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Police investigate shooting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After last Thursday's first home football game at Belleville High School, as people celebrated the win inside Egan's Pub around 11 p.m., a stolen Jeep drove erratically northbound on Main Street and occupants peppered another car with bullets.

That targeted car, holding a man, a woman, a toddler and an infant, careened into the building at the southwest corner of Fourth Street Place and Main Street.

John Winter, who owns Egan's Pub across the street from the crash with his wife Jennifer, said he and others came outside after the car had just hit the wall.

Winter said people called out that the man who had exited the car, taken off his shirt and collapsed had been shot. There was a woman who had been shot and he said he checked the back seat where he found a two-year-old girl who was hysterical and a four-month-old infant, both of whom were unharmed.

Winter said they rolled the man over, saw he was shot in his side, and his daughter Mary started CPR on the man while they waited for the EMTs and police. He said the man was conscious and told them he didn't know who shot him. Both victims were taken to a hospital and the man was listed in critical but stable condition and the woman in stable condition.

Just before the shooting, Van Buren Township Police had alerted Belleville that a Jeep believed stolen was coming southbound into the city and a Belleville officer responded, finding the car then speeding northbound.

Both Van Buren and Belleville officers chased the car onto I-94 eastbound and the



A Dodge Charger SXT was shot numerous times, wounding the male driver and female passenger, but missing the two children in the back seat. The driver crashed into the building, got out of the car and collapsed.



Independent photos by James Otzman

On Friday morning, Sept. 1, police marked more than 30 shell casings on Main Street at the corner of the Fourth Street Place from a shooting at about 11 p.m. Thursday.

car finally crashed in Inkster, with three people escaping and a AR-15 found in the back seat of the abandoned car. Police said two of the suspects were armed.

Police then were informed about the shooting. Main Street was closed until about 9:58 Friday morning while the investigation continued.

Winter said he gave police some plastic foam cups that they used to mark the 30-

some casings in the street.

Police said they believed the stolen vehicle was involved in the shooting, but did not say if the shooting was targeted or random.

Winter told channel 2 news that it was a blessing the shooting happened so late because otherwise the pub's patio would have been crowded with people and kids would be coming out of the library.

"My daughter was a hero," Winter told channel 2. "I don't think he would have made it if it wasn't for her."

On Friday, teams from Detroit TV channels 2, 4, and 7 were in downtown Belleville.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

New Belleville city manager is current Litchfield manager

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At a special meeting of the Belleville City Council on Aug. 28, the council voted 3-2 to offer the position of city manager to Jason Smith, currently serving as city manager in the city of Litchfield. The city attorney will negotiate the contract with him.

Council members Ken Voigt and Jeremiah Beebe voted against the motion to hire Smith, explaining that they had nothing against Smith, but that they wanted the current city project manager Steve Jones to move up to city manager.

But Council members Kelly Bates and Tom Fielder voted for Smith and Mayor Kerreen Conley broke the two-two tie to cast the deciding vote for Smith.

Mayor Conley explained the situation at the beginning of the meeting, noting the city manager position was vacated June 1 after David Robinson resigned to take a much-higher-paying position as city manager of the city of Monroe.

Belleville posted the vacancy. She said there were seven or eight rounds of applications reviewed by the council. There were several rounds of interviews and then some candidates were chosen for a second round of interviews and each one of those filled out a lengthy questionnaire.

Project Manager Steve Jones submitted his application with the fifth group of candidates being considered. He did not have the college credentials or experience required for a candidate according to the city charter, but he was granted what amounted to a "second" interview with the council and he submitted the questionnaire. It was called a "courtesy interview for an internal candidate."

The final four candidates announced by the council for consideration at the Aug. 28 meeting were: James Krizan, Lincoln Park city manager; Jason Smith, Litchfield city manager; Ryan Madis, Ortonville village manager; and Jones.

"The questionnaire we had was quite extensive," said Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt. "The mayor came up with that and it was excellent."

Councilman Beebe said all of the candidates had their own strengths. And, Voigt agreed all four were really good choices. Mayor Conley said in the past when they were selecting a city manager they had one candidate and then that one didn't take it and then they had none.

"I was impressed with the number of applicants and the quality," said Councilman Fielder. "I saw excitement. This was a more happening place than where they were coming from."

"I knew Steve [Jones] from school and

was impressed with his ability to take charge of things," Fielder said. "But the charter does have specific credentials for a reason.

"I didn't support him as one of my top two choices because I don't think he meets the qualifications of a city manager as expressed in the charter," Fielder said.

Beebe said he spent a lot of time thinking about his choice. He said Jones has the opportunity to improve and continue the flow here in the city. He said Jones had been a part of the city for a long time and was taught by the former city manager.

He said there are bigger issues coming up, like bonding.

Councilwoman Bates said they have four really good candidates and Smith was her top candidate. She said his interview was strong.

Voigt said he thought Jones ought to be given a shot at the job with a six-month contract. He said everyone on the council wanted to go out for external candidates and the council has spent extensive hours on the hiring process and got a really good talent pool.

"I've worked with him for 16 years," Voigt said of Jones, referring to the Music Lakeside concerts. "I named him my top candidate. I knew his strengths and weaknesses.

"I like Jason a lot, but with Steve the positives outweigh the negatives," Voigt said. "It gives me a little heartburn that he doesn't have a degree. This is a multi-million-dollar corporation, but he is a quick study. You only need to tell him something once. He has a big heart. For me it's Steve #1, Jason #2. Jason had the strongest interview and his resume was the strongest."

Mayor Conley said she had done the job of city manager and knows what it takes. She said there was a lot of learning for the former city manager who started out as police chief and then became chief/manager in one position. The deputy city manager Robinson hired didn't work out so a project manager was hired. The council isn't eliminating that position and the budget was passed with that position in place, along with city manager, she said.

She said Jones was not her top selection and there is a much bigger learning curve than is suggested. She said the city has someone in the project manager position and if that person was moved then there would have to be training for the new project manager, having two getting to know their jobs at once.

She said she liked Smith and Krizan. She said Lincoln Park doesn't have a downtown, but Krizan also was in Royak Oak that does. Mayor Conley said she



Jason Smith

was on vacation, but she heard Krizan's interview.

She said the council has to evaluate all the candidates fairly and Jones had one of the weaker interviews. Krizan's interview was good and Smith's was very good.

Paper ballots were filled out by the council members naming their top two candidates and Acting Police Chief Kris Faull tallied the scores.

James Krizan and Ryan Madis were eliminated, leaving Smith and Jones.

Fielder said there's a reason the charter requires equivalency of experience or a degree because the job requirements go beyond managing an office. He said if someone is just using the job for a stepping stone and moves on to somewhere else, "It happens."

"Everyone up here has their heart in the right place," Voigt said of the council members. "I have great respect for your ideas," he said to Fielder.

"His predecessor recommended him for the job," Voigt said of former city manager Robinson recommending Jones. Voigt said the council could put the names of all four finalists in a hat and pick one out and the one chosen would be good.

Fielder said Jones could become qualified in the future while training on the job.

Beebe said he picked Smith first and Krizan as his second choice, but any one of the four would be good.

Mayor Conley said they could drop Madis because he didn't have the depth of experience. Voigt said Krizan and Smith were quite close and Krizan has experience with downriver.

Voigt said the city is going to have to deal with a large road project and Smith is the most well-rounded. He said Smith had

experience with high-level proposals and when asked for the worst mistake he ever made he was the most straight-forward.

"I like people with all their foibles," he said, noting James came close behind.

Mayor Conley said she would hire someone who is using this job as a stepping stone because they will give their all for a resume. She pointed out the last city manager, who left for a better job, said this was the last place in his career and, "You have to take what they say with a grain of salt."

Voigt said the city has made a lot of progress in the last four years, but there is more to go.

Fielder suggested making Jones' position into assistant city manager and he could step in as necessary.

Mayor Conley said the council lowered the job description for Jones' position. She said there was only one item on the evening's agenda and that was to name a city manager. If they wanted to change Jones' title to assistant city manager it would have to be at another meeting.

Beebe asked if it is fair to the new city manager to change the Jones title, since two council members running for reelection prefer Jones for the position?

Mayor Conley said there could be two formats: for the council to change the title to assistant city manager or for the new city manager ask for Jones to be the assistant, and do it in the future.

"He's somebody who knows all the names in town," Fielder said of Jones.

"If we go for an external candidate, Steve [Jones] could be groomed for the city manager position in the future," Voigt said.

Mayor Conley said she thinks the council has waited too long to select a city manager and it should take a vote. She said if they waited too much longer they would lose their candidates.

A motion was made by Fielder and seconded by Bates to hire Jason Smith and when he is hired let him make the decision on an assistant.

Beebe and Voigt voted no, leaving a 2-2 tie, which was broken by Mayor Conley's vote for Smith.

Smith had been observing the meeting by zoom and so Mayor Conley addressed him, saying the city is extending a contract to him.

"I'm listening to the conversation and I'm happy to work with that line of succession worked out," Smith said.

When the mayor asked how soon he could be in the position, he said his contract with Litchfield needed 60 days for him to get all the benefits he had earned.

After the adjournment of the meeting and

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Shooting unnerves Belleville residents

A group of revelers at Egan's Pub last Thursday night were celebrating the Belleville High School football win over Stevenson. It was the team's first home game this season and BHS prevailed. The game the week before also was a winner.

At around 11 p.m., all the fun turned to horror when gunshots rang out on the Pub's doorstep and a car smashed into a building with four people inside. The man and the woman were shot, but the two-year-old girl and four-month-old baby were unharmed. The little girl was screaming and afraid and people ran over from Egan's to comfort her and to tend to the wounded. Mary Winter started CPR on the man who had torn off his bloody shirt before collapsing on Fourth Street Square.

Before long, the two were rushed to the hospital by ambulance and police were blocking off Main Street for investigation. John Winter, one of the owners of Egan's, gave the police paper cups to use to mark the locations of the 30-some casings.

The effect on the community was chilling. One man said he had lived in Ypsilanti and shootings have been common there for years. But in Belleville, this was rare.

This cozy small town had been considered safe, but now it was not. It was like all the other larger towns that were experiencing violence, residents are saying.

Remember when it was safe to walk your dog at night? Or, watch the stars?

We were shocked to hear that Van Buren Public Schools is the only district within 50 miles that does not have a fully functioning media center in every school.

We were late and missed the presentation on the media center at the Aug. 28 school board meeting because it overlapped with a meeting of the city council which was selecting a new city manager.

Later we received a recording of the media center presentation to the school board by Supt. Kudlak and Principal Crockett. We also learned that Terree O'Neil-Darling from Senator Darrin Camilleri's office was there for the media center presentation.

Sen. Camilleri is going to reintroduce a bill to make librarians/libraries mandatory in all K-12 schools in Michigan.

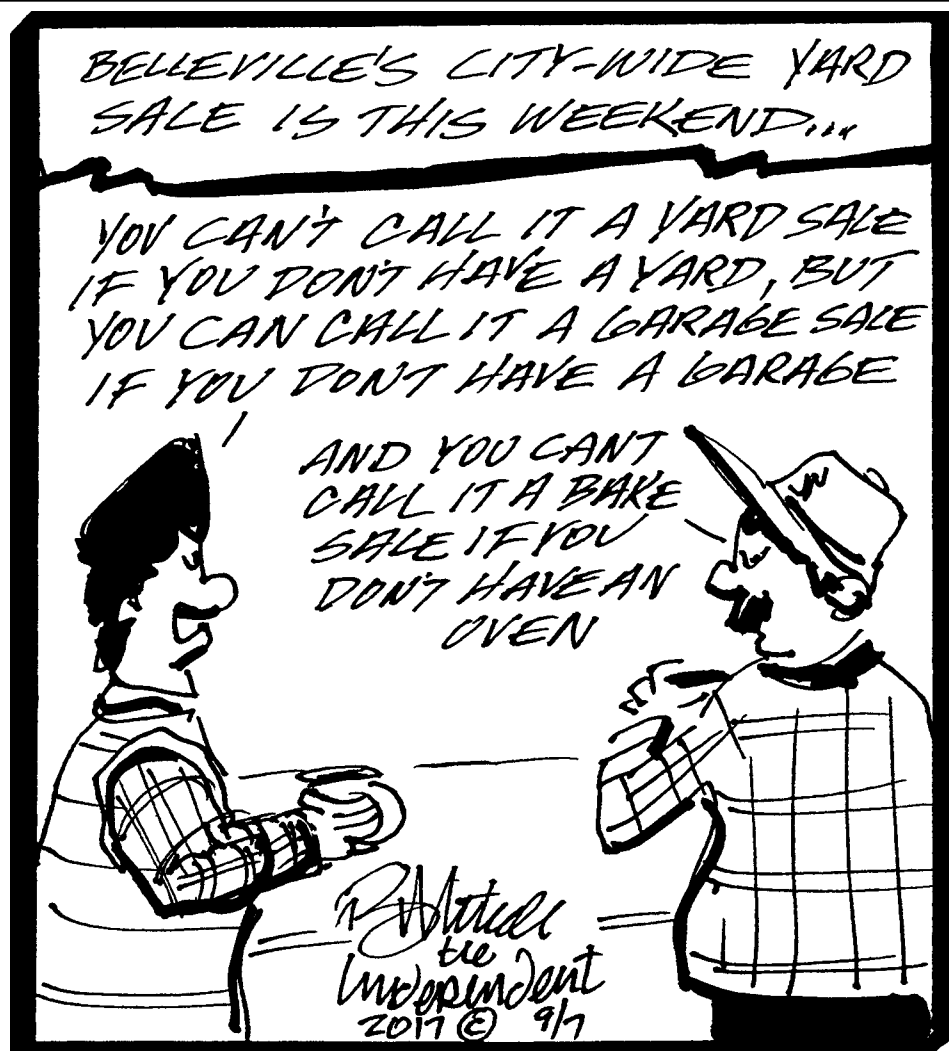
Later, we learned that an educator had provided Supt. Kudlak with the information to apply for a grant that would cover the library media specialist endorsement (15 credit hours at Wayne State – all online) for the English teacher who is working in the media center during 4th hour (lunch hour) this year, but he reportedly told her they would not be applying for it.

A written report that had been presented to the district says the readers who mainly check out books at the school ride the bus to and from school and are not able to walk over to district library in downtown Belleville after school to use those facilities.

The school board was told that students can order books in their English class and the books will be delivered to them.

Not the same as browsing. We've found the best books by just looking around to see what's there.

A neighbor to Victory Park recently told



the Belleville City Council that drivers were regularly exceeding the 15 mph speed limit on South Liberty Street and she sees kids run out from the park on that street and she is afraid a child will be hurt.

She was told the city would put out a traffic sign that tells the driver what their vehicle's speed is, but the city's sign has been broken for years. Acting Police Chief Kris Faull said she would borrow one from Van Buren Township. VBT got it ready and charged it up and it was delivered to the street. It didn't work long.

Chief Faull said it was inadvertently put in the shade of a tree and it needed sunshine because it was solar-powered. It was recharged and put in a sunny location and now is working fine.

My cousin Richard said he had propped open the door to his house to shoo a bat out of the house and his cat ran out, as well. Now, he is working at getting his cat to come back in the house. He can see her and he leaves food out for her, but she likes staying outside.

When we were delivering papers to the mobile home park office on Belle Villa Drive in Belleville last Thursday, we saw many trees that had been sawed up and many more that had fallen and were waiting for disposal. This was in the wake of the Aug. 24 tornado that went through this area. We didn't realize that so many

trees had been damaged in that area.

Our office has been closed at times we usually are open because of all of us here pitching in to deliver papers to our many drop locations. We apologize. We'll be back to normal once we get someone to do the whole delivery route that is uncovered for now.

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On our police dispatch logs for last week, there are three stolen cars listed in Belleville and three in Van Buren Township. None in Sumpter.

And, besides the shooting on Main Street last Thursday night, the logs show another shooting on W. Wabash Street in Belleville on Tuesday night and one on the S. Service Drive in Van Buren Township on Saturday night. Shots fired also were reported on Third Street at 7:52 p.m. on Aug. 28 in Sumpter Township.



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Doreen Binder

DOREEN BINDER

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Age 98, passed away peacefully Thursday, August 17, 2023 in Howell, MI. She was born April 8, 1925 in Ypsilanti, MI, the daughter of Lawrence and Lois (Ribble) Binder. Doreen was a lifetime resident of Ypsilanti. She was an educator for 42 years in Belleville Public Schools. She was preceded in death by her brother Richard and his wife Susan. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. A memorial mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 411 Florence Street, Ypsilanti on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. with visitation beginning at 1:30 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Twelve apts. affected in Tuesday morning's fire at The Waverly in VBT

At 5:15 a.m. Tuesday, the Van Buren Township Fire Department was dispatched to a fire that started on the third floor of an apartment building at The Waverly and burned up to the roof.

The Waverly is located on the South I-94 Service Drive between Beckley and Denton roads.

VBT Fire Chief Dave McNally said the fire burned the roof off four units and 12 units were affected between water and fire damage. Firefighters were working on hot spots after the blaze was extinguished.

Chief McNally said the fire was extinguished with the help of fire departments from Sumpter Township, Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Metro Airport, Canton Township, Ypsilanti Township and Ypsilanti city, Superior Township, along with HART (Huron Valley Supporting Emergency Responders in Washtenaw County) and Belleville Fire Auxiliary.

No injuries were reported as of Tuesday morning.

On Aug. 13, a jet performing in the 25th Thunder Over Michigan airshow at Willow Run Airport crashed into unoccupied vehicles in the apartment complex's parking lot and the two occupants ejected into Belleville Lake. This is the third fire at the complex this year, with other blazes on March 3 and July 5.

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Obituaries



Sharon Lee
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SHARON LEE RICHENDOLLAR

(June 9, 1942 – September 1, 2023)

Sharon Lee Richendollar, age 81, resident of Belleville and formerly of Albion, MI, passed away on September 1, 2023, at home in hospice care surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 9, 1942, to Joseph O'Malley and June (Lockwood) O'Malley in Albion, MI. During her later elementary years, Sharon was befriended by Sister Pangracious, a Dominican nun, who was instrumental in Sharon procuring a scholarship to St. Joseph's Academy. Here, she studied to become a nun for two years and mastered the clarinet and then pursued the day student curriculum, graduating in 1960. She then joined her family, who had moved to Hillsdale, MI, where they owned and operated O'Malley's Tavern. She married the love of her life, Jim, and they had 61 wonderful years together. At age 50, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Madonna University and taught elementary students at Lincoln Consolidated Schools. Sharon was a lady of many talents. She was an excellent seamstress, sewing uniforms for the BHS cheerleaders, creating dance recital costumes, and making wedding gowns, prom dresses, and many quilts. She was also an excellent cook and even helped manage the farm. Sharon was the epitome of love and sacrifice, tutoring children in need. She attended nearly all of the vast and varied events of her children and grandchildren. She was a paragon of motherhood and grandmotherhood and helped care for many of her grandchildren. It is inspiring how much Sharon loved her family and gave her talents to this world freely. Her deep love, touching gentleness, and sincere caring positively affected anyone in her presence.

Sharon is survived by her loving and loyal husband, James Richendollar of Belleville, MI; her children, Laura (Antonio) Aquilar of Belleville, MI, Melvin (Margaret) Richendollar of Roseville, MI, Betty (Ronald) Small of Belleville, MI, and Anthony (Ann) Richendollar of Belleville, MI; her grandchildren, Tara (Matthew) Minton, Monica (Adam) Schwartz, Nathan Richendollar, Nolan Richendollar, Melissa Cisneros, Brendt Small, BreAnne Small, Brittany Small, Brandon (Kaitlyn) Small, Megan Richendollar, Noah Richendollar, Jack Richendollar, Mario Richendollar, and Marley Richendollar; her great-grandchildren, Gabriella, Sophia, Joseph, Isabella, Alexander, and Denorris; her sisters-in-law Nancy (Timothy) O'Malley of Jackson, MI, and Judith (Robert) McLaughlin of Fort Wayne, IN; as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of friends and neighbors.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Michael and Timothy O'Malley, and in-laws John and Karen Richendollar and Robert McLaughlin.

Visitation for Sharon will be Thursday, September 7, 2023, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday, September 8, 2023, from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m., at David C. Brown Funeral Home,

460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, 48111, on Saturday, September 9, 2023, with an 11 a.m. Mass, and one hour visitation prior to the service. Father Bryan Shackett will serve as Celebrant. A burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery, 46785 Denton Rd., Belleville, MI, 48111.

Memorial contributions may be made to www.tigercreek.org and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Steve Allen Duncan

STEVE ALLEN DUNCAN

(August 10, 1943 – August 24, 2023)

Steve Allen Duncan, age 80, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away Thursday, August 24, 2023, at Regency at Whitmore Lake, MI. He was born August 10, 1943, in Highland Park, MI, son of Carlos Allen & Zelma Louise (Wilkins) Duncan. Steve graduated from Paducah Tilghman High School, Kentucky, and also graduated from Paducah Community College in Kentucky then attended Murray State College in Murray, Kentucky. Steve went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed being a member of the softball team for the American Legion Post #46, where he served as secretary and treasurer. Steve is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sheri Lee (Perry) Duncan of Ann Arbor, MI; three sisters: Marcella (Craig) Kinsey of Ypsilanti, MI, Carleen Duncan of Clearwater, Florida, and Beverly (John) Wilson of Belleville, MI; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dignified cremation rites will be accorded to honor his wishes. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A Memorial Service will be Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM at Metro Baptist Church, 47100 N. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville, MI, with Pastor John Vaprezzan officiating. The family will welcome guests from 5-6 PM at the church. Inurnment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post #46 and would be appreciated.

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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Sept. 7** – Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Franklin HS, 4 p.m.; JV Football vs. Churchill HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Saturday, Sept. 9** – Freshman Volleyball, Tiger Invitational, 8 a.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 12** – Girls Varsity Golf vs. Churchill HS, 4 p.m. at Willow Metropark Golf Course; Boys & Girls Cross Country vs. Churchill HS, 4 p.m. at Willow Metropark Chestnut Grove Area; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 5:30 p.m.

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zoom was turned off, the council discussed possible details of the contract, including requested salary of \$85,000, paid-time-off days, possible \$5,000 moving expenses, length of contract (possibly two years), and a background check. The attorney will present the proposed contract to the council for consideration.

Smith has been city manager of the city of Litchfield since 2021 and currently has 11 full-time and four part-time employees under his supervision.

Prior to that, from 2019-21, he was executive director for the Eaton Rapids Downtown Development Authority. He was mayor of the City of Jackson for 2013-15.

On the candidate questionnaire, Smith replied to a question about a background check: "The social media check will come back with no issues. My social media is very tame and is usually just pictures of my kids and/or me on our adventures. Checking my background will find stories about my time as mayor and articles about the City of Litchfield's activities. Additionally, you will find my divorce, as well as a dismissed claim filed by a former landlord in 2014. There are also traffic tickets from years past, all of which have been paid."

As far as his contract, he requested six months of severance if terminated without cause and none if terminated with cause and "protection from removal during the 60 days following a change on the City Council, in order to have an opportunity to work with any new council. This portion of the terms are open to negotiation."

During his first interview on July 22, Smith said he is a Rotary member and he is visible in the community and promotes the community. He said transparency was important and residents don't see what goes on in the office and why decisions are made, so you have to keep them informed.

At his first interview, Smith, who lives in Jackson, presented his education as a bachelor of arts in public administration in September 2019 from the University of Arizona Global Campus and a master of public administration in May 2021 from the University of Arizona Global Campus. He was elected mayor of the City of Jackson and he worked on Jackson Radio Works as on-air talent 2016-21 and currently serves as play-by-play announcer for local high school sports.

Court Watching

Devin Joseph Montour

Devin Joseph Montour, 23, of Sumpter Township, was present for his remote pretrial before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Aug. 30 on a charge of domestic violence on Aug. 12 in Sumpter Township. He was video arraigned in custody Aug. 14 at Huron Township PD and personal bond was \$1,000. His final pretrial was set for Sept. 20 and the victim must appear.

Jacob Bryant Bradley

Jacob Bryant Bradley, 20, of Ypsilanti, was charged with having no boater's safety certificate and reckless operation of a personal watercraft at 3:47 a.m. on July 30 in Van Buren Township. After paying the costs assessed, the charge was changed and the payments voided. A prehearing by zoom was set for Aug. 30 before Judge Green and at that time the charges were dismissed on a motion of the prosecuting attorney.

Richard Philip Henry III

Richard Philip Henry III, 29, of Van Buren Township, was set for his probable cause hearing on Aug. 30 before Judge Green on a charge of assault with intent to harm less than murder and domestic violence on April 16 in Van Buren Township. On Aug. 30 all charges were dismissed by the prosecuting attorney.

Juan Carlos Darty

Juan Carlos Darty, 42, of Van Buren Township, was due for his probable cause conference on Aug. 30 before Judge Green on 12 charges from Aug. 20 in Van Buren Township. Charges included assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to harm less than murder, assault, and weapons charges. His bond was \$100,000/10%, with tether and house arrest if released. A bail bondsman posted bond. A preliminary exam was set for Oct. 11.

Robert Jefferson Blossom

Robert Jefferson Blossom, 58, of Whittaker, was set for his probable cause conference before Judge Green on Aug. 30 on charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd, operating with blood alcohol higher than .17, open intoxicant in vehicle, and drove while license suspended on June 8 in Sumpter Township.

On Aug. 30, the OWI charge and the DWLS charge were dismissed and he pled guilty to blood alcohol content higher and open intoxicant. Probation module action on the counts and a review is scheduled for Sept. 22.

Ryan Larry Moore

Ryan Larry Moore, 39, of Van Buren Township, was set for his probable cause conference on Aug. 23 before Judge Green on two charges of criminal sexual conduct (force or coercion) and one charge of CSC with assault and intent at penetration on Feb. 27, 2022 in Van Buren Township.

On Aug. 23, his preliminary exam was waived and he was bound over to circuit

court for a Sept. 6 arraignment on the information. Personal bond is \$5,000.

Brandon Henry Davis-Devine

Brandon Henry Davis-Devine, 38, of Detroit was set for this arraignment/probable cause conference before Judge Green on Aug. 23. He is charged with uttering and publishing – possession of counterfeit notes with intent and possession of counterfeit notes on Dec. 12 in Van Buren Township. His preliminary exam was set for Oct. 4. Bond is \$50,000 personal.

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Michigan Court of Appeals upholds VBEA grievance on pay

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools must pay the teacher who taught extra students as agreed under the collective bargaining agreement unless the district decides to appeal a Court of Appeals decision to the Michigan Supreme Court.

On Aug. 24, the State of Michigan Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the order of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission denying the district's unfair labor practice charge against the Van Buren Education Association MEA/NEA.

The charge was brought by the district after the union's request to arbitrate a grievance pertaining to the application of an "overage compensation" provision in the parties' collective-bargaining agreement to a teacher teaching online classes during the 2020-21 school year.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the district arranged for students to attend classes remotely for the 2020-21 academic year. The district and the union executed the following Letter of Understanding pertaining to remote online instruction:

"In our continuing efforts to allow our students at Belleville High School as many course offerings as we can provide given the current COVID pandemic we are

experiencing, VBPS and the VBEA agree that BHS staff who agree to teach students remotely after their regular workday and in excess of their contracted number of hours will be compensated at a rate of \$190 per student. The class size shall not exceed 50 students, and when possible all staff members who are qualified to teach the course will be offered an opportunity to teach the course. This letter of understanding will sunset at the end of the 2020-21 school year (June 30, 2021)."

BHS teacher Marcus Napthen was assigned more than 175 students in the fall of 2020 and the union filed a grievance in his behalf on Dec. 18, 2020. Both the high school principal and the superintendent denied the grievance based on a prohibited subject of bargaining under state law.

An Administrative Law Judge agreed with the union. MERC affirmed the law judge's decision that the teacher's pay was based on the collective-bargaining agreement and there would be compensation based on the number of students, as agreed.

The district appealed the rulings and the Court of Appeals confirmed the decisions of the Administrative Law Judge and MERC. The Court of Appeals reviewed the Public Employment Relations Act used by the district to deny the arbitration and found that anything to do with compensation was under the collective bargaining agreement and the teacher should be paid for the extra students as agreed.

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- **Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10** – City of Belleville Citywide Yard Sale
- **Monday, Sept. 11** – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.
- **Monday, Sept. 11** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets
- **Wednesday, Sept. 13** – Drive-Through Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. \$14 for carry-outs. Cash or check only please. 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Menu: Four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner-style biscuits and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of pie. Call ahead for faster service, (734) 654-9020.

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- **Monday, Sept. 18** – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets
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- **Friday, Sept. 22** – Taco Margarita Night at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. 5-7 p.m. or until they run out. (734) 941-3030
- **Saturday, Sept. 23** – Steak Dinner, \$20 at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. 5:30-7 p.m. or until they run out. Steak, baked potato, vegetable, salad & roll. (734) 941-3030
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Jury to decide many charges against Dekenta Parchman on Sept. 25

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A jury trial on Sept. 25 in Wayne County Circuit Court for Dekenta Reshard Parchman, 31, of Westland will consider five charges against him including torturing a woman on July 23, 2022 in Parkwood Apartments in Van Buren Township, along with a separate charge of domestic violence in Romulus on Jan. 25.



Parchman

When he had his live preliminary exam on Sept. 19, 2022 before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin on the Van Buren Township charges, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Sona Movsisyan asked Judge Martin to cut off the live streaming of the court session because the evidence to be shown in clips was too graphic.

He was bound over on charges of:

- Torture;
- Criminal sexual conduct – 1st degree (personal injury);
- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder;
- Unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle; and
- Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

After the incident in Parkwood he allegedly left and was involved in a shootout in Inkster where he suffered seven gunshot wounds. The case was delayed as he went through surgeries and healed in the hospital and at the Wayne County Jail hospital. He was being held at the jail under bond of \$250,000 cash or surety. He must be fitted with a GPS tether if released.

Parchman had two other cases out of Van Buren Township in warrant status and Judge Martin scheduled his arraignment on those. He was charged with driving while license suspended and interfering with police at 5:20 a.m. on Oct. 10, 2020. Judge Martin also recalled a bench warrant on a threat charge out of Romulus on July

6, 2020 and set the arraignment/pretrial on that. He had failed to appear on that charge on two different occasions. That was ultimately dismissed by the victim.

Parchman is also charged with possession of firearms by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and felony firearm on Aug. 8, 2022. He was arrested on that warrant on Oct. 24 and a bond of cash or surety was set at \$10,000. His preliminary exam on those charges was at district court on Jan. 4 and the arraignment on the information held Feb. 1 at circuit court.

The jury trial on Sept. 25 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bradley L. Cobb will also include those charges. Pretrial before Judge Cobb is Aug. 25.

Nicole Lee-Ann Mickel

Nicole Lee-Ann Mickel, 42, of Belleville, was due for her arraignment/probable cause conference on Aug. 23 before Judge Green. She was charged with disorderly person/obscene conduct on July 28 in the city of Belleville. On Aug. 23 the charge was dismissed by the prosecuting attorney.

Miguel Angel Ortega

Miguel Angel Ortega of Detroit, was scheduled for his probable cause conference for Aug. 23 before Judge Green. He is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle on Aug. 13 in Van Buren Township. He waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an Aug. 30 arraignment on the information. Bond is \$5,000/10%.

Joshua Thomas Leasure

Joshua Thomas Leasure of Holland, Ohio, was due for his probable cause conference on Aug. 23 before Judge Green on a charge of fleeing police in a vehicle on Aug. 11 in Van Buren Township. The preliminary exam was set for Oct. 4. Bond is \$25,000/10%.

Ashley Lei Riggs

Ashley Lei Riggs of Ypsilanti was arraigned Sept. 5 by Judge Green on a charge of false report of a felony on Nov. 13, 2022 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond of \$10,000 was set. The probable cause conference is scheduled for Sept. 13.



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VBT DDA approves \$816,524 for Belleville Road widening project

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority at its Aug. 22 meeting unanimously approved paying \$816,524.59 to Wade Trim engineers for the detailed scope of work proposal for the widening of Belleville Road.

This project has been included in Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's FY 2024 allocation in the amount of \$500,000 and DDA Director Merrie Coburn said other grants are being sought.

The widening of Belleville Road to three lanes between Tyler and Ecorse roads with curb and gutter on both sides is scheduled for construction in 2025.

The project will be funded with a combination of state and federal monies thus requiring it to go through the MDOT local agency process for design, bidding, award and construction services. Since this is a Wayne County facility, it will require Wayne County to act as the Act 51 sponsoring agency to bid the project through MDOT's Local Agency Programs (LAP) unit in Lansing.

The township and DDA will enter into

an intergovernmental agreement where the township and DDA will pay for the design of the roadway and Wayne County will oversee the design, letting through MDOT, and construction oversight.

In addition to the design of the roadway, the township will be replacing water main that has reached the end of its useful service. Ron Akers, the township's director of municipal services, said the \$98,000 request for the water main will come to the township board for approval.

The DDA has been working to acquire the final parcels of right of way along the corridor to achieve the master-planned 120-foot wide county goal which would allow future expansion of the road to five lanes.

In other business at the Aug. 22 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved paying \$25,000 for the dues for 2023 membership in the Detroit Region Aerotropolis. Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said Aerotropolis director Chris Girdwood is functioning as the economics director of the township in the work he does for Aerotropolis;
- Approved paying \$20,000 for the

proposal of Laura Sigmon for services from Best Practice Consulting Services for Small Business Support in the township. The firm will hold open office hours on the first and thirds Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in person at the DDA building, to offer information for small businesses on access to capital, labor support, and business operations;

- Approved the purchase of two benches and a trash can to be placed on the township's property (former DNR property) at Belleville and Quirk roads to be used by walkers. Selected was the low bidder, Global Industrial at \$2,353.99. an 8x8' concrete pad will be laid;
- Approved \$2,000 allocation for the Firehouse Pancake Breakfast event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Station #2 on Belleville Road. This event's primary goal is to raise awareness about fire safety and emergency preparedness within the community. The last pancake event was in 2019 and then the project was shut down by COVID. Fire Chief Dave McNally said the plan is to use the \$5 suggested donations to HART, Huron Valley Supporting Emergency Responders in Washtenaw County for the work they

have done for the township. He said they spent two days here following the MiG crash and was helpful during two recent apartment fires. DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said he would personally match the DDA's donation with another \$2,000;

- Learned a tentative public-engagement meeting has been set for Sept. 14 on a proposed Tyler Road Sidewalk Project. A public survey will be taken during the month of September;
- Heard Coburn report the DTE project at Belleville and Ecorse roads to install a second gas line in the township is scheduled for completion by October. DTE has assured the township the landscaping will be restored to its original design; and
- Heard McNamara say the township's next big project will be providing more sewer capacity for properties north of Willow Run. He said the Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System does not have enough capacity to handle it, so there is a proposal to run a line down Beck Road to the South Huron Valley Sewage Disposal System or to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority. He said Aerotropolis donated \$7,325 for engineering analysis for the project.



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Court Watching

Tiggs' probable cause conference on murder adjourned to Sept. 13

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

On Aug. 23, 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green adjourned the probable cause conference for Matthew Torrey Tiggs, Jr., 22, of Eastpointe to Sept. 13 on nine charges including second-degree murder and assault with intent to commit murder at Van Buren Estates mobile home park over several days in late July and early August.

The adjournment will give his defense attorney Henry Greenwood time to get discovery. Bond has been denied and Tiggs is in the Wayne County Jail.

On Aug. 6, Van Buren Township Police found 26-year-old Jean Thomas 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 on the previous Friday in the 30 block of Birch Drive in the mobile home park. He allegedly pointed the weapon at the man before fleeing the scene.

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.

On Aug. 4, police found a 47-year-old man suffering from gunshot wounds to the right upper arm and lower back. The victim was transported to a hospital. For this Tiggs 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 also is labeled a habitual offender.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Sept. 12 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 14 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

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VBT planners OK hot dog stand near exit door of Menards building

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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The Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously approved temporary land use for not to exceed one year for a hot dog stand near the exit door at the front of the Mendards building at 10010 Belleville Rd.

The action was taken at its Aug. 9 regular meeting.

Shekita Long said she and co-owner Mark Middlebrook have a lease agreement with Menards through Oct. 31. They will decide whether to come back in the spring after they see how it goes.

She said they just started their business and it is woman owned/veteran owned. Long said people like the carts at Home Depot and they have expanded into vegan hot dogs. There will be no seating and will be open noon to 5 p.m.

Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect, said the cart is within the confines of the Menards' construction and it is an extension of the store's business. He asked why they have to get approval.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said it's outside the exterior walls and his evaluation is that it needed special approval.

"It's something to consider," Director Power said. "I'll look into that."

Power said they opened the cart sometime at an undetermined time without approvals and it was shut down on Aug. 1. (Its website said it was set up on July 23.) The fire marshal had done an inspection on July 25 and it was approved. Power said the fire marshal required them to have just one propane tank on the cart.

They wanted to reopen it the day after the meeting, on Aug. 10.

Long said the hot dog stand is intended to capture pass-by traffic from patrons coming out of the store and store employees.

Power said the table and equipment used for the hot dog sales will be disassembled

and stored each night after use.

The applicants had obtained a license from the Oakland County Health Department for their operation and VBT is requiring they verify that Wayne County Health Department licensure is not also required. A peddler's license must also be obtained from the VBT Public Safety Department.

In her request letter to the planning commission for Raw Dog Hot Dog Cart, Long wrote: "We created Raw Dog for transitioning meat eaters and sell plant-based hotdogs as well as Angus beef hot dogs and Leon's beef sausages with various topping concoctions on a Challah hot dog bun and other miscellaneous foods (chips and sodas) from our Heritage Hot Dog Cart for vending and catering.

"In the fall we also offer hot mini donuts, hot apple cider, coffee, and fresh lemonade made to order. Our hot dogs, donuts and lemonade are served under a 10x10 tent and we set up our cart next to the tent when vending and catering," she wrote.

In other business at the two-hour-and-six-minute meeting, the commission:

- Was introduced to its new member, Peter Creal, who has a computer science background, according to Director Power. The commission now is at its full number of seven. Creal previously served on the Environmental Commission;

- Heard Power give updates on several projects that don't need to come to the commission for approval, including minor demolition and construction of a new 5,290-square-foot addition to an existing hangar and office building for Kalitta Charters at 49910 Tyler Rd. Extension at Willow Run Airport. Power said a 777 flight simulator and flight trainer is being installed;

- Also, heard about the renovations to roughly 50,165 square feet of interior space for a relocated Merchant Services Center for DTE Electric at 8001 Haggerty Rd.

- Also, heard about the construction of a minor storage area and restroom addition for Mike's Kitchen at 11511 Belleville Rd. The variance was approved in 2020 and

lapsed and approved again in 2022. The building permit application is currently under review. If there are fewer than 20 seats on the proposed patio, the plan won't come back to the commission for action;

- Also, heard about remodeling taking place in the former Diamondback Saloon at 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr. for conversion to a different event facility, bar and food service by owner Eric Nemeth. A final site plan will be shared with the commission once it is available. Power said he was told it will be a gathering place with bar, food, line dancing, concerts, magic shows and bridal and wedding showers;

- Also, heard about the remodeling of the former Belleville Exchange to serve its new tenant Purpose Dental at 45520 Tyler Rd.;



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Charter Township will receive sealed bid proposals for:
Interior and Exterior Signage on the Community Center Project.

Until **3:00 p.m. on September 19, 2023**, for the Interior and Exterior Signage for the Community Center Project. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Charter Township will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Bids must be delivered before 3:00 p.m. local time, September 19, 2023 to Van Buren Charter Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI. 48111, Attention: Community Center Sign Proposal. Each Proposal must be submitted on the forms included in the RFP and must be completed in full. Each Proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder and **"Proposal for VBT Community Center Interior and Exterior Signage Project"** on the outside of the package. Van Buren Charter Township is not liable for any delivery or postal delay. No bids will be received at any other location; all bids must be received by Van Buren Charter Township at address identified above.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Van Buren Charter Township office main entrance, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on **September 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

A Bid Security executed by a U.S. Treasury listed Surety Company acceptable to the Owner or a cashier's check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the sum of the Proposal payable to Van Buren Charter Township must be accompany the Proposal. All proposals shall be firm for a period of ninety (90) days. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=830026e7c4d342269961000784b15b32>

Documents will be available for viewing on **August 31, 2023**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

Van Buren Charter Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Owner.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Special Bulk Trash Collection Setup this Weekend & Extended Office Hours

Due to recent storms and flooding damages, a special bulk trash collection has been arranged on consecutive weekends.

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

It is recommended that items are placed curbside the Friday prior to pickup. **These items DO NOT need to be in an approved WM container for the special collection.** Excludes items containing freon (fridges, freezers, ac units, etc.)

Extended office hours are being offered to obtain landfill passes. Pickup passes at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Twp. The hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

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

You will need your driver's license or other photo identification to verify your residency in the Township to receive a landfill pass.

Please contact the Public Services Department for any additional questions or guidance on preparing materials for pickup call 734-699-8926.

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Shooting

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"I hope they get whoever did this, and they pay for what they have done," said resident Ken Leskie to channel 4.

He said they were wrapping up an evening of celebration at Egan's Pub when the shooting and crash happened.

"Three of my kids were in there," Winter said, "and we had a couple of other kids from my son's football team in there and all the coaches from Belleville. It could have been disastrous."

Acting police Chief Kris Faull said if anyone was in the general area on Main Street that evening walking, or hearing or seeing anything, they are asked to contact the Belleville Police Department to assist in this investigation.

The phone number for Belleville police is (734) 699-2710. Witnesses may also call Crime Stoppers and remain anonymous at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

Wayne County Emergency Damage Assessment Survey

The Michigan State Police in coordination with the Wayne County Emergency Management Department have requested county residents complete the self-reporting survey attached to this message. Survey: <https://arcs.is/10ab1j>

This survey is in response to the Emergency/Disaster declarations for the county as a result of the storms/flooding that had occurred on Aug. 24, 2023. The survey is to evaluate the response to the incident, direct/utilize resources and determine damages.



Sept. 7 – Richard Labo

Sept. 8 – Valerie Kelley-Bonner, Maliyah Marshall

Sept. 9 – Gail Curaba, Billy Lawson, Bernie Raymond

Sept. 10 – Susan Featheringill

Sept. 11 – Cynthia Mason

Sept. 13 – Char Ralls

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.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 338 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 27:

0002 – noise complaint, Briarwood Dr.
0030 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
0050 – noise complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
0227 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0341 – suicidal person, McKinley St.
0440 – assist other dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
0940 – dumping complaint, Denton Rd./Beckley
1127 – civil matter, Ecorse
1154 – assist other dept., Marlowe Ave.
1304 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1345 – parking complaint, Buchanan St./Jackson
1402 – animal complaint, Maple Leaf South
1521 – domestic, McKinley St.
1541 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1620 – robbery, Jeremy Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1828 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1832 – abandoned auto, McKinley St.
1832 – trespassing, Martz Rd.
1906 – intrusion alarm, Beacon Trl.
1917 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Denton
1939 – animal complaint, Pebblebrook Dr.
2013 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2048 – intrusion alarm, Huron River Dr./Hannan
2059 – welfare check, Park Estates
2138 – mental subject, Chester Ct.
2143 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Co. Line
2201 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
2325 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2344 – domestic, McKinley St.

Monday, Aug. 28:

0109 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.
0322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
0804 – traffic offense, Bemis/Keystone
0814 – parking complaint, Bemis/Keystone
0821 – parking complaint, Keystone/Bemis
1028 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1035 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1036 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arborview Ln.
1120 – misc. complaint, Park Estates Dr.
1122 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1130 – animal complaint, Bradley Dr.
1142 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1232 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1239 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
1301 – assist citizen, Arthur St.
1345 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1351 – noise complaint, Solitude Ln./E. Walden
1354 – suicidal person, Bemis Rd.
1417 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1436 – civil matter, State St.
1443 – neighbor trouble, Belleville Rd.
1505 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1506 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
1513 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
1543 – noise complaint, Ruthan Dr./Marina Dr.
1550 – intrusion alarm, Woodgrove Dr.
1559 – assist other dept., Holly Ln.
1632 – 911 welfare check, Morton Taylor/Tyler
1640 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./I-94
1735 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1812 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1814 – intrusion alarm, Stamford Rd.
1821 – animal complaint, Robson/Belleville Rd.
1850 – family trouble, Holly Ln.
1853 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1908 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1950 – assist citizen, Meadows Cir.
2013 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
2204 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ventura Dr.
2226 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.
2253 – family trouble, Bayshore Dr.
2315 – civil matter, Holly Ln.

Tuesday, Aug. 29:

0207 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rose Blvd.
0445 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Green Ln.
0738 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0805 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Hull

0841 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
0925 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0934 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1006 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1013 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1017 – fraud, Lancaster Dr.
1018 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
1049 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1104 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
1111 – intrusion alarm, Renton Rd.
1143 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Anna Dr.
1246 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1256 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1259 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1308 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1309 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Van Buren St.
1323 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
1332 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1354 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1505 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Alden Aven/Haggerty Rd.
1514 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1600 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1712 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1715 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1736 – domestic, Coolidge St.
1748 – suicidal person, Wheeler St.
1750 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1914 – disorderly, Rose Blvd./Begonia St.
1952 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
2009 – repossession, Belleville Rd.
2036 – mental subject, Walden Blvd.
2142 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
2204 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2219 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
2329 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 30:

0050 – road hazard, S. I-275/Ecorse Rd.
0103 – overdose, Rawsonville/Presidential Dr.
0451 – animal complaint, Buttrig Dr.
0650 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0741 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
0746 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd.
0804 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
0816 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Walden Blvd.
0817 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0905 – civil matter, Assembly St.
0916 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1016 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1101 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1105 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1211 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1233 – breaking & entering, Purple Sage Ct.
1300 – domestic, Oak Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1505 – road hazard, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1514 – misc. complaint, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1520 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1523 – suicidal person, Oak Ln.
1600 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1805 – fraud, Savage Rd.
2034 – fraud, Martz Rd.
2344 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 31:

0006 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
0105 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
0106 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
0245 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lincoln St.
0403 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0921 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1042 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1150 – misc. complaint, Winding Pond Dr.
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.
1251 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1252 – larceny, Holly Ln.
1255 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.
1303 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1322 – civil matter, Berkdale Dr.
1348 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martz Rd.
1409 – 911 welfare check, McBride
1410 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1428 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1437 – overdose, Michigan Ave.
1546 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1805 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.
1844 – property damage accident, Rolan Meadows
1850 – robbery, Belleville Rd.

1915 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1921 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1945 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
2035 – disorderly, Evelyn Ct.
2047 – civil matter, Quirk Rd.
2123 – family trouble, McKinley St.
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2307 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
2321 – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
2328 – shooting, Main St.

Friday, Sept. 1:

0529 – repossession, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0741 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
0849 – civil matter, Van Born Rd.
0908 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
0944 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1119 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beacon Trl.
1120 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Colonial Rd.
1235 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
1345 – property damage accident, I-94/Belleville
1405 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1445 – lost property/child, Sonrisa St.
1452 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Born/Hannan Rd.
1520 – holdup alarm, Sael Barton D r.
1535 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1622 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1705 – private property/property damage accident, Parkwood St.
1706 – property check, Lohr Rd.
1733 – neighbor trouble, Marina Dr.
1739 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1747 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lancaster Dr.
1859 – intrusion alarm, Alden Ave.
1958 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2129 – warrant arrest, E. Michigan Ave./Holmes
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Robson Rd.
2341 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 2:

0313 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0438 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0941 – domestic, N. Bellridge Dr.
1002 – threat, Locust Dr.
1012 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
1013 – intrusion alarm, Brookview Dr.
1105 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville/bridge
1233 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1243 – assist fire dept., Victoria St.
1247 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1258 – animal complaint, Water's Edge Ln.
1311 – domestic, Estates
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
1413 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1446 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Pointe Dr.
1521 – assist citizen, Western St.
1746 – misc. complaint, sand bar
1749 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
1805 – misc. complaint, Mission Pointe
1823 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Old Michigan Rd.
1916 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1945 – property damage accident, Quirk/McBride
2050 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
2101 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2225 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2229 – noise complaint, Richman
2233 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2353 – overdose, McKinley St.

Also on this week's log are 113 traffic stop, 28 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 27:

0142 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
0436 – civil matter, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0835 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
0954 – assist other dept., High St./Huron River Dr.
1058 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1132 – traffic stop, Elwell/W. Huron River Dr.
1143 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1223 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.

1631 – dumping complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
1920 – domestic, Loza Ln.
2159 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Monday, Aug. 28:

1027 – vehicle lockout, Third St.
1541 – mental subject, N. Liberty St.
1939 – larceny, Main St.
2039 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./South St.
2044 – traffic stop, Church St./S. Highland Ave.
2105 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
2156 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2213 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.
2245 – traffic stop, South St./W. Wabash Ave.
2342 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./High St.

Tuesday, Aug. 29:

0211 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe/Huron River
0646 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belle Villa Blvd.
0701 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Harbour Pointe Ct.
0942 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1046 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1417 – found property/child, Fourth St.
1931 – private property impound, N. Liberty St.
2300 – larceny from auto, Santa Clara St.
2313 – shooting, W. Wabash Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 30:

0059 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
0833 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
0848 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main
0933 – animal complaint, W. Wabash St.
1020 – animal complaint, Main St.
1144 – traffic stop, Elwell/W. Huron River Dr.
1153 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1206 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1213 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1237 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1253 – traffic stop, Elwell/W. Huron River Dr.
1314 – misc. complaint, High St./W. Columbia
1440 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
1506 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1617 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1626 – domestic, Menlo Park Dr.
1842 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2012 – disorderly, Menlo Park Dr.
2254 – malicious destruction of property, Savage
2337 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 31:

1134 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1500 – private property/property damage accident, High St.
1715 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
1730 – traffic stop, Elwell/tracks
1737 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.
1744 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1805 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr.
1828 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash St.
2211 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
2307 – traffic offense, Belleville/Harmony Ln.
2311 – shooting, Main St.

Friday, Sept. 1:

0209 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1232 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.
1618 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1649 – private property impound, Carmell St.
1711 – neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2130 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
2307 – traffic offense, Belleville/Harmony Ln.
2311 – shooting, Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 2:

0424 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
1203 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
1349 – suicidal person, Belle Villa Blvd.
1742 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1941 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1951 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2018 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bedell St.
2104 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Waterbury Ct.
2221 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2221 – mental subject, Carmell St.

There were 30 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 27:

0035 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0331 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0627 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0640 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
0813 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willis rd.
0928 – neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0938 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
0959 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Bemis
1032 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1037 – traffic complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1236 – follow-up investigation, Arizona St.
1307 – animal complaint, Carleton West/Willow
1403 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Judd
1437 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1624 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1726 – alarm, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1828 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1840 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1941 – ORV complaint, Lohr Rd./Harris Rd.
2036 – welfare check, 13000 bl. Rawsonville

2105 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2247 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Monday, Aug. 28:
0507 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr./Carriage Ln.
0508 – suspicious person, Creekside Dr./Carriage Ln.
0957 – malicious destruction of property, Virginia
1048 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1146 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1307 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1459 – traffic complaint, Dunn Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1744 – juvenile complaint, Washington St.
1854 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1902 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1944 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.
1952 – shots fired, Third St.
2023 – citizen assist, Clark Rd./S. Huron Rd.
2049 – noise complaint, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
2125 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Rawsonville
2229 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
2318 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Tuesday, Aug. 29:
1159 – citizen assist, Oregon St.

1508 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1709 – family trouble, Virginia St.
1738 – neighbor dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1742 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1823 – reckless driver complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1929 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
2020 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2339 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
Wednesday, Aug. 30:
0552 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0721 – property damage accident, Tulip Dr.
0813 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
0825 – fraud complaint, Wyoming
0850 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
0852 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1011 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.
1106 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1109 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1152 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1601 – breaking & entering report, Arizona St.
1700 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1720 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
1843 – family trouble, Texas St.
1902 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Willis
Thursday, Aug. 31:
0704 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0826 – damage to property, 20000 bl. Sherwood
0850 – damage to property, Nevada St.
0930 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1012 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1014 – welfare check, Redwood St.
1223 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
1310 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1418 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Judd
1441 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1519 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1749 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.
1920 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
2034 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Harris
2106 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell/Willow
2110 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2228 – mental health call, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
Friday, Sept. 1:
0018 – civil matter, Virginia St.
0324 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd Rd./Sherwood Rd.
0729 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
0914 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
1102 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1240 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1327 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1337 – 911 hangup, Clark Ln./Judd Rd.
1403 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1750 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1900 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1922 – suspicious circumstance, 93000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2020 – civil matter, Lohr Rd./Harris Rd.
2348 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Saturday, Sept. 2:
0013 – assist other agency, Willis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0031 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0126 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
0751 – civil matter, Oregon St.
0844 – welfare check, Alaska St.
0932 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Arkona Rd.
1333 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
1352 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1358 – 911 hangup, Knollwood Dr.
1410 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1509 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1626 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1729 – welfare check, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1835 – civil matter, Texas St.
2013 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2026 – neighbor dispute, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2339 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.
Also on this week's log are 111 patrol checks, 78 traffic stops, and nine misc. dispatches.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **September 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Proposed amendments that will grant the Board of Trustees the ability to modify minimum required separation requirements between licensed group day care homes upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, based upon certain findings regarding traffic management, and will define the measurement used for minimum required separation distances. The amendments will include updates to Section 5.111 of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance (Development Standards for Specific Uses - Day Care or Child Care, Group Home).

Case 23-031: A request by Crossroads Distribution Center North 11, LLC to construct a Distribution Center. This Distribution Center consists of one (1) building with a ground area of approximately 630,417 square feet of space and affiliated site improvements, along with grading and earthwork on property surrounding the building site. The development is proposed to be located on the south side of Van Born Road, west of Haggerty Road at parcels 83-005-99-0009-701, 83-005-99-0004-000, -0005-000, -0006-000, -0007-000, and -0010-000, 83-005-99-0009-002, 83-005-99-0008-000, 83-005-01-0019-000, 83-005-01-0020-300, 83-005-01-0021-300, -0023-300, -0024-300, -0025-300, -0026-300, -0027-300, -0028-300, -0029-300, -0030-300, -0031-300, -0032-300, -0033-300, and -0034-300 (approximately 175.0 acres).

On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900, extension 9205.

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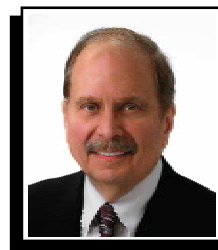
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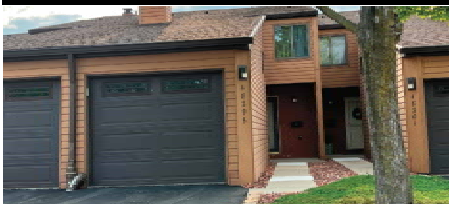
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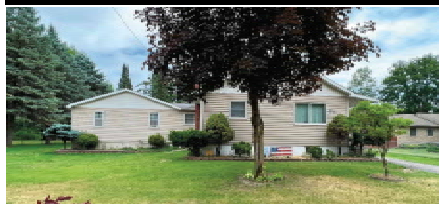
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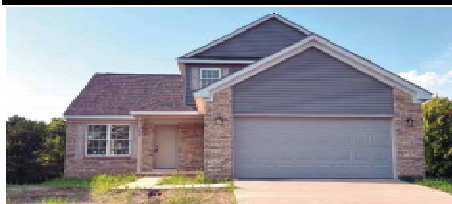
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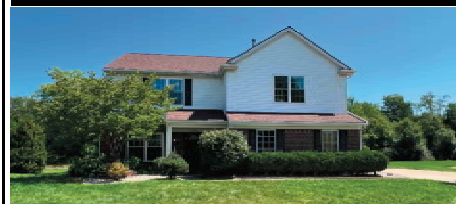
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