



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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Members of the 2023 Belleville High School Homecoming Court are, from left, Ethan Lommerse, Josh Rigor, Tyler Cowley, Knight Emerson, Caleb Smith, Caden Ehgotz, Adam Haase, Khonye Smith, Mia Wright, Grace Mulvenna, Jordan Peterson, Isabelle Porzondek, Arielle Chamberlain, Evangeline (Evie) Colarossi, Sarah Kessler, and Ellie Kerrigan. The king and queen will be announced at halftime during Friday's football game.

## Mears, Okubo, semifinalists for Natl. Merit Scholarships

Parker J. Mears and Thomas K. Okubo of Belleville High School have been announced as Semifinalists for a 2024 National Merit Scholarship.

Parker J. Mears is the son of Angela and Todd Mears of Van Buren Township.

He currently is ranked first out of 423 students in his class

with a cumulative grade point average of 4.74. Parker is in Chess Club, National Honor Society (NHS), Marching Band, Symphony Band and is a member of the Soccer, Science Olympiad, Robotics and Track teams.

Parker plans on applying to the Computer Science Program at the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Thomas K. Okubo, is the son of Shunsuke Okubo of Van Buren Township and Carol Okubo of Dearborn. He is ranked second in his class at BHS, just behind his good friend Parker Mears.



Mears

Thomas is an accomplished leader in band and swimming. He is a Drum Major for the Marching Tigers, principal euphonium for Symphony Band, and plays trombone in Jazz Band.

In swimming, he is a two-time MHSAA D1 State Meet qualifier and KLAAs All-Conference honoree. He holds one BHS varsity record, tied a second one, and set six sophomore records.

Thomas is a National Honor Society member. In his free time, he is a lifeguard at the Metropark and enjoys coding and publishing apps. Thomas plans to pursue a career in biomedical engineering.

The semifinalists were announced Sept. 13. The National Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The program does not measure the quality or effectiveness of education within



Okubo

a school, system, or state.

More than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 69<sup>th</sup>-annual National Merit Scholarship Program were announced Sept. 13. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

About 95% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 320 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

In the 2024 competition, more than 1.3 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2024 National

Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to

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## Mike Windiate closes door to Belleville Pro Hardware

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 29, when Mike Windiate locks the doors to the store on Main Street, it will be the end of Belleville Pro Hardware.

"The town will miss this hardware store," Mike said on Saturday. "It is a quick in and out. Park in front, get what you need, and get out quickly. You know what it's like going over the bridge."

He referred to the large box stores, with large parking lots, and plenty of traffic.

His brother Rick Windiate owns the building and Mike is liquidating his store. The U-Haul business will continue from the house in the back lot for the time being.

In the Aug. 25, 2022 edition of the *Independent* there was a picture of Mike, his grandson Mike, and their store. He was celebrating 36 years and announced he wasn't going anywhere.

Then, on Sept. 15, 2022 he had open heart surgery, and decided it was easier to retire because of that.

"Mortality comes into focus," he said. "The last year just flew by."

Rick had someone interested in buying the building, but when the deal fell through Mike said was half-way through liquidating the store.

Mike was born 72 years ago and his mother died of polio at the age of 19 when he was a year old. Then, his dad was killed in a car accident when he was three or four. He said he never knew his parents.

He was adopted into a family of his aunt, uncle, and cousins when he was about four and was lovingly cared for. His uncle was "dad" forever after.

He didn't know his real name was Richard Michael Windiate until he was 14 or 15 when he applied for his social security card. Since there already was a Rick in the family, the newest member became Mike.

He and his family lived in South Dearborn Heights and he graduated from Dearborn Lowrey High School in 1969.

He married and they had a daughter, his oldest, Michelle. He worked construction.

His grandfather started Windiate Hardware at the corner of Middlebelt and Beverly, and it flourished for 75 years. It was owned by his grandfather, then his "dad," his brother Rick, and then he bought Rick out.

At one point he had three hardware stores and then he pared down to just the one in Belleville. He was married three times.

Besides Michelle, he has a son Mike, and daughters Tara and Nicole. He also has 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

His daughter Tara worked at the Belleville store for 32 years and his son Mike for 30 years. Grandson, also Mike, has worked at the store for 12 years.



Mike Windiate and his grandson Mike Windiate preside over the final emptying of the hardware store run for 37 years in downtown Belleville.

*Independent* photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Tara is 46 and for the past three and a half years she had been on dialysis. He said the previous Saturday, she got a call to get to the hospital and the next day her kidney was replaced.

"It's a miracle. Our prayers were answered," he said, noting she had a small incision and was released after two days in the hospital. Her kidney started working fully right from the beginning and she has a new life, he said.

Mike said he had his kidney repaired in 1972 and he had a large incision and spent 45 days in the hospital. He marveled over the miracles of modern medicine.

Mike recalls the joy he had singing gospel music in churches for many years. He would sing his solo in a church and members visiting from other churches would invite him to their places and so on. He said it was very rewarding to praise God in song.

Then, one of his workers died and he had to work on Sundays and, "Now, I'm only singing in the shower."

He also enjoyed being in the band in high school.

Mike and his girlfriend Stephanie Piper have been together for four years and are planning what to do with his retirement.

He said he knew her in high school and met up with her again at their 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. He brought one of their other classmates to the reunion and it was sort of a "date," he said.

Mike said he saw this blonde four tables over and was attracted to her. He didn't recognize her and thought she was probably one of his classmate's wives. He went for a walk around the room and said hello to her and tried to see her name tag, but her hair covered it. He went back to his table.

Then, she came over and said, "You didn't recognize me, did you? I'm Stephanie Piper." He asked if she was married and she said her husband had died a few years earlier. Her brother, Jim Piper, had been very active with the Belleville Police Reserves.

At the reunion, he asked her to contact him on Facebook and she did. They've been together since Nov. 1, 2019.

"Sometimes I think, what if I hadn't gone to that reunion," he said.

Mike said he misses his good friend Mike Foley, the late owner of Frosty Boy, who rented part of Mike's house and lived with him for 10 years.

"I can still smell the cigarette smoke that used to come up from his area," he said. "We were best friends for years."

He said their real friendship began when they fought against the big street deal in the city. He said the *Independent* got up on a ladder in his store and took a picture of all the people the city identified as "The Main Street Merchants," who were against the project. He said they identified him as a leader of the opposition, but he just offered

his store for a meeting place because he had the room.

"It was quite a fight, but we won 2-1," he recalled. "They did it anyway. It all ended OK."

He recalls Mike Foley used to make special hamburgers for him. Foley said he went to the grocery store every morning and got fresh ground beef to cook each day at Frosty Boy, never using frozen meat. That's the kind of hamburgers Windiate liked.

"If I could make it myself, I could eat it for free," Windiate said of Foley's offer on the ice cream part of his store. "I just did the cones. I didn't know how to do the other things."

Mike said he likes to golf and he will pick up some other hobbies during retirement. He'd like to travel around the state of Michigan, since he said there is so much to see. His daughter has a second home in St. Ignace that he's been planning to visit.

He said running the U-Haul business might be his hobby for a while.

He wants to thank all the thousands of people who came to his store over the years. He thanks them for their support and he's going to miss them.

"I made a lot of friendships here," he said, adding, "Over half of my life has been spent here – 37 years. It might take a while to adjust."

# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### School needs to get serious about traffic problem

Classes at Belleville High School are dismissed at 2:04 p.m. during the week and that's when gridlock is slammed into place on West Columbia Avenue and surrounding side streets.

When the new high school was being planned more than ten years ago, they discussed having a traffic light at the entrance that would work only after dismissal to keep everything orderly and safe.

We recall the district thought it was too costly and turned down that idea. Since then, they have sent school employees out with hand-held stop signs to control things and they can't. We've seen the employees almost get hit by speeding vehicles. They let one or two cars by on W. Columbia and then a large number of cars out of the school, with many at high speeds.

A writer contacted us this week saying he was going 30 mph on Columbia during this time of day and a car passed him. He was livid. Sounds like road rage could ensue. Not good.

Mayor Conley said the traffic is the worst she's ever seen and residents cannot get out of Harbour Pointe at this time of day. Also, emergency vehicles would have a hard time getting in.

The county has told the city and Van Buren Township that they can have traffic lights if they pay for them and take responsibility for them.

At Monday's school board meeting an administrator told about how much grant money is available from the state: Lots and lots. Why not get some for a traffic light?

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority had the proposed paid parking setup at the North Liberty Street city lot on its agenda for the Sept. 20 meeting. Several people told me they were going to attend the meeting to speak against any move to put paid parking there. It was proposed the paid parking would only be required during special events and the money raised would be used to build a parking structure in the future.

But, when I got to the meeting at city hall, there was a sign on the door that said the meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum. That means there weren't enough DDA members able to be present to have a legal meeting.

We imagine that paid parking lot agenda item will be on the next DDA agenda. The next regular meeting is Oct. 18, but there could be a special meeting before then.

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The Belleville Central Business Community recently voted to hold a Memorial Day parade next year. The CBC hopes to get approval from the city council and to get participation of the BHS Marching Band, the JROTC, VFW, PLAV, VBTPD Color Guard, Scouts, and others. It would be held just before the annual VFW/PLAV Memorial Day ceremonies at 11 a.m. at Horizon Park.

Sounds good, doesn't it?

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A reader was in our office on Friday to ask about the double rainbow we have on our front page each week. We remember a few years ago a woman called to ask if our rainbows meant we were gay. We explained then and this is the story.

On Dec. 3, 1994, the people who chipped in to start our new weekly paper met

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together at the business owned by Jerry McKelvey on Charles Street in the city of Belleville. On our way into town for the morning meeting, we all saw a double rainbow over Belleville Lake and we felt it was an omen that we would succeed.

Chesley Odom, the designer who created our masthead, thought the double rainbow was important to include in our design. That was in 1994, long before the recent use of the rainbow for other things.

We published our first paper on Jan. 5, 1995. Years later, when my son Jim was asked to be production manager, among other things, he decided we should have an American flag in the logo, as well, so we added that to our paper.

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There was a story on television news over the weekend that told about Amanda Bielski, who said she was the owner of the Pumpkin Factory in Sumpter Township, offering jobs to striking UAW workers at her business. She said it isn't much pay, just \$10 an hour, but it would help boost the \$500 per week striker pay they get. Strikers cannot earn more than \$500 additional without losing the striker pay, we're told. The Pumpkin Factory opens Oct. 13.

Amanda said she works at the River Rouge Plant, which wasn't on strike as yet.

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I called Shunsuke Okubo, the father of Thomas, one of the students at BHS who were named National Merit Semifinalists.

He said talking to him last week reminded him of a picture he took over 20 years ago for the "They're Reading the Independent Everywhere" feature.

"This picture is in front of some municipal building for the City of Bellville, South Africa," he wrote in an email. "I was there in 2003 for a friend's wedding. Before leaving for this trip, I did some research about South Africa at the old Fred C. Fischer library (I guess I used the library instead of the internet back then!). There, I found a book about the South African City of Bellville. I recall a special dedication inside the front cover gifting the book to the City of Belleville, Michigan and naming us a 'sister city'. Since the wedding was nearby, I decided to stop by Bellville, South Africa, and take my picture with the Belleville Independent! I wonder if the book made it to the new library."

Good question. We'll have to check. Thanks for the memory.

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The Denton Road Bridge was closed by Wayne County on Oct. 3, 2022. This is just a reminder of how long it's been down.

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## Letters

### Meijer Holiday Simply Give Campaign begins

To the editor:

The Meijer 2023 Holiday Simply Give Campaign starts Sunday, Oct. 1 and runs through Saturday, Dec. 30. There will be one DOUBLE-DAY on Saturday, Dec. 16. If \$5,000 can be raised locally on that day, Meijer will match with \$10,000 for a total donation of \$15,000.

This is the Emergency Food Closet's biggest fundraiser! This is the day to purchase your Simply Give Cards at the Meijer Belleville Road store. A \$10 donation purchases each card. The Simply Give cards are located at the end of the cashier check-out lanes.

Without the philanthropic endeavors of Meijer and the community's support, we would not be able to provide food for the hungry in our community as we currently do.

From Jan. 1 through Aug. 31, 2023, the Emergency Food Closet has distributed 1,830 bags of food and has had 91 new clients. From Jan. 1 through Aug. 31, 2022, 1,402 bags were distributed and we had 72 new clients. Our numbers have increased by 410 bags and 19 new clients during the same time period!

On Sept. 12, 2023 we gave out 46 bags! That's the most we've given out on a Tuesday this year! During the week of Sept. 12 and 13, 70 bags were distributed – that's the most distributed in a week in our history. Each bag of food costs between \$22-\$26 with an additional cost of \$4.90-\$9.70 for refrigerator items depending on the client's choices.

Due to the generosity from the community, local churches, and businesses the Emergency Food Closet has been able to distribute food to all clients on a weekly basis. In addition to receiving a bag of food, each client also receives a loaf of bread, a four-roll pack of toilet paper, a meat, a dairy product, a lunch meat, and a personal care product.

Families of five or more get double of everything. The Emergency Food Closet is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located at Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St.

Your continued support to help feed and care for the hungry in our community is a blessing!

Marilyn Wood, coordinator  
Emergency Food Closet

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Unsigned letter "For Your Opinions Page"

### Thanks to vendors, shoppers at yard sale

To the editor:

Thanks to the vendors and shoppers who came through for the citywide yard sales at Victory Park supporting the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

See you next year.

Reggie Ion, Van Buren Township  
Belleville Area Council for the Arts

### BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Sept. 28** – Boys JV Soccer vs. John Glenn HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. John Glenn HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive vs Fordson HS, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Sept. 29** – Varsity Football vs. John Glenn HS, 7 p.m., Homecoming
- **Monday, Oct. 2** – Boys JV Soccer vs. Stevenson HS, 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 3** – Boys JV Soccer vs. Churchill HS, 4 p.m.; Freshman & JV Volleyball vs. Churchill HS 5pm; Boys Varsity Soccer vs Churchill HS, 5:30 p.m. Senior Player Night; Varsity Volleyball vs. Churchill HS, 6:30 p.m.

Go Tigers!  
Diane Kiessel  
BHS Athletics Secretary

### BHS Varsity Football scores

- Aug. 25 – River Rouge at Wayne State University, BHS, 35-River Rouge, 28
- Aug. 31 – BHS, 56-Livonia Stevenson, 7
- Sept. 8 – BHS, 56-Livonia Churchill, 0
- Sept. 15 – BHS, 53 – Dearborn, 0
- Sept. 22 – BHS, 42 – Livonia Franklin, 3
- Sept. 29 – 7 p.m. Homecoming game against Westland (Glenn)

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies."  
– Groucho Marx

# New interactive web page allows public to help shape HCMA trail

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks has launched an online webpage designed to explore future trail connections and capture feedback from the public across southeast Michigan.

So, if you're into trails and outdoor adventures, this is your chance to have a say. The public is invited to share feedback on their vision by visiting [walkbike.info/metroparks/](http://walkbike.info/metroparks/).

With nearly 400 miles of trails, it's no surprise that trails are what many Metroparks visitors flock to and frequently report wanting more of.

In some Metroparks you can use non-motorized trails to travel between parks and neighboring communities, like the popular Border-to-Border (B2B) Trail through Delhi, Dexter-Huron and Hudson Mills Metroparks or the Iron Belle Trail through Lower Huron, Willow, Oakwoods and Lake Erie Metroparks.

Metroparks is now teaming up with partners and the community to establish missing sections that would connect all 13 Metroparks by non-motorized trails. They want everyone to enjoy safe and fun experiences, whether you're walking, running, cycling, or just loving the outdoors.

The first step, in this work, is completing a study and collecting public feedback to help select the best routes for future trail sections. After careful evaluation

with a consultant and input from local stakeholders, multiple routes have been identified based on factors such as feasibility, accessibility, safety, proximity to residential communities and more. Now Metroparks is seeking community feedback on those proposed routes.

Through the online survey, Metroparks will gather public feedback on multiple proposed routes connecting Lower Huron Metropark and the I-275 Metro Trail, Hudson Mills to Huron Meadows Metroparks, Kensington to Indian Springs Metroparks, Indian Springs to Stony Creek Metroparks and Wolcott Mill Metropark to Macomb Orchard Trail.

Now is the public's opportunity to weigh in. This feedback will help shape the final selection of routes and guide the decision-making process. Most of the routes in the

connectivity study utilize public land, public right of way or easements, reducing the need for obtaining new property, but each one will still have challenges to overcome by working with partners in the communities. The survey will remain open through October. The Metroparks intends to select final routes by the end of the year.

These trail connections are a priority for the Metroparks in realizing more regional connectivity to parks and neighboring communities, but it will still be some time before visitors see work begin on selected routes. After routes are selected, Metroparks will begin to secure funding and create designs for those future connections.

The public's feedback helps make grant and outside funding requests stronger, so public input today could help make these

projects a reality.

To learn more about the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, visit [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

## Reserve your Trunk or Treat spot for Sumpter's Halloween event

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## Obituaries



William Joseph "Bill"  
Settles

### WILLIAM JOSEPH 'BILL' SETTLES

(August 9, 1947 - September 18, 2023)

William Joseph "Bill" Settles, age 76, of Belleville, MI, passed away under Hospice Care at home, surrounded by loved ones, on September 18, 2023. He was born on August 9, 1947, in Cadillac, Michigan, to the late Harold K. and Lillie I. (DeBruyne) Settles. Bill was a 1966 graduate of Saline High School, where he was a member of FFA.

For most of his career, Bill worked as a Maintenance Mechanic in the Department of Recreational Sports at the University of Michigan. Bill was a Cub Scout, a pitcher in Little League Baseball, and liked to fish. He also enjoyed farming, John Deere and International Harvester tractors, gardening, traveling, antiquing, dancing, and mostly spending time with family and friends. Bill was a dairy farmer and herdsman before moving to Belleville in 1987.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy (Mills) Settles and his children Stacie (Doug) Dubin of Sand Creek, MI, Sheila Settles of Brownstown Township, MI, and Scott Settles of Belleville, MI.

He was extremely proud of his five grandchildren: Daniel, Devin and Delayna Dubin, Kailee and Kasey Settles.

He is also survived by his brothers Phillip, George, and Peter Settles; a sister Laura Bohnett; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; as well as cherished neighbors and several longtime close friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his brother Harold (Patricia) Settles, Jr.; sisters: Alfreda (Eugene) Steinacher and Dolores (Rod) Blankenship; also, a sister-in-law Mimi Settles. Mr. Settles was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville.

Visitation was at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI on Monday, September 25, 2023. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Rev. George "Chip" Dischinger officiated. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West in Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan and would be appreciated.  
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## Upcoming Meetings

- 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.
- Wednesday, Oct. 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

## VBT announces Iron Belle Trail Section B ribbon cutting on Oct. 9

News release

Van Buren Township is pleased to announce the completion of Section B of the Van Buren Township segment of the Iron Belle Trail.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Monday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. to noon at Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Upon completion, the Iron Belle Trail will run all the way from Belle Isle to Ironwood, MI in the Upper Peninsula, running through hundreds of municipalities and crossing into 48 different Michigan counties. A portion of this recreational trail runs through Van Buren Township from the Lower Huron Metro Park Trail to the B2B Trail near Grove Road in Ypsilanti Township.

Section B of Van Buren Township's segment of the Iron Belle Trail runs from Rawsonville Road along S. I-94 Service Drive and through Van Buren Park.

"The Township has gained momentum on constructing the Iron Belle Trail within our community over the past few years, and we are proud that our gap is steadily, but consistently growing smaller," said Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services.

"This project would not have been possible without the generous donations from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and DTE Foundation, in addition to the invaluable partnerships with the Michigan Trails Fund and Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative," Renaud said.

"The DTE Foundation believes that a healthy environment is an essential ingredient for thriving communities," said Rodney Cole, DTE Foundation president.

"Michigan offers a variety of trails and greenspaces that connect us to the natural beauty around us, and the Iron Belle Trail is a perfect example of this local luxury," said Cole.

"We're committed to preserving, protecting and improving Michigan's treasured natural habitats and species, and this support builds on the 100+ year partnership between DTE and Van Buren Township, which has created countless, invaluable recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors."

The township invites the public and sponsors of the project to come out and celebrate this addition to the statewide trail.

## Sumpter Fall Vendors Market, Bake Sale set for Oct. 27, 28

The Sumpter Township Fall Vendors Market and Bake Sale is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, at the Sumpter Community Center, 25301 Sumpter Rd.

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# Sumpter approves using \$35,000 in federal funds to relocate recycling

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At the Aug. 8 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, the board approved, on a 4-2 vote, allocating not to exceed \$35,000 in federal ARPA funds for the relocation and construction of the township recycling center close to the road with cameras for surveillance.

Supervisor Tim Bowman and Trustee Don LaPorte voted no. Trustee LaPorte wanted other options than having it up near the road where people can drop stuff off around it and have it become unsightly. He also thought the residents should be surveyed to see if they wanted to pay for roadside pickup for recycling.

In other business at the Aug. 8 meeting, the board:

- Approved unanimously the \$38,000

quote of Air Doctor to replace the rooftop air conditioning unit that cools the east end of the township community center. The project needs a gas pipeline installed to that area and that price was not included. AirDoctor gave a \$4,500 quote to repair the present unit, but could give no guarantee how long that would work. This unit would cool the main east hallway and classrooms, the senior lounge, and the food kitchen and could be relocated in the future if plans for the building changes. It was pointed out the community center is the township's cooling center. Treasurer Patterson said they may need a bigger gas meter and it has been his experience it could be a year's wait for that;

- Approved having Cari Ford do a water rate study;
- Heard a resident, who identified herself

as Christine, say she moved to the township in 2021 and she was amazed that the township didn't pick up recycling. She said she's never lived in a community that didn't have recycling pickup. She said it's very inconvenient to drive anywhere else to drop off recycling and she doesn't want to live in the Wild Wild West;

• Heard Sharon Pokerwinski say that Trustees Rush and Oddy did good cooking at the recent Family Fun Day. She said it is getting difficult to get volunteers for Parks and Recreation. Ways to advertise for new volunteers were discussed;

• Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy say there has been a 20% increase in township residents in the last two years and they need to get the new residents interested in coming in to be volunteers with their new ideas. Trustee Tim Rush agreed. He said

they were looking at a downsized version of the annual Turkey Shoot and hope to get the festival to come back;

• Heard Trustee LaPorte say maybe they should have a chili cookoff with fire department members against others to try and get people together. He said they need to think outside the box. He said the festival's demolition derby always had people filling the stands. He said the new people are coming from downriver; and

• Went into a brief closed-door session to get an update on the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters union negotiations and then came back into public session to vote to continue negotiations as discussed in the closed session. Trustee LaPorte was recused from the discussion and the vote because he is a fire fighter.

## CSM Companies adds Kenworth dealership in Van Buren Township

CSM Companies held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 14 for its newest Kenworth dealership in the metro-Detroit area.

The newly constructed 66,000-square-foot Kenworth truck facility is at 44660 N. I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township.

Michigan Kenworth, a subsidiary of CSM Companies, has six locations throughout the state, including Grand Rapids, Gaylord, Saginaw, Dearborn, Clinton Township, and now metro-Detroit.

"We are proud to announce the opening of our newest dealership in Detroit," said Bill Kozek, CEO of CSM Companies. "As a leading provider of Kenworth trucks, we are committed to providing our customers with the best service and support. Our new dealership will allow us to better serve the Detroit community and surrounding areas."

The company said the expansion is part of its mission to provide world-class support to its customers with easily accessible facilities located nationwide for new and used truck sales, all-make parts sales, and repair and maintenance service.

The newest Kenworth facility brings the CSM Companies' locations to 28 total nationwide. CSM said the modern metro-Detroit Kenworth dealership will feature more than 17,000 square feet of warehouse for parts inventory, 30 service bays including three bays dedicated for Express Lane Triage, and an additional dedicated wash bay.

The property has nearly 10 acres of parking area that allows ample parking for new and used truck sales, along with dedicated space for trailer parking. In addition, the facility will be fitted with infrastructure to support green initiatives, such as EV charging stations.



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# Remodeled Walmart cuts ribbon, gives donations to local groups

Walmart customers in Van Buren Township were welcomed inside the newly transformed Supercenter at 10562 Belleville Rd. on Sept. 22 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, donations to local non-profits, and unveiling of a community-inspired mural.

The event was kicked off with the playing of the National Anthem by the Belleville High School Marching Band and included the recognition of associates who have been with the company for more than 20 years, April Warner, Becky Bailey, and Jan Grant. Shay Campas and Brian Fenrich, who have been working at the local store since it opened in 2001, also received recognition.

Following the ribbon cutting, which was done by Walmart store manager Jeff

Ashburn and representatives from several local non-profit organizations, vendors including Coke, Pepsi, Red Bull and Frito-Lay offered free samples to customers. In the parking lot Nikki's Smoke Pizza, Sunny's Sweet Treats and Kona Ice were selling some of the area's favorite foods.

Ashburn and several associates presented \$3,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations, including:

- \$500 to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue;
- \$500 to Van Buren Little League;
- \$1,000 to Van Buren Shop With a Hero; and
- \$1,000 to Belleville High School Band.

During the celebration, Ashburn highlighted the store's transformations as well as the new interactive features now available to customers, including:

- Front end transformation with increased numbers of self-checkout lanes and staffed registers for customer convenience;
- Walmart+ lane for easier checkout for members;
- Added more shopping carts;
- Added a new grab and go section in grocery area for quick meal and drink options;
- Added a new dollar shop at the store entrance with seasonally relevant products;



Independent photo by Angela Nettro

On Sept. 22, Walmart store manager Jeff Ashburn cut the ribbon in front of the Belleville High School Marching Band, who performed, and the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Course (JROTC), who presented the colors.

- Updated Customer Service area;
- Expanded and relocated pharmacy with new private screening rooms for pharmacist consultations and services;
- Refreshed mother's room for a clean, comfortable, and private option for nursing mothers;
- Vision Center experience designed around the customer;

- Larger infant area to offer more shopping space while selecting furniture, strollers, baby monitoring equipment;
- Updated apparel department with new fixtures, fitting rooms, new products lines and display mannequins;
- Vignette displays in Home Lines, Hardware, and Infants with life-size product displays for easier visualization of product lines;
- Relocated and updated electronics department with more demo products;
- Updated deli department to include fresh, hot meals;
- Updated and relocated sporting goods section;
- Relocated fabric department;
- Expanded pet department including fresh pet food selection;
- Expanded beer and wine selection and section with coolers;
- Expanded grocery pickup and delivery increasing customer stalls;
- Refreshed interior and exterior, including paint and signage, and new fixtures and LED lighting throughout the entire store; and
- Modernized, remodeled restrooms.

"Since 2001 we have been proudly serving the residents of Belleville so it's extra special to invite the community to join us in celebrating all the improvements that have been made to their store," Ashburn said. "We're certain the upgrades will not only offer our customers a fresh new look, but the innovations will enhance their overall shopping experience."

The store's new mural that reflects some of Belleville's culture and attractions is part of Walmart's Community Mural Program, the largest public-facing art installation celebrating communities across America.

The store also has added digital touchpoints throughout the store to help communicate the range of products and services Walmart offers online through the use of QR codes and digital screens.

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## Court Watching

### Marie Rose Codrington

Marie Rose Codrington of Ann Arbor was arraigned on Aug. 10 on a bench warrant for charges of possession of narcotics and retail fraud on March 30. She also was labeled a habitual offender. Her probable cause conference was set for Aug. 16. At that time she pled guilty to a reduced charge of narcotics use and the original charge of retail fraud.

Judge Oakley sentenced her to six months of non-reporting probation and waived fines and costs.

### Antjuan E-C Pitts

Antjuan E-C Pitts, 42, of Canton was video-arraigned while in custody at the Van Buren Township Police Department by Magistrate Al Hindman on Aug. 16. He is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle on Aug. 14. Bond was set at \$5,000/10%. His probable cause conference was set for Aug. 30 and reset to Sept. 13. His live exam is set for noon on Nov. 29.

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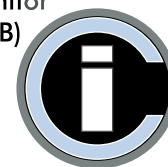
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## Court Watching

### Jaylah Ikia Winfield

Jaylah Ikia Winfield, 20, of Macomb was before Judge Oakley on Aug. 16 for his arraignment/pretrial on a charge of assault and battery on May 6, 2022 in Van Buren Township. He pled guilty to disorderly under HYDA for three months. His fine is \$300. He told Judge Oakley that he was at Federal Express to cash a paycheck and he spit at a person. He told the judge he had graduated from Michigan International Prep School, an online school, and he was not working at the time.

### Kelly Lynn Ragay

Kelly Lynn Ragay, 32, of Romulus was arraigned by Judge Oakley on a bench

warrant by video while in custody at the Van Buren police department on Sept. 25. She had been charged with retail fraud on Jan. 12, 2018 and had pled guilty and then violated probation. She failed to appear for a court hearing in 2022 and a bench warrant was issued. She is set for a show-cause hearing on Oct. 2. Personal bond was set at \$1,000.

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## Husband and wife horseshoe pitching champs live in Belleville

Denise Daly of Belleville has won the Michigan Horseshoe Pitching Association Women's Singles Championship 2023 that was held in Jackson.

Denise is also a World Horseshoe Pitching Association title holder as well as an Illinois State champ.

Denise met her fiancée Mark Burns II of Belleville at the World Championships several years ago when they fell in love and she moved to Belleville to be with him.

The two lived in St. Petersburg, FL from 2020 to 2022 where they also won championships before moving back to Belleville to marry and have a family.

The *Independent* published a story on Mark Burns in 2015 when he won the

title of Men's World Champion Horseshoe Pitcher of 2015. He is a former employee of Brown Funeral Home in Belleville and had worked at the University of Michigan.

The two-week world tournament is held each summer to crown class champions and the overall World Champion horseshoe pitcher in each of eight divisions.

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**Court Watching****Joshua Emery set for preliminary exam on Nov. 1 at district court**

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Joshua Michael Emery, 44, of Battle Creek, who was in the middle of a recent police standoff in the McDonald's parking lot, had his live preliminary exam set for 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court.

This was during his probable cause conference before Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley on Sept. 20.

His defense attorney Kerry Martin said he needed digital discovery from Van Buren Township police and the prosecuting attorney sent it immediately.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Rima Yahfoufi said there were 105 pieces of evidence for the exam.

Emery appeared by zoom from the Wayne County Jail, unable to post the \$200,000/10% bond required.

Martin said his client lives in Battle Creek and works in Kalamazoo, while attending an online university for a law enforcement degree. He lives with and helps support his fiancé and their two children. He has his mother's support, Martin said. Emery wants to be on a tether, Martin said.

Judge Oakley changed the defendant's bond to \$25,000 personal with a GPS tether for location, not curfew.

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte said on Sept. 5 at about 1:15 p.m., a Van Buren officer pulled over a vehicle for having an improper plate on Rawsonville Road near Grove. The vehicle pulled into the McDonald's parking lot and parked. The female front-seat passenger was taken into custody without incident after she was found to be wanted on a felony warrant.

Emery could not produce a driver's license, became increasingly agitated and non-compliant, giving the officer several false names while refusing to exit the vehicle. Emery rolled the driver's side window up while retrieving a shotgun from the backseat of the vehicle. The officer broke out the driver's side window in an attempt to grab the shotgun

from the driver. Failing to disarm the driver, the officer retreated to a position of cover, Deputy Chief Monte said. Van Buren police with the assistance of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies, established a perimeter in the area and attempted to negotiate the surrender of Emery, who continuously indicated that he did not want to go back to jail.

When attempts at negotiating failed, the Van Buren police deployed pepper spray (oleoresin capicum) into the open window of the vehicle. While inside the vehicle, Emery stood up through the sunroof of the vehicle holding the shotgun. While racking a round into the chamber of the shotgun, he was struck with a kinetic impact projectile, which is like a "rubber bullet" deployed by the police. Shortly thereafter, Emery exited the vehicle and was taken into custody without further incident.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged Emery with one count of possession of firearms by a felon, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, and three counts of felony firearm. Van Buren police had asked for \$500,000 bond.

**Vivaldy Nganongo-Mbosso**

Vivaldy Nganongo-Mbosso, 35, of Ypsilanti was video arraigned on Sept. 25 by Judge Oakley on nine charges from Van Buren police that are dated March 1, 2022. There are three criminal sexual conduct charges, one assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, one assault, three weapons, and one domestic violence.

The charges were filed Sept. 25. Personal bond was set at \$10,000 and there is to be no contact with the victim.

**Eric Tremaine Casey**

Eric Tremaine Casey, 40, of Inkster, was present on Sept. 20 by zoom from the Wayne County Jail for his probable cause conference 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 bond had been set at \$5,000/10% and he was not to return to an address on Parkwood Drive.

His attorney Andrew Sullivan said his client has been in jail since Sept. 3 because he has no funds to pay his bond. He works as a rear loader for the GFL trash service,

he said.

Casey told Judge Oakley he could stay with his girlfriend. Judge Oakley granted him personal bond and said he should have no contact with the victim.

Because attorney Sullivan said he did not have digital discovery, another probable cause conference was set for Sept. 27.

**Devon Juwan Thompson**

Devon Juwan Thompson, 28, of Ypsilanti, was present before Judge Oakley on Sept. 20 for his final pretrial on a charge of assault or assault and battery on July 1 in the city of Belleville. The complaining victim had to appear and did. Final pretrial was set for Nov. 8. On Sept. 20, the defendant was in the Washtenaw County Jail.

**Ayden Tyeler Clark**

Ayden Tyeler Clark, 29, of Van Buren Township was arraigned by Judge Oakley on Sept. 20 on a charge of possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy on Dec. 30, 2021 in the city of Belleville. His live probable cause conference was set for Nov. 1. Personal bond of \$2,000 was set. He told Judge Oakley he has worked for Pepsi for four years.

**Queen-Amina Amyre Hill**

Queen-Amina Amyre Hill, 25, of Inkster was charged with failure to return rented property \$20,000 or more, possession of narcotics or cocaine, and assaulting/restating/obstructing a police officer on Sept. 7 in Van Buren Township.

Her probable cause conference was adjourned to Oct. 4 for a possible resolution.

**Demario Shannon Brown**

Demario Shannon Brown, 19, of Romulus is charged with fleeing a police officer-fourth degree on Sept. 8 in Sumpter Township. Personal bond is \$20,000. The Sept. 20 probable cause conference was adjourned to Oct. 4 for discovery.

**Kevin Gunn****Jazmine Bass**

Former Wayne County Roads Division employees and co-defendants Kevin Gunn, 65, of W. Bloomfield and Jazmine Bass, 32, of Taylor waived their preliminary exams at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on Sept. 20 and were bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 4 arraignment on the information.

They each are charged with larceny, \$1,000 to \$20,000 on Dec. 5, 2021 in Wayne County and personal bond is \$5,000

each.

It is alleged that they stole over \$4,000 in county funds while they were employed by the county. Gunn was the supervisor of Bass when she worked in the Roads Division in the Bridges Department. It is alleged that Gunn diverted county workers who were paid overtime and took county-owned building materials to build out Bass' store, Romulus Nutrition, located in Romulus. Romulus Nutrition is not a Wayne County enterprise.

An investigation was undertaken by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Angela June Parker**

Angela June Parker, 42, of Sumpter Township was charged with operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content over .17 at 9:39 p.m. on Aug. 22 at Lower Huron Metropark. She was due for her arraignment/pretrial on Sept. 20. At that time charges were dismissed on a motion of the prosecuting attorney because there was no discovery.

**Robert Derek Jackson**

Robert Derek Jackson, 30, of Jonesboro, GA, was arraigned in custody of Van Buren Township police by video by Magistrate Al Hindman on Sept. 21 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and retail fraud on Sept. 18 in Van Buren Township.

The defendant refused to provide a telephone number or email address. His probable cause conference was set for Oct. 4. Bond was set at \$2,000/10% and he paid \$200 cash to post bond.

**Shahn Nicholas Curry**

Shahn Nicholas Curry, 26, of Dearborn Heights, is charged with possession of controlled substance (narcotic or cocaine) less than 25 grams and drove while license suspended on Oct. 26, 2021 in Van Buren Township. He was scheduled to be before Judge Oakley on July 27, 2022 for his probable cause conference, but he failed to appear. He was scheduled for a show-cause hearing on Aug. 17, 2022.

The court received a call from pre-trial services on July 29, 2022 advising that Curry was due to be arraigned that day on new charges out of Ferndale. The court was advised the defendant may be in custody

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# Court watching

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in the Oakland County Jail on the new charges on Aug. 17, 2022.

The probable cause conference was adjourned until Aug. 24, 2022. He was somewhere in the Oakland County jail system, so his probable cause conference was adjourned until Sept. 14, 2022, so they can find out where he is.

On Sept. 14, 2022 his live preliminary exam was set for Oct. 19 and on that day the exam was waived. He was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Nov. 2. The calendar conference was set for Nov. 14, but he failed to appear so a bench warrant was signed for his arrest. A bench warrant arraignment and calendar conference was set for Dec. 14, but he failed to appear. On Jan. 23, 2023 the case was reassigned from Circuit Court Judge Thomas Hathaway.

## Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr.

On May 10, 2022, before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Regina Thomas, Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr., 60, of Belleville pled *nolo contendere* to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

He was sentenced to probation for 1 year, 6 months and to pay a fee of \$1,498.

Carrier had been charged after an incident on Oct. 27, 2020 in the city of Belleville. Carrier waived his preliminary exam at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court and was bound over to circuit court on July 7, 2021.

## Constance Salina Davis

Constance Salina Davis, 40, of Columbus, Ohio, was charged with fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance and obtaining controlled substance with false prescription on March 22, 2021 in Van Buren Township. She was arraigned by Judge Green on Aug. 10, 2022 and \$10,000 personal bond set. Her probable cause conference was scheduled for Aug. 24.

Judge Green gave her permission to go to California for her grandmother's birthday party.

On Aug. 24, her live preliminary exam was set for Aug. 31. It was reset for Oct. 5. At that time she waived her exam and was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 19 arraignment on the information. A disposition conference was set for Oct. 27. She pled guilty to attempting to fraudulently obtain a controlled substance and the second charge was dismissed. On Nov. 28 she was sentenced to two years of probation along with \$1,958 in fees or 100 hours of community service instead of the fees.

## Shanya Alycia Dejahna Nelson

Shanya Alycia Dejahna Nelson was arraigned Aug. 10 on a charge of possession of narcotics or cocaine less than 25 grams on Jan. 18, 2019 in the city of Belleville. Her probable cause conference was set for Aug. 24. Personal bond is \$10,000.

On Aug. 24, her attorney Keshava Kirkland said she still doesn't have discovery in this case. Prosecutor Bryn Bailey said she made the request and never got the discovery. Kirkland said she wanted

the adjourned probable cause conference as soon as possible because this charge is affecting her client's chance to get jobs.

Judge Martin set the probable cause conference for Aug. 31. The live preliminary exam was set for Oct. 5, 2022.

At the exam, Belleville Police Officer Sarah Dzagulones testified that she made a traffic stop on Jan. 18, 2019 on High Street after a Chevrolet Malibu used the right-turn lane as a through lane. She testified she asked the driver for his license and he gave her an ID card because he didn't have a driver's license.

Officer Dzagulones testified the passenger, Nelson, said it was her car. She had no insurance but had a registration certificate. She asked the passenger for a driver's license, but she did not hand her one. Officer Dzagulones said she did locate a driver's license inside the vehicle later when the car was searched before being towed. She testified she checked that license with LEIN and SOS and found warrants for traffic violations and a suspended license.

She testified another officer took the driver into custody and she removed Nelson from the vehicle. Nobody could drive the vehicle so the vehicle was being impounded.

The officer said she could see that Nelson was pregnant and Nelson told her she was six months pregnant. Dzagulones said she did not handcuff her. When asked if she had anything on her, Nelson said she just had "weed" and the officer asked her to hand it to her since she couldn't take her into custody with drugs on her. She pulled a bag with a white powdery substance out of her bra, the officer testified.

After the exam, Nelson was bound over to circuit court on the charges for an Oct. 19 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for Nov. 4. A jury trial was set for Feb. 2, 2023. On Jan. 10 she pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Sentencing was set for Feb. 24 and then April 6. The case is now removed

from the court case site.

## Nicole Marie Gutekunst

Nicole Marie Gutekunst, 39, of Maybee had two charges against her and both were dismissed by the prosecutor at her Aug. 10 arraignment. She had been charged with driving while license suspended and invalid certificate of insurance on Jan. 1, 2017 in the city of Belleville.

## Joey Cleveland Frame

Joey Cleveland Frame, 53, of Romulus was arraigned Aug. 10, 2022 on charges of operating while intoxicated – third and driving with a blood alcohol content over .17 on June 5, 2022 in Sumpter Township. His probable cause conference was adjourned until Aug. 31 for discovery. His attorney Justin Barnett said he also would be seeking a diversionary letter.

The probable cause conference was adjourned until Sept. 21. On that date, Barnett said there was a plea agreement that would reduce the charge to OWI-2 with 60 to 90 days in jail and two years of probation and sobriety court.

Judge Green said she couldn't accept that plea until Frame had been interviewed for sobriety court, which she runs, to see if he qualifies. She adjourned the case until Oct. 12.

On Oct. 12, Judge Green said Frame was not eligible for 34<sup>th</sup> District Court sobriety court because he denies he has a problem and told probation he only wants sobriety court to get out of his felony.

Judge Green adjourned his probable cause conference until Nov. 2, so attorney Barnett could seek out a sobriety court in another nearby court.

On Nov. 2, Judge Green announced that her sobriety court had accepted Frame after his attorney pled in his favor before her committee. Frame pled guilty to a new charge of operating while intoxicated and the felony charge was removed. He was due to start sobriety court on Nov. 29.

Barnett said Frame is a personal friend of 30 years and he knows the court has to have strict rules for its sobriety court.

It was noted on court records that the charge of driving with more than BAC .17 was dismissed in error and he was due for sentencing Dec. 27 and a \$1,345 fine was levied.

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# Van Buren School Board considers 86 pages of policy updates

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public School Board of Education the board heard a report from president Amy Pearce on the 86 pages of updates recommended for the board's policy.

Some are recommended by Thrun Law Firm to be in line with the law and some are recommended by the board's policy committee.

Among the policies being updated include: Code of Ethics; Board Meetings/Organizational; Open Meeting Act and threat; Electronic Meetings; Sexual Harassment; Operations, Finance, and Property / Gifts and Donations / Distribution of Printed Material and Advertising in School; Bloodborne Pathogens; Asbestos Management (law); Firearms and Weapons; Pregnant Workers; Anti Harassment; Whistleblowers; Employee Complaint Procedures; Workplace Accommodations; Personal Communication Devices; Use of District Property; No Expectation of Privacy; Performance-Based Compensation for Teachers / Administrators; Student Discipline; Removal of Third-Grade Reading requirement; Reading Assessments; and Student-Initiated Clubs.



Two Belleville High School Equestrian Team members are Division D, Reserve Champions, MIHA District VII. They travel to Shiawassee, MI this coming weekend for the Region B meet. From left are rider Lilly Sanchez with her horse Blaze, coach Melissa LaForest, assistant coach Jordan Deming, and rider Lily Giacalone with her horse Moose.

The policy updates will be voted on at the next regular meeting on Oct. 9.

The board also approved Board Policy #5707, the School Wellness Policy, as

recommended by Thrun Law Firm and discussed in detail at the Sept. 11 meeting. This is required by state law to be approved by Oct. 1.

The policy has to do with unpaid student meal charges, that won't be a problem now that meals are free. But there are past-due amounts for various reasons and after the district tries to collect and fails, the past-due amounts will have to be written off as bad debts in the food department.

Then the district will pay off the debts from the general fund. The general fund will then be reimbursed by a government grant.

In other business at Monday's 44-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved Sixth Grade Camp 2023, Nov. 7-10, for about 180 sixth graders from Owen Intermediate School and 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade counselors. They will go to YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton by bus at a cost to students of \$225 each;

- Approved resignations of teachers Heather Palmer of Tyler/Savage after six years of service as of Sept. 30; Thomas Purcell of Owen after seven years, as of Sept. 23; and Kelly Jesue of Savage after six years as of Oct. 7;

- Approved the resignation of Crystal Humbarger, a paraprofessional, after one year of service as of Sept. 8;

- Approved the employment of Kaci Chandler and James Trussell for BHS Food Service as of Sept. 12; Matthew Wegienka as custodian in the Building & Grounds department, as of Sept. 18; and Justin Watson, as a school bus aide, as of Sept. 19;

- Heard Linda Clayton, class of 1971, thank the board for allowing the All-Class Reunion to be held at BHS on Sept. 16. She said it was the smallest group they ever had, barely over 100 people. She said the Robotics Club made T-shirts for alumni as they waited and this is a fund-raiser for the club. Millie Baker, class of 1944, the reunion treasurer, also was present at the board meeting. Clayton pointed out that Baker will be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> class reunion next year;

- Heard BHS student Natalie Payne, student board member, tell about how Spirit Week started that day and that the Homecoming football game is 7 p.m. on Friday. The Homecoming dance is Saturday;

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The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce helped Healthmarkets hold its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 20 at its new location at 186 Main St. in Belleville. Executives Agency owner Mike Gatteri of Van Buren Township cut the ribbon. Team members with him are Noreen Morando, Amanda Ciapas, Brenda Lucas, Brelen Wilkes, Connor Messina, Thomas Keast, and Darius Estell. Healthmarkets specializes in health insurance, as well as Medicare, life insurance, disability, dental and vision. The agency works with more than 200 companies in all 50 states. Gatteri said there is no charge for services, and walk-ins are always welcome.

## VBPS

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- Heard School Curriculum Director Jeff Moore and Supt. Pete Kudlak report on how the NJROTC group is growing, so much that another teacher has been approved by the Navy along with a \$150,000 grant for equipment. A large number of uniforms were donated to the BHS program by another school which no longer offers the program. Supt. Kudlak said the district also is working to reduce the size of classrooms by using federal ESSER money;
- Learned two freshman members of the BHS Equestrian Team – Lilly Sanchez and Lily Giacalone -- have won a district championship and are going to the regional meet this weekend. The team/club is Division D, Reserve Champion, MIHA District VII; and
- Went into closed-door session to consider the potential reinstatement of Student 21-22-074 for the 2023-24 school year. The student was expelled during the 2021-22 school year. After considering the details in closed session the board went back into open session and voted to reinstate the student with conditions.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



# VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 3, 2023 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comment on:

- The 2023 Amended and 2024 Proposed General Fund Budget
  - The 2023 Amended and 2024 Proposed Water/Sewer Fund Budget
  - The 2023 Amended and 2024 Proposed Special Revenue Funds
- Budgets**
1. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
  2. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
  3. Landfill Fund
  4. Belleville Area Museum
  5. E-9-1-1 Service Fund
  6. Federal Forfeiture Fund
  7. State Forfeiture Fund
  8. Long Term Debt Fund
  9. Capital Improvement Fund

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing

Copies of the Amended, Proposed and Special Revenue Funds will be available at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 one week prior to the public hearing and is available on the Township website [vanburen-mi.org](http://vanburen-mi.org).

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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# Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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/3PGLLOT>

• **Saturday, Oct. 7** – Van Buren Fire

Department Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. to noon at the fire hall at 7981 Belleville Rd. Tickets are \$5 each and all proceeds go to HART of Huron Valley. Menu: pancakes, sausage links, and coffee, juice, or milk.

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

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

#### Charter Township of Van Buren

#### Riggs Park – Trailhead Amenities

#### 1. RECEIPT OF BIDS

The Charter Township of Van Buren will receive sealed Bids for construction of the Charter Township of Van Buren Riggs Park – Trailhead Amenities at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Denton Room at Township Hall.

The project site is located on the southeast corner of Martinsville Road and E. Huron Drive

#### 2. SCOPE OF PROJECT

Site Clearing  
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Seeded Lawn  
Sodded Lawn (Alternate 2)  
Underground Sprinklers (Alternate 3, if Sodded Lawn alternate not accepted)

#### 3. FINANCING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded by The Charter of Van Buren Township General Fund.

#### 4. ISSUING OFFICE

Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to PEA Group 7927 Nemco Wau, Suite 120, Brighton, Michigan 48116. Attention: Marc Russell. Mobile Number : 248-231-0895.

#### 5. OBTAIN BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Bid Documents will be available commencing September 25, 2023 @ 2:00pm on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade (MITN) website:

<https://www.bidnetdirect.com>

Obtaining Bidding Documents from any source not identified herein may result in failure to receive addenda, corrections, or other revisions that may be issued.

#### 7. BID SECURITY

Bid security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders must be submitted with each Bid.

#### 8. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the actual date of opening thereof. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement of the Owner and any Bidder or Bidders.

#### 9. RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract.

#### 10. PREBID CONFERENCE

NONE

#### 11. ON-SITE LABOR

This is not a prevailing wage job.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

#### Sunday, Sept. 17:

0017 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Meri Dr.  
0852 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
0923 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1226 – family trouble, Washington St.  
1458 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1619 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1629 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.

1803 – family trouble, Arizona St.  
1931 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.  
2057 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2227 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

#### Monday, Sept. 18:

0137 – property damage accident, Carriage Ln. / Edgewood Dr.  
0643 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.  
0811 – traffic complaint/hazard, 48000 bl. Willis  
0926 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1037 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1125 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona  
1240 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1242 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1315 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1544 – disorderly person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1628 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1803 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.  
1905 – civil matter, Redwood St.  
2121 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2303 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 19:

0743 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0811 – personal injury accident, Willis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.  
0926 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.  
1043 – alarm, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1127 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.  
1340 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1602 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1720 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1823 – civil matter, Alaska St.  
1904 – family trouble, Montana St.  
1908 – family trouble, Brookview Dr.  
1930 – mental health call, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2258 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2307 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 20:

1025 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1034 – lost property, Rustic Ln.  
1037 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1412 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1420 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Ct.  
1508 – felony warrant arrest, 18000 Elwell Rd.  
1646 – assist other agency, out of township

1731 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1812 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1943 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

#### Thursday, Sept. 21:

0907 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.  
0953 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Sumpter  
1145 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Kozma  
1234 – recovered UDAA, Washington/California  
1342 – fraud complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1622 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Inkster Rd.  
1649 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1855 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Willis  
1954 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2232 – welfare check, Willow Rd./Sherwood Rd.  
2304 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.

#### Friday, Sept. 22:

0143 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.  
0836 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willis  
0905 – family trouble, Tulip Dr.  
0938 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.  
1117 – citizen assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1207 – traffic complaint/hazard, 17000 bl. Sumpter  
1244 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1313 – follow-up investigation, Tulip Dr.  
1322 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1355 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
1358 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1431 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1435 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1613 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willis  
1708 – suspicious circumstance, 8100 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1733 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
1757 – follow-up investigation, Brookview Dr.  
2202 – assist other agency, out of township  
2320 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.  
2553 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

#### Saturday, Sept. 23:

0039 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.  
0130 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0351 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis  
0532 – damage property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0919 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1106 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.  
1116 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1205 – citizen assist, Birch Dr.  
1308 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Wear  
1341 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.  
1446 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1619 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1737 – shots fired, Idaho St.  
1817 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1921 – traffic complaint/hazard, 45000 bl. Bontekoe Ave.

1934 – neighbor dispute, Magnolia Dr.  
2106 – neighbor dispute, Montana St.  
Also on this week's log are 154 patrol checks, 98 traffic stops, and nine misc. dispatches.

## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 302 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Sept. 17:

0150 – assist other dept., Greenwood Dr.  
0442 – 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr.  
0509 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brookside Dr.  
0547 – suicidal person, Michigan Ave.  
0608 – suicidal person, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
0917 – welfare check, Meadows Ln.  
0938 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0941 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1039 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1118 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1128 – domestic, Frederick Ct.  
1131 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1208 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride  
1216 – unattended death, Pinewood Ln.  
1502 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Winchester St.  
1514 – 911 welfare check, Republic Dr.  
1533 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.  
1639 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1648 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.  
1728 – harassment call, Holly Ln.  
1751 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Blvd.  
1847 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.  
1852 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hamilton St.  
1903 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1921 – welfare check, McKinley St.  
2001 – retail fraud, Michigan Ave.  
2101 – retail fraud, disorderly  
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.  
2317 – repossession, Oak Ln.

### Monday, Sept. 18:

0037 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0332 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
0400 – hospice death, Edgar Ave.  
0511 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0821 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd./Ayres Rd.  
0859 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.  
0909 – welfare check, Pinewood Ln.  
1017 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.  
1046 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ormond Dr.  
1059 – animal complaint, Lilac Ln.  
1109 – behavioral health run, Tyler Rd.  
1113 – narcotics crime, McKinley St.  
1120 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.  
1149 – private property impound, Michigan Ave.  
1159 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1207 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1310 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1524 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.

1539 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1640 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
1713 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1716 – assist fire dept., Oak Blvd.  
1719 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1727 – fraud, Jackson St.  
1842 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1837 – disorderly, Oak Blvd.  
1856 – misc. complaint, Westlake Cir.  
1925 – disorderly, Oak Blvd.  
2141 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.  
2215 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

### Tuesday, Sept. 19:

0002 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Denton Rd.  
0040 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.  
0113 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0444 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
0627 – property damage accident, Rawsonville  
0657 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.  
0708 – disorderly, McKinley St.  
0711 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Jackson St.  
0906 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

0906 – assist citizen, S. Edgemont  
0935 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1014 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1051 – assist fire dept., McKinley St.  
1116 – threat, W. Huron River Dr.  
1125 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1204 – harassment call, Country Walk Ct.  
1201 – 911 welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.  
1217 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1254 – abandoned auto, Stephanie Dr./Belleville  
1337 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
1524 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.  
1703 – civil matter, Sheldon Rd.  
1835 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bristol/Chandler  
1840 – larceny from auto, Victoria St.  
1901 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Barnwell Dr.  
1940 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.  
2012 – animal complaint, Fairbanks St.  
2104 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2243 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd.  
2306 – misc. complaint, Dewitt Rd.

### Wednesday, Sept. 20:

0146 – domestic, Maurice Dr.  
0207 – welfare check, Denton/Mott  
0411 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
0557 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
0709 – unattended death, Hoeft Rd.  
0752 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0757 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0816 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Point Blvd.  
0822 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen  
0928 – intrusion alarm, Linda Vista Ct.  
0929 – intrusion alarm, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0956 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.  
1124 – assist other dept., Winding Pond Dr.  
1301 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.  
1317 – fraud, North Shore Dr.  
1457 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.  
1624 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.  
1637 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1645 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1725 – civil matter, Lenmoore Ave.  
1853 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1918 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.  
1947 – property damage accident, Belleville  
2008 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.  
2138 – fraud, Evelyn Ct.  
2250 – traffic offense, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
2349 – repossession, Meadows Ct.

### Thursday, Sept. 21:

0055 – malicious destruction of property, Water's Edge Ln.  
0154 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0708 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0710 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0820 – assist other dept., Water's Edge Ln.  
0903 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.  
1007 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Sumpter Rd.  
1053 – domestic, Republic Dr.  
1418 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.  
1608 – property check, Van Born Rd.  
1609 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1621 – traffic offense, E. Huron River/Haggerty  
1654 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1705 – family trouble, S. Timberview Dr.  
1852 – mental subject, Winchester St.  
1919 – overdose, Hull Rd.  
2010 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2017 – repossession, Meadows Cir.  
2019 – property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse  
2127 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2137 – property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2145 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr.  
2205 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.  
2315 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.

### Friday, Sept. 22:

0014 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.

0041 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.  
0442 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0657 – 911 welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
0707 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton  
0828 – intrusion alarm, Greenbriar Dr.  
0826 – motorist assist, Haggerty/EB I-94 ramp  
0824 – 911 welfare check, Truman  
0921 – juvenile complaint, Bradley Dr.  
1017 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1034 – civil matter, Oak Ln.  
1046 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.  
1046 – motorist assist, Belleville/N. I-94 Service  
1116 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1133 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1146 – welfare check, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.  
1156 – animal complaint, Anna Dr.  
1219 – neighbor trouble, Bentley Dr.  
1300 – traffic offense, Marina Dr.  
1333 – property damage accident, Village Green  
1355 – assist other dept., Ladonna  
1433 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.  
1450 – PPO violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1526 – welfare check, Meadows of Van Buren  
1551 – assist fire dept., EB Michigan Ave./bypass  
1626 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hull Rd.  
1632 – misc. complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
1729 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.  
1958 – suicidal person, Republic Dr.  
2053 – parking complaint, Jackson Ct.  
2115 – motorist assist, Tyler/Belleville  
2143 – welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.  
2212 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Clayton  
2243 – unauthorized driving away of auto, EB I-94 / I-275

### Saturday, Sept. 23:

0129 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0158 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.  
0202 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0838 – assist other dept., Ecorse  
1050 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1143 – assist fire dept., Daisy Blvd.  
1220 – animal complaint, Rawsonville / W. Huron River Dr.  
1230 – animal complaint, Beck Fields  
1324 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.  
1444 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty  
1505 – welfare check, Sage Cir./Purple Sage Ct.  
1531 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1558 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1559 – intrusion alarm, Alen Ave.  
1645 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.  
1727 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1858 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1910 – intrusion alarm, Chandler  
1922 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.  
1953 – welfare check, Senate St.  
1958 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2009 – mental subject, Evelyn Ct.  
2102 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse  
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Archwood Dr.  
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Old Rawsonville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 98 traffic stops, with 15 being on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Sept. 17:

1237 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.  
1531 – suspicious person/vehicle, circumstance, Charles Ct.  
1703 – larceny, Main St.  
**Monday, Sept. 18:**  
0632 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.  
0804 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.  
1002 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./rr track  
1025 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.  
1208 – juvenile complaint, South St.  
1352 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.  
1400 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.

1411 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Biggs  
1424 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
1547 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave./Edison  
1559 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1707 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia  
1722 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.  
1828 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1828 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.

### Tuesday, Sept. 19:

0812 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0818 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Edgemont Ave.  
0854 – repossession, W. Columbia Ave.  
1022 – disorderly, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1047 – property damage accident, Sumpter/South  
1117 – threat, E. Huron River Dr.  
1331 – larceny, Main St.  
1417 – animal complaint, Bedell St.  
1423 – civil matter, Main St.  
1503 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.  
1555 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
2012 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.  
2113 – warrant arrest, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2222 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 20:**  
0005 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
1009 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St. / E. Wabash Ave.  
1134 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1204 – property check, N. Liberty St.  
1248 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1355 – noise complaint, Bedell St.  
1526 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2133 – found property/child, W. Columbia Ave.  
2241 – civil matter, N. Biggs Ave.

### Thursday, Sept. 21:

1542 – property damage accident, Main St.  
2006 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bay Pointe Dr.

### Friday, Sept. 22:

0731 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Oxford Ct.  
0802 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.  
0824 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.  
0836 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1017 – traffic offense, Main St./First St.  
1034 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
1051 – traffic offense, South St.  
1138 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1225 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1319 – property damage accident, Main St./High  
1437 – fight, W. Columbia Ave./Edison Ave.  
1500 – harassment call, Main St.  
1636 – welfare check, Estrada Dr.  
1654 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.  
1705 – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.  
1710 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1717 – traffic offense, Belleville/S. Service Dr.  
1723 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.  
1740 – traffic offense, Main St./First St.  
1756 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1804 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St./Third St.  
2058 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
2115 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.  
2111 – suicidal person, Loza Ln.  
2203 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Biggs  
2204 – welfare check, Main St.

### Saturday, Sept. 23:

0337 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.  
0639 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.  
0745 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River  
0758 – traffic stop, Main St.  
0808 – traffic offense, Third St./Church St.  
0841 – traffic offense, Main St./Roys St.  
0857 – traffic stop, Church St.  
0916 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon  
1258 – assist other dept., Carmell St.  
1345 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.  
1355 – traffic stop, High St.  
1409 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1426 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Angola  
1434 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.  
1452 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1546 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1610 – harassment call, Carmell St.  
1619 – malicious destruction of property, South St.  
2001 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola  
2011 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.

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

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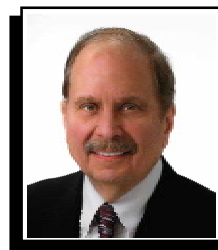
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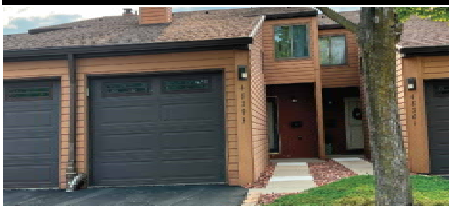
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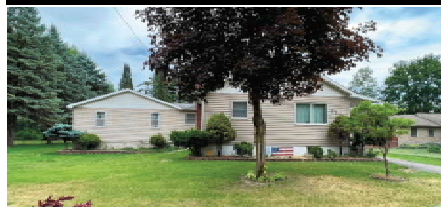
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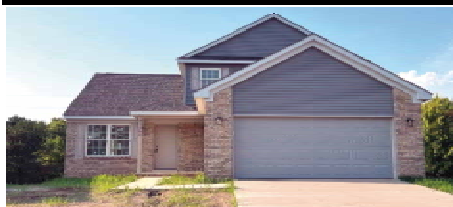
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