept. 12 and adjourned to Sept. 26.

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Damarius Dontaye Tubbs

Damarius Dontaye Tubbs, 31, of Ypsilanti, was arraigned by video at the 34th District Court while in custody of the Van Buren Police Department on Sept. 1. He was charged with one count of controlled substance-deliver/manufacture (narcotics or cocaine) less than 50 grams on Aug. 31 in Van Buren Township. Judge Tina Brooks Green set his bond at \$10,000/10% and his probable cause conference for Sept. 13.

Then, his live preliminary exam was set for 1:30 p.m., Oct. 25.

Tyarius Travonte Bryant

Tyarius Travonte Bryant of Sumpter Township was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial on Aug. 30 before Judge Green. He is charged with assault or assault and battery on Dec. 12, 2022 in the city of Belleville. Failure to appear. Bench warrant issued.

Michael George Sisler

Michael George Sisler, 55, of Belleville, was due before Judge Green on Aug. 30 for seven charges of disorderly person and disturbing the peace on Aug. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, along with expired license on June 9, all in the city of Belleville. The court date was adjourned because he was in Beaumont Psychiatric Clinic.

Wade Douglas McKenzie

Wade Douglas McKenzie, 55, of Ypsilanti, was charged with operating while intoxicated-third and driving while license suspended on March 27, 2017 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned while in custody of Van Buren police on July 17 and present for his probable cause conference on July 26. His preliminary exam was set for Sept. 6.

At that time charges were dismissed on a motion that there was lack of a speedy trial. He was reminded he has a Sept. 14 court date on another case. One charge – drove while license not valid – was dismissed and improper use of lights had a default judgment. He pled guilty to a new charge of double parking and was fined \$350. Case closed.

Alexis Kristine Alexander

Alexis Kristine Alexander of Ypsilanti failed to appear for her Sept. 6 arraignment/pretrial on a charge of retail fraud-2nd degree on June 23 in Van Buren Township. A show-cause hearing will be set.

Tamara Marie Perkins

Tamara Marie Perkins of Ypsilanti failed to appear for her Sept. 6 arraignment/pretrial on a charge of retail fraud-2nd degree on June 23 in Van Buren Township. A show-cause hearing will be set.

Caleb Gabriel Haynes

Caleb Gabriel Haynes, 18, of Van Buren Township was present Sept. 6 from the Wayne County Jail on charges of armed robbery and felony weapon on Aug. 27 in Van Buren Township. His preliminary exam was set for noon on Oct. 18. Bond is \$5,000/10% with tether and he remains in jail because officials there are having troubles getting a tether.

Defense attorney Douglas Monds said his client is working two jobs and taking

care of his twin brother and sister. He will appear as required, the attorney said. He said the charges came from a personal dispute between friends.

Judge Martin removed the requirement of a tether from the bond.

Evan Nathaniel Holloway

Haynes' codefendant Evan Nathaniel Holloway, 21, of Van Buren Township, was also present from the Wayne County Jail for his probable cause conference for charges of armed robbery and felony firearm on Aug. 27 in Van Buren Township. Bond is \$10,000/10%.

Judge Martin removed the requirement of a tether from the bond.

A preliminary exam was set for noon on Oct. 18 with his codefendant.

Defense attorney Jackie Picowitz said her client lives with his mother and she posted his bond.

Dennis Austin Thick

Dennis Austin Thick, 53, of Belleville was video-arraigned in custody at Van Buren Township police department on July 31 on charges of stalking and disturbing the peace on July 28 in Van Buren Township.

Judge Martin set his personal bond at \$10,000 and his pretrial for Aug. 9 before Judge Brian Oakley. He is not to be released without a GPS tether and must not return to 9800 Belleville Rd. or an address on Peninsular.

At first the defendant didn't want a court-appointed attorney and then he did so the pretrial was adjourned until Sept. 9.

He was present for his Sept. 9 remote arraignment/pretrial from the Wayne County Jail. He told Judge Martin that he hadn't had his medications for 10 days that he had been in jail. Judge Martin will have the jail review his needs for psychotic drugs and have him meet with a medical person.

His final pretrial was set for Oct. 11 and they will have as many of his new cases put together as possible, Judge Martin said.

Eric Tremaine Casey

Eric Tremaine Casey, 39, of Inkster was arraigned by Judge Oakley on Jan. 3 on a

charge of domestic violence on Jan. 1 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond was set for \$1,000 and a pretrial was set for Jan. 10. Final pretrial was set for Feb. 14. At that time the charge was dismissed by the victim and the PPO was dismissed.

On Sept. 6, Casey, now 40, of Inkster was present for his in-custody video arraignment by Magistrate Al Hindman on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Sept. 3 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was set for Sept. 20 and bond is \$5,000/10%. He is to have no contact with the victim.

Alicia Marie Kozub

Charges of interfering with a crime report and domestic violence on Sept. 24, 2022 in Sumpter Township were dismissed against Alicia Marie Kozub, 36, of Sumpter Township on Oct. 5, 2022.

The victim stated she no longer wished to bring charges or cooperate with the prosecution.

Kozub, now 37, was present from the Wayne County Jail on Sept. 13 for a probable cause conference on her new charges dated Aug. 30 in Sumpter Township. She is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm

less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), and aggravated domestic violence. She is being held on \$100,000 cash bond.

Her live preliminary exam was set for 1 p.m., Oct. 25. Present by zoom for the preliminary exam was victim Robert Kozub in a wheelchair.

Judge Martin granted the defendant's defense attorney Lauren Anderson's request for a referral for a bond review.

Garry Decastro Scott

Garry Decastro Scott, 60, of Ypsilanti, was present for his probable cause conference on Sept. 13 to face charges of operating while intoxicated-third and drove while license suspended-second on March 5, 2022 in Van Buren Township. Bond is \$5,000 personal. His probable cause conference was adjourned until Oct. 4 so his defense attorney could pursue a resolution. Also, the tether was ordered removed at the request of the defense attorney.

Ashley Lei Riggs

Ashley Lei Riggs of Ypsilanti, was present Sept. 13 for her probable cause conference on a charge of false report of a felony on Nov. 13, 2022 in Van Buren Township. The charge was dismissed for insufficient evidence.



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September 19th – 30th

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TUESDAY – SATURDAY, 11 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Deadline for veterans' banners in Belleville extended through Sept.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt announced that they have only 11 veterans for the annual flying of veterans' banners in the city and if they don't get more, it will have to be canceled for this year.

He said the deadline had been Sept. 15, but the deadline has been extended through the end of the month.

An application for getting a veteran honored on a banner is available at city hall or on the Belleville city website.

Birthdays

Sept. 19 – Wendy Clark
Sept. 22 – Patricia Marshall
Sept. 24 – Darcy Beagan
Sept. 25 – Liz Bowman
Sept. 26 – Tricia Seay
Sept. 27 – Becky Ross, Jessica Jones

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



Cadets in the Belleville High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors before the Sept. 11 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. The JROTC is under the direction of Captain Michael Bates. Cadets participating are Chandler Obradovich, David Beauchamp, Aiden Dornbos, Paige Kraus, and Amiyah Davis.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Sept. 9 and 10 the annual citywide yard sales were held in the city of Belleville and the surrounding communities. This sale started a few days early and was still going strong on Saturday across from Victory Park on South Liberty Street.

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Belleville Harvest Festival Tractor Parade

Saturday,
October 14



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- **TRACTORS** must go a minimum of 10 MPH (all years welcomed)
- **You and your tractor** must arrive to staging area by 9 a.m.
- **Staging area** 44077 Willis Rd., Sumpter Township
- **Parking** is available for trucks/trailers/semi
- **You are welcome** to drop off tractors/wagons on Friday evening
- **Tractors** will be leaving staging area at 10:30 a.m.
- **Parade Route** - Willis Rd. to Sumpter Rd. to Main Street of Belleville (Round Trip 10 miles)
- **Donation** of \$10 per tractor will be given to local charity TBD

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Questions - Brad 734-732-6431

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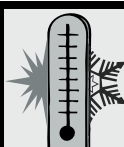
More details to follow

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 2 – Belleville City

Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Oct. 10 – 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.



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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 8, 2023 - 6:00 pm

The special meeting of the City Council was held in-person in the Belleville City Council Chambers at 6 Main St.

The special meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 6:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Absent - Excused
Mayor Conley	Present

2. RESOLUTION # 23-026 - ENTERING CLOSED SESSION

A. Consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution # 23-026** to recess the Special Meeting and enter Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, as permitted under MCL 15.268(h).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve to leave Closed Session at 6:29 p.m., and return to the Special Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to adjourn at 6:29 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 9/18/23

Posted: 9/19/23

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2023 MUSEUM EXHIBIT PROJECT

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for the 2023 Museum Exhibit Project at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on MITN, the Township website, and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "2023 MUSEUM EXHIBIT PROJECT" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023 in the Van Buren Township Hall.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, at erenaud@vanburen-mi.org.

Published: 9-21-23



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - 7:30 pm

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Absent - Excused
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

• None.

B. Council Follow Up List

• Council Member Beebe

-- Asked about the status of the Senior Transportation Program/Wheels of Independence.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• Mike Renaud asked if renovations to Victory Station should be added to the Council Follow-Up List.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve the agenda as presented, with removal and postponement of Item F, EV Charging Station Contract, to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

B. August 28, 2023, Special Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder approving the minutes of the Regular City Council

Meeting and the Special City Council Meeting, held on Monday, August 21, 2023 and Monday, August 28, 2023, respectively.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application – Art Walk

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve the Art Walk, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B. Special Event Application – Witches Ball

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve the Witches Ball, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C. Special Event Application – Winter Fest

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve the Winter Fest, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

D. Road Funding

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates approving a bond in the amount of \$3,500,000, with a contribution from the City in the amount of \$180,000, for a debt repayment period of 14.85 years, and a millage proposal to the residents at a rate of .95 mills

for the purpose of funding road repairs throughout the City.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

E. Purchase of New Police Department Radios

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder approving the purchase of new radios for the Police Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$500, with removal of purchase from Safety Track in the amount of \$2,584.06, and correction of Safety Track purchase amount from \$6,029.55 to \$629.55.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. ACTING CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Acting City Manager Jones thanked the City's Police and Fire Departments, as well as the staff at Egan's Pub, for their assistance following the recent incident that took place on Main St. He also noted that Egan's staff provided food to the public safety members on scene.

• Stated that he is excited about upcoming events in the City.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Echoed Acting City Manager Jones' comments about the Main St. incident, and encouraged everyone to become trained on "Stop the Bleed". She added that she would like to see the Fire Department teach a

class on the technique.

-- Thanked selected City Manager candidate Jason Smith for attending the meeting, and thanked all candidates who were in the running.

• Council Member Beebe

-- Noted that the recent event held by Redemption Bible Church in 4th Street Square went well.

-- Stated that everyone in the City represented very well during what amounted to be a crazy week.

• Council Member Fielder

-- Complimented his fellow Council Members for inclusion of the audience in discussions.

-- Thanked the surrounding communities for providing mutual aid, which he noted is essential.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Echoed the previous comments that had already been provided.

• Noted that school is back in session next week, and that the high school's marching band is back in full force. She also mentioned that the Belleville High School football team will be playing against Livonia Churchill on Friday.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• DPS Supervisor Rick Rutherford stated that Republic Waste Services are ceasing their residential trash services, and a company named Priority One is taking those services over. He added that Priority One will be honoring the existing contract between the City and Republic.

• Advised that a very large tree lost a limb during the last storm, which fell in the Old Section of Hillside Cemetery.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 9:02 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman

City Clerk/Treasurer

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **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** – Gary Sinise Foundation fundraiser at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Public welcome. Doors open at 5 p.m., meal at 6 p.m., band Joyriders at 8 p.m. Ticket price \$25 or two for \$40. Available online or inside the club.
- **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
- **Monday, Sept. 25** – 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. 25** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• **Tuesday, Sept. 26** – Free eBay-sponsored Networking Party with Yankee Air Museum's eCommerce Manager Christina Warren. Refreshments and prizes from 4 to 6 p.m. at Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D. St., Van Buren Township. Need to RSVP to attend, (734) 252-6576.

• **Saturday, Sept. 30** – Van Buren Eagles and Auxiliary, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, invite the public to Cash Bash, with four cash prizes starting at \$1,200, plus every 25th ticket out will win \$25 From noon to 7 p.m. Entry into cash drawing is \$25 for two people. License #R70894. Proceeds to Generator Fund.

• **Sunday, Oct. 1** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in the city of Belleville. The brief ceremony

honors all veterans, living and dead, with a pledge to the flag, National Anthem, and Taps. Everyone welcome.

• **Monday, Oct. 2** – 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.

• **Thursday, Oct. 5** – Learn the State of the Community at a breakfast event from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, put on by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Speakers will be Belleville Mayor Kereen Conley, Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, a representative of Sumpter Township, and Merrie Coburn, executive director of the VBT Downtown Development Authority and a board member of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Register at <https://bit.ly/3PGLLQT>

• **Saturday, Oct. 7** – Friends of the Belleville Area District Library invites the


public to join them for cider and donuts during their monthly Friends meeting at 10 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the library.

• **Monday, Oct. 9** – 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.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 11** – 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.

• **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13, 14, 15** – Belleville Area Council for the Arts Community Art Show.

• **Saturday, Oct. 14** – Harvest Fest and Tractor Parade in downtown Belleville.



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SCARECROW CONTEST

Booville 2023

Categories

1. Families/Individuals

2. Youth Groups/Organizations

3. Adult Groups/Organizations

4. Businesses

Judging will take place during the **Farmers Market** on October 2.
Winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on October 16, 2023

\$20 ENTRY FEE

SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Category _____

I hereby agree to all the Scarecrow Contest rules. I also hereby release the Scarecrow Contest Committee and its employees, officers, and agents from all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participants or their employees or agents.

Signature _____

Your name - the way it will appear on your sign (limit 5 words)


All entry forms must be received by Wednesday, Sept 27
at Belleville City Hall 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111.
Applications may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall.
City of Belleville



SCARECROW CONTEST

INFORMATION AND RULES

1. Scarecrow Contest Area will be Main Street. Placements will be determined by the Scarecrow Contest Committee. Entries in the "Business" category will be displayed as close to the Business as possible, providing it is located in the Contest Area.
2. Decorations may be purchased or made. Decorations made of cardboard or paper are discouraged. Items should be tied or wired securely to resist high winds, rain and vandalism. **YOUR SCARECROW MUST CONTAIN SOME VISABLE STRAW OR HAY.**
3. No mechanical assistance, tiki torches or flammable objects may be used.
4. **DECORATIONS DESIGNED TO FEED WILDLIFE AND FOOD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
5. Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand the weather. Scarecrows will not be accepted that reflect controversial, social or political situations. We reserve the right to refuse any scarecrow we deem inappropriate.
6. The Scarecrow Contest committee and its affiliates are not responsible for loss or damage to entries.
7. **You must bring your scarecrow to City Hall no later than Friday, September 29th for display placement. Scarecrows received after that date will not be considered for judging.**
8. Scarecrows must remain on display thru early November. Entries not picked up by November 10th will be discarded by the City.
9. Judging will take place on October 2.
10. **Scarecrow frames will be provided for participants. All entries must be on a City supplied frame. NO STRAW BALES ALLOWED.**
11. Participant, Organization or Company's name will be displayed on the sign we provide. Please let that be the only commercialism. No handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways can be associated with an entry.



Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 213 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 10:

0015 – traffic offense, Fret Rd.
0421 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Estates Dr.
0649 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.
0928 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
1017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Daisy Blvd.
1114 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1117 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1124 – traffic offense, Fret Rd.
1219 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1247 – fight, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1257 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville/Martz Rd.
1402 – breaking & entering, Sumpter Rd.
1434 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1451 – 911 welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
1520 – assault & battery, Textile Rd.
1521 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1647 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
1846 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1912 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.
1927 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2045 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2147 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Congress St.

Monday, Sept. 11:

0131 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse /I-275
0941 – warrant arrest, Lancaster Dr.
1002 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1122 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Service Dr./Cemetery Rd.
1311 – juvenile complaint, Clayton Rd.
1316 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1319 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Buren St./Tyler Rd.
1340 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1458 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1508 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1547 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1603 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1604 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr./Kouza Ct.
1654 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1707 – animal complaint, Union St.
1822 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2132 – domestic, Water’s Edge Ln.
2324 – welfare check, Hull Rd.
2357 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 12:

1022 – repossession, Revere Dr.
1037 – private property impound, Birch Dr.
1037 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1121 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1204 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1207 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1248 – welfare check, Locust Dr.
1312 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1529 – fraud, Stamford Rd.
1529 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1623 – intrusion alarm, S. Cumberland Dr.
1604 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd.
1627 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.
1621 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1621 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1709 – animal complaint, Edgedale
1659 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1939 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1843 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1921 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arborview Ln./N. Timberview Dr.
2000 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2016 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Brookside Dr.

2017 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2108 – civil matter, McBride Ave.
2156 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
2339 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 13:

0124 – assist other dept., Dorchester Dr.
0636 – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0636 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rose Blvd.
0718 – assist fire dept., Robson Rd.
0745 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0758 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
0804 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0836 – found property/child, Ecorse Rd./Anna Dr.
0904 – animal complaint, Beck Rd./Tyler Rd.
0915 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beacon Trl.
0952 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave./Savage
1056 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Hull Rd.
1113 – missing person, Locust Dr.
1123 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1123 – assist fire dept., Hardwood Dr.
1247 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1254 – welfare check, Alden Ave.
1254 – harassment call, Sheldon Rd.
1432 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1451 – intrusion alarm, Westlake Cir.
1521 – intrusion alarm, Holly Ln.
1534 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren St.
1538 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1613 – traffic offense, Homestead
1635 – civil matter, Oak In.
1635 – threat, Revere Dr.
1924 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
2024 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2101 – hospice death, Chloe Ct.

Thursday, Sept. 14:

0124 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Blvd.
0321 – repossession, Stonebridge Dr.
0707 – threat, Coolidge St.
0646 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.
0759 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0851 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Lauren Ct.
0915 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1007 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1022 – private property/property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1054 – disorderly, Winchester St.
1152 – vehicle lockout, Oak In.
1155 – misc. complaints, Carpenter
1157 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1233 – follow up by officer, McBride Ave. / Buchanan St.
1248 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1325 – disorderly, Victoria St.
1348 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave.
1402 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1504 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Rd.
1516 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1547 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1524 – animal complaint, E. Sadie Ln.
1536 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1540 – domestic, Robbe Rd.
1659 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1718 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1927 – assist other dept., Hull Rd.
1910 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1849 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.
1933 – property damage accident, Oak Blvd.
1935 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2006 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
2046 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Southport Apts.
2237 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
2328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.

Friday, Sept. 15:

0129 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0615 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0958 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1225 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1513 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
1548 – private property impound, Independence Ln.

1649 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1735 – family trouble, Riggs Rd.
1829 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1828 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1848 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1926 – disorderly, Winchester St.
2144 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
2154 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 16:

0020 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0121 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0155 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0254 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville Rd.
0734 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0847 – fraud, Vine St .
0905 – animal complaint, Hayes St.
1103 – welfare check, Denton Rd./Van Born Rd.
1145 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd./Robson Rd.
1148 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1242 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Morton Taylor Rd.
1826 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
1827 – re tail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1830 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
1853 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2015 – civil matter, N. Woodbury Dr.
2027 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2032 – assist citizen, Morton Taylor Rd./Robson
2052 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2117 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor
2146 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2249 – domestic, Village Green Ln.
2249 – unattended death, Colony Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 40 traffic stops, one of which was on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 10:

0632 – noise complaint, Henry St.
0929 – found property/child, Denton/bridge
0932 – noise complaint, Carmell
1048 – welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.
1731 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1741 – civil matter, S. Biggs Ave.
1754 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1821 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1843 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1905 – civil matter, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2007 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.

Monday, Sept. 11:

0136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Thornhill Ct.
1227 – disorderly, Main St.
1421 – property damage accident, Main St.
1819 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Thornhill Ct.
1928 – animal complaint, Fourth St.

Tuesday, Sept. 12:

0039 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0452 – welfare check, Carmell St.
0522 – mental subject, Carmell St.
0642 – 911 welfare check, Carmell ST.
0930 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1033 – suicidal person, N. Liberty St.
2041 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.
2351 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Sept. 13:

0640 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
0656 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0701 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
0905 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
1153 – animal complaint, Henry St.
1307 – fight, West Columbia Ave.
1308 – fight, West Columbia Ave.
1334 – disorderly, Second St.
1442 – misc. complaint, Harbour Pointe
1516 – property damage accident, Main St.
2059 – traffic stop, Second St./N. Liberty St.

Thursday, Sept. 14:

0145 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
0543 – assist other dept., Church St.
0845 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
0937 – follow up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.
1150 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty St.
1206 – found property/child, Main St.
1714 – missing person, Carmell St.
1935 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd.
2055 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
2305 – traffic stop, High St.

Friday, Sept. 15:

0428 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Carmell
0635 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0803 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln./Thornhill
0820 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln./Aberdeen
0848 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1100 – disorderly, Main St.
1440 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
1504 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1528 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1555 – intrusion alarm, South St.
1624 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1635 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Edison
1658 – traffic stop, Quirk Rd./Belleville Rd.
1729 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1747 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1822 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Estrada Dr.
1932 – threat, Main St.
2033 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 16:

0009 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1038 – vehicle lockout, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1327 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
2152 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

There were 18 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 10:

0224 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0313 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Elwell Rd.
0647 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0658 – animal complaint, 9600 Rawsonville Rd.
0946 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1118 – warrant arrest, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1359 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1541 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1551 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter
1752 – follow up investigation, 44000 bl. Dunn
1829 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

Monday, Sept. 11:

0622 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0936 – civil matter, Colorado St.
1043 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1137 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1157 – welfare check, Judd Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1353 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1530 – family trouble, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1603 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1605 – welfare check, Nevada St.
1836 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2035 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Karr
2326 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 12:

0224 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Judd Rd.
0736 – welfare check, Alaska St.
1033 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1036 – property damage accident, Willow/Karr
1127 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1337 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1424 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1538 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1809 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.
2001 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2001 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
2240 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 13:

0022 – suspicious vehicle, Haggerty Rd./Oakville
Waltz Rd.
0843 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1514 – family trouble, Virginia St.
1624 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.

Thursday, Sept. 14:

0001 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0112 – assist other agency, Georgia St.
0633 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis Rd./Savage Rd.
0901 – recovered stolen vehicle, Knollwood Dr.
0918 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0953 – animal complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1143 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1150 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1256 – noise complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1417 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1511 – assist other agency, Magnolia Dr.
1521 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1530 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1554 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1625 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1725 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1732 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1739 – traffic complaint/hazard, 19000 bl. Wilmot
1805 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1810 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2031 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2052 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.

Friday, Sept. 15:

0224 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0427 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0818 – animal complaint, Wear Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0845 – civil matter, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
0950 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
1411 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1613 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

2002 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2005 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.
2029 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2044 – suspicious person, Martinsville Rd./Judd

Saturday, Sept. 16:

0204 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0219 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0223 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
0643 – malicious destruction of property, W. Arizona St.
0744 – welfare check, E. Arizona St.
0842 – missing person, Wayside Dr.
1032 – alarm, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1040 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1509 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1543 – noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1810 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1844 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2022 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2059 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming St.
2102 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2357 – noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 148 patrol checks, 95 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.

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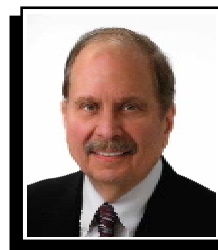
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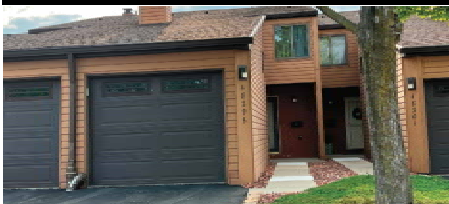
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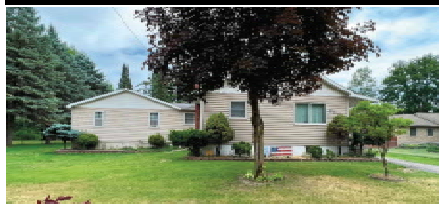
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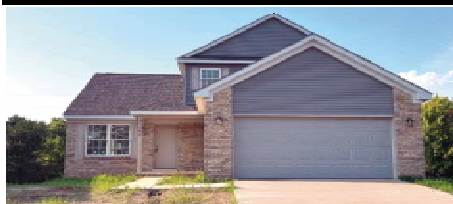
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