



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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## Belleville gets recognition from America in Bloom

Thirty-four top honors for the 2025 America in Bloom program were announced at the annual symposium and awards celebration held in Rochester on Sept. 25-27.

According to a news release, the city of Belleville received special recognition for its "Landscaped Areas" from its America in Bloom advisors Diane Blazek and Galen Gates who spent two days in the summer touring the community, meeting municipal officials, residents, and volunteers.

All participants were evaluated on seven criteria: community vitality, overall impression, environmental initiatives, heritage celebration, urban forestry, landscaped areas, and floral impact. America in Bloom is the only national awards program that sends specially trained advisors to personally visit participants. In addition, each participant receives a detailed written evaluation that can be used as a guide to future improvements.

America in Bloom executive director Laura Kunkle said, "America in Bloom is helping communities of all sizes achieve their potential. Every year our participants raise the bar, and the accomplishments and progress shown by this year's group is remarkable. These are, without a doubt, some of the best places to live, work, and visit. Congratulations to Belleville for the excellent work making your community more beautiful and vibrant."

According to the news release, to date, more than 370 communities from 44 states have participated in the program and more than 22 million people have been touched by it. Registrations for the 2026 national America in Bloom program can be submitted until Feb. 28, 2026. Eligible participants include towns, cities, college and university campuses, business districts, military installations, and recognized neighborhoods of large cities.

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Photo courtesy of Kathleen Springer

The ladies of Team Designs salon at 530 W. Columbia Ave. in Belleville celebrated their 28 years in business on Sept. 26 with a free pancake dinner for the public, gifts, and special sales. From left are Aubrey Bukosky, Alli Powers, Nicole Goike, owner Kelly McWilliams, Isabel Rodriguez, and Pam Weise.

## VBT planners deny update of Subaru storage building façade

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
 Editor Emeritus

At its Aug. 27 meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission approved the preliminary and final site plans for construction of an auxiliary storage building at the Subaru property. It actually had been approved in 2018 but had not been built and the approval had lapsed.

Since the plan was the same as was previously approved, staff didn't think putting them through the full site plan review would serve any purpose.

The Subaru facility is on the Harold Smith Farm parcel on Michigan Avenue in Denton.

Subsequently, the applicant submitted a building permit application for a structure constructed entirely of block, stating the approved elevation is cost-prohibitive and the building will not be seen by anyone in

the right of way.

So at its Sept. 24 meeting, Subaru was back to ask the commission to amend the façade of the storage building from the metal siding approved to make it a block building instead.

Both Vidya Krishnan, the township's planning consultant from McKenna, and Ron Akers, director of municipal services, recommended the commission deny the change and stick with what the commission approved on Aug. 27.

A Subaru representative said their budget does not coincide with metal siding and there was a misunderstanding at the last meeting.

Director Akers said that Brittany Williams, who was staff representative at the Aug. 27 meeting, assumed it was still the metal siding. But, Akers said, the Subaru representative changed it and

turned in a different packet.

Krishnan said she mentioned the metal siding several times at that meeting.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission as board liaison, said they usually get samples of the facades and this time at the Aug. 27 meeting they did not get samples.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said he doesn't think cinderblock coincides with the other buildings on the site, as required.

"Can't see it from the road. Can't see it from city hall. That doesn't fly," Jahr said.

Krishnan said there is a block chiller on site, but that was allowed because of its use.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said everything is going up in price.

Jahr said he didn't want the commission to slam the door on the applicant and he

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## VBT announces Iron Belle Trail Section D Ribbon-Cutting

Van Buren Township announces the completion of Section D of the Iron Belle Trail and invites the community to a special ribbon-cutting celebration at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the back loop of Van Buren Park, 50901 S. I-94 Service Dr.

This new segment extends the township's portion of Michigan's statewide trail system, offering residents and visitors scenic opportunities to walk, bike, and connect with nature, according to a news release sent out on Monday..

"We're proud to bring another piece of the Iron Belle Trail to life here in Van Buren Township," said director of community services Elizabeth Renaud. "Every section we complete strengthens our community and brings us closer to closing the gap. We are especially grateful to the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative for funding

the majority of this project and for their commitment to recreation and wellness."

The Oct. 6 celebration will feature complimentary coffee from Bearclaw Coffee Company and fresh cookies — free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy this community milestone together.

When fully complete, the Iron Belle Trail will stretch from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula, spanning 48 counties and connecting hundreds of communities. Van Buren Township's section links the Lower Huron Metropark Trail to the B2B Trail near Grove Road, making it an essential part of this statewide path.

To learn more about the Iron Belle Trail in Van Buren Township, visit [vbtmi.gov](http://vbtmi.gov).

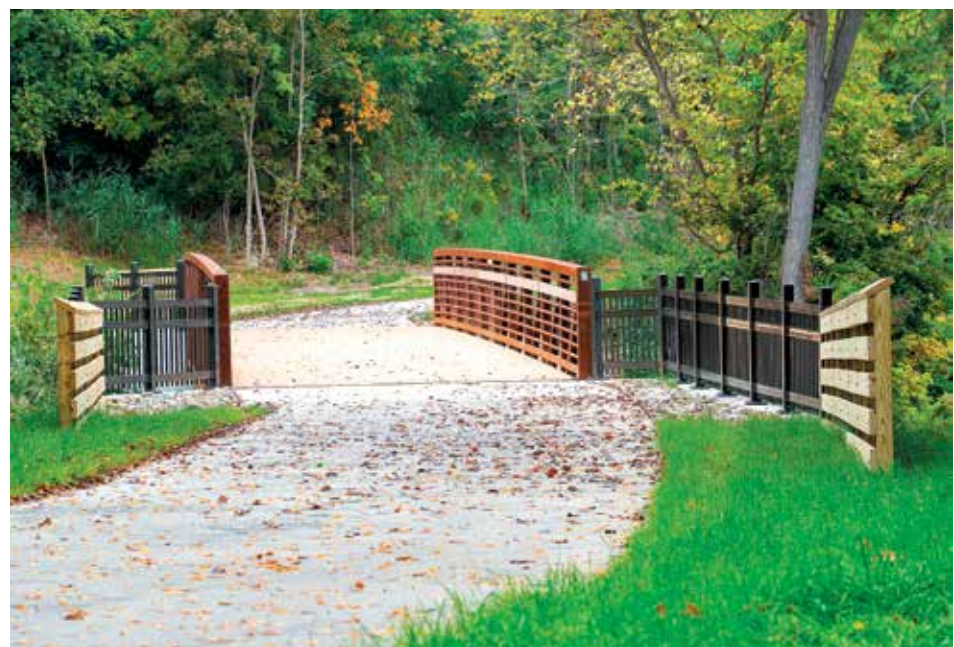


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## VBT DDA authorizes series of bonds to raise \$6 million

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Editor Emeritus

A series of tax increment revenue bonds not to exceed \$6 million was approved by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority at its regular meeting on Sept. 23.

The bonds, which will provide funding for the Belleville Road Widening Project could be issued in November with the bond proceeds available in December.

Financial advisor Andy Campbell, of Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors, said it depends on when they want the money. He said it will take approximately 45 days from when they say "go." The bonds will be sold through a negotiated sale with Huntington Securities, Inc. The money is to be used to do the project and cover the cost of issuing the bonds.

Campbell was hired at the DDA's April 22 meeting (at an amount not to exceed \$28,500), along with the law firm of Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone (at an amount not to exceed \$38,500) to work on the bond and be paid out of bond proceeds.

The DDA currently has three other revenue bonds.

On April 22, the board approved the Reimbursement Resolution Tax Exempt Bonds so it could be reimbursed for prior expenditures associated with the Belleville Road Widening Project.

The project will widen Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse roads to include a center, left-turn lane, realignment of the intersection at Belleville and Tyler with a dedicated left-turn light for westbound traffic on Tyler Road, a 10-foot, non-motorized pathway on the east side and

the completion of the missing five-foot sidewalk on the west side of Belleville Road.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said they had talked about a \$5 million bond, but now that the project has been pushed back and won't be able to start in 2025, they are not sure where the costs will fall. She said they will try not to exceed the \$5 million first projected.

Campbell was advised the road widening should take from 18 months to two years to complete and they would have three years to spend the proceeds on the project.

The 15-year bonds have maturity in 2037. Director Coburn said the DDA expires in 2038. There has been talk of extending the life of the DDA.

She noted a 2022 grant of \$90,000 from Wayne County has been withdrawn since it will not be used by 2025 on the road widening.

In other business at the Sept. 23 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved paying Wade Trim engineers \$94,750 for additional services for the Belleville Road Widening Project design concept. Coburn said they've had several challenges arise during design reviews and comments received back from both MDOT and Wayne County. This additional work required by Wade Trim was not initially anticipated and is required, she said. The design was submitted in February and this is the third approval and it was said someone missed checking a box, some misunderstanding, and it now needs more work. It was noted that the county had a lot of turnover on other projects. The delay reportedly is due to the relocation of the intersection to straighten it out;

- Approved the quote of Madison Electric in an amount not to exceed \$35,267.22 for the purchase of three light poles and 30 banner arm assembly kits to replace the damaged light poles along Belleville Road. Coburn said DTE said of the 71 poles only three need to be replaced, but she disagrees. She said they have five in stock. She said the poles are rusting out and look very unsightly. There was discussion about looking into maintenance;

- Approved the renewal of the lease, installation, removal and on-call service from Grosse Ile Lawn for holiday lighting for Harris Park buildings and the triangle area of Belleville and Quirk roads in the amount of \$10,550. This is the seventh year the firm will do this service. Coburn said the DDA can lease the lights or buy them. The DDA agreed it was too late to make a change this year, but they can talk about it and do something different next year if they want to;

- Tabled the proposed purchase of an 18-foot, pre-lit Christmas tree for \$14,054.75 with free shipping from Christmas Designers in Florida to build up the annual Light Up the Park event. Coburn said the tree could be stored in the DDA garage and the company that installs the holiday lights would be able to put it up for an additional charge. She said the Goodfellow items now stored in the garage will not be stored there after they are removed this season. But before the meeting, DDA members showed preference for a real tree and Joyce Rochowiak said she could get a price the next day and it would be a lot less than \$14,000. DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said his business got a bagged tree and decorated it for a few years and then

planted it on someone's property when they were done. He agreed the cost of the pre-lit tree was a lot. The DDA agreed to investigate a real tree and there was time to do so;

- Was introduced to Jeffrey White, one of the District Advisory Citizens Council appointed by the township board, who was present at the meeting to see how the DDA works. Coburn said a round-table session of the council had been scheduled for 5 p.m. on Sept. 23. Also, the council will meet jointly with the DDA at its Oct. 28 meeting. The nine-member council is required by law. Other members of the council, besides White, are: Jackson Pahle, Aubrey Pruitt, Carrie Castino, Kathleen Springer, Dean Trudeau, John Cothorn, Linda Stevenson, and Margo Delibera; and

- Heard Coburn announce Scarecrows in the Park are scheduled to be up Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. The Light Up the Park event is 6 p.m., Nov. 19. Also, the contractor who performs landscape maintenance at the park will install a French drain to correct the pooling of water and eroding of soil on the southeast end of the patio behind the building to eliminate the need for the sandbags and any potential damage to the stamped concrete that may occur from the loss of soil.

The meeting was held with a bare quorum with six members present and five members absent.

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# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial:

### Romulus Veteran's Monument finally going back up

The Veteran's Monument next to the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court in Romulus is finally being reconstructed. Workers were on site a few weeks back putting in place the 502 engraved bricks that had been stored and working in some new bricks that had been sold recently.

The monument was taken apart and stored in a building before the ground-breaking took place for the new court building more than seven years ago. Since then there has been no Veteran's Monument on the city campus in Romulus.

A while back, there was some digging and a floppy orange fence was erected, behind the Romulus City sign across the parking lot from the court. The grass grew up. Then a pile of bricks was delivered. More waiting. More grass.

Finally there is forward movement and the wall of veterans' bricks is erected and the sitting wall installed. A large cement piece was put in place and cement will be poured for a walkway and then the flagpole.

Once everything is ready, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be set and a city official said that celebration is expected to be this year.

When we think of the young men and women who this country sent off to war, we want them to know their efforts are appreciated by us here at home. That memorial should not have been allowed to be hidden for so many years, especially with families having paid to have their loved ones' names engraves to honor them.

Romulus has the banners hanging along its main street with pictures of local veterans on them and that is wonderful. Special attention is given to veterans' graves in the city's cemetery. Now the city needs to get the monument in place. It's taken 'way too long.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Lower Huron Metropark announced this week that its new Off-Leash Dog Area is expected to open later this fall and the official opening date is coming soon! The new Off-Leash Dog Area will feature two fields, one for all dogs and one for small pups, as well as benches, a pet water station, and improved parking at Tawata Trace.

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Angela Mears, who organized last week's Red Robin Dine to Donate for the end-of-year party for the BHS Class of 2026, reports that event raised \$232 for the class event. She is mother of one of the seniors and is sure to be announcing upcoming events to support that special party. There are events on Oct. 15 at Hungry Howie's and Oct. 20 at Chipotle on Michigan Ave., which we put in our Things to Do column. We bet next spring's party is going to be a doozy.

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We're told that on Sunday, Sept. 21, when the huge memorial service for Charlie Kirk was being held in Arizona, a similar memorial service was being held at Quirk Park in Van Buren Township. We're told the local event was crowded with lots of police around, including police cars park on the grass. At least one person who wanted to attend drove on home because there was no place to park nearby and he wasn't up to walking a long distance.

When we asked School Supt. Pete Kudlak if any student has asked to organize a "Turning Point" group in the Van Buren Public Schools, he first said he didn't know what that was and then realized it was the Charlie Kirk group. We told him it was a Christian group and he said no one had come forward with a request that he knew of, but if they got a sponsor a group could



organize at the schools.

We remember years ago when someone wanted a Christian group and was turned down and then an atheistic group formed and things went wild. We're past that, apparently, so we'll see if a Turning Point is formed locally.

At the beginning of the Sept. 23 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Tim Bowman asked for a moment of silence in memory of Charlie Kirk. Kirk was shot and killed Sept. 10 at the University of Utah. He was known for his Christian and Republican ideas and for getting people to talk things out.

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At a recent Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting, the planning consultant was talking about two proposals she will be bringing to them at a future meeting aimed at bringing affordable housing and mixed housing to the township. She told how they have had public meetings to get input and one person proposed putting a "catwalk" over Ecorse Road, I believe.

One of the commissioners asked if that was like the walkway over I-94 at Quirk Road and the consultant said, no, it was a walkway for cats so they could get across the roadway safely. Lots of question marks over commissioners' heads on that suggestion.

One commissioner said he saw one in Livonia and it starts underground and is a covered walkway that goes over the roadway and then down on the other side. I Googled the idea and didn't find much.

I know from experience that cats just do whatever they want to do, so maybe they'd use such a walkway, maybe not.

It's a little bit silly to pay for this with taxpayer money, methinks.

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Lee Herrmann of Van Buren Township said she walked 62 miles during her recent trip to the UK and Scotland and had a great time. She kissed the Blarney Stone (yes, upside down) and went to Stonehenge, which she loved. She said at age 87, she was the oldest member of the trip group and was able to outwalk some of those much younger.

She said she walked a lot before the trip, both indoors and outdoors, to make sure she could do it – and she did. Lee loves to travel and she has been to many different parts of the world.

Crain's Detroit Business reports that the EV battery manufacturer Our Next Energy is in talks with landlord Ashley Capital to exit 450,000 square feet, or just more than two-thirds, of the plant on Ecorse Road in Van Buren Township. When ONE started, the plan was to invest \$1.6 billion and create 2,112 jobs. Michigan's MEDC already has disbursed \$70.2 million of taxpayers' funds to the project.

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## Letters

### Warning: Vote NO for toxic sinking fund

To the editor:

Wow. Now they want another \$77 million. We still have 12 years on an existing bond and I would bet within 10 or 15 more years they'd be asking for \$100 million dollars more.

Where does this stop?

This is no more than wish lists. A scoreboard with instant video replay when there's nothing wrong with the existing scoreboard. Our football scores are way up, but our test scores are down drastically. Most people haven't noticed that.

In the last couple of years, they've done many upgrades to security in our buildings. Just a month ago they spent over \$100,000 on new cameras. If they were really concerned about security all backpacks would be clear and metal detectors would be added. Do you know they can't just search backpacks?

The bus compound is in the most logical place, centrally located. Moving the compound over to Haggerty School could create a strain on the power grid. That area is the Bermuda Triangle for power outages already.

A few years so when I inquired about metal detectors, the superintendent made a comment about them being racist. Being a retired custodian from the high school, I strongly believe we need metal detectors and we need to wand in people that come to our events so we assure that we've done everything that we can do to keep a safe environment in our schools.

No, I don't like the idea that we need metal detectors in our schools, but I think

we've reached that turning point. By the way, the superintendent claimed he knew nothing about Charlie Kirk's "Turning Point" movement. Wow, and he's a superintendent. I don't believe hardly anything he says. Just my personal opinion.

The key word at the top of the bond flyer says "estimated." When I ask what would happen if property values went down, I got no reply. I mean, what if we had a hazardous leak at our landfill and our property values went way down?

Over the years, they've asked for three times more than what they really need.

Example 1: The first bond to build a new high school was \$150 million.

Example 2: The second bond to build the new high school was \$111 million.

Example 3: When they finally got a bond for \$78 million, they built the new high school for \$48 million. With the remainder of that bond they built the Early Childhood Development Center but it should have been our vocational building with auto body, auto mechanics, welding! To keep it in district.

Yeah, it's offered in Westland, a failing district, where we are sending our kids to the vocation center at John Glenn.

I urge you to vote no on this \$77 million wish list.

Retired custodian and alumni Reg Ion Van Buren Township

Send a message to this school board by voting no on Nov. 4.

### Bonecutters did a great job

To the editor:

Dan, the owner of Bonecutters, and his helper, Nathan, cut and trimmed my trees and did a great job cleaning up. I highly recommend them.

Larry Baleja  
Van Buren Township

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# Obituaries



Elizabeth Carol Bujak

## ELIZABETH CAROL BUJAK

October 17, 1960 – September 26, 2025  
Elizabeth Carol Bujak, age 64, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away Friday, September 26, 2025, at Trinity Health, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born October 17, 1960, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Stefan & Annie (Marchywka) Bujak. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1978. She attended Eastern Michigan University and University of Detroit. She owned her own travel agency. She was a member of the International Travel Association, IATA & CLIA. She was a talkative person who enjoyed crocheting. She also loved animals, especially dogs. Liz was a former member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI, where she participated in the Folk Group before joining the Cantor Ministry. Liz was a current member of St. Frances Cabrini in Allen Park, MI.  
Liz is survived by her husband of 35 years, Kenneth George Phillips; two sons John (Jill) Bujak of Canton, MI, and Michael (Jermae) Bujak, daughter Amanda Bujak-Phillips, both of Belleville, MI; four grandchildren: Jackson, Annalyn and Cameron Bujak, and Helena Phillips; sister Joyce Bujak and brother William J. Bujak, both of Belleville, MI; also numerous extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also two brothers Thomas and James Bujak.  
Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2025 with a 7 p.m. Scripture service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, October 2, 2025, with the family welcoming guests from 9:30-10 a.m. Father Jeremy Schupbach will serve as Celebrant. Interment is being planned and will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Huron Valley Humane Society and would be appreciated.



Alice Margaret Payne

## ALICE MARGARET PAYNE

September 16, 1934 – September 17, 2025  
Alice Margaret Payne, age 91, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born September 16, 1934, in Toledo, Ohio, daughter of Oliver Ivan & Helen Louisa (Craine) Snyder. Alice graduated from Lake High School, class of 1952. She moved to Belleville in 1964, and graduated from Eastern Michigan University, with her bachelor's of elementary education. Alice taught piano lessons for a short time, to help with college costs. After she graduated on a Saturday, she began teaching the following Monday, and she taught for 25+ years. All in Van Buren Public Schools at Elwell Elementary School as a fourth-grade teacher. Alice and her late husband Dean were dedicated members of the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, MI, for many years. Alice enjoyed teaching Bible studies and Sunday School for several years as well. She was also an American Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer for more years than she could remember. Her friendly voice called to ask for help, and her smile greeted you when you donated.  
Alice is survived by three children: Connie Purdue of Owosso, MI, Robert (Joannie) Payne of Belleville, MI, and Nancy (Robert) Mitchell of Waterford, MI; 5 grandchildren: Beth (Steve) Desch, Mathew Purdue, Ryan (Lizzie) Payne, Sean (Nicole) Payne, and Kira Mitchell; 9 great grandchildren; two sisters: Mary (Rudy) Cepko of Novi, MI, and Carol Foote of Walbridge, Ohio; also numerous nieces, nephews, former students, church friends, and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Dean M. Payne on January 12, 2016, sister Jane Whitner, and a son-in-law David Purdue.  
To honor Alice's wishes, cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.  
A Memorial Celebration of Her Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The family will greet guests from 10-11 AM. Pastor Greg Buchner will officiate.  
Memorial contributions may be made to the FUMC Food Pantry and would be greatly appreciated, and would honor Alice's big and selfless heart by helping those in need in our community. [www.davidcbrown.com](http://www.davidcbrown.com)

Correction: The birth and death dates at the top of last week's obituary were incorrect. Our apologies.

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## Obituaries



Fred Giordano

### FRED GIORDANO

August 3, 1956 – September 14, 2025

It is with an extremely heavy heart that we announce the passing of Fred Giordano, owner of Rusted Crow on the Lake.

Over his 40+ years in the restaurant business, he made many friends and touched many lives. Fred was an extremely dedicated man to the many businesses he owned over the years. If you knew Fred or came into the restaurant over the past two years, you could tell right away he was devoted. He was constantly moving, chatting with guests, suggesting his favorite menu items, and helping out the staff.

Fred could be a tough cookie at times but he was fiercely loyal and would do anything for those he loved. He wouldn't hesitate to give you the shirt off his back if you ever needed it.

He was truly a family man through and through, always putting his family first. Especially his lovely wife of 25 years, Stacy, and his beloved children, Lucabella and Valentino. He loved nothing more than watching them succeed in life, Bella while attending school at Central Michigan University and Valentino while playing football.

We are experiencing a huge loss in our restaurant and in our hearts. He will truly be missed.

We will be holding a memorial service on Oct. 19, from 1 to 10 p.m., at the restaurant, 569 Main St., Belleville. While we will not be conducting normal business operations that day, all are welcome to attend. Come share a laugh, a cry, or a memory in Fred's honor.

(From Rusted Crow on the Lake social media post.)

### KENNETH RAY DILLON

January 25, 1954 – September 22, 2025

Age 71, of Ypsilanti. Survived by daughter Ella Dillon and brother Larry Dillon. Retired from General Motors, Ypsilanti plant. Member of U.A.W. Local 735. He was a member of Liberty Gospel Church, Belleville, where services were held Sept. 27.

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Joe Ramon Garza

### JOE RAMON GARZA

January 13, 1947 – September 28, 2025

Joe Ramon Garza, age 78, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025, at Trinity Health Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born January 13, 1947, in Houston, Texas, son of Atonocio & Ruby (Roque) Garza. Joe graduated from Lincoln Park High School, class of 1965. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He worked at Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville Components Plant. Joe retired after more than 40 years of loyal service. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 898. Throughout his life he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved teaching his grandchildren how to fish. He also enjoyed making floral arrangements, sewing home decor and was a great cook.

Mr. Garza is survived by his daughter Maria (John) Watson of Canton, MI; granddaughter Marissa Witte; grandson Jacob Watson; sister Cheri "Ruby" Eanes of Tecumseh, MI; niece Kristina Lucas; two nephews Matthew (Lexi) Lucas and Christopher Jordan; also many friends. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, also a brother Robert Foster.

To honor his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500.

Memorial donations in Joe's name may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation at T2T.org and would be appreciated. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## City of Belleville

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As part of the \$1,500 fee paid on Feb. 19 by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority to join the America in Bloom program, the city later received 150 rose bushes and 150 perennials to plant before the advisory team arrived to judge the city.

Mayor Ken Voigt said the evaluation team members told him the double hanging baskets in the city were the best they had ever seen.

## Court Watching

### Alissa Marie Milspaugh

Alissa Marie Milspaugh of Van Buren Township was charged with assaulting a police officer on Sept. 5 in Van Buren Township.

Her probable cause conference was held Sept. 17 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court and a preliminary exam set for Sept. 24. Personal bond was \$25,000.

At the preliminary exam the defense motion to dismiss was granted by Judge Teresa Patton. Case closed.

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# Obituaries



Don W. Schimmel

## DON W. SCHIMMEL

November 17, 1927 – September 26, 2025  
Don W. Schimmel, age 97, of Onsted MI, passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025, at his home under the care of Elara Caring Hospice. He was born on November 17, 1927, in Philadelphia, PA, the son of the late Wilbur Samuel and Margaret Anna (Zihmer) Schimmel. Don proudly served his country during WWII in the United States Navy. He was the owner and operator of his own business in Romulus, MI for over 30 years.

Don attended St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Onsted, MI. Don was a Lions Club member for many years in Cedarville, MI. He enjoyed boating and was a Vice Commodore of the Le Cheneaux Yacht Club in Cedarville.

Don had many interests including tennis and golf. He was very proud of being a multi-engine, instrument-rated pilot and loved to travel. As a young man, he was a part of an elite General Motors Parade of Progress public relations program. Don was proud of his instrumental role in changing laws to benefit veterans and policies.

Don is survived by his children, Barbara Schimmel Marcum, Donna Schimmel Wright and Mark Glenn (Mary Lee) Schimmel; his grandchildren, Jacquese (Marc) Marcum Miloser, Jaimee (Hugo) Marcum Cardenas, Corey (Mike) Schimmel, Rachel (Todd) Wright, Hilary (Chase) Wright Mitzyk, and Drew Wright; great-grandchildren Elliana Grace, Adelynn Julia, Arabella Alyse, Marin Victoria, Owynn Marie, Tristan Robert, Georgia Jane, and Trent William, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Don was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn Schimmel.

At his request, cremation has taken place. The family will hold a Celebration of Life on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Onsted, MI. Memorial contributions in Don's honor may be made to St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church or to Hillsdale College. Arrangements are under the care of the Tecumseh Chapel of Handler Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.handlerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.handlerfuneralhomes.com).

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## Obituaries



Pamela Marie Tabor

### **PAMELA MARIE TABOR**

January 15, 1961 – September 25, 2025

Pamela Marie Tabor, age 64, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away on Wednesday, September 25, 2025, under hospice care, after a battle with cancer. She was born January 15, 1961, daughter of Amos Franklin & Mary Jane (Kalasz) Mosser. Pam graduated from Huron High School, class of 1979. She was a server at many local restaurants over the years, and a very hard worker. She enjoyed cooking and baking. Most of all, she enjoyed time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Pam is survived by four sons: Ryan Tabor of Belleville, MI, Adam Tabor of New Boston, MI, Kyle Tabor of Belleville, MI, and Jared Tabor of Canton, MI; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandson Bjorn; two brothers Scott (Tess) Mosser of Naples, FL, and Andy Mosser of Pleasant Grove, AL; sister-in-law Karen Mosser of Belleville, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Rodney Mosser, also a granddaughter. Funeral was October 1, 2025, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Whittaker, MI. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Teresa Ann Wagoner

### **TERESA ANN WAGONER**

August 16, 1969 – September 27, 2025

Teresa Ann Wagoner, 56, a lifelong resident of Belleville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

Born on August 16, 1969, Teresa was the treasured daughter of James Arthur and Patricia Ann (Walker) Wagoner. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and later worked with STEP – Services to Enhance Potential.

Teresa will be remembered for her vibrant spirit, kind heart, and childlike faith. She grew up attending the Assembly of God and later found joy worshipping at Liberty Baptist Church in New Boston alongside her mom and close family friend, Tom Dickens.

Music was one of her greatest joys. She loved 1980s country and classic oldies, and with her remarkable memory for names and songs, she quickly became her family's ultimate trivia champion. She also cherished life's simple pleasures: caring for her birds, enjoying meals out, and visiting with family and friends. Her laughter was hearty, her spirit innocent, and her nature always caring.

She is survived by her devoted mother, Ann (Tom Dickens) Wagoner; her brother, Jim (Lisa) Wagoner, Jr.; and many cherished family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, James Wagoner, Sr.

Visitation will take place Thursday, October 2, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111. A funeral service will follow at noon, led by Pastor William Adkins, with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

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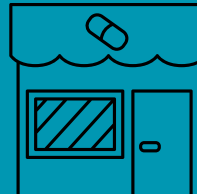
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- **Friday, Oct. 3** - Varsity football vs. Dearborn, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Oct. 4** - Girls JV Volleyball Tiger Invite Tournament, 8 a.m.
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Poncho has lived his entire life outdoors, so things like crate training and potty training are totally new to him. But don't worry - this boy is super food- and attention-motivated, and he's eager to learn. He's shown no negative reactions to other dogs in passing, and while we haven't officially dog- or cat-tested him yet, we think his high energy might be a bit overwhelming for feline friends.

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## VBT Plan

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encouraged them to find something more within their budget and come back.

"They have the approval to build the building," Krishnan pointed out.

"We could build it with metal siding and not have to come back here?" asked the Subaru representative and he was told that is correct.

The commission then voted unanimously to deny the request by the applicant for the façade amendment.

In other business at the Sept. 24 meeting, the commission:

- Approved a site plan amendment for Applebee's at 10526 Belleville Rd. The proposed improvements include new awnings, signage, building stenciling, and canopy alterations. Applebee's updated lighting fixtures to correspond

with new requirements of the township. The replacement of brick with light stone veneer around the front entrance on the east façade of the building is already complete along with some trim painting and the representative apologized for the workers not knowing the township had to review this work;

- Approved for 12 months the extension of the preliminary site plan approval to construct a new gas station with a 8,251 square-foot building containing a convenience store and drive-thru restaurant on 4.25 acres at the northwest corner of Haggerty and Ecorse roads; and

- Heard a report by Krishnan on the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHA) Housing Readiness Incentive Grant, Zoning Map and Text Amendments she has been working on. This is to come up with ways to increase affordable housing. She will be recommending a Mixed Residential Overlay District and a Mixed Residential District in the future. The timeline is being revised.

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 6 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 7 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Wednesday, Oct. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 15 – City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m., Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St.
- Monday, Oct. 20 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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During the month of October the City of Belleville becomes "Booville". The Belleville Central Business Community is partnering with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) to host a **Costumed Monster Mutt Walk** from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2025. The Walk will begin and end at 4th Street Place.

**The first 50 dogs registered will receive goodie bags;** however, registrations will also be taken the day of the event between 12:00 pm and 12:30 p.m. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award medals in four categories: Scariest, Cutest, Best Mutt, and Family category (family must dress also). In fact, it would be fun for everyone to wear a costume.

**The registration fee is \$10/dog plus a can of dog or cat food. Applications may be emailed or snail mailed,** with your check made out to Belleville CBC, to my attention at: Belleville Central Business Community, 152 Main Street, Suite 2, Belleville, MI 48111. Payment will also be accepted by Venmo: @BellevilleCBC or Zelle (734) 558-5368. If you decide to drop off your application with payment at the Professional Building, **please bring the dog or cat food donation with you to the event** plus the fee if you haven't advance registered.

### Monster Mutt Walk Rules

- (1) All dogs must be leashed and current on vaccinations;
- (2) No aggressive dogs
- (3) Owners must clean-up after their dogs (bags will be provided).
- (4) No dogs can be left unattended. Owners must keep their dogs in sight & under control at all times.
- (5) Owners are responsible for their dog's actions.

This event is sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, Belleville Rotary, Belleville DDA, I Love Doggo Photography, Belleville Bariatrics & KSpringer Media Management.  
For any questions or concerns, I prefer you contact me via my email: [jfayemillard@att.net](mailto:jfayemillard@att.net) however, you may also call/text me at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

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## Sumpter board votes 6-1 to buy \$250,000 worth of equipment, trailer

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Editor Emeritus

After a \$250,000 purchase of two large pieces of equipment and a trailer to carry them was put on the agenda at the Sept. 23 meeting without backup information, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to make the purchase.

Treasurer Brad Patterson was the only board member voting no. He said he was not against the purchase, but the proposal was just emailed to board members the night before the meeting. He said it was just put on the agenda at the meeting.

He said it was not an emergency and there were no pictures and no information for board members to consider.

"I don't like the process," Patterson said.

Supervisor Tim Bowman had put the item on the agenda and made the motion to approve, which was seconded by trustee James Frazier. After a brief discussion, he called the question and the motion passed.

At the beginning of the meeting township manager Ken Marten said, "I screwed up," noting he wrote up the proposal but didn't get it to the clerk in time to put it in the packet. He mentioned a mini excavator for \$107,000. He apologized that it was not in the packet.

Supervisor Bowman said he got the \$24,000 quote on the trailer to haul the equipment. He said the two pieces of machinery and the trailer total \$250,000.

Bowman said he has 350 and 250 trucks and the 250 is enough to pull the loaded trailer.

Clerk Don LaPorte said he would like to understand the scope of work to be done with this equipment and the return on the township investment and how long to get a return on the investment. He pointed out it is a quarter of a million dollars.

Bowman said it will keep the parks in shape. He said when there is a big snowstorm they can plow and remove the snow. He said the snow can be pushed up over the curb, not just in piles at the curb.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said he was concerned about proper training for the large equipment.

Bowman said he's been using such equipment for the past 40 years and, "I could train."

Oddy asked if he was a certified trainer and Bowman said he wasn't.

Board members said they didn't want workers to be buried in a hole for not knowing the safety process.

Department of Public Works director Ron Tabor said the equipment will help in the water department. He said classes are not expensive and Sumpter could partner with Huron Township.

"We'll do the training," he assured the board members.

Clerk LaPorte asked if the purchase was going to be financed and the financial director called out from the back of the room that it can come from the water fund.

Trustee Tim Rush said he hopes there is enough room to store the new equipment in the pole barn because it is so expensive and needs protection.

DPW director Tabor said the new equipment has air conditioning and heating in the winter and it needs to be locked up for storage.

Oddy suggested the payment come 75% from the water fund and 25% from the general fund. The motion passed 6-1.

In other business at the one-hour-38-minute meeting, the board:

• Heard Bowman ask for a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk, the Christian/Republican activist who was assassinated Sept. 10.

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• **Monday, Oct. 6** – The Belleville Farmers Market and Egan's Classic Car Show in downtown Belleville will continue each Monday through Oct. 20, when Egan's again will host a trunk or treat.

• **Friday, Oct. 10** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts 16<sup>th</sup>-annual Community Art Show opens at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr., with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m., with awards to the winning artists to be announced at 7:30 p.m. The show continues over the weekend and is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will present its 16<sup>th</sup>-annual Community Art Show Oct. 10-12 at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr., Van Buren Township.

The opening reception for the art show will be 7-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10. This is the time to meet the artists. Prize winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded in 6 categories: 2-D, 3-D/Fiber Art, Autism Awareness Showcase, Photography, Children Ages 6-12, and Teens Ages 13-17.

Public viewing continues from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, and 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12. The show is open to the public and free of charge.

Many of the artists will have their artwork for sale. There will also be a silent auction with donated pieces of art. Bidding will take place all weekend, ending on Sunday.

A People's Choice Award will be announced at the end of the show. All attendees will have a chance to choose the piece of art that they like the most.

Prize winners will be chosen by these judges:

• **Tim Marsh** has sold and exhibited art for more than 40 years. During that time, he has received nine People's Choice Awards, numerous exhibit placement awards and has been featured in *Sunshine Artist Magazine*, *The Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Ann Arbor News* and other small news publications.

His studio was located in Van Buren Township for most of his professional career, moving to Ludington in 2022. Marsh is a self-taught artist with a passion for all living things and specializes in the art of nature.

• **Kathi Talley** has 30+ years of expertise within the visual arts and exhibition areas. For 25 years, she has worked as the visual arts coordinator for the Gifts of Arts program at Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan. Gifts of Arts brings the world of art and music to patients, visitors, and staff.

Talley has a bachelor of fine arts from the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design at the University of Michigan, and a master of business administration in Healthcare Administration from Oakland University. She also serves as a volunteer board member at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti, as well as many other boards and committees at Michigan Medicine.

• **Maggie Spencer** is the operations manager at Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti. With more than a decade of gallery experience and a strong background in arts administration, she is dedicated to supporting local artists and engaging audiences.



## Belleville Lake Assessment Project COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Van Buren Township, in partnership with Progressive Companies is conducting an assessment of Belleville Lake to develop a plan to protect & improve the conditions of the Lake, protect property values, and preserve the integrity of natural habitat. This assessment includes collecting water quality data, collecting information on aquatic plants, and evaluating the impact of stormwater on the lake.



**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

Van Buren Township Hall | Board Room  
46425 Tyler Road, VBT, MI 48111

The purpose of the event is to provide information about the assessment and solicit input from the community about issues and concerns about the Lake. Your input is essential as we work together to protect the future of Belleville Lake.

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN 48111

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified electors of the Charter Township of Van Buren in the State of Michigan who are not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State agency. Registration can be completed online at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) or forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the Township Clerk.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday, October 20, 2025.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 68.492) at the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's Office at the following place, day and times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday November 4, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Qualifications for Registration:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the Charter Township of Van Buren for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

**Voters living in the Van Buren Public School District will vote on:**

### **VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seventy-Seven Million Dollars (\$77,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax

bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings and facilities; erecting, furnishing, and equipping school buildings and facilities; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; acquiring sites; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and preparing, erecting, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, playfields, athletic fields and facilities, structures, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026 is 0.38 mill (\$0.38 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.32 mills (\$1.32 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$65,875,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**Voters living in the Lincoln Consolidated School District will vote on:**

### **WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROPOSAL**

Shall Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, come under sections 681 to 690 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and establish an area career and technical education program, which is designed to encourage the operation of area career and technical education programs, if the annual property tax levied for this purpose is limited to 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately \$25,020,000 from local property taxes authorized herein?

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting [mvpic.sos.state.mi.us](https://mvpic.sos.state.mi.us) where a sample ballot can be viewed.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office

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*The Belleville-Area Independent*



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 293 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.*

### Sunday, Sept. 21:

0035 – assist fire dept., Village Green Ln.  
0142 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville  
0423 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.  
0550 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty/Ecorse  
0840 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.  
0851 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville  
1039 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1232 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1335 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville  
1440 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1638 – shooting, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.  
1714 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1723 – family trouble, Chandler Dr.  
1826 – neighbor trouble, Milton Dr.  
1815 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.  
1905 – warrant arrest, South Canton Center  
1923 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2002 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.  
2045 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
2050 – suicidal person, Bentley Dr.  
2236 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

### Monday, Sept. 22:

0001 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sheldon Rd. / Savage Rd.  
0149 – harassment call, Denton Rd.  
0208 – intrusion alarm, Vernon St.  
0407 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0926 – private property impound, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.  
1150 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
1214 – fraud, Martz Rd.  
1220 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1304 – civil matter, Chester Ct.  
1353 – warrant arrest, W. Lafayette Blvd.  
1330 – neighbor trouble, Brookview Dr.  
1501 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.  
1419 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville  
xxxx – assist other dept., S. I-275/Hannan  
1523 – property damage accident, Michigan/Michigan Ave.  
1635 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1705 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1711 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1919 – parking complaint, Oak Blvd.  
1910 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.  
1836 – assist fire dept., Old Oak Trl.  
1919 – civil matter, Coolidge St.  
1947 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.  
2102 – neighbor trouble, Woodbury Dr.  
2218 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2216 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
2323 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

### Tuesday, Sept. 23:

0000 – overdose, Lake Villa Dr.  
0038 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0011 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0319 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton  
0327 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
0332 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
0408 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.  
0421 – malicious destruction of property, Denton Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.  
0709 – intrusion alarm, Beacon Trl.  
0820 – animal complaint, Winding Pond Dr.  
0939 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1033 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.  
xxxx – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1258 – hospice death, Dora Ct.  
1323 – civil matter, Holly Ln.  
1351 – civil matter, Chester Ct.  
1556 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Dellor St.  
1603 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
1638 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Ct.  
1645 – civil matter, Samuel Barton Dr.  
1713 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1825 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor  
1959 – noise complaint, Crowley Ave.  
2116 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.  
2118 – traffic offense, Sugarbush Ln./S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2011 – domestic, McBride Ave.  
2239 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.  
2309 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.  
2338 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.

### Wednesday, Sept. 24:

0401 – assist fire dept., Hancock Ave.  
xxxx – repossession, Brandi Dr.  
0718 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Stanley Rd.  
0803 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
0930 – threat, Village Green Ln.  
0944 – intrusion alarm, E. Walden Dr.  
1008 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler / Grace Lake  
1029 – animal complaint, McBride  
1059 – 911 welfare check, Bristol/Chandler  
1113 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1118 – intrusion alarm, Tavistock Dr.  
1123 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Walden Dr.  
1159 – found property/child, Brookside Dr.  
1256 – malicious destruction of property, E. Archwood Dr.  
1342 – noise complaint, Parkwood  
1432 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs  
1523 – larceny, Congress St.  
xxxx – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
xxxx – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1648 – property damage accident, Rawsonville  
1654 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Manor  
1858 – animal complaint, Visteon  
1844 – family trouble, Anna Dr.  
xxxx – missing person, N. Bellridge Dr.  
1902 – animal complaint, Florence Ln.  
1919 – welfare check, Arthur St.  
1943 – animal complaint, Arcadia Ct.  
1928 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Hannan  
2000 – welfare check, Anna Dr.  
2119 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2235 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood

### Thursday, Sept. 25:

0137 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
0240 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
0446 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0519 – 911 welfare check, Arlene  
0747 – family trouble, Denton Rd.  
0858 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Hannan  
0955 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0940 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
0949 – civil matter, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
1015 – family trouble, S. Woodbury Dr.  
xxxx – repossession, Tyler Rd.  
1103 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville  
1120 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Zachary St.  
1212 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.  
1233 – parking complaint, Chester Ct.  
1159 – malicious destruction of property, Basswood Cir.  
1159 – animal complaint, Red Oak Dr.  
1247 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia  
1252 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Lake Crest  
1308 – welfare check, Sheldon Rd.  
1345 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1411 – domestic, Dellor St.  
1450 – disorderly, Tyler Rd.  
1522 – larceny, Bemis Rd.  
1536 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
1554 – welfare check, E. I-94/Belleville  
1627 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Ct.  
1630 – domestic, Aspen  
1706 – fight, Parkwood Dr.  
1837 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.  
1846 – animal complaint, Cherry Ln.  
1838 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1923 – missing person, Country Walk Ct.  
2027 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ricardo Dr.  
2119 – intrusion alarm, Van Born  
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.

2148 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2200 – harassment call, Hardwood Dr.  
2248 – 911 welfare check, Park Estates Dr.

### Friday, Sept. 26:

0009 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Buren Estates  
0037 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service  
0256 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bayshore Dr.  
0346 – assist other dept., Winchester St.  
0431 – assist other dept., Village Green Ln. / Meadows Ln.  
0844 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
0927 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0928 – misc. complaint, Denton Rd.  
0952 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.  
1024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr. / Ash Dr.  
1105 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1113 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.  
1344 – assist fire dept., Edgedale Dr.  
1346 – malicious destruction of property, Harmony Ln.  
1400 – neighbor trouble, Jackson St.  
1408 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1428 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1537 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lighthouse Dr.  
1553 – civil matter, Ayres Ave.  
1626 – property damage accident, Sheldon/Van Born  
1614 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.  
1648 – abandoned auto, Denton/Ecorse  
1653 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1734 – welfare check, Beck Rd.  
1747 – suicidal person, Bemis Rd.  
1831 – hospice death, Tyler Rd.  
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Washington  
1809 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
1902 – personal injury accident, Old Rawsonville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1929 – neighbor trouble, Bog Rd.  
1949 – shooting, Alden Ave./Haggerty Rd.  
1958 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.  
2058 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, McBride Ave.  
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Locust Dr.  
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haverhill Rd.  
**Saturday, Sept. 27:**  
0049 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Meadows Ln.  
0220 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ladonna  
0345 – assist other dept., rest area  
xxxx – repossession, E. Archwood Dr.  
0840 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1032 – follow up by officer, S. Woodbury Dr.  
1106 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1131 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1134 – vehicle lockout, Celestine Dr.  
1224 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1302 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1410 – intrusion alarm, Van Born  
1414 – welfare check, E. Archwood Dr.  
1518 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sadie Ln.  
1605 – harassment call, Lake Crest Dr.  
1654 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1828 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1803 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave.  
1934 – intrusion alarm, Old Oak Trl.  
2040 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2133 – trespassing, E. Huron River Dr.  
2153 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.  
2225 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.  
2357 – welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.  
Also, on this log are 78 traffic stops, nine of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

“Trust, but verify.”

– Ronald Reagan

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Sept. 21:

1514 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
2126 – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.  
2222 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.

### Monday, Sept. 22:

0025 – 911 welfare check, Carmell  
0634 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1120 – larceny, Main St.  
1202 – parking complaint, W. Thornhill Ct.  
1120 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1502 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.  
1932 – assist fire dept., S. Biggs Ave.  
1923 – welfare check, Main St.  
1940 – animal complaint, Anaheim St.  
2302 – domestic, Robbe St.

### Tuesday, Sept. 23:

0632 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1235 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1306 – harassment call, Henry St.  
1911 – road hazard, S. Liberty/E. Huron River

### Wednesday, Sept. 24:

0905 – private property/property damage accident, S. Edgemont  
0910 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.  
2013 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.

### Thursday, Sept. 25:

0825 – found property/child, Henry St.  
1136 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Ct.  
1133 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia  
1236 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.  
1245 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1553 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.  
1700 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ct.  
1926 – suicidal person, N. Biggs Ave.  
1940 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.

### Friday, Sept. 26:

0657 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.  
0824 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.  
1226 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.  
1736 – disorderly, Astor  
1948 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
2007 – parking complaint, Main St./Fifth St.  
2232 – welfare check, Potter Dr.

### Saturday, Sept. 27:

1637 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
2131 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.

There are 92 reports on this week's log, 55 of which are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Sept. 21

0312 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.  
0408 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.  
0424 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville  
0504 – suspicious vehicle, Colorado St.  
0807 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.  
0917 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1416 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Martinsville  
1511 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1557 – follow-up investigation, Arizona St.  
2118 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Haggerty  
2241 – family trouble, Alaska St.

### Monday, Sept. 22:

0020 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/California  
0154 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter  
0407 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Bemis  
0648 – family trouble, Birch Dr.  
0809 – juvenile matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0902 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1127 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.  
1214 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1317 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd/Rawsonville  
1349 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1428 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1523 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1610 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1712 – assist other agency, Birch dr.

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1725 – civil matter, Washington St.  
1731 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1806 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Judd  
1807 – civil matter, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1816 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.  
1843 – noise complaint, Brookview Dr.  
2011 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn  
**Tuesday, Sept. 23:**  
0009 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.  
0021 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming St.  
0329 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.  
0407 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.  
0657 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter  
0829 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.  
1116 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
1234 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1400 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Willis/  
California

1625 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1819 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1842 – civil matter, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1906 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2213 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

**Wednesday, Sept. 24:**  
0339 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.  
0849 – civil matter, Delaware St.  
0932 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1234 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1326 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.  
1405 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2033 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2052 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.

**Thursday, Sept. 25:**  
0005 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville/Bemis  
0131 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.  
0530 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
0752 – malicious destruction of property, Alaska St.  
1114 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1147 – family trouble, Birch Dr.  
1733 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1736 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1739 – traffic complaint/hazard, Savage/Harris  
2106 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
2318 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

**Friday, Sept. 26:**  
0047 – welfare check, Willis/California  
0834 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1048 – alarm, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1356 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1426 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.  
1435 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Haggerty  
1444 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln./Brookview  
1533 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Wear  
1658 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Rymut Dr.  
1746 – neighbor dispute, Oregon St.  
1836 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Willis  
1848 – weapons offense, 44000 bl. Willow  
2018 – family trouble, Oregon St.  
2141 – welfare check, Wyoming St.

**Saturday, Sept. 27:**  
0035 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0037 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0107 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0137 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.  
1050 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1341 – motorist assist, Rawsonville/Judd  
1526 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willow/Haggerty  
1529 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
1629 – larceny report, Stonecrest Dr.

1729 – traffic complaint/hazard, 8900 bl.  
Rawsonville  
1743 – ORV complaint, Judd/Sumpter  
1801 – traffic complaint/hazard, 49000 bl. Judd  
1854 – neighbor dispute, 21000 bl. Clark Ln.  
1904 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Arkona  
Rd.  
2103 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2205 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
2235 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
2350 – noise complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood  
Also on this week's log were 149 patrol checks, 85  
traffic stops and 12 misc. details.

“Reality leaves a lot to the imagination.”  
– John Lennon

## Auditions set for roles in ‘A Christmas Story’ at VBT Black Box Theater

Get ready to bring the holiday classic, “A Christmas Story” to life! The Van Buren Community Players are holding open auditions on Monday, Oct. 6 and Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the VBT Black Box Theater in the Community Center.

Whether a seasoned actor or trying the stage for the first time, this is your chance to shine! No prior experience is necessary -- auditions are open to children and adults.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and auditions will begin at 7 p.m. You only need to attend

one night, as the process will be the same on both evenings. Sides (script selections) will be provided at the audition. Please enter through the Van Buren Community Center entrance on the east side of the building at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.

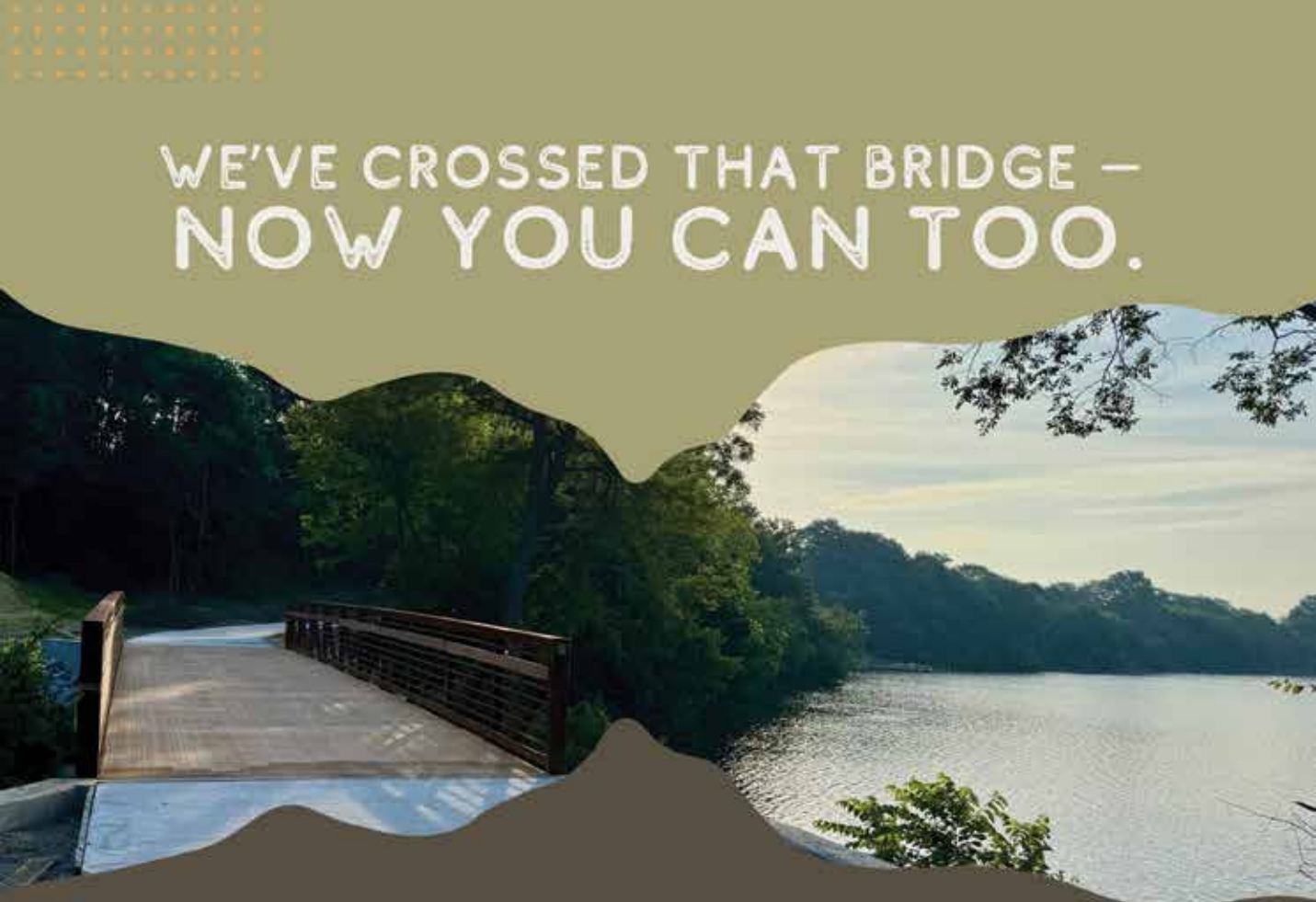
To help prepare, the audition form, character descriptions and rehearsal schedule can be found on the Van Buren Community Players Facebook page, or [www.vanburencommunityplayers.com](http://www.vanburencommunityplayers.com).

Rehearsals will typically be held on

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the VBT Black Box Theater, with a few exceptions.

Performance dates are Dec. 5–7 and 12–14 at the same location. Martin Jacobs is director.

For more information on this show and all upcoming shows, visit [www.vanburencommunityplayers.com](http://www.vanburencommunityplayers.com), email [vanburencommunityplayers@gmail.com](mailto:vanburencommunityplayers@gmail.com), or call (734) 796-7900.






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## Musings

By Janet Millard  
Independent  
Advertising Director



Last Friday Franklin High School bit the dust with Belleville the victor, 31 vs. 21. Tomorrow, we look to defeat Dearborn High School on our home turf. Go Tigers!

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Big congratulations to Kelly McWilliams for reaching 28 years at Team Designs in Belleville. What an accomplishment. They had their celebration last week and look for a picture in today's paper. Upward and onward, Kelly.

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Booville is finally here and this month will keep you busy. First, the Belleville Farmers Market and Egan's Classic car show will continue through Oct. 20 when Egan's will again host a trunk or treat. So be sure to bring the kiddies that last night so they can get their share of candy! Many in the Farmers Market also will have treats plus food, bakery and lots of gift selections for friends and family.

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The Bash at LifePointe Church, 45170 Hull Rd., is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a family alternative for Halloween with inflatables, games, music, hayrides, bonfire, trunk or treat, cider and donuts, walking tacos and, of course, candy! Do your best to attend as many fall events

as possible – your kids will love it and hopefully it will become a family tradition.

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Harvest Fest is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. See the ad in the paper today plus an ad for the Tractor Parade. Then from 7 until 9 p.m. the Belleville Rotary Club will host a Trivia Nite at the Van Buren Eagle's Hall on Beck Road. There will also be a pizza and salad buffet, 50/50, and raffles. All for \$25/person.

[www.bellevillerotary.org/events/trivia](http://www.bellevillerotary.org/events/trivia)

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The Costumed Monster Mutt Walk is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Place. See the application in today's paper. Then that evening Faith Community Church will host its Fall Festival from 6 until 8 p.m. at 840 E. Huron River Dr.

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Also look for the announcement for the Friday, Oct. 24, fundraiser at the Van Buren Eagles benefiting the Kirk Gibson Parkinsons Foundation. It seems like we all know someone suffering from this terrible disease. The \$25 tickets are available now with a great menu. A live auction and raffles.

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In today's paper is an announcement for a fund-raising banquet with Belleville / Ypsilanti Young Life at the BYC on Oct. 23. Tickets are available now. Wow, this month certainly has something for everyone.

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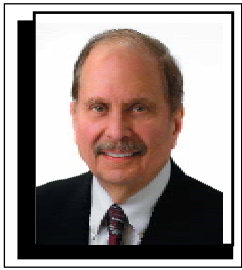
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